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Craig Valley children present Christmas program



The children from Craig Valley Baptist Church Bible Buddies presented a Christmas program as they told stories through their songs as the narrator, Julie Welch, shared in between. The church was so packed that they had to set up extra chairs in the aisles. COURTESY PHOTO

Local dispatcher receives national award

Pam Dudding
 Contributing writer

Many citizens in Craig County have been given great kudos from the community for their extraordinary work due to their work ethic, dedication and moral standards of living, though few have received public attention.

For Donna Birtsch it changed as she was recently selected as the VFW 2022-23 National Dispatcher of the Year.

"I am honored to have been thought of for such an acknowledgement and humbled that it came from the men and women of the VFW, a group I admire deeply," she shared. "Their dedication, loyalty, and sacrifice ensure our freedom and give me the opportunity to serve as a dispatcher."

The award was presented to Birtsch at the VFW 6th-District meeting by District Commander George Winters, Donna Birtsch, State Senior Vice Commander Mitchell Rubenstein and Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 Commander Billy Lee.

"This is not our usually county award," Lee exclaimed.

"This is national!"
 "I had always wanted to have a job that was a service to other people and our community so when a full time 911 position became available in Craig County, I felt like it would be a good way to be of service," said Birtsch who continues her job working as a dispatcher for the Craig County Sheriff's Office "This award is a purdy big deal!" Lee said with a smile. "I don't think anyone in our district has ever won one and our district consist of Radford, Covington, Roanoke, Daleville, Bedford, Clifton Forge, New Castle, Vinton, Christiansburg, Buchanan, Amherst, and Lynchburg."

He continued, "I don't think anyone in this district has ever won a national policeman of the year, fireman of the year, EMT of the year, or dispatcher of the year award either."

Birtsch's coworkers shared that they enjoy working with her as she is excellent in her job and takes it seriously.

"I am proud to have been a 911 dispatcher for the Craig

See Award page 3



Donna Birtsch was selected VFW 2022-23 National Dispatcher of the year. Presenting the award at the VFW 6th District meeting are District Commander George Winters with Donna Birtsch, State Senior Vice Commander Mitchell Rubenstein and Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 Commander Billy Lee. COURTESY PHOTO

McCleary Elementary kids dress up for before Christmas break



Before Craig County Public Schools went on Christmas break, the kids got to dress up that week. Many participated and said they had "fun." COURTESY PHOTO



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Lighthouse Church stages Christmas play



The entire cast of the Christmas program gave the community a sense of the true meaning of Christmas as Pastor Lee Looney shared at the end of the program. "Have you accepted the price Jesus paid? You can't depend on anything but the blood of Jesus because he shed every single drop for you and for me," he said. An old-fashioned candy and fruit bag was given to all who attended as they left.



Lighthouse Baptist Church hosted its annual Christmas program, telling stories of the Bible as kids and adults played the parts and sang songs. This song was about the eight days the Bible speaks about creation.

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As we celebrate this holy season, let's remember to treat one another with kindness, love and understanding. We hope you'll join us in the true spirit of the season with prayers of peace and goodwill toward all mankind. Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

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Sinking Creek dusted in snow



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Jessica Dotson captured the beauty of the first real snow Craig County in Sinking Creek got this year, saying, "There's nothing like Sinking Creek in the snow!"

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CLUES ACROSS

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4. Zodiac sign
9. S. China seaport
14. Former OSS
15. Early English printer
16. Aphid genus
17. General's assistant (abbr.)
18. Aussies
20. Dissuades
22. Make law
23. Drench
24. Soak in a liquid
28. Male child
29. It cools your home
30. Small constellation
31. To call (archaic)
33. Explores beneath the Earth
37. Commercial
38. W. hemisphere organization

39. You can find it in a can
41. "Land of the free"
42. 36 inches
43. Footwear
44. Challenges
46. They hold things together
49. Of I
50. Partner to flow
51. Not connected by kinship
55. Worries
58. Garlic mayonnaise
59. A way to take by force
60. Legendary English rockers
64. Your consciousness of your own identity
65. Fencing swords
66. Silly
67. Actor DiCaprio
68. Encircles with a belt
69. Mails a message

CLUES DOWN

1. Horse mackerels
2. It can be viral
3. Prickly plants
4. Consciousness
5. Type of sarcoma
6. Tax collector
7. Sun up in New York
8. One who scorches
9. Influential psychotherapist
10. Situated at an apex
11. Communicative
12. Forearm nerve
13. Former CIA
19. Folk singer DiFranco
21. Employee stock ownership plan
24. Large-scale
25. School environment
26. Remove
27. Male parents
31. Large rodent

32. Weighed down
34. Held tightly
35. ___ route: going there
36. Explains again
40. Exclamation of surprise
41. Courteously
45. Lying down
47. Judge
48. Forcefully took
52. Loosely compacted sediment
53. High mountain
54. Portable conical tents
56. Cereal grass
57. Dining utensil
59. Thoughtful
60. Helps you walk
61. Indicates near
62. Midway between northeast and east
63. Local area network

OBITUARIES

Huffman, Lloyd Jackson "Bodie"

Lloyd Jackson "Bodie" Huffman born July 6, 1930, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior, December 17, 2023. He was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Lucille Huffman; Special Aunt and Uncle, Rose "Kitty" and Boulware Taliaferro; beloved Uncle, Gordon "Pick" Henley of Tappahannock, Va. and infant great granddaughter, Charlotte Huffman.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Jean S. Huffman; dear sister and brother-in-law, Roberta and Richard Davis; sister-in-law, Carolyn S. Bishop; Sons, Lloyd "Sonny" Huffman, Jr. and wife Debbie, Frank H. Huffman and wife Susan; Grandchildren, Jessica Breeden and husband David, Cole Huffman and wife, Whitney, and Harrison, Landon and Josie Huffman.; Great Grandchildren, Jackson "Jack" and Zoe Breeden, Bode and Drew Huffman; as well as many special nieces and nephews.

Whether known as Lloyd, Bodie, Dad, or Paw Paw, he was loved. Bodie was raised on John's Creek in Maggie, where he attended a one room schoolhouse, participated in cattle drives to Mountain Lake, "where the cattle were summered", and played mumble-peg on the playground with his friends.

As a teen, he moved to

Craig's Creek to the farm where he lived the rest of his life. At the age of nineteen he married his high school sweetheart, Jean Sutphin, and on December 1, 2023, they celebrated their 74th wedding



anniversary.

Bodie was proud of his service in the US Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict. He spoke fondly of his weekend trips from Camp Lejeune to New Castle with fellow Craig County Marines. After leaving the Marine Corp, he began his career at the General Electric Plant in Salem and remained there until his retirement. His life reflected his strong faith. Bodie served many years at Mt. View Christian Church and later at New Castle Christian

Church. Throughout his life, he continually expressed his thankfulness for the blessings God had granted.

Bodie and Jean enjoyed traveling—trips out West, tours of European capitals and strolls atop The Great Wall of China. But their trips to Paint Bank, Covington, Lewisburg, and Salem were equally special. They just enjoyed being together. All who knew him will miss his humble spirit, kind heart, gentle demeanor and selfless generosity, but his family will especially miss his unwavering love.

Bodie endeared himself to all, most recently to the staff of Warm Hearth-Kroontje Health Center and the nurses of Medi-Hospice whose love and care was a reflection of their extraordinary devotion. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105 or to Feeding Southwest Virginia 1025 Electric Rd, Salem VA 24153.

Funeral Services will be held 12:00 PM Friday, December 22, 2023, at the New Castle Christian Church with Pastors Raymond Christian and Bill Frazier officiating. Interment will follow at the Huffman Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. www.paitself.com

Upcoming Craig County meetings

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

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Governor announces continued labor market strength, moderate job growth in November

RICHMOND – Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced last week that, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Local Area Unemployment Statistics ("LAUS", or "the household survey"), the labor force in Virginia continued growing in November by 9,331 to 4,624,846, the number of employed Virginians increased by 47 to 4,492,761 while the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased 0.2% to 2.9%.

"While more Virginians are working than ever before and participation in the labor force continues to climb, this month's flat jobs report suggests the cautious approach we've taken in our economic outlook remains appropriate," said Youngkin. "Since day one our economic agenda has resulted in aggressive growth in labor participation and job creation, and we must take bolder steps, as my budget laid out this week, to unleash opportunity for all Virginians."

The labor force participation rate, which measures the proportion of the civilian population age 16 and older that is employed or actively looking for work, increased to 66.9 percent in November, which is the highest labor force participation rate experienced in Virginia since March 2012.

According to BLS LAUS, Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November increased by 0.2 percentage points to 2.9 percent, which is 0.3 percentage points below the rate from a year ago. The labor force increased by 9,331 to 4,624,846; and the number of employed Virginians increased by 47 to 4,492,761 as the number of unemployed residents increased by 9,284 to 132,085.

"Over the last year, all regions of the Commonwealth have seen employment growth," said Secretary of Labor

Bryan Slater. "However, with 254,000 job openings in the Commonwealth, our commitment remains with providing the tools Virginians need to improve their job situation and our employers with employees to fill these jobs."

"Through our innovative framework, we are driving Virginia's economy for the jobs of today leading to the future," said Secretary of Commerce Caren Merrick. "We are encouraged by the number of Virginians continuing to seek job opportunities and to be an active participant in strengthening the vitality of the Commonwealth."

BLS publishes an additional employment figure from its Current Employment Statistics Survey ("CES" or "establishment survey"). The CES survey uses payroll records of establishment employers and is designed to provide a count of jobs under which the employer pays unemployment insurance. The LAUS survey is based on household interviews conducted each month for the Bureau of Labor Statistics and provides comprehensive data on the labor force, including those who are employed and unemployed. Establishment survey data reflects changes for updated seasonal adjustment factors, and industry classification conversions (NAICS), as part of the annual benchmarking process.

The household survey only distinguishes between whether a person is employed or unemployed, whereas CES counts each employee that is on an employer's payroll. CES excludes business owners, self-employed persons, unpaid volunteers and private household workers, and those on

unpaid leave or not working because of a labor dispute.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment data is produced for eleven industry sectors. In November, eight experienced over-the-month job gains, one remained unchanged, and two experienced a decline. The largest job gain occurred in Government (+2,000) to 743,000. The second largest job gain occurred in Leisure and Hospitality (+1,300) to 409,700. The third largest job gain occurred in Education and Health Services (+1,100) to 584,900. The other gains were in Construction (+900) to 214,000; Information (+600) to 71,100; Financial Activities (+400) to 217,500; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+400) to 671,100; and Manufacturing (+100) to 246,800. Miscellaneous Services remained unchanged.

-The New Castle Record

Request for Proposal For Craig County Mural

Seeking proposals for professional artist to paint a large scale 120 ft x 22 ft for grant funded Mural that welcomes locals and visitors to our area.

Artist must provide resume for large scale professional Mural experience. Must have experience in design process with local Tourism Commission and volunteers.

Artist must provide all materials and equipment and personal liability insurance.

Project is to begin in April 2024 and be completed no later than June 2024.

Proposals are due at noon on
January 15th, 2024

Send to: Craig County Administration Building, please label on envelope, "MAIN STREET MURAL" attention Amy Bryson, PO Box 308, New Castle, VA 24127.

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County Sheriff's Office for 20 years," Birtsch said. "I am blessed to be a part of a great team of dispatchers, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, and volunteer firefighters. It is my hope that our work gives back to Craig County community in some way."

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

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

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

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

CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST

171 Salem Avenue, New Castle, 864-5667; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM, Bible Buddies at 6:30-8:00PM. Transportation provided - call the church. Hearing devices also available. www.craigvalleybaptist.com

CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

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

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LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. Newport, Duane Wentz, Minister, 540-544-7179. Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am, Children's Church 11:00am. Choir Practice, bi-weekly 7:00pm, Ladies meeting first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-525-7662. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN

4199 Craig Valley Drive, New Castle, Jonathan Lee, pastor, 864-6622. Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Children's Church 9:15 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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OPINION

You can quit your way – tobacco cessation support

Sometimes stopping something can be as hard as challenging yourself to start something new. If you are thinking about quitting tobacco and would like some help for a fresh start in the new year, a quitline might be just what you need to succeed.

Quit Now Virginia (800-QUIT-NOW) provides free telephone- and web-based tobacco cessation coaching to all Virginians over age 13 who are interested in kicking their nicotine habit, as well as people looking to help a loved one to quit. A range of coaching services is available for all tobacco usage: cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, vaping, and smokeless tobacco products like snuff, snus, and dip. Access to tobacco cessation medication known as “nicotine replacement therapy (NRT)” is also available, usually in the form of patches or gum.

Tobacco products work by rapidly delivering nicotine to your brain. Over time, nicotine changes how your brain works by making it used to having nicotine around. When you stop smoking, your brain can become

irritable. You may have trouble

Dr. Cynthia Morrow

Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director

concentrating or sleeping, experience strong urges to smoke, or just feel uncomfortable. These “withdrawal” sensations can last for some time, making it challenging to quit, but the great news is that they will improve after a few weeks.

Quitlines provide free coaching to help you adjust to not having tobacco in your system. Quit coaches are trained to help people succeed, and are typically available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They understand what you are going through because many of them used to smoke themselves. Coaches will help you on your journey as good listeners, providing encouragement and offering helpful tips.

Quit Now Virginia can support you to quit your way: whether you prefer one-on-one coaching sessions with a trained coach using phone, text, or online chat, or whether you prefer being with others through online group coaching. Thanks to personalized coaching and tracking, as well as tools for in-the-moment

urge management, programs like this have been shown to help people break their nicotine habits.

Coaching services through Quit Now Virginia are available completely free of charge. Once you are enrolled, quit coaches can help you access medicines that may be beneficial to you, either using your health insurance benefits, or through community programs for people who do not have health insurance. In addition, they can offer tips and support on topics such as: How to deal with cravings and withdrawal. How to get the right kind of help from your friends and family.

What websites, apps, and texting programs might help you quit.

Whether to use quit-smoking medication and how to use it.

You don't have to already be tobacco-free, or even ready to quit before you call the quitline. Quit coaches can help you explore your concerns and doubts about quitting and help you identify new solutions. Even if you don't use tobacco, you may be worried about the health of a friend or loved one who smokes. Quit line coaches can also help you come up with a plan to help them.

If you use tobacco or other nicotine products and are even thinking about quitting for a healthier start to 2024, please know that Quit Now Virginia is there, ready to support you in whatever way works for you.

Craig celebrates CHRIST-mas time

When asked, most people will say their favorite time of the year is the special Christmas season. It seems to bring out the “holly jolly” in people, giving is at an all-time high and kids are at their best behavior, awaiting St. Nick on that special night.



PAM DIDDING PHOTO

Main Street in New Castle is always beautiful this time of year as the courthouse fence is garnished with garland and bows and Main Street is lit up with its falling stars.

In Craig County this year, the one happy event that was always the kick-off of the season, the annual Christmas parade, was not cancelled and hundreds came out to enjoy the big event.

Still, there is the reason for the season that comes first and foremost, and that is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior, the baby born to a virgin in a manger, the true spirit of “CHRISTmas”.

With the Coronavirus still lingering in the background for many, some events and family gatherings, this season can become stressful and very lonely.

Still, most everyone is persevering to keep themselves and their families safe from the horrific effects that the Covid-19 can have on people while still caring and sharing.

Several churches worked diligently to have a special Christmas program and the children did great at their plays and singing as well. In fact those seemed to be the programs where the churches had to put out more chairs!

Kids seem to bring Christmas alive.

The Department of Social Services coordinated again with Food Country and put up an Angel tree which had several names of kids hanging on it and within only a few days, they were all spoken for

as citizens chose to buy gifts for them.

Churches and school groups came together and raised thousands of dollars to provide food, clothing, and toys!

The Craig Valley Baptist Church collected and handed out for free, coats, and other items to provide warmth for any in need as the cold weather creeps in. Some citizens took coats and delivered them to the ones in Craig who either could not drive or to parents who had to work or were unable to make it out.

This year, the Craig County Rescue Squad hosted its annual “Light Up Craig” contest, as many joined in the festivities, competing for the winnings, but also just having fun.

In driving around Craig County, it seems that more people have decorated their homes with beautiful lights and with many blow up characters.

The delight of the season seems to be abundant in Craig County as people seem to have a little jump in their step.

Also, some have brought in the “reason for the season” with their beautiful manger scenes.

The Lord Jesus Christ shares in His Word in 1 Peter 5:7, that He understands hard times, and He encourages everyone to “cast your cares upon Him”, for he can carry them and most importantly, “He cares for you”.

The CHRIST-mas season brings a lot of joy to many. Still, there are the lonely and hurt that need an extra touch, so be attentive to those around you for that need. You may be the only Jesus they get to meet who will care, so maybe just choose one person and give your time and maybe a small gift to them.

The Bible also shares in Philippians 4:6-7, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Jesus Christ was born for purpose. He

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Working together for the common good

Library Corner

Greetings!!

Over the past few years as a CCPL Board Member, I have gained a heightened respect for OUR community. Although members come and go, there are several volunteers and supporters who continue, year after year, to prioritize our library. Craig County Public Library was started at the hands of volunteers and continues to exist because of volunteers. We receive limited funding, have

limited space, and can only offer limited resources. The CCPL Friends of Library volunteer group and CCPL Board Members all dedicate time to the library and are literally responsible for finding the resources to keep the doors open.

Every effort made by our volunteers and every funding gift from our supporters both near and far have a great impact. OUR library would not exist without community support both physically and financially. Thank you to all who contribute time and funding!! Our library is the true sentiment behind the words Working together for a common good. As you will see in this newsletter, library enthusiasts

have been busy.

If you are looking for a place to jump into community engagement, I hope you will consider joining us by attending an event or becoming a Friend of the Library Member.

Happy reading!!
-Joanna L. Ryan CCPL, INC board president

Library news:
Please check the CCPL Facebook page for up-to-the-minute weather related closings and other news!

The Craig County Public Library wishes to thank all who contribute their time, energy, patronage and funds to keep their library a vibrant part of this community!

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lived for purpose, died for purpose, and will come back again for his final purpose.

But for this season, and always, He extends His arms and His Word to all who will ask and seek Him.

For on CHRIST-mas day (not really 25th, though it is the day selected), we celebrate the birth of a child. But more than that, a Savior, one who chose to come to earth, leave heaven and join us, a fallen world of people who need “saving”.

This CHRIST-mas, seek Him. Talk to Him and tell Him your cares. Then listen. He still speaks. He loves – you the Bible states.

And may you have a joyous CHRIST-mas holiday, regardless of your circum-

stances. May He add to your laughter, celebrations, and holiday cheer.

Merry CHRIST-mas and Shalom to everyone!

-Pam Dudding

LewisGale Medical Center donates \$20K grant to Feeding Southwest Virginia

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Salem—LewisGale Medical Center awarded a \$20,000 grant and almost 1,000 pounds of canned goods to nonprofit Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Pamela Irvine, CEO and founder of Feeding Southwest Virginia, said “We are very grateful for the donation and the 1,600 pounds of food from LewisGale and the HCA Healthcare Foundation.

Feeding Southwest Virginia knows food is medicine, and we are excited to strengthen our relationship with LewisGale and HCA.”

Hospital colleagues earned the donation funds by winning both first place in its divisional food drive as well as second place in an enterprise-wide food drive sculpture contest hosted by the hospital’s parent company, HCA Healthcare.

“Our colleagues continually show up for our patients, their families, and our communities,” said.

Amy Woods, chief nursing officer. “We are elated to make a significant donation to such a worthy organization that helps our friends, families, and neighbors.”

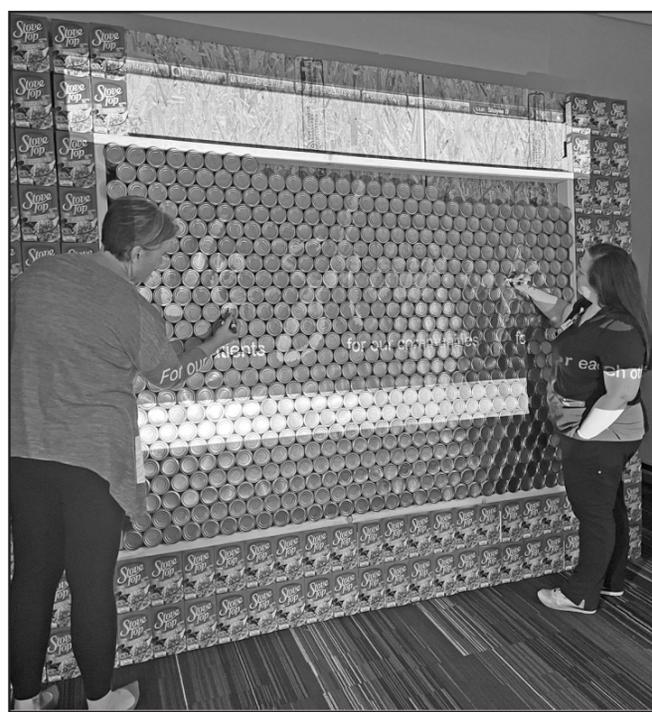
For this year’s “Healthy Food for Healthier Tomorrows Food & Nutrition

Drive” contest, hospital colleagues used approximately 800 canned vegetables and nearly 150 boxes of stuffing to construct a human-sized “Etch A Sketch.” The structure weighs more than 800 pounds and was one of three national winners selected to receive an additional grant to a local food bank.

Feeding Southwest Virginia was founded in 1981 and commemorates over 40 years of fighting hunger and changing lives through community partnerships. The food bank has a network of 380 partner programs in a 26-county, nine-city region that provides food or meals to those in need.

“We are grateful and honored by this gift from LewisGale Medical Center and the HCA Healthcare Foundation,” said Bob Frampton, chief operating officer of Feeding Southwest Virginia. “We’ve had a longstanding partnership with the hospital, and these funds will not only strengthen our organization but also benefit our community.”

Food insecurity, the lack of consistent access to enough food to have an active, healthy lifestyle, affects one in nine American families. The United States Department of Agriculture reports that 17 million U.S. households were food insecure at some point in 2022.



COURTESY PHOTO

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VDOT Roadwatch

HOLIDAY TRAVEL: VDOT will be suspending many highway work zones and lifting most lane closures on interstates and other major roads in Virginia from noon on Friday, Dec. 22 until noon on Tuesday, Dec. 26 and from noon on Friday, Dec. 29 until noon on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

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.

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.

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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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NIGHTTIME LANE AND RAMP CLOSURE ON NORTHBOUND INTERSTATE 81 IN WORK ZONE NEAR SALEM - As part of the Interstate 81 widening project in Roanoke County near Salem, a nighttime lane and ramp closure on northbound I-81 are scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9, so barrier wall can be moved and a new traffic pattern put in place. If the traffic pattern change cannot be made because of weather, the lane and ramp closure will be rescheduled for the following week on Friday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 16.

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.

Once the barrier wall has been moved, northbound I-81 traffic will be shifted into a new pattern. Two lanes of traffic will continue to be open in the work zone, but motorists will be traveling on a different portion of roadway on the left side of the road.

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Botetourt County

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL ACTIVATED AT ROUTE 220 AND FIELDSTONE LANE FOR FIELDSTONE DEVELOPMENT - A new signal was activated at the intersection of Route 220 and Fieldstone Lane on Thursday, Dec. 14. The signal is located about 1.3 miles north of Daleville. Flashing warning beacons have been activated on southbound Route 220 before the signal. These lights will only flash to alert approaching drivers when they will need to stop at the red light. Drivers are reminded to use caution due to this new traffic pattern. The new signal was installed by the Fieldstone developer to support traffic using the new apartment complex and future businesses. VDOT will maintain the signal.

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.

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Total Action for Progress (TAP) is a community action agency that serves eleven localities in the Roanoke Valley and adjacent communities: the counties of Alleghany, Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Roanoke, and Rockbridge, and the cities of Buena Vista, Covington, Lexington, Roanoke, and Salem. TAP helps individuals and families achieve economic and personal independence through education, employment, affordable housing, and safe and healthy environments. Every TAP employee shares in TAP's responsibility to "Mobilize Community Resources" in support of TAP's anti-poverty efforts.

TAP is seeking an experienced CEO who is responsible for maintaining an organizational culture that embodies the following values: Advocacy for the oppressed, the disadvantaged, and disenfranchised. Results orientation. Fiscal and programmatic accountability. Teamwork, collaboration with others and partnership building. Excellence in performance. Innovation. The passion to make a difference. Responsiveness to the needs of the community. Maintenance of an agency-wide focus on Whole Family and Trauma Informed services.

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Responsible for the financial health of the organization, the development and prudent expenditures of the same according to budgets prepared by staff and approved by the Board of Directors and audited by financial and program auditors. Responsible for making sure that staff are provided with wages comparable to similar employment and benefits necessary for their well-being and that of their families. Responsible for developing a creative work environment where employees and volunteers are stimulated to take initiative, develop leadership and carry out their responsibilities with dedication, warmth and initiative. Responsible for inspiring others in the organization to be passionate about caring for the needs of our families.

Responsible for stimulating collaborative ventures with other organizations, the private sector and federal, state, and local governments to strengthen services for low-income Virginians. Responsible for representing the organization publicly before public, private, and network organizations.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

An understanding of the specific nature of a community action agency, its history, and commitment to the same. Advanced understanding of a variety of programming that includes early childhood development, youth and adult education and training, housing development and management and a wide range of economic development programming including business start-ups and loan pools. Excellent presentation, writing and public relations skills. High emotional and cultural intelligence enabling the person to connect with a wide range of people from a variety of ethnic, social and economic backgrounds. High energy level and proven ability to manage stressful or extenuating circumstances. Bilingual ability is a plus.

QUALIFICATIONS, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Master's degree or equivalent experience. Ten to twenty years in a senior management position of an organization with similar complexity and size of TAP. Experience writing grant submissions and managing a team of grant writers. Experience working with a board of directors. Experience working effectively with the public and representing an agency before the public. Experience working effectively with local, state, and national public officials on issues vital to the organization. Experience and passion for working with a highly diverse organization. Essential computer skills

Help Wanted - General

and the experience and ability to oversee IT operations.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

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Legals - City of Radford

If these watercraft are not claimed by the titled owner within 30 days, I will apply to the Department for registration/title in my name. Mark A. 540-639-0610

ABC NOTICE

RADFORD COFFEE COMPANY INC., trading as RADFORD COFFEE COMPANY, 333 WEST MAIN ST, RADFORD, VA 24141.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for Restaurant-Wine, Beer, and Mixed Beverages license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Rachel Doyle-Owner.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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, January 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of E2ST John, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 68 St. John Road (Tax Map # 155-2-2.1) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.

2. Consider the request of Poindexter SW Florida, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 2105-2121 Apperson Drive (Tax Map # 281-1-2.2) from BCD Business Commerce District to HBD Highway Business District.

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, 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

ABC NOTICE

HANGING ROCK, LLC, trading as HANGING ROCK TAVERN, 1790 THOMPSON MEMORIAL DR, ROANOKE COUNTY, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for retail restaurant and brewery restaurant Wine, Beer MB, license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. JAMES HARDY, CEO

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - City of Salem

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

at its regular meeting on January 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of T J Real Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1236 West Main Street (Tax Map # 141 - 1 - 4) from HBD Highway Business District to CBD Community Business District.

2. Consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises, LTD, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 301 Carey Avenue, (Tax Map # 74-2-6.1).

3. Consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises, LTD, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 416 Electric Road (Tax Map # 150-3-1) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.

4. Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map #'s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

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THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY: H. Robert Light
Deputy Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

HANGING ROCK, LLC., trading as HANGING ROCK OUTDOORS, 484 FRIENDSHIP ROAD, SHAWSVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA. 24162.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a BREWERY license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. JAMES HARDY, CEO

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TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:
Ordinance 2045: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating

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Budget to Appropriate \$927,000 of Bond Proceeds to the Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund and \$800,000 of Bond Proceeds to the Stormwater Capital Improvement Fund. The proposed ordinance will allow the Town's two previously approved agreements with Glade Spring Crossing, LLC for the Glade Spring Crossing housing development. One will be used for the sewer cost sharing of \$927,000 and another for \$800,000 for a regional Stormwater project. These projects will be funded by an upcoming bond offering.

Ordinance 2046: An Ordinance Granting a Lease of Office Space in Town Property Located at 141 Jackson Street, N.E. The proposed ordinance will grant space in the town owned property located at 141 Jackson Street NE to New River Land Trust for storage. All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters,

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copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

NRV Regional Water Authority Summary Statement of Financial Condition For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Assets \$ 93,456,376
Deferred Outflows 1,091,330
Liabilities (58,373,932)
Deferred Inflows (1,145,544)
Net Position \$ 35,028,230
Revenues 10,643,849
Expenses (6,024,743)
Non-operating revenue/expense (1,251,189)
Net Change in Net Position \$ 3,367,917

A copy of the Audit Report can be found on the Authority's website at www.nrvwater.org.

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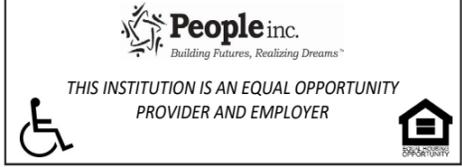
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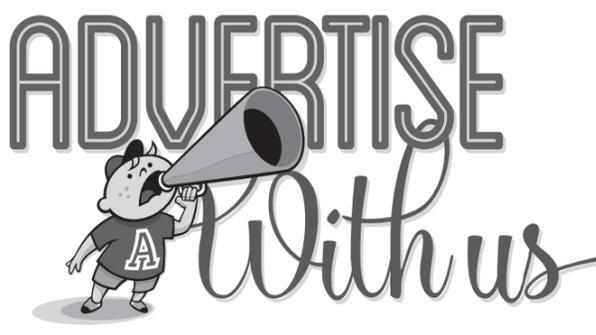
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Hayleigh Flowers looks to pass.



Left to right, Rockets Ashley Cayton(#2), Hayleigh Flowers(#3), Brook Wright(#1), Maddie Kendall(#22) and Madison Underwood converge on an opponent in the



Ashley Cayton shoots a jumper.



Daileigh Donithan is introduced.



Kailyn Jones(#4) brings the ball up the floor.



Rocket cheerleaders do the "Rocket Rumble."

Rocket basketball blasts off to open the new year, boys play in holiday tournament in Brookville

The Craig County basketball teams have high hopes for 2024 as they return from break next week to play the lion's portion of their schedule. First, however, the boys will play in a special tournament at Brookville High this week.

The Rockets are entered in a four-team tournament at Brookville hosted by Bees coach Cameron Shepherd. Cameron is a former head coach of Craig County who played for William Byrd High School. He still keeps track of how the Rockets are doing.

The tournament in Brookville begins on Thursday, December 28. Staunton River will play Appomattox in the first game at 5:30 pm with

the Rockets taking on the host Brookville team at 7 pm. On Friday there is a third place game for the opening night losers at 5:30 pm, and the Thursday winners will play for the championship at 7 pm Friday.

The boys will open the new year with two home games. They'll host Giles on Wednesday, January 3rd, then Bath County comes to New Castle a day later on January 4th.

The Craig County girls will have over two weeks off between games as they last played on December 16 and won't play again until January 3rd, when they travel to Giles. Then its six more days off before the Rockets play at home on January 9th against Eastern Montgomery.



Jaycob Wolfe(#2) takes the floor.



Seth Parsons sets up a play.



Talon Ritter studies the defense.



Hayden Reynolds handles the ball for the Rockets.

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