



Preserve Craig ~ Sustaining the Quality of Life We Value

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Report to the Craig County Board of Supervisors May 7, 2026

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Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) Report

There is a community meeting planned at the Simmonsville Volunteer Fire Department on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 pm for information on and updates on the Swann compressor station and we will have someone speaking about data centers. We urge our representatives to become fully informed on data center effects citizens, the economy, and the environment considering their immense electricity demand and water consumption.

Hanging Rock Raptor Observatory Report

Preserve Craig will sponsor a fundraising event for the Hanging Rock Observatory this fall. Details TBA.

Night Sky Community

The town of New Castle supported an educational Star Party with volunteer amateur astronomers on April 17 at the Field of Dreams. We had over 50 attendees. Preserve Craig has printed yard signs that say, "This home proudly protects the night."

Preserve Craig presented a program for the High School and Middle School students on astronomy, dark skies, and light pollution. The students were engaged and some of them attended the Star Party as well. It is our hope that we can Preserve our Night sky resources for the benefit of citizens, wildlife and tourism. I have had several people say to me, "That's why we moved here!"

Artivism tent at New Castle Farmer's Market May 9, 10 am -2 pm

Artivism is creating community awareness through community art. A tapestry is being created that can be displayed by local businesses that highlights the Dark Sky Community initiatives.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Marge Lewter

