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'Hooked on Fishing' for kids set for May 13 at the Pines Campground

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Kids in Craig look forward to the sport of fishing with the many creeks that meander throughout the county.

The annual "Hooked on Fishing" event is one that is anxiously cherished by many boys and girls.

On Saturday May 13, the Craig County Sheriff's Office will host its "Hooked on Fishing" event for kids.

It is scheduled to be at the Pines Campground located off Route 617, located on Barbour's Creek.

This event is open to children ages 3 to 15.

All registration will be held at the campground and will be held from 8 until 10 a.m.

Fishing will start at 9 a.m. and adults are not allowed to fish. This is for the kids only.

At registration, there

will be free shirts and hats handed out to the kids, as well as free prizes.

Sheriff Trevor Craddock added that each child can pick out a fishing rod that day to use fishing but also to keep for their own.

This is exciting for the kids.

Though this year lunch will not be served, a snack bag will be provided for the children who will be fishing.

All registration gifts and snack bags will be given to kids on a first-come first-serve basis, though Sheriff Craddock shared that in all the years they have sponsored this sport, they have never run out.

At noon, at the end of the tournament, they will have a drawing for prizes at the Pines Campground and the children must be present to win.

The grand prizes are for a lifetime fishing license. One will be drawn for a girl

and one for a boy.

Then the names will be combined, and a lifetime trout license will be drawn. After that, many other prizes will be drawn for including tents, rods, reels, backpacks, hammocks and much more.

After the drawing everyone is welcome to fish as much as they want, including the adults.

This year they will not be moving to the fairgrounds and there will be no bouncy houses this year.

They also noted that due to a change with game and inland fisheries rules individuals have to register a citation fish online per their own account. Therefore, they will not be able to issue forms for citations caught that day.

"We look forward to this each year as the kids have a great time," Sheriff Craddock said. "It's a good family event we enjoy sponsoring."



COURTESY PHOTO

The annual "Hooked on Fishing" tournament for kids has been an all-time favorite in Craig County, hosted by the Craig County Sheriff's Office. Some, like Gracie Huffman, even catch a citation fish. This year, it is held at The Pines Campground from 9 a.m. until noon on May 13 and all kids ages three to 15 are welcome to participate.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Craig County Rockets are looking forward to a new field for this fall's football season, getting new Bermuda grass, sharing that they are very grateful for this decision of the Craig County School Board.

Football field at CCPS getting a Bermuda lift

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Football has always been a favored sport in Craig County Public Schools. It remains that way and families are pleased that the division has coaches again so their kids can play the sport they love.

However, over the last several years, the football field has become more dangerous to kids playing and running on the field.

Coaches Jayke Dowdy and Jimmy Fisher shared that it's difficult to go several feet anywhere on the

field without stepping into a lowered place.

Dowdy shared that he had obtained quotes to redo the field with Bermuda grass.

Football field quotes were: Rock Haven Turf Specialists - \$87,350 CLC Inc. - \$28,000 does not include Bermuda grass or irrigation, Roanoke Landscape - \$173,000.

The coaches reported that Rock Haven was recommended by other schools including Giles, James River, Perry McCluer and Covington, as

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Farm Bureau Women's Committee participates in Agriculture Literacy Week



The FFA students also brought a project for the kids to make their own planter and decorate them.



Each student was able to plant seeds in their new planter, which they will get to watch grow in their classrooms. It was three hours of fun for the kids.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The ladies of the local Farm Bureau Women's Committee shared that they had a great day at McCleary Elementary School. They read "I Love Strawberries" to the PreK through third graders for Agriculture Literacy Week.

Driver's education program a big topic at school board

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The members of the Craig County School Board discussed several topics during their most recent monthly meeting, including the desire to keep the driver's education program within the school.

The board members shared that they are committed to keeping the program; however, they have a difficult time in finding an instructor, which means they may have to discontinue the driving part.

Kelly Thomas, a citizen of Craig, addressed the board about the driver's education class.

"Please consider the impact that your decision will have on these students and families within the community. As you all know we are located about 40 minutes away from the nearest driver's ed. This distance is a significant barrier to enrolling our children in these classes. We do not have time because of work. Particularly for my family. If you did not offer it here at the school my son probably could not obtain his

license until he is 18. These classes are extremely expensive outside of Craig County," she said. "The cheapest I was able to find was \$450. And this does not include the cost of the seven minimal trips to Roanoke. By providing this program the school is not only helping to ensure that our young drivers are safe and responsible, but it alleviates the burden on the families. Eliminating this program would not only be a disservice to our students but also put an unnecessary strain on families that are already struggling so hard to make ends meet. It could also have an effect on students to not be able to get their license until they're 18 which could have a negative effect on our students and our community."

Thomas noted that studies show that students who take driver's ed are less likely to be involved in accidents and more likely to follow traffic laws.

"Also, our kids need to know how to drive on our roads and maneuver the twists and turns on this side of the mountain," she

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OBITUARIES

Moler, Betty Mae Bittinger

Betty Mae Bittinger Moler passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at her home on Little Mountain Road in New Castle. Born on April 6, 1935, to Elizabeth Rose Cales Bittinger and Hershel Lee Bittinger, Betty was raised on Greenbrier Mountain at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. She met and married Willard Scott Engle Moler in 1954 and the couple made their new home on Meadow Creek in Craig County where Scott was employed at the national fish hatchery. His career in hatchery management had them relocate to Paint Bank and Wytheville, but they eventually returned to New Castle where he retired. They were just short of celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary when "Pawpaw" passed away in May 2014. Betty and Scott raised four children and enjoyed their many grandchildren and great grandchildren on their farm in "Moccasin Hollow".



her home. She was an excellent cook, a gracious hostess, a tireless gardener, and a creative decorator. She especially enjoyed collecting antiques and displaying them in unique ways in her home. Above all, she was a dedicated wife and mother and deeply loved her family.

Betty is survived by her four children: Barbara Scott Moler Shearer (David Mark Shearer) of Salem, Virginia; Robert Engle Moler (Cecil Oscar Martin) of High Point, North Carolina; Frederick Calvin Moler (Amy Suzanne Givens Moler) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and Mary Elizabeth Moler Starnes (Brett Alden Starnes) of Jefferson City, Tennessee. She was known as "Mawmaw" to her ten grandchildren, Daniel Lee Bromley Shearer of Salem, Virginia; Wade Allen Shearer of Nutter

Fort, West Virginia; Amanda Paige Moler Tornstrom, Olivia Leigh Moler McRay, and Robert Benjamin Moler of Danville, Kentucky; Cody Scott Moler, Eli Givens Moler, and Noah Frederick Moler of New Castle, Virginia; Elizabeth Noelle Starnes and Brett Enoch Starnes of Knoxville, Tennessee. Betty also loved her six great grandchildren, Wesley David Tornstrom, Annie Jo Tornstrom and Henderson Blake McRay of Danville, Kentucky; Remington Brooks Perry of Perryville, Kentucky; Collier Landrum Moler of Burgin, Kentucky; and Julia Rose Pires of Knoxville, Tennessee. Betty is survived by one sister, Wanita Rose Bittinger Caldwell (Russell Lane Caldwell) of New Castle. She was a member of Chestnut Grove Church for many years and later in life attended New Castle United Methodist Church with her dear friend, Janie Carper Akers of New Castle.

As per her request, a viewing was scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Paitself Funeral Home in New Castle.

Arrangements by Paitself Funeral Home. www.paitself.com



Pictured here is the 2022 Auction ready for customers and volunteer Virginia McWhorter taking bids.

New Castle Garden Club Plant Auction coming up



COURTESY PHOTOS

The New Castle Garden Club Plant Auction is this week, April 27 at 7 p.m. Held at the New Castle Christian Church, items for sale will include house plants such as philodendron and schefflera, herbs such as tarragon, shrubs like bridal wreath, several varieties of tomato starts and many perennials donated by club members. Shade plants grown by Humble Hen Farm & Nursery will be available.

Football

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well as the Salem Red Sox, and others.

The coaches shared that they feel that they now have an "unplayable surface."

"You can walk the field in a straight line and run in many holes," Jayke Dowdy shared. "We had multiple kids get hurt last year with severe injuries and feel we are just setting the kids up to get hurt again."

Superintendent Janet Warwick explained to the Craig County School Board that she wanted to bring it back to the board to see if it can be funded out of the capital account.

Dowdy shared that if they could start in May, it would be ready to go by the end of July.

"The Bermuda grass is proven to be a great surface," Dowdy said. "The annual care plan would be considered and the biggest issue we currently face is that we have no irrigation on the field."

"However, Bermuda grass requires 60% less water than traditional grass having a deeper root and provides a better cushion when players fall on the ground," Dowdy added.

The Public Safety Authority reported that the water

table at the field was so good that a well would support it.

The board mentioned an expert well digger in Craig whom Dowdy said he would contact to get a quote.

After much discussion, Warwick reported that the balance in capital fund was \$747,196.46.

Marsden said, "If we don't get on the list to get this done, then we will be just waiting again."

Dowdy added, "Also, if we cannot have our home games here, then we will not have the revenue that we get at the gates for the teams during every sport."

The board agreed to go forward with redoing the football field.

"If we save one kid from getting hurt, it will be well worth it," Darren Gilreth, who represents the Simonsville District, said. "We have our soccer team, the rec program and some PE classes use it as well."

The moving of the fence was also discussed.

Dowdy and Fisher reported that some football players are getting harassed by other students and adults. Fans are heckling kids they don't like. Players are being handed food and expected to join in on conversa-

tions during the game, along with other issues.

"It would really help us as a team," Dowdy said. "Also, we are worried that the natural grass will be affecting the Bermuda on the other side of the fence."

Fisher added, "If we move the fence, then everything is Bermuda, keeping it from getting contaminated."

It was also addressed that it would help with some of the opposing teams who come onto the field, yelling at the players.

It was stated that they try to keep people off the track, but if the fence was moved, then that would solve the problem, also keeping others off the field when the school isn't in session, as some people have been seen driving on it, etc.

Fisher added that if they were to allow businesses to put signage for advertising, as other schools do, then the signage would eventually pay for the fence.

Maintenance Director Shane Gills will be working with the coaches on looking at the fence.

A motion was approved to fix the football field from capital funds, as the coaches left with a sigh of relief.

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- **John Deere 320 Skidloader** – on wheels, hand-controlled, 605 hours of use, diesel engine, tires two years old, with clamshell bucket, purchased new in 2007 for \$35,840, T0032A127025
- **Ambusher Bush Hog attachment** – for Skidloader, 72," purchased new in 2007 for \$5,000, AM7200T80977
- **Better Built Trailer** – for Skidloader, empty 3,000, gross 10,400, purchased new in 2007 for \$3,000, tires three years old, 18," 4MNFB182171000364
- **Chevrolet Dump Truck** – White, Allison Duramax 3500, 2-wheel drive, 6.6 turbo diesel, 10,549 miles, 6 new tires and battery, 6,070 empty weight, 12,000 gross weight, 12-foot bed, purchased new in 2007 for \$33,808, 1GBJC34D37E121293
- **Chevrolet Box Truck** – White, with Tommy Gate hydraulic lift tailgate, 8x15 Bay Bridge box, 6-liter V8 engine, 7,060 empty weight, 12,499 gross weight, 14,000 GVWR, 27,509 miles, brand new battery, 1GBJG31U751159638, purchased new in 2005 for \$25,651, Tommy Gate purchased new in 2005
- **Chevrolet Pick-up Truck** – White, 4.3-liter V6 engine, 2-wheel drive, standard bed, 68,115 miles, 4 new tires a year old, purchased new in 2005 for \$19,000, 1GCEC14X15Z131256
- **Landa 3500 PSI Pressure Washer** – purchased in ?? for \$3,000
- **John Deere D155 Mower** – Gas, bad motor

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS INCLUDE: Outside metal tables and chairs, Pumpjacks & Walkboards (4), plastic water tank, Gray Trex decking, display case, sink, walk-in bathtub, 8-ft. pool table, ping pong table, desk & chair, and dining room table & chairs, more.

Mark Fralin - 540-815-3040

OPINION: LIBRARY NEWS

Craig County products for the win!



COURTESY IMAGE

Library Corner Marge Lewter

The 2nd Annual Land Lab Ag Fair is coming up on May 6 and it looks to be even bigger than last year. It will be held at the Craig County School from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for all to enjoy this opportunity to see what is being done through the agricultural programs in our school. There will be booths with vendors, farm implements, demonstrations and more. And The Craig County Public Library will be joining the fun. Come find us! We will

have books for all ages available at our tent and a take home craft activity for kids. In addition, we will be starting to sell raffle tickets for a 'basket' full of Craig County produced items. Included in this will be lamb meat, rainbow trout, local honey, jams, pickles, fresh or frozen blueberries, eggs, bacon, sausage, coupon for a fresh Christmas wreath and many, many more donated items. Tickets will be \$5 each, or five for \$20. Each ticket gives you two chances to win! We will begin the raffle at the Ag Fair on May 6 and the drawings will be at Fall Festival, on Oct. 14. You can get tickets at our booth, from any library board member or at the library after May 6. All proceeds go to help our library stay open and continue

to serve our community! We have a lot of farmers and gardeners in Craig County and the Ag Fair is a celebration of agriculture and the farmer, no matter the scale. We all need to value the growing of food and the growers! This raffle offers a great opportunity to try a lot of locally produced foods. So come out, enjoy the day, see your friends and neighbors and stop by The Craig County Public Library booth for your tickets and a chance to win some fabulous local produce! A special thanks to all those who were willing to donate, we will have a list at our tent! **Library News:** It is National Library Week all week. This year's theme is: "There's more to

the story..." (Remember Paul Harvey's "the rest of the story?") Be sure to keep an open mind for the More in the story! For National Library week, we thank our library staff and volunteers for all they do to keep the library going! We hope you all enjoyed the Swap Day last week. Look for more Swap Day events coming this summer! Summer Reading Programs are being developed so stay tuned for more info to come. Calling ALL Friends of the Library: the annual meeting is coming in May and we have a really great speaker lined up. Next week's library corner will tell you how to sign up because we're going to fill the venue for this event!

Lemon & Vale Cakery owner shocked by grand opening attendance



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The Lemon & Vale Cakery's grand opening was Saturday, April 22. However, the owner, Dawn Perkey, was not prepared for the multitude of citizens that chose to support her event from the moment the door opened. The line was out the door for the first few hours, but people patiently waited in line for 45 minutes to get their favorite coffee, tea and special "cakeries." When Perkey was asked if she expected this huge turnout, she replied with happy exhaustion, "I don't know if I will be able to be open tomorrow, as I may sell out today!"

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added. "Our school motto is Every Child A Graduate and that is great, but I believe our focus should also be on providing life skills to help them be successful."

Representative Walter Marsden added that he does not wish for the program to be eliminated. The other board members voiced their agreement.

"I don't even like the idea of charging our students to

get their license," he added.

One of the Craig County students, Michael, shared, "This driver's ed program is very important to me and getting my license. I think this would be a definite harm to our student body if we don't have it. I have already taken the written classes and gotten my Lerner's license so the only thing I have left is behind the wheel training. If I cannot do this with Mr. Crowder here at the school, I am unsure I can afford it as we have looked at prices and the cheapest is \$450, not including all the trips I would have to find time to make to Roanoke."

"I also have a lot of fellow students who are in this exact same position and may not be able to get their license until they are 18 if we do not have this," he said. "For some students their parents may not be able to support seven trips to Roanoke for them or be able to pay the \$450. This keeps many of us from being able to get a job also."

Much discussion proved that the school board is working diligently in trying to keep the program. Finding an instructor for behind the wheel is their priority.

Upcoming public meetings in Craig

May 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.

May 16

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

May 17

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. North American people

6. Chinese surname

10. Fit in at the last minute

14. "Very" in musical terminology

15. Underwater displays

17. Crosby's bandmates

19. Belong to he

20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)

21. Sequences of alternating turns

22. Genus of grasses

23. Satisfy

24. Petty quarrel

26. Made level

29. Ruler of Iran

31. Historical region of Syria

32. Food suitable for babies

34. Something to lend

35. Zone of oceanic trenches

37. Philippine island

38. Domesticated animal

39. Plant of the lily family

40. Bluish green

41. ___ Tomei, actress

43. Without (French)

45. Lilly and Manning are two

46. Apply pressure to

47. Divide in half

49. Bad deed

50. Don't know when yet

53. Hollywood's greatest honor

57. Aiming to exhort

58. Faked

59. A way to pierce

60. Midway between north-east and east

61. Points

CLUES DOWN

1. Chop up

2. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)

3. Egyptian goddess

4. Split pulses

5. Afflict

6. Type of area rug

7. Tide

8. Affirmative

9. Sudden change

10. One picked

11. Debauched man

12. Stiff bristles

13. Famous arena

16. Established rules and methods

18. Injection

22. Father

23. Protein-rich liquids

24. He delivers gifts

25. Advanced degree

27. Fencing swords

28. Chinese mountain range

29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

30. Precursor to hemoglobin

31. Much ___ about nothing

33. Compound fabric (abbr.)

35. A way to act slowly on

36. Ottoman military commanders

37. Popular kids' network

39. Hard compound

42. Sympathize with

43. Northeast college

44. Blood group

46. Frosted

47. Turn away

48. Benefit

49. Dry or withered

50. Bangladeshi monetary unit

51. Reproduced

52. Contributes

53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)

54. Wear

55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)

56. Very small

God's House Is Always Open

<p>BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 11599 Cumberland Gap Road/Rt. 42, New Castle, 864-5242; church phone: 544-7040 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Choir Tuesday 7:30p.m., Youth Outreach and Missions Program. Rev. San Kang.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH Duane Wente, Minister, Rt. 42, New Castle, 540-864-5692. Sunday: Worship 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CRAIG HEALING SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) 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!</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CROSSROADS CHURCH 21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street & 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>7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.</p> <p>GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Lorraine Taylor, agladypastor@msn.com. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Youth (ages 13-18) & Super Church (ages 4-12) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You can also watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. www.graceassemblycatawba.org</p> <p>GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH 159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.</p> <p>HEBRON UNITED METHODIST Pastor Rodney Longmire, Rt. 606, 1981 Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540- 400-3419. Worship 11:15AM.</p> <p>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.</p> <p>LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH 3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. 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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: craigcountycommunity-church@gmail.com.</p> <p>ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH Located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttfc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).</p>
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OPINION

News from the 9th: Protecting Girls in Sports



Morgan Griffith
Representative

On April 20th, I voted to pass H.R. 734, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023, legislation to ensure that women and girls have a fair playing field in sports by guaranteeing that schools adhere to Title IX's recognition of biology and

genetics of an individual at birth.

Title IX was enacted as part of the Education Amendments of 1972 to prohibit sex-based discrimination in any school or any other education program that receives funding from the federal government.

This means that when it came to sports, schools were now required to provide equal participation opportunities, athletic scholarships, and benefits and services (facilities, equipment, transportation) for men and women.

Over the past few years, the left has pushed the notion that biological men that have begun transitioning to women are the same as biological women and so they cannot be excluded from participating in women's sports. We must be inclusive of all, they say, no matter what.

But this trend only does a disservice to women and House Republicans have sought to protect their rights with H.R. 734. To me, this bill is not controversial. In fact, I am an original cosponsor of the bill.

This bill is about fairness. Women fought for years for equal opportunities in sports. Before Title IX, women's athletic scholarships were basically nonexistent. Now those scholarships and other opportunities are at risk again because they are being given to biological men in the name of inclusiveness.

But why should women have to sacrifice what they deserve?

This bill is also about safety and accepting the reality of biology and genetics. There is a reason there are separate

men's sports and women's sports. The biological differences between men and women cannot be ignored.

Genetically, men have a clear advantage. For example, they have a higher ratio of muscle mass to body weight, which allows for greater acceleration and speed. They also have larger and longer bones to support more muscle. This is true in most cases even if they have begun transitioning to a woman.

Women athletes have already gotten hurt competing against biological males.

Just a few days prior to this column, a North Carolina high school volleyball player spoke at a press conference about suffering long-term physical and mental injuries when she was spiked by a ball in the face by a transgender athlete.

This bill does not even address the other issue of women in some places now being required to share their locker rooms with biological males.

Where does it end? H.R. 734 is important legislation to protect women and girls. Will the Senate agree? I don't know. Ask your Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner.

Prevention and treatment of substance use

Mental health and substance use are of great concern for many people in our districts. In a recent Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) newsletter survey about non-COVID health issues, 40% of the 1350 respondents ranked these topics as their top health priority for our community.

We are committed to improving the public's health through the prevention and treatment of substance abuse including, but not limited to, prevention of overdoses as well as smoking cessation.

Overdose Prevention: RCAHD offers education

and resources for overdose prevention through workshops to increase the number of residents who know how to recognize and respond to drug overdoses, as well as through offering naloxone (overdose-reversing medication), fentanyl test strips, and drug disposal kits to residents.

In partnership with the Office of Emergency Management Services, RCAHD now utilizes a data-mapping software tool to better understand where overdoses are happening in real-time and improve how we support harm reduction and peer recovery program activities.

The Live Well Alleghany Highlands Substance Use committee supports the Alleghany Highlands Healthy Youth Coalition and activities such as Drug Take Back Day (April 22). Partners have worked together to launch a drug court that supports individuals with substance use disorder in the court system.

The enormity of substance use challenges means our partnerships with local prevention coalitions such as the Collective Response, Healthy Roanoke Valley Mental Well-Being

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The yards are filled with those little yellow things we call dandelions, that some call weeds, yet they are packed with healthy nutrients to our bodies.

It's dandelion time again

It's dandelion time y'all and I'm excited! At first this week, I only seen a dozen dandelions, but before week's end, I seen hundreds!

I just learned about the wonderful benefits of this "weed" a couple years ago and started eating it myself. Now I like sharing this with you!

For most people the robust yellow dandelion is just a pesky 'weed' which you spend lots of money on weed killer or time in

pulling it up by its roots.

While, for others, like myself, we are learning what many of our ancestors had knowledge of; its entire plant has medicinal uses for mankind's well-being.

However, the 'old' recipes for eating dandelion flowers and greens are again, blooming beautifully in kitchens.

The internet has multiple authors, writers and health institutions that praise the benefits of this beautiful yellow flower and its leaves. Many people are familiar with the making of dandelion wine and medicinal teas or the grinding of the roots for a coffee-like drink or jellies.

An old-time favorite is to fry the flowers to make dandelion fritters or fry them turned upside down in pancake batter, topped with a little honey for a delicious-sweet dessert.

The dandelion is an herbaceous perennial that belongs to the Asteraceae family of plants, along with daisies and sunflowers. Few know, but native to Europe, dandelion seeds were brought to America by American colonists, where they were

initially planted for culinary and therapeutic use.

However, there are plants that look similar to the dandelion, such as cat's ear and false dandelion.

The true dandelion is known for its bright yellow blossoms, smooth deeply toothed leaves that point back towards the center of the plant, hollow stems and only produces one flower.

It is suggested to allow some dandelions to grow in gardens as they are an "easily available source of food" for pollinators, including bees, butterflies, beetles, and birds.

Also, never pick dandelions where one may have sprayed.

Dandelion has many health benefits, is low in calories and packed with vitamins, whether consumed raw or cooked. Every part is edible - roots, stems, leaves and flowers.

Multiple websites and major studies agree that dandelions have potential benefits for many organs and may help keep one healthy and disease-free, "providing natural, biologically active compounds, including some called flavonoids and terpenoids."

Facts about the Dandelion:

Contain natural antioxidants - compounds that help your body rid itself of free radicals, which are "unstable molecules made in your body that can damage cell membranes and DNA", potentially speeding aging and raising your risk of cancer and other diseases

"Life Sciences" found that cancerous cells cultured with dandelion extract grew more slowly and eventually died, compared to cells grown without the extract.

Reduces the risk for cancer

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Please submit resume and cover letter to David Tickner, Town Manager, Town of Fincastle, P.O. Box 250 Fincastle, Virginia 24090, or by emailing davidtickner@townoffincastle.org

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Parcel 2 - 0.28 acres, Tax Map 61-85B, Parcel 21438 Parcel 3 - 608.59 acres, Tax Map 61-90, Parcel 21444 Parcel 4 - 2.533 acres, more or less, Tax Map 62-39, Parcel 21613 Parcel 5 - 15.002 acres, more or less, Tax Map 62-38, Parcel 21612 Parcel 6 - 53.880 acres, Tax Map 62-43, Parcel 21618 5 tracts of land located in the Town of Fincastle (Botetourt County) Tract 1 - 87.5070 acres, Tax Map 73-118, Parcel 23865 Tract 2 - 9.8590 acres, New Lot E, Tax Map 73-122E, Parcel 30519 Lot 7, Phase IV, Santillane, 0.4770 acres, Tax Map 73(13)17, Parcel 31461 Lot 16, Phase IV, Santillane, 0.5660 acres, Tax Map 73(13)16, Parcel 31470 Lot 18, Phase IV, Santillane, 0.5680 acres, Tax Map 73(13)18, Parcel 31472 BOTETOURL COUNTY, VA In execution of a Credit Line Deed of Trust dated April 23, 2014 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 140001192 as corrected by the Corrected Credit Line Deed of Trust dated April 23, 2014, recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 140002419, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at Daleville Town Center Clubhouse, 150 Shenandoah Ave, Daleville, Virginia, on April 28, 2023, at 12:00 o'clock noon, the following property located in Botetourt County, Virginia, which properties are more particularly described as follows: Parcel 2: Tax Map 61-85B, Parcel 21438 BEGINNING at a point at the lowest point of Catawba Creek which borders the property of George P. Moore, Jr. and Emily W. Moore and Earl G. and Annie Bell Cahoon property; thence in an easterly direction over the Cahoon property to the Moore property known as Spiller's Ridge; thence in a southerly direction 50' along the Moore property known as Spiller's Ridge to a point; thence westerly to a point on Catawba Creek which borders the Moore property; thence northerly 50' to the point of BEGINNING; and being a parcel 50' wide and approximately 250 yards long over which there is a road bed. Parcel 3: Tax Map 61-90, Parcel 21444 BEGINNING at a point in the East line of the Earl G. Cahoon property, said beginning point being in the extreme westerly line of the herein conveyed property; thence with the Cahoon property North 43° 59' East, 396.78 feet to an old iron pipe set in concrete; thence with the South lines of a tract of 6.53 acres, to be conveyed to Earl G. Cahoon, the following eleven courses and distances: North 45° 05' E. 388.13 feet to an iron pin by an 8" cedar; North 2° . 16' West, 327.47 feet to an iron pin by a 6" pine; North 45° 18' East, 133.96 feet to an iron pin in an old road; North 13° 28' East 120.15 feet to an iron pin in old road; North 36° 40' East, 103.20 feet to an iron pin in an old road; North 28° 16' East, 94.83 feet to an iron pin in an old road; North 10° 28' East, 125.30 feet to an iron pin in old road; North 21° 10' West, 101.09 feet to an iron pin in old road; North 7° 36' East, 91.82 feet to an iron pin in old road; North 63° 22' East, 126.73 feet to an iron pin in old road; North 52° 10' East, 167.96 feet passing the center of a newly established 50 foot right of way and easement leading from the herein conveyed property to Virginia State Route 681 at 142.93 feet to the East side of said newly established 50 foot right of way and easement, said point also marking the southwest corner of a tract of 8.70 acres heretofore conveyed to James I. Lowdon (see Deed Book 182, page 370); thence with the Lowdon tract of land the following seven courses and distances, continuing with the center of said old road: North 60° 02' East, 24.86 feet; North 46° 47' East, 208.68 feet; North 58° 48' East, 126.92 feet; South 85° 21' East, 90.83 feet; thence leaving the center of said old road, North 54° 54' East, 116.46 feet to an old

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iron; North 53° 40' East, 97.67 feet to an old iron; North 20° 12' East, 186.16 feet to an old iron, marking the southeast corner of the Lowdon tract of 8.70 acres; thence with the southeast line of a tract estimated to be 90 acres, conveyed by Lewis Twyman and Edith M. Twyman, his wife, to Earl G. Cahoon and Annie Bell Cahoon, his wife, by deed dated the 27th day of September, 1968, and recorded October 4, 1968, and to be found spread beginning page 573, of Deed Book 183, all references herein being of the records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, North 34° 35' East, 1893.95 feet passing through a 15" pin oak at 1336.84 feet and passing an 18" pin oak 1.6 feet North of line at 1611.08 feet to a 12" walnut 25 feet northeast of a sink hole and North 39° 36' East, 383.77 feet to an iron pin between two 8" cedars; North 41° 43' East, 689.93 feet to a steel rod at a 12" white oak; North 41° 14' East, 655.48 feet to an iron pin in hollow 14.5 feet from a 36" chestnut oak; North 31° 32' East 233.45 feet to a 12" red oak; North 40° 59' East, 559.11 feet to an iron pin at base of a 15" white oak; North 40° 14' East, 729.70 foot to an iron pin at base of a 12"cedar; North 37° 59' East, 453.41 feet to a 30" white oak; North 38° 33' East, 1262.23 feet to an iron pin at 2 - 3" cedars; North 34° 45' East, 1178.21 feet to a steel rod at a double 12" pin oak, corner to what is known as the Will Tucker property; thence with said property South 45° 39' East, 920.26 feet passing through an 8" cedar on line at 143.42 feet to a 24" white oak; thence South 42° 37' East, 168.08 feet to an 18" red oak; thence South 43° 50' East, 379.98 feet to a 40" chestnut oak to the property now or formerly known as the Sam Johnson property; thence South 60° 20' East, 560.27 feet to a point west of a branch; thence South 46° 42' East 237.56 feet, crossing said branch to an iron on the East side of said branch; thence South 29° 53' West, 102.23 feet returning said branch to a 24" Hickory to a point in what was formerly or is now the Barnett property; thence South 33° 13' East, crossing an old road 232.79 feet to a post to the property now or formerly the George Thompson estate; thence with this property the following three courses: South 22° 13' East, 420.22 feet to a point; South 2° 29' West, 59.17 feet; South 24° 40' East, 470.36 feet to an iron pin by a post to the property now or formerly the Frank Marshall property; thence with this property South 38° 21' West, 1352.36 feet to an iron pin planted by a stone in the property line of what is now or formerly known as the Till Booze property; thence with this property South 38° 32' West, 1300.74 feet to an iron pin by a cedar post and fence line; thence with what now is or formerly was the Secrist Waldron property; South 73° 00' West, 1076.34 feet to an iron pin by a post in a fence corner; thence with what now is or formerly was the Hedan Craft property the following two courses and distances: South 21° 12'West, 816.02 feet to a 15" black oak; South 18° 07' West, 289.72 feet to an 18" double walnut in a fence corner adjoining what was or now is the Walt Craft property, and with this property the following three courses and distances: South 58° 06' West, 448.56 feet to an iron at an 18" cedar; South 26° 23' West, 520.07 feet to a 24" white oak; South 27° 42' West, 309.28 feet to an iron pin at a corner post in a fence line, marking the northeast corner of the Nofsinger property; thence with the Nofsinger property the following seven courses and distances: South 58° 39' West, 554.13 feet to an iron pin by an old stake; North 46° 28' West, 1256.51 feet to an iron pin set by old stake on the edge of a large sink hole; South 81° 07' West, 455.49 feet to an iron pin at a planted stone between a 20" and an 18" white oak; South 38° 38' West, 398.06 feet to a 36" white oak in hollow; South 30° 43' West, 704.33 feet to an iron pin; South 17° 07' West, 2036.66 feet to an iron pin set in a rock pile by old stone; North 73° 04' West,

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650.99 feet to an iron pin set at a corner post in the North line of Earl G. Cahoon's property; thence with the Cahoon property North 62° 21' West, 1325.33 feet to the place of BEGINNING, and containing an area of 608.59 acres, in accordance with a survey and plat thereof made on November 4, 1969, by T. P. Parker, State Certified Engineer, a plat or a map of which survey was being recorded with the Deed recorded in Deed Book 189, page 295, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, said Map being also recorded in Plat Book 6, page 16, in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. The plat or map also shows the following 50 foot right of way or easement leading from said tract of 608.59 acres in a general northwesterly direction through the Earl G. Cahoon property to Virginia Route 681, the centerline of said right of way being described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the old road as shown on insert on said plat, said beginning point being 25.03 feet from the southwest corner of the James I. Lowdon tract of 8.70 acres, as shown on plat; thence through the 6.53 acre tract of land to be conveyed to Earl G. Cahoon and the remaining Cahoon property, North 33° 45' West 125.02 feet to a point; thence continuing through said Cahoon property the following eight courses and distances: North 29° 29' West, 583.02 feet; North 63° 16' West, 253.33 feet; North 74° 55' West, 145.18 feet; North 36° 39' West 103.72 feet; North 53° 16' West, 197.80 feet; North 59° 30' West, 435.80 feet; North 43° 42' West, 260.61 feet and N. 57° 05' W. 93.95 feet to a point in the center line of Route 681, which said right of way or easement is to be for the joint use and benefit of the grantee, his heirs or assigns, and likewise for the equal benefit of the Earl G. Cahoon and Annie Bell Cahoon, his wife, and their heirs, devisees and grantees, who are joined in a deed in Deed Book 189, page 295, as parties of the third part for the purpose of establishing said right of way and easement. Parcel 4: Tax Map 62-39, Parcel 21613 All of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 2.533 acres, more or less, and shown more fully as Tract VI on that certain "Plat of the Property of Sarah L. and Virginia Smith Patterson" dated November 20, 2003, prepared by Christopher N. McMurry, L.S., a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 30, Page 19. Parcel 5: Tax Map 62-38, Parcel 21612 All of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 15.002 acres, more or less, and shown more fully as Tracts IV and V on that certain "Plat of the Property of Sarah L. and Virginia Smith Patterson" dated November 20, 2003, prepared by Christopher N. McMurry, L.S., a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 30, Page 19. Parcel 6: Tax Map 62-43, Parcel 21618 Beginning at a stone, at 1, corner to the land of A. A. Bryant and runneth thence, new lines N. 40°W. 27 poles crossing the branch and passing over a spring to a water oak, at 2, on the south bank of the branch; thence down said branch N. 61° W. 10 4/10 poles to a point, at 3; N. 49° W. 17 8/10 poles to a cedar, at 4, on the south bank of the branch; N. 82 ½° W. 22 poles, passing a walnut tree marked as a corner at 20 poles, to the middle of the creek, just above the mouth of said branch; thence up the creek as it meanders 70 poles to a point, at 6, corner to E. I. Lemon and I. L. Twyman, and with the latter, leaving the creek S. 50° E. 111 poles to a point, at 7, corner to the heirs of Austin Thompson, and with the same, N. 7 ½° E. 65 2/10 poles, passing a double cedar, corner to said heirs and Barnett, at 45 poles to a white oak, old corner, at 8, corner to said Barnett, and with the same S. 47° E. 40 poles to a stake, at 9, N. 34° E. 23 poles to a white oak, old corner at 10; S. 60 ½° E. 16 ½ poles to a dead white oak, at 11, corner to A. A. Bryant, and with the same, N. 35° E. 13 poles to a gum and cedar,

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somewhat recently marked, at 12; and thence N. 61° W. 70 ¼ poles to the place of beginning, at 1, and containing 53 7/8 acres. Tract 1: Tax Map 73-118, Parcel 23865 All of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 91.775 acres as more fully described on "Plat of the Property of Helen S. Cronise, et als, To Be Conveyed to Santillane, LLC", dated February 25, 2004 and prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc., a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 30, Page 60. LESS AND EXCEPTING Phase IV, Santillane, as shown on survey dated March 28, 2013, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc. of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 56, Pages 5-7. Tract 2: Tax Map 73-122E, Parcel 30519 All that certain lot or parcel of land, with improvements thereon lying and being situate in the Fincastle Magisterial District of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, shown as New Lot E, containing 19.496 acres, by survey, with metes and bounds as shown on plat of survey made by Christopher N. McMurry, L.S., dated December 1, 2005, a copy of which plat is recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 35, Page 8. TOGETHER WITH those rights conveyed by Deed of Easement dated April 8, 2013, from Clay O. Fitzgerald and Juanita F. Fitzgerald, husband and wife, of record in Instrument No. 130002677, and corrected by Instrument No. 130002725. LESS AND EXCEPTING Phase IV, Santillane, as shown on survey dated March 28, 2013, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc. of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 56, Pages 5-7, inclusive. Tax Map 73(13)17, Parcel 31461: Lot 7, Phase IV, Santillane as shown on plat of survey dated March 28, 2013, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc. and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 56, at Page 5-7. Tax Map 73(13)16, Parcel 31472: Lot 18, Phase IV, Santillane as shown on plat of survey dated March 28, 2013, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc. and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 56, at Page 5-7. This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. Registration: Bids will only be accepted from registered bidders. Your driver's license and a cashier's check or cash in the amount of 10% of the bidder's high bid will be required to register. 2. Deposit: The successful bidders will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale immediately following the fall of the hammer, and the cashier's check or cash, as described above, will be delivered to the Substitute Trustee. The deposit will be applied to the purchase price at closing. The deposit is non-refundable unless Seller is unable to convey marketable title. Closings are to take place within 45 days of sale. Time is of the essence. 3. Deed: The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed. 4. Announcement: Announcements made on the day of sale, take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written, concerning the sale or the property. 5. Buyer's Premium: There will be a 5% Buyer's Premium in effect on the day of sale. The Buyer's Premium is added to the high bid amount, to determine the contract sale price. 6. "As-Is, "Where-Is": The property is being sold "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS". Potential Buyers must perform such independent investigations

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Lot 17, Phase IV, Santillane, 0.5660 acres, Tax Map 73(13)17, Parcel

BOTETOURL COUNTY, VA In execution of a Credit Line Deed of Trust dated July 25, 2013 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 1303476 and by a certain Deed of Addition of Collateral dated January 31, 2014, duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 1400364, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at Daleville Town Center Clubhouse, 150 Shenandoah Ave, Daleville, Virginia, on April 28, 2023, at 12:00 o'clock noon, the following property located in Botetourt County, Virginia, which property is more particularly described as follows: Tax Map 73(13)17: Lot 17, Phase IV, Santillane as shown on plat of survey dated March 28, 2013, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc. and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 56, at Page 5-7. This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. Registration: Bids will only be accepted from registered bidders. Your driver's license and a cashier's check or cash in the amount of 10% of the bidder's high bid will be required to register. 2. Deposit: The successful bidders will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale immediately following the fall of the hammer, and the cashier's check or cash, as described above, will be delivered to the Substitute Trustee. The deposit will be applied to the purchase price at closing. The deposit is non-refundable unless Seller is unable to convey marketable title. Closings are to take place within 45 days of sale. Time is of the essence. 3. Deed: The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed. 4. Announcement: Announcements made on the day of sale, take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written, concerning the sale or the property. 5. Buyer's Premium: There will be a 5% Buyer's Premium in effect on the day of sale. The Buyer's Premium is added to the high bid amount, to determine the contract sale price. 6. "As-Is, "Where-Is": The property is being sold "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS". Potential Buyers must perform such independent investigations

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Legals - City of Radford

Notice of Application to Establish a Branch of a State Member Bank

The Bank of Marion, 102 West Main Street, Marion, Virginia, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to establish a branch at 220 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs. You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, P.O. Box 27622, Richmond, VA 23261. Comments can also be sent electronically to comments.applications@rich.frb.org. The comment period will not end before May 12, 2023. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Brent B. Hassell, Assistant Vice President, at (804) 697-2633. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

AUDRA DOYLE, trading as 2ND ON MAIN, 2 MAIN ST. SALEM, VA 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

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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.

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Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317, 20-104 Case No. CL2300084-00 CITY OF SALEM CIRCUIT COURT, 2 EAST CALHOUN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re GABRIEL SENTINELLAR SALAZAR V. MAY ANNE SALAZAR The object of this suit is to OBTAIN A DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MAY ANNE SALAZAR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 31, 2023. APRIL 11, 2023 STACY L. OWEN, DEPUTY CLERK

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

at its regular meeting on May 10, 2023, at 7:00 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. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property at 112 Corporate Boulevard (Tax Map # 148-1-2.2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District and BCD, Business Commerce District with conditions to RSF Residential Single-Family District. 2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, to revise the Special Exception Permit approved February 28, 2011, to allow the construction of an educational facility, primary/secondary on the property located at 112 Corporate Boulevard, (Tax Map # 148-1-2.2). 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 PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

Order of Publication VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. MARY LUE GRAVES, et al, respondents. Case No. CL 23-103

Legals - City of Salem

TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 160-3-4 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Mary Lue Graves and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Mary Lue Graves, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties on or before the 19th of May, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for one week in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 20th day of April, 2023. Chance Crawford, Clerk I ask for this: Mark D. Kidd, Esquire-VSB#24149 OPN Law 3140Chaparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke VA 24018 Phone: (540) 725-4700 Fax:(540)772-0126 E-Mail: mkidd@opnlaw.com Counsel for Complainant

Order of Publication VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. GEORGE W. WELCH, et al, respondents. Case No. CL 23-102 TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 39-2-5 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 19th of May, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for one week in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 20th day of April, 2023.

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Legals - Craig County

CRAIG COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Board of Supervisors of the County of Craig, Virginia will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding a proposed amendment to Chapter 18-ELECTIONS, Article II. Election Districts Precinct Boundaries §18-26. THROUGH §18-34. of Craig County Code of Ordinances, updating Craig County Election Boundary Lines. The public hearing will be held Thursday, May 4th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Craig County Courthouse, on Main Street, New Castle, Virginia. Anyone having questions regarding the above or who would like to review the proposed map and descriptions, may contact the County Administrator's office (540) 864-5010, located at 108 Court Street, or mailed to P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Craig County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 19, 2023 to May 22, 2023 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia; 1290 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502; VPDES Permit No. VA0027952 FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center WWTP, 30 Craig Springs Circle, New Castle, Virginia PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center WWTP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters at a rate of 10,000 gallons per day into a water body. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage wastewater into Grannys Creek in Craig County in the Johns Creek watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, organic matter, solids, inorganics, nutrients, and bacteria. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit. CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Kevin A. Harlow; DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153 Phone: (540) 759-9855; E-mail: Kevin.Harlow@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (804) 698-4178. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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Legals - Montgomery County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, V. CHARLES HOWARD SLATE, JR., ET AL., respondent(s). Case No. CL23-273

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 036-A 24A Account No. 200399 All that parcel, or land located in Price's Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows: All that parcel "A" containing 1.000 AC, as shown, and described on a plat entitled, "Plat of Survey of Boundary Line Adjustment & Minor Subdivision Between Tax Parcel Numbers 36-(A)-23 and 36-(A)-24, Along Norris Run Road, Route 708 Price's Fork Magisterial District Montgomery County, Virginia, prepared by Ralph O. Clements, Land Surveyor for Gay and Neel, Inc., dated March 13, 2011, designated as Job No. 2250.0 a copy of which plat is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of The Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 2011003829. And Being the same real property conveyed to Charles Howard Slate, Jr., Carolyn Sue Slate, and Samantha Jean Main from Carolyn Sue Slate, by Deed dated and recorded November 09, 2017 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2017008738. Further Being a portion of the same real property conveyed to Carolyn Sue Slate from Joshua Adam Cook by Deed dated November 26, 2003, on record in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 2004015300. And Further Being a portion of the same real property conveyed to Carolyn Sue Slate from Loy/Mary Burch III, LLC., by Deed dated October 3, 2013, on record in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 2013009794. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not

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limited to those recorded in Instrument Number 2011003829; Deed Book 152, Page 249; Deed Book 356, Page 93; Deed Book 434, Page 20; Deed Book 865, Page 32. IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Eddie D. Love, shoes last known address is 745 Dunlap Dr., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; April Dawn Love, whose last known address is 4977 Whitehorn Rd. Blacksburg, Virginia 24060; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before May 25, 2023 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this cause. Entered on the 20th day of April, 2023 K. Mike Fleenor, Jr., Judge I ask for this: John A Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffery A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800, Henrico Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 545-2500 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No.: 592925

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Rezoning request by Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to rezone an approximately 1.1 acre portion of a 2.002 acre parcel located between the south side of Scott Street NE and the north side of Roanoke Street,

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and identified as Tax Parcel 499 – ((A)) – 10, Parcel ID 008134; and approximately 1.21 acres located at 1413 Scott St. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 529-(7)-A, Parcel ID 008135; and approximately 0.26 acres located adjacent to the east side of 1413 Scott St. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 529-7-76, Parcel ID 008136; from General Business District B-3 to Multiple-Family Residential District R-3. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. B. Conditional Use Permit request by Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to allow a Planned Housing Development for 49 single-family attached townhouses on the property located at 1413 Scott St. NE, further identified as Tax Parcels 499 - ((A)) - 10; 529 - (7) - A; 529 - (7) - 76; 499 - (17) - 48 through 56; 529 - (7) - 44 through 47; and 529 - (7) - 75; Parcel IDs 008134, 008135, 008136, and 210197, currently zoned General Business District B-3 and proposed for rezoning to Multiple-Family Residential District R-3. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 Ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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workgroup, Connection 2 Care, and the EMS Community Risk Reduction workgroup are critical. While we work with community partners to prevent people from developing substance use disorder (SUD) and encouraging those residents who use drugs to get the support that they need, we are also working to prevent overdose deaths. Opioid overdose-related deaths can be prevented when naloxone is administered in a timely manner. All RCHAD locations offer both naloxone and fentanyl test strips at no cost to residents; simply stop by our office during business hours to pick them up. Naloxone is available as a nasal spray, and it can be administered by anyone with basic training. We encourage all households to consider keeping naloxone in an emergency kit, but the medicine is not a substitute for calling 9-1-1 immediately if you suspect someone may have overdosed.

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-Christie Willis, Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts

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There are many recipes you can google to eat of the dandelion bloom or its leaves, however one of my favorites is just frying them in pancake batter or dehydrate them for all year use.

Many use the stems as stir-fry, or make pesto, jelly, honey, or fried greens, or just toss the fresh blooms and leaves into a salad, while others look forward to their annual dandelion wine making.


So, who knew God was giving us a yard full of food right at our fingertips to create a wonderful salad or meal. Happy dande-eating!

-Pam Dudding

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Quinn Caldwell sends the ball down the pitch.



Chris Hunter throws one in.

FITZPATRICK PLACES IN TWO EVENTS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Craig County junior Tyler Fitzpatrick was in midseason form last week at the Buffalo Invitational Track meet at Floyd County High School. Tyler qualified for the state Class 1 meet with a second place finish in the discus, tossing the disc 139' 3" to finish second overall. Tyler was just five inches off the winning throw. Fitzpatrick also placed fifth in the shot put with a heave of 37'8".

SOCCER TEAM TIES BUFFALO GAP

The Craig County High School soccer team is 0-4-1 after tying Buffalo Gap in a game in Swoope last Friday. The final score was 1-1.

The Rockets had three games last week and dropped the first two, 7-2 to the Covington Boys' Home and 5-1 in a home game against Covington last Thursday.

This week, the Rockets will host Eastern Montgomery on Thursday at 5:30 pm at Mitchell Field. Next Monday Narrows is here for another game in New Castle, also at 5:30 pm, and on Friday, May 5, Buffalo Gap will return the trip with a game in New Castle.

ROCKET SOFTBALL TEAM DEFEATS COVINGTON



Lily Hutchinson lays down a bunt for the Rockets.

The Craig County softball was hoping to even their season record when the Rockets played a make-up game at Giles Monday. The Rockets were 3-4 on the season after splitting two games last week.

Craig took a 6-3 win over Parry McCluer in New Castle to open the week. Kammie Fisher pitched the first three innings and faced 15 batters and allowed just two hits while striking out two to pick up the win. Sara Jones came in for the fourth inning and finished the game, facing 13 batters with no hits allowed and five strikeouts.

"Defensively we had a few errors, but they made up for it batting," said Craig coach Elaina Wolfe-Carper.

Annabelle Gregory was two for three with two runs scored. Jenna Boitnotte was two for four with a run scored and two RBIs. Sara Jones was two for four with two runs scored and Karly Potter led the team with three RBIs.

The Rockets were at Covington and

it wasn't as fruitful, dropping a 15-0 decision.

"They're a great team, especially offensively," said Wolfe-Carper.

Jones pitched the first three innings and Fisher came in to pitch the last two before the game was halted with Covington well ahead.

"Both girls pitched well, Covington just hit everything we threw at them," said Wolfe-Carper. "As rough as 15-0 sounds, there was a very clear improvement compared to last year. We allowed way more runs to come in because of errors last year, and we barely even touched the ball on offense. This year, the girls made most plays and we got the bat on the ball more."

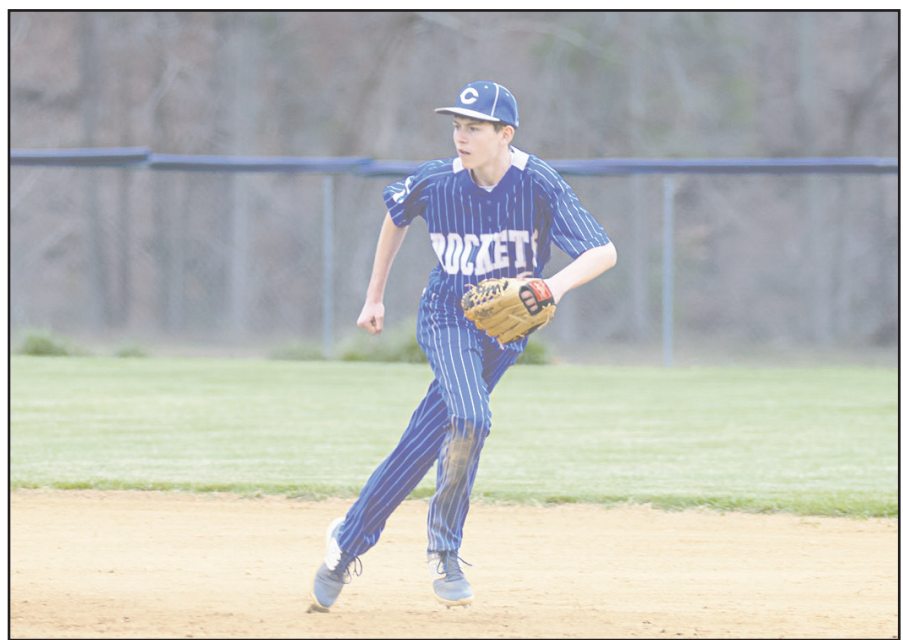
Following Monday's game at Bath the girls will go to Eastern Montgomery on Thursday for a rematch with the Mustangs. Craig dropped the first game, a 3-0 pitchers' duel.

On Friday the Rockets are back home to host Roanoke Valley Christian.



Joseph Charette catches for the Rockets.

ROCKET BASEBALL SPLITS PIONEER DISTRICT GAMES



PHOTOS BY CHELSEA LOUTHEN

Hayden Reynolds breaks on a ground ball.

The Craig County baseball team is 4-8 overall and 2-5 in the Pioneer District after splitting two district ballgames last week. The Rockets lost to Parry McCluer but bounced back to beat Covington.

Craig dropped a 5-2 decision to Parry McCluer in New Castle. Parry McCluer took a 2-0 lead in the second inning but the Rockets tied the game with single runs in the third and fourth innings. Parry McCluer then scored two in the sixth to regain the lead and added an insurance run in the seventh.

Drew Duncan had two hits for the Rockets while Zach Peters and Jaycob Wolfe scored runs for Craig. Wolfe

and Peters split time on the mound and combined to strike out 10 Blues.

On Thursday in Covington the Rockets scored three runs in the top of the first and six more in the third inning for a 9-3 win over the Cougars. Joseph Charette and Cameron Huffman had two RBIs each with hits in the big third inning. Charette had two of Craig's seven hits while Peters and Duncan scored two times each.

Peters pitched and picked up the win for the Rockets. He struck out 10 in a solid performance on the mound.

Craig also took a 16-5 win over Class 5 William Fleming

in New Castle last Monday, April 17. Fleming scored a run in the top of the first but the Rockets put 10 on the board in the bottom of the inning and won by slaughter rule. Charette and Hayden Reynolds had two hits each and Joseph drove in three runs. Matthew Lucas stole three bases and scored twice. Lucas, Reynolds and Charette split time on the mound and fanned six.

The Rockets were scheduled to play a doubleheader at Bath County on Tuesday, and on Thursday they head to Elliston for a rematch with Eastern Montgomery. The first time around Craig dropped a 4-3 decision to the Mustangs.



Dalleigh Donithan bats for the Craig softball team.