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Craig County School Board working during summer



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Craig County Public Schools Maintenance Director Shane Gills shared updates on renovations to the inside and outside of the facilities.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Summer break is on, and the students and teachers are enjoying their summer off, but the Craig County Public Schools School Board is still hard at work, helping the administration to pursue needed repairs as well as going forward with next year's agenda.

Many approvals were made of Title applications as well as policy updates. Shane Gills, maintenance director, gave updates on the school's renovations:

Locker rooms are 90% complete and looking really good. There are a few finishing touches that need to be done. The HVAC in the gym should be completed no later than July 4. The floor guys are



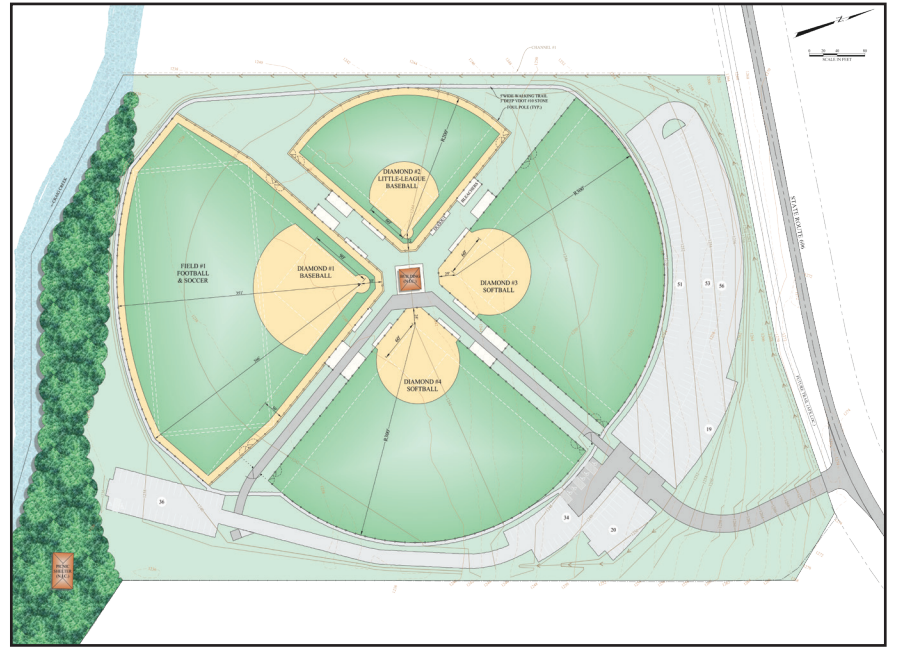
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The well-drilling is complete, and success happened as they struck water at only 150 feet, saving the school money on the pump and irrigation system.

supposed to start July 6 which is on schedule. They are resetting the gym and auditorium units mid-June.

HVAC is on schedule except for the cafeteria, the hallway unit beside of it and the 50-ton unit for the middle

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COURTESY IMAGE

The Field of Dreams has been a busy place this year with the youth enjoying its fields. Now the adults will be playing softball in their first Alumni Tournament on Saturday, July 8 at 3pm. The game is to raise funds to help complete the fourth field and upcoming football field. Everyone is welcome!

Alumni game looks like it's going to be a 'hit'

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The all-American sport continues to draw people, even from past years onto its field.

A few months ago, Leah Hale made a post on social media about "how much fun it would be to play softball again."

Little did she know how many Craig County High School alumni would comment.

On Saturday, July 8, starting at 3 p.m., there will be a 'first' alumni softball tournament at the Field of Dreams in Craig County, located at 270 Old Railroad Ave.

They shared that it all began with Leah Hale and Heather Stover talking about what a great way to raise money for the Field of Dreams and Recreation Sports for the kids of Craig County.

"It started out with just a handful of people wanting to play a game and now it's over 80-90 players

participating!" Sloss exclaimed. "They are all volunteering their day to play softball to raise funds for the kids in the county."

Coordinators for the event are: Leah Hale—game coordinator, Heather Stover—CCRCA youth softball coordinator in charge of umpires, volunteers and coordinating, and Sheri Sloss—sports director for CCRCA in charge of food/beer and coordinating.

Now they are having a full-fledged event with concessions, including beer. However no outside coolers will be permitted.

To enter, those who plan to attend must be a Craig County High School alumni who has graduated and be 18 years of age or older. (However, those who are a graduated senior of 17 years of age may also play.)

There are four men's teams and

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'Day of Action' drenched but not drowned



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

It took many workers and volunteers to make the "Day of Action" a success in New Castle. Some of the volunteers included Maiya Ashby, Kacey Spence, Stephanie Hackett, Alex Strickler, Hollie Harmon-Smith, Leslie Clark, Alex Bunnell, Rebekah Mitchell, Pat Franklin, Monica Pruitt, Rita Pruitt, Abby Hamilton, Allison McGee, Don Mankie, Kianna Marshall, Fran Lamasko and Nicole Bell.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The heavens did not seem to want to give the United way of Roanoke Valley's "Day of Action" community project a break as the rains

continued to pour down during the event.

Though the outside projects had to be postponed until July 19, the food distribution proceeded as planned.

Volunteers were soaked to the bone, but continued

to stack food boxes along with cat and dog food and toys in community members vehicles as they lined up to receive the wonderful things that had been delivered for Craig County residents.

The United Way,

Feeding Southwest Virginia and Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative teamed up to present this "Day of Action" in Craig, including distributing healthy food boxes. They also had Truist and The

Roanoke Times join in as sponsors.

However, there was a surprise for those dog and cat owners. They also had pet food, litter, treats and toys for their animals as well.

Pat Franklin, director

of the county's social services, handed out lots of community information to assist people including:

The cooling assistance program, which is open

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Though the distribution of food started at 1 p.m., vehicles started lining up at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers continued to get soaked, loading community members vehicles with food boxes and pet food and toys.

from June 15 until Aug. 15. Those interested should contact a benefits worker at (540) 864-5117 to see if they're eligible or to obtain more information. Or call (855) 635-4370 to connect with the Enterprise Customer Service Center or go online at [HTTPS://COMMONHELP.VIRGINIA.GOV/ACCESS](https://COMMONHELP.VIRGINIA.GOV/ACCESS).

Feeding Southwest Virginia is at the New Castle Christian Church the second Wednesday of each month, 3-5 p.m., with their Mobile Marketplace, selling produce and products. Those who use an EBT card will receive 50% off the produce. For more information, contact Molly Watkins at (540) 342-3011 Ext. 7046 or mwatkins@feedingswva.org.

United Way has family councils for caregivers of children up to 5 years of age, to learn about resources and address potential needs. Contact Alexandria Strickler at (540) 283-2776 or families@uwrva.org.

Food pantries are in Craig County which residents can get food assistance at the Department of Social Services, 177 Court St., Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and at Craig Valley Baptist Church at 171 Salem Ave, Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Leslie Clark, director of family health strategies at the United Way, shared that they also had a food drive and divided the food between the New Castle Christian Church and the Department of Social Services food pantries.

They provided pizza for the volunteers in



Crates of food boxes were being brought under the tent while others unpacked the pet supplies that they were going to give away.

between the set up and distribution. The time also allowed everyone to meet one another within the different sponsors.

"All of our food sector partners are reporting so many more people asking for assistance that they had not seen before," Clark said.

Maiya Ashby, marketing representative of Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative, thanked everyone for all their hard work, especially in the rainy weather.

"This really is what it is all about, giving back to one another," Ashby said. "I am really happy to see you all and hopefully we can partner on lots of community projects in the future."

"I would like to echo

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Leslie Clark shared that the community food drive was a great success and the church received half of the amount gathered.

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4th of July***

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that same sentiment," said Abbey Hamilton, of the United Way. "Thank you to our partners of Feeding Southwest Virginia for being here and serving alongside the community, the volunteers from the church and from DSS. We are all excited about serving with you and want to thank CBEC for their support, and Truist, and The Roanoke Times for sponsoring our activities today, spreading some sunshine and joy today in the midst of cloudy skies."

The distribution started at 1 p.m., however the line started forming at 12:30 p.m. as drivers pulled in and cut their engines off to wait.

The rainy day didn't seem to dampen the spirits of all the volunteers as they each had "assignments" and were quick to set up and then later to be a part of loading up vehicles.

As people received their boxes and pet items, there was an abundance of "thank yous" from the residents of Craig County.

The volunteers all had smiles on their faces as they greeted the drivers, though raindrops were falling from their hats and their heads.

Residents drove away with smiles, food and a knowing that someone cared enough to help bring food assistance to their families.

Though there was no pet food or toys left, there were a few boxes left which was taken to The Commons, The Manor and the Craig Valley Baptist Church for their pantry.

"On behalf of Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative, I'd like to share our sincerest gratitude to the amazing team of volunteers who donated their time and kindness to today's food distribution

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Craig County Independence Day Parade coming up



COURTESY PHOTO

The second annual Craig County Independence Day Parade will be Tuesday July 4 at 10 a.m. in downtown New Castle. The parade will leave from the Fairgrounds, travel down Rt. 311 to Main Street and end at the county courthouse. Prizes will be awarded for "Most Patriotic" and lots of free gifts will be given out. "We're expecting lots of local folks, as well as Kazim Temple tramps, the Sons of the American Revolution, and maybe Uncle Sam," Diane Givens said. Everyone welcome. For information, contact Tina Crawford at 540-864-6216 or write CraigValleyChapter NSDAR@gmail.com.

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four women's teams, and the games will start at 3 p.m. Gates will open at 2:15 p.m.

- The schedule:
- Team 1 vs Team 2 Women's - 3 p.m.
- Team 1 vs Team 2 Men's - 3 p.m.
- Team 3 vs Team 4 Women's - 4:15 p.m.
- Team 3 vs Team 4 Men's - 4:15 p.m.
- Winner of both Women's teams Championship game - 5:30 p.m.
- Winner of both Men's teams Championship game - 5:30 p.m.

The men's and women's softball games will be played at same time on fields side by side. (Everyone will be playing softball, even the men.)

Sloss shared that at this time Field of Dreams has three complete fields and all three are being used for softball, youth baseball or T-ball.

The fourth field is in the process of being completed which will allow adult baseball/softball and boys baseball ages 12 and up.

"We have needed this field complete for a long time," Sloss said. "CCRCA just ordered

the fence for the fourth field. However, funds for dugouts, laying out, maintenance for the field are still needed."

She added that in the outfield of fourth field will be the first ever youth football field, which is another project they are working on.

"We hope to have our concessions building completed before the alumni game which will be our grand opening for it!" Sloss said.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Preschool and under are free.

They will be selling hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, chips and candy.

"And for this special event we will be selling beer on premises only for 21 years of age and older and no outside coolers are permitted," she added.

They will have a 50/50 raffle with 100% of all proceeds to benefit Recreational Sports and Field of Dreams.

"We encourage everyone to bring a chair!" Sloss shared. "We have expectations of this being a big event!"

There is also now a

large playground area for the kids to enjoy.

Some local businesses have donated to sponsor this event, however anyone wishing to sponsor, or volunteer may contact Sheri Sloss.

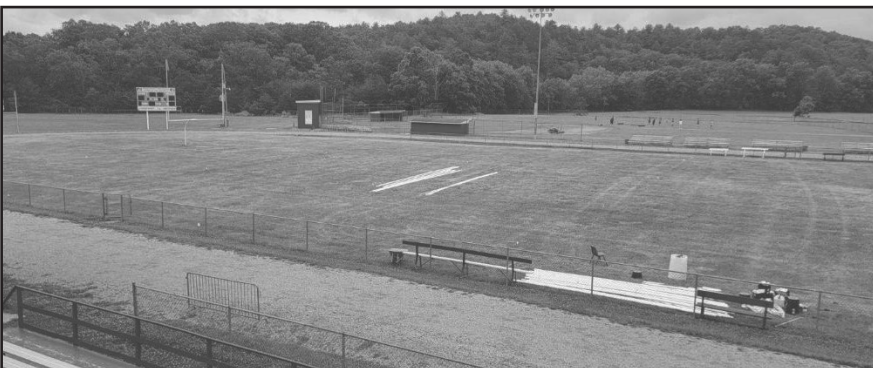
"This has been a project in the works for months. A lot of volunteers are needed to make this happen as not only there will be 80-90 players but over 30 volunteers working admissions, concessions, games etc.," Sloss said. "Without volunteers are program wouldn't survive."

To donate or volunteer, contact Sheri Sloss at (540) 580-4193 or Heather Stover at (540) 580-2567.

Sloss has personally been involved with the CCRCA for over 15 years.

"This is a huge event for us!" she exclaimed. "This will be the biggest event for Field of Dreams we have ever had, so we encourage everyone to come out, watch some of your favorite community members play some ball, enjoy some food and a beer, and check out the Field of Dreams and all of its progress!"

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COURTESY PHOTO

The grass and clover on the field was killed and the area is ready for AquaTurf to begin their job.

school. (Gills shared that when they ordered that unit last year Trane did not put it in so they "dropped the ball." He has been working with Southern Air and the Trane representative who have agreed to foot the bill to keep the middle school end going until the unit arrives, hopefully in December so they can install during Christmas break.

Cafeteria is a "little bit trickier" as the unit is supposed to arrive in September. However, the contractors are going to do as much work in the cafeteria as they can before school starts and then they can work weekends and during school breaks to get the new unit in.

The clinic is on schedule as they have new walls going up.

"The football field project has gone well and even better than we expected," Gills exclaimed. "The well drilling has been dug and they only had to go 150 feet, therefore we are getting 100 gallons a minute."

He added, "So we are going to save substantially on that, using

a lower horsepower pump, lower power to run it, and less design on the irrigation system so it is a good thing altogether. The irrigation company will be in this week and as soon as the irrigation is in the turf guys will fall right in line as they are on schedule to be done before our first game in August."

Coach Jimmy Fisher added later, "The grass and clover on the field were killed on Friday. AquaTurf has started on the irrigation system and our well is finished."

He noted that off-season morning workouts during the school year will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m. for varsity only. Off-season afternoon workouts will be five days per week, 3:45-5:30 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for varsity and Monday, Wednesday and Friday for middle school.) Fisher is in the building for the 7 a.m. workouts.

The interim superintendent,

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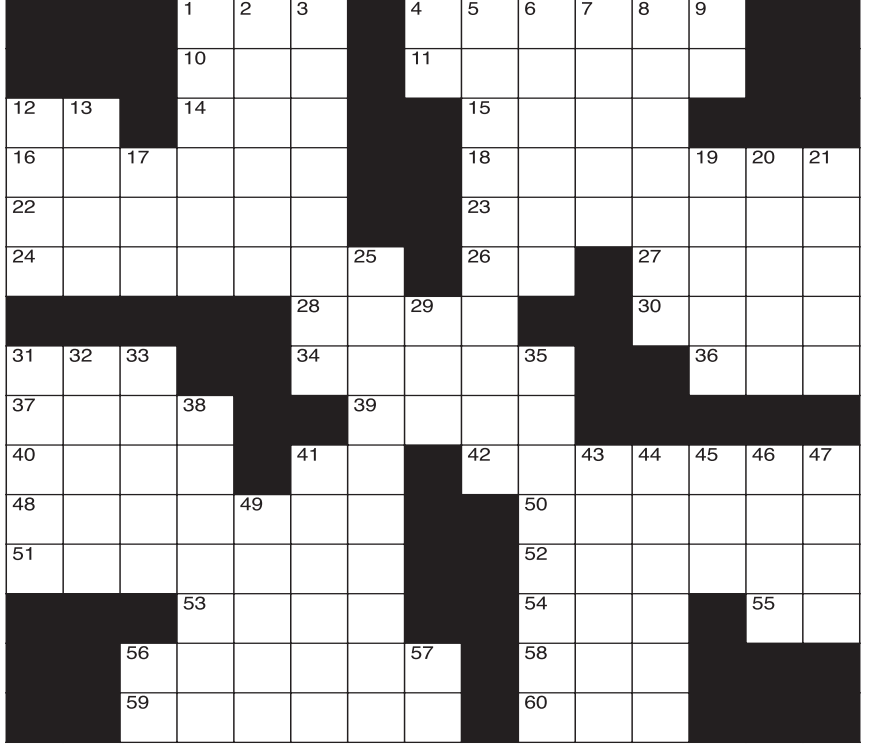
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 - Wild cherry
 - Participate in democracy
 - Opposite of begins
 - A Brit's mother
 - Set of moral principles
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 - Czech river
 - Private school in New York
 - Israeli dance
 - Electron volt
 - Adjusting
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 - Small burger
 - Begin again
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 - Get free of
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 - Hotel chain
 - A team's best pitcher
 - Extracts from various sources
 - Indefinite period of time
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 - Predicting
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 - Popular talk show host
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 - Broadway's Jackman
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 - German expressionist painter
 - What drives you
 - N. Vietnamese ethnic group
 - Gold coin used in British India
 - Have deep affection for
 - Ponds
 - Breaks between words
 - Hairstyle
 - Print errors
 - Family of iron alloys
 - Sidelined in bed
 - Many couples say it
 - Brazilian hoopster
 - Allman Brothers late frontman
 - German city
 - One hundred grams (abbr.)
 - One billionth of a second (abbr.)

OPINION

Legislation on the House Floor



Morgan Griffith
Representative

on. **The CHOICE Arrangement Act**
The Custom Health Option and Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangements Act, which I voted in favor of, codifies a 2019 Trump Administration rule allowing small businesses to reimburse employees for buying their own health insurance on the individual market through health reimbursement arrangements, as well as providing tax-advantaged funds for qualified medical

expenses. The bill also expands Association Health Plans by allowing those who are self-employed to come together to create a buying pool for health insurance. This is beneficial for certain sectors, with sole practitioners, who need more health care options and flexibility. One such sector are REALTORS® who usually work for a brokerage but are almost always legally considered self-employed.

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Summer Reading Games 2023

Library Corner

Michela Crawford,
Library staff

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ADOPTION OF PARKING ORDINANCE

The governing body of the County of Craig, Virginia will conduct a public hearing on the 6th day of July, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Craig County Courthouse, 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia, to receive public comments on an ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances of the County of Craig, Virginia. The proposed ordinance would add an article to the existing Chapter 42 to provide for specific parking violations and an enforcement process for such parking violations. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review in the office of the County Administrator, 108 Court Street, New Castle, Virginia. All interested persons are invited to attend and express their views. Those desiring assistance in accessing or participating may contact the County Administrator's office at the above address, or by calling 540-864-5590.

DAN COLLINS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE TO REPEAL MERCHANTS' CAPITAL TAX

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1427 and 58.1-3509, the Craig County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on July 6th, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Circuit Court Courtroom, Craig County Courthouse, 303 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia.

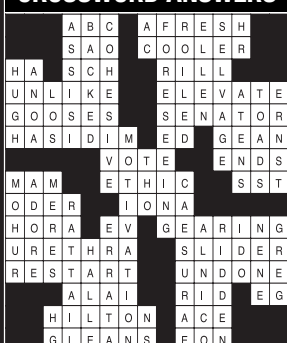
The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comments on

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the proposed adoption of an ordinance repealing the merchants' capital tax within the County and amending Section 38-1 of the Craig County Code, effective immediately. Any person interested in the proposed ordinance may appear at the public hearing and present their views.

A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance is on file in the office of the County Administrator of Craig County, 108 Court Street, New Castle, VA 24127, and is available for review during normal business hours. If you should need auxiliary aids, please contact the office of the County Administrator at least five (5) days in advance of the public hearing.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Craig County Board of Supervisors on the proposed County Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) and also for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024). The Public Hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held July 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter is heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office in the County Administration Building, New Castle, Virginia.

PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2022-23 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR:

County of Craig General Fund	\$ 18,214
Craig County Public Schools	\$ 2,008,720

PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2023-24 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR:

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Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (Department) that will allow a surface water withdrawal from the Roanoke River in Salem, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper:
June 30, 2023 to July 31, 2023. **PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by the Department, pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations. **APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Salem Water Department, Attn: Larado Robinson; P.O. Box 869, Salem, VA, 24153; VWPP No. 15-0069.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Salem Water Department has applied for the reissuance of a permit for the City of Salem Water Treatment Plant and Intake, located at 1300 Tidewater Street, Salem, VA, 24153.

The permit will allow the applicant to withdraw up to 8 million gallons per day from the Roanoke River, to serve as a public water supply. No construction activities or wetland impacts are proposed. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the Roanoke River in the Roanoke watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The Department's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: The Department accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by the Department during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers 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 requester, 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: Kathy Dobbie; VA Dept. of Environmental Quality, Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: 804-659-1727; E-mail: kathyne.dobbie@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 804-698-4178. The Public may review the draft permit and application at the Department office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

Legals - Craig County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 146 HANNAH CIR AKA RR 2 BOX 1482, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$165,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.000000% dated March 6, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF CRAIG as Deed Book 154, Page 537, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the COUNTY OF CRAIG, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 303 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia

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Legals - City of Salem

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

at its regular meeting on July 12, 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. The request of Brittany M. Haddox, contract purchaser, and Juilliard Enterprises, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property of 1201-1203 Texas Street (Tax Map # 149 - 1 - 1.1) from HBD, Highway Business District with conditions to HBD, Highway Business District without conditions.

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

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School from page 3

John Busher, shared, "In my short time in being here I have enjoyed getting to know everyone involved and Craig County Public Schools. I have found my opportunity to work with them to be beneficial assisting you during this short time as we collaborate to help me help you as I have noticed that you are very close."

"During this time, I discussed what I call a TAP, Task Analysis Planning," he said. "So, we went through, and he identified things which need to be

accomplished by now."

He briefly went over the schedule.

The next Craig County School Board meeting has been moved to the third Tuesday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Citizens are encouraged to attend or watch on the school internet to stay informed of the renovations currently taking place, the new football field turf, academic decisions as well as the election of the new superintendent.

Library from page 4

library at (540) 864-8978 to sign-up! Sign-ups for children and teens include a goody bag while supplies last!

You can print out a reading log below or ask the library for a copy.

Complete your bingo card and submit it to a librarian at the Craig County Public Library or you can e-mail your completed bingo cards to craiglibrary@swva.net. Please be sure

we have your name, phone number, and age on the bingo card.

Reading logs must be submitted no later than 6 p.m. Friday, July 28 to be placed in the grand-prize drawing.

9th from page 4

When the Trump Administration instituted this change in 2019, REALTORS®, among others, saw premium reductions of over 50 percent.

Unfortunately, Democrats in the House are against this flexible health care proposal. No Democrat voted for the bill.

Further, the Biden Administration has worked to prevent these health plans from being used. I believe they want more individuals in the flawed health insurance exchange, Obamacare.

The Administration has even gone so far as to have taken action to stop Virginia from enforcing a state law allowing these same kind of health insurance benefits. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) sent a letter to Governor Youngkin in May saying CMS would step in to enforce "specified federal market reforms" if Virginia continued to fail to do so.

If CMS were to do this, it would prevent individuals, like REALTORS®, from joining together to buy health insurance, which helps to lower their premiums and costs.

Other groups that could benefit include accounts, lawyers, and insurance agents in small firms.

The CHOICE Arrangements Act also allows for groups to band together across state lines to purchase

health coverage. This is great for folks in the Ninth District who live close to the state line (Bristol, Bluefield, Martinsville, and Galax).

Eliminating a Tax on Those with Good Credit

In the aftermath of the 2008 housing crisis, government-sponsored mortgage insurers (like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) began charging a one-time fee as a risk-based pricing tool to encourage responsible lending. Earlier this year, the Biden Administration's Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) created a new rule updating how the fee was set, based on a borrower's credit score.

Much to the shock of most everyone, the new fee structure penalized those people with good credit and rewarded those people with not-so-good credit. Borrowers with good credit scores would be charged higher fees, while those with not-so-good credit scores would have their fees lowered.

With this new rule, the Biden Administration expects those with higher credit to subsidize those who are a riskier bet.

How does that make sense? Why would we punish people for working hard to improve their credit score?

In response to this new rule, House Republicans brought H.R. 3564, the Middle-Class Borrower Protection

Upcoming public meetings in Craig Co.

July 6

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

July 17

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.

July 18

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

July 19

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

Community events:

Ongoing

Every Friday. Craig County Genealogy Library is open 1 to 4 p.m. 152 Main Street. High school annuals, family histories and genealogy resources. Contact 540-864-7023.

July 4

Independence Day Parade from the Fairgrounds to the Courthouse at 10 a.m. Contact 540-864-6216 or CraigValleyChapterNSDAR@gmail.com.

A July 4 picnic at Paint Bank Fire and Rescue will be held at 12 p.m. It will include a home-cooked meal and dessert for \$10. Children 12 and under eat for \$5. There will be an auctioneer, as well as raffles.

July 8

An alumni softball tournament will be held at 3 p.m. on the Field of Dreams. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children, with children in preschool and younger getting in for free. Full concessions, including beer, will be sold. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair.

July 18

Booster Club meeting at 6 p.m. in the Craig County Public Schools cafeteria. Back-to-school preparation will be discussed.

-The New Castle Record

Day from page 3



Though the rain continued to fall, the workers and volunteers immediately started their set-up for the Day of Action.

event," Ashby said. "I'd also like to give a huge shout-out to the United Way of Roanoke Valley, Feeding Southwest Virginia, Craig County DSS, and New Castle Christian Church for their continued support and positive impact on the communities they

serve."

At the end of the day, 326 31 pounds boxes of food were distributed to Craig residents in need, along with a large amount of cat and dog supplies.

"This extremely successful Day of Action event couldn't have been possible without the help

of each and every one of these individuals," Ashby shared. "We certainly didn't let today's weather rain on our parade."

The day was a great success and the volunteers and sponsors all hoped that it truly did add a little extra "sunshine" in each home.



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The Craig County Department of Social Services and The New Castle Christian Church each received food, from the community food drive, to put in their pantries for the community. Pat Franklin was happy to have help in loading it up to take to DSS.

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CORNERSTONE CHURCH
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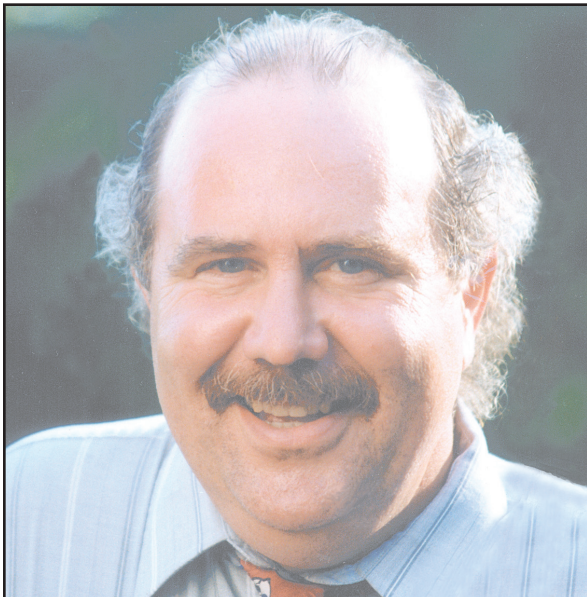
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Brain Hoffman
Sports Editor

I'm on a list to receive e-mails from a guy named Josh Barton, who puts out odds and results of polls on all kinds of sports. I don't know how I got on the list but I get a couple or more e-mails from Barton at www.BetOnline.ag every single day and they're usually interesting to look at.

A day after the NBA draft I got an e-mail from Barton with odds on who will make the NBA All-Rookie team and who will be Rookie of the Year. If you make a wild guess that Victor Wembanyama is at the top of both lists consider yourself a wiener. I've just now learned how to pronounce his name and I better learn how to spell it soon. I still don't know how to spell Antetokounmpo without looking it up, and I'm resigned to the fact that may forever be the case.

Also on that e-mail are odds for who will win the NBA championship next season, and "Wemy's" new team, the San Antonio Spurs, have moved into 20th place among the 30 NBA teams, tied with Brooklyn and Portland and ahead of the Bulls, Jazz and Pacers. How times have changed, as back in October a lot of folks were picking Brooklyn to go to the finals and San Antonio as one of the worst teams in the league. In fact, the Nets were third favorites behind only the Warriors and Celtics to win the championship back in October. The Nuggets, who actually did win, were 11th at +1,800. If you had bet \$100 that the Nuggets would go all the way back in October you won \$1,800 a couple weeks ago.

The current worst team, at 30th overall with the least odds to win the NBA championship, is the Charlotte Hornets. The Hornets are +30,000, so if you bet \$100 on the Hornets to win the NBA championship today and they do so next June, you'll win \$30,000. It's your money but I wouldn't endorse that bet.

I was actually hoping the Hornets would draw the top pick in the draft. That would be really cool to have "Vic" on a team within easy driving distance

of the Roanoke Valley. I wonder if Michael Jordan would still be selling the team if that were the case? And certainly they wouldn't be dead last on the championship list.

Looking back on Josh Barton's last e-mail before the draft, he had "WamBam-Yana" odds at minus 50,000 to be the number one pick. In other words, you had to risk losing \$50,000 to win a \$100 bet that he would go first. That was probably a better bet than picking the Hornets to win it all, to be honest. It's like betting that the sun will come up. If it doesn't come up, you just deal with it and hope you didn't make the bet with a guy named Soprano.

Barton also sends me results of polls and surveys and I received an interesting one last week, ranking the current 10 most hated teams in baseball. BetOnline.ag recently did a social media survey and collected more than 100,000 "negative sentiment" tweets, hashtags and direct keyword phrases for every MLB club over 60 days. For example, "I hate the Yankees," "Yankees suck," "screw the Yankees," "Yankees are garbage," "Yankees are overrated," "Yankees are awful" and "Yankees are horrible" all came up in the sampling. It then tallied up all of those tweets, hashtags and direct keyword phrases to discover which team is the most disliked in all of baseball.

That honor belonged to the Houston Astros since the cheating scandal that was discovered in 2019, when they were banging on a trash can to tip off pitches. However, as of this week the Astros have now slipped to third in the survey behind the Dodgers, with 9,016 negative responses, and Yankees, with 8,712. Houston is third at 7,658.

That's perfectly understandable, because the Yankees and Dodgers are usually good, and on top of that they're more likely to sign free agent players leaving YOUR favorite team. They don't always win the World Series, but they're rarely a "bad" team and have won more championships than most over the years. Remember, people often develop



ROCKETS IN 7-on-7 EVENT THIS WEEK

The Craig County football team will be participating in a 7-on-7 scrimmage on Thursday of this week at Fort Chiswell High School. The Rockets have been working hard this summer and are looking forward to continued improvements in the school weight room. To support the Craig County 2023 Football Fundraiser by donating and sharing go to <https://wf4u.org/3AjRBO/>.



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likes and dislikes as children and never let go, ie myself and the Dallas Cowboys. Doesn't matter what they've done lately, when I was a kid they kicked the Eagles' butts every year and I still remember.

So, rest assured the Yankees and Dodgers aren't bad people, it's just that fans of the Ind. . . . "Guardians" and Padres watched them beat their favorite teams like the proverbial drum. And by the way, Rest in Peace that Cleveland guy who beat the drum for years and

died back in March. He was one of my favorites.

Completing the top 10 of Most Hated Teams, in order, are the Mets at four, followed by the Braves, Phillies, Red Sox, Padres and Royals. You'll notice they've all been pretty successful of late except for the Royals. What's the deal on that? How can you hate the Kansas City Royals, they rarely beat anyone. Maybe, just maybe, all the 3,642 negative responses came from the Kansas City area.

And the Cubs are 13th!! Who could hate the Cubs???

Who is the "least" hated team in the Major Leagues? Well, according to the survey, that honor belongs to the Arizona Diamondbacks. Next is the Orioles and the rest of the "Least" hated teams, in order through 10th, are the Marlins, Rockies, Blue Jays, Angels, Brewers, A's, Tigers and Rays in 10th, although that could change if they keep winning.

I can remember back in the late '60s and early '70s, when the Orioles were good, there were a lot of folks who didn't like them. Thought

Wild Bill Hagy was an idiot. Wouldn't yell "O!!" during the national anthem. Considered Jim Palmer to be a stuck-up ass. Had Reggie Jackson for awhile.

Maybe, if they're lucky, those days will return and folks will hate 'em again. As of my writing this column they're 18 games over .500, and four and a half ahead of the Yankees, so they should be moving up that most hated chart any time now.

But I wouldn't bet on it.