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Virginia General Assembly adjourns with a proposed budget

Charlie Paullin
Virginia Mercury

The 2024 General Assembly session came to a close Saturday on time, with the Democratic majority in both chambers sending the legislature's budget and final bills to Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin, who now has a month to decide what actions to take on them and whether he might take further steps to keep alive a deal to bring the Washington Wizards and Capitals to Northern Virginia. The legislature passed its budget proposal by a margin of 62-37 in the House of Delegates and 24-14 in the Senate. "We're very proud of what we've accomplished," said Senate Majority Leader Scott Surovell, D-Fairfax, in a press conference held by the caucus

after adjournment. "We've shown we can govern as a Democratic majority and stand as a counter to what Governor Youngkin is proposing." But Republicans, who lost majority control of the House in the November elections, said the session showed Democrats are out of touch with reality, preoccupied with "checking boxes for their friends the radical environmentalists, the trial lawyers, the labor unions." "The road to hell is paved with good intentions," House Minority Leader Todd Gilbert, R-Shenandoah, said at a press conference earlier in the day. "I would submit to you that my friends on the other side have laid down quite a few extra miles of pavement in that regard." Not happening Saturday was

any further action on the arena deal. The proposal is expected to bring jobs and revenue to the state, but bills to create a state authority to issue bonds needed for the deal were never heard by the Senate, where Finance and Appropriations Chair Louise Lucas, D-Portsmouth, has opposed it. Nor did the General Assembly include the proposal in its budget. Youngkin now has the option of sending down an amendment to the budget to include the arena proposal, but the legislature will have to approve that change when it reconvenes April 17 to finalize the state's spending plan and consider any other amendments or vetoes to other bills. No discussion on the arena deal could happen before then, said Sen. Mamie Locke,

D-Hampton, but the governor could call a special session to consider the arena proposal, a possibility she didn't rule out entirely. "We'll see," said Locke. "Anything can happen." Democrats' decision to exclude the arena from the budget the General Assembly approved Saturday is also expected to influence what happens with the bills the legislature sent to Youngkin that are still awaiting his review. On Friday, Youngkin approved 64 bills the General Assembly fast-tracked to him but vetoed eight and amended 12. The General Assembly took no action Saturday on either the vetoes or the amendments. The legislature can override vetoes with a two-thirds majority, but with Democrats holding

a narrow 51-49 edge over the GOP, they are unlikely to be able to muster the votes to do so. Nevertheless, said Surovell, "he needs to be really careful about what he chooses to veto. If he wants to set a tone for the next 18 days that it's going to be full on he's going to veto anything that comes over to him that happens to be a priority of ours, then he's gonna have a long last 18 months of his session." In their press conference, Democrats touted a new tax on digital goods and services they included in the budget, as well as new funding for higher education. "Higher education is extremely important for us,"

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Children of the American Revolution Society seeking members from Craig

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), founded in 1895, is the nation's oldest, largest, patriotic youth organization. C.A.R. offers membership to anyone under the age of 22 who is lineally descended from an individual who provided military or civil service or gave material support to the cause of independence during the American Revolution. The society trains good citizens, develops leaders, and promotes love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people. The Mill Mountain-Valley of Virginia Society is seeking members throughout the Roanoke Valley and adjacent counties. There are currently twenty-nine societies operating in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Each year, the Mill Mountain-Valley of Virginia Society will choose a project

upon which to focus, raise awareness and financial support. Presently the Society meets a few times a year. Projects will include placing historical markers, preservation of historical sites, educational programs, and support of museums in their mission to preserve and educate about American History. Members participated in the Craig County Independence Day Parade in 2023 and plan to do so again this year. You can leave your mark by becoming a member! This is a great time for young people to join this organization as our country prepares for its 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. If you know of a child or young adult who loves American History, and wants to learn more about C.A.R. membership, call Deborah Davis at 248-347-1982 or email djdavis0708@icloud.com. -Submitted by Tina Crawford

Craig County Board of Supervisors have continued meeting to Thursday, March 21

Anita Firebaugh
Contributing writer

The Craig County Board of Supervisors continued their March 7 meeting to March 21 at 5:30 p.m. for a work session on the fiscal year 2024 budget. All meetings are held at the Craig County Courthouse. Other dates of note are: April 4 at 4:30 p.m., the supervisors will hold another budget work session. The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors begins at 6 p.m., with a 6:30 budget work session scheduled to be held jointly with the Craig County School

Board. April 18 at 6 p.m., the supervisors will hold a work session on the budget if necessary. The supervisors have also scheduled a public hearing on the budget and the proposed tax rate, along with an ordinance to adopt the tax rate. On May 2 the Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting and expects to approve the FY 2024 budget at that time. This information is from the Board of Supervisors agenda packet for the March 7 meeting and is subject to change.



'Rocket to the Rhythm at CCHS Community Sock Hop' to be held

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

With the return of the styles of long hair, bell bottoms, and tie dye colors, many people are taken back to their high school days of yesteryear. Recently, a couple of "older" ladies, Paula Devinney and Faye Powers, were chatting about the good ole' days and memories of what was called "Sock Hops" came up. This is where high schools had dances, but everyone had to take their shoes off to dance on the gym floor so as not to scar it up, (especially when the flat-footing songs were played). Devinney shared that further conversation led to the idea of restarting one at Craig County High School for an

After Prom fundraiser. It didn't take long until the idea merged into reality plans for an upcoming Sock Hop, "Rocket to the rhythm at CCHS Community Sock Hop," that will be at the Craig County High School gym. It will be on April 6, from 6 until 10 p.m. Admission is only \$7 per adult and students/kids \$3 (6 and under are free). "Everyone is invited, including the whole community and even folks from neighboring counties!" Jones said. The proceeds will benefit the After Prom Jr Class and the FFA. Old fashioned diner food will be available a la carte such as burgers, hot dogs, French fries, onion rings and floats, plus much more.



"Rocket" to the Rhythm at CCHS Community Sock Hop

Sat. April 6th | 6:00pm-10pm
Hosted in the High School Gymnasium

LIVE BAND: 40 Years After Band Plays 7-10pm
Dinner: Begins at 6:00pm

Menu Items: Hotdogs, Hamburgers, French Fries, Onion Rings & Old Fashioned Floats

Contest: Best Dressed, Dance, Name That Tune and more

Admission: Adults \$7 Kids \$3
Dinner Sold Separately
Don't forget your socks!!

Proceeds to benefit CCHS After Prom, Jr Class & FFA

40 YEARS AFTER

COURTESY PHOTO

Local band, "40 Years After," will be playing. The band members are Tommy Swam, Joe Bass and Steve Devinney who will be playing oldie goldies and much more.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Power of the Press

From the 1994 editions of the New Castle Record

This year we didn't have to go outside of our own building to see progress. A new press was delivered to the Salem Publishing Co. at the beginning of July, and this marks the first progress edition of The New Castle Record printed on it.

The press is a Goss Community. It has the capability of printing up to 16 pages of newspaper-sized sheets at once. A tabloid can be printed up to 32 pages at once.

The feature which makes it most attractive is the ability to use color without losing much production capacity.

The press will replace an old press, which has been used since 1960. It's the only press that owners Ray and

Jeanne Robinson have had in Salem. The Vanguard made the move to the present building from the office located downtown more than 29 years ago.

The old press could only print eight pages at a time, and if color was used, the capacity dropped to four pages.

With the Goss, four pages of printing capacity are lost for each color used but dropping from 16 to 12 should not be a problem very often. If it happens, the papers section will be inserted as they have been in the past.

The new press is nearly twice as long as the one it replaces. When Robinson decided the best way to expand the business would be to invest in a new press, he knew he would need an addition to the building, located on West Main Street. In the summer of 1992, a 2,400 square foot addition

was built to house the press and store newsprint. That addition was used primarily for storage until the press arrived on July 1.

How the new press will ultimately affect the production of the paper remains to be seen. There is now the capability of printing full-color pictures, but it is an expensive process which will not likely be used very often.

Spot color—the use of one color to highlight a feature, nameplate or advertisement—will be the most notable change for the readers looking at the aesthetic of the printed page.

Like always, the number of pages is determined by the amount of advertising. The more advertising, the more pages. The opposite is also true. Ideally, a newspaper is half advertising, half editorial copy—news, opinion, contributed items and sports.

The number of pages is one of the first decisions made about each

edition. After the number of inches of advertising is determined, the number of pages which approximates twice that amount of space, is determined as the ideal for the newspaper. Of course, only an even number of pages can be printed.

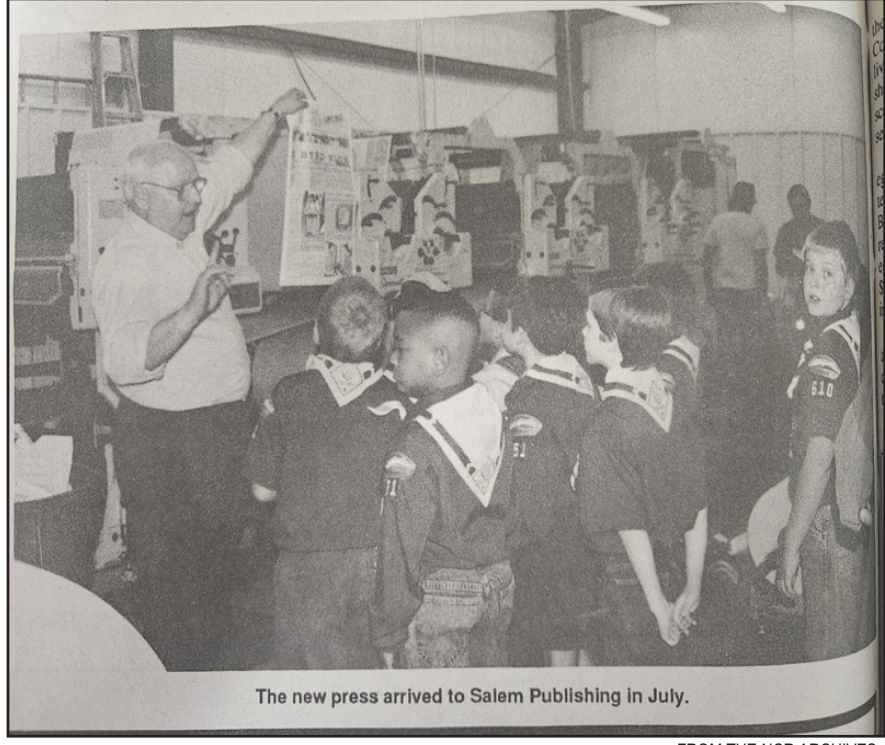
One criticism which we sometimes hear is about the number of ads that they are crowding out news. In fact, ads make room for news by requiring more pages.

That why there is occasionally an extra section in the paper. The Progress edition is designed to show the improvements business in Craig County has made, but it is funded by the advertisers you see in that section. They are the ones who have kept the area economy alive and well. They are the reason we can print special sections and have a new press.

-Prepared by Lisa King



Publisher Ray Robinson shows the finished product to a group of Cub Scouts.



The new press arrived to Salem Publishing in July.

FROM THE NCR ARCHIVES

Salem VA Health Care System to hold veteran town hall

The Salem VA Health Care System will hold a town hall for veterans Tuesday, March 26 beginning at 2 p.m. in the Bldg. 5 Auditorium. Hospital leadership as well as representatives from the Veterans Benefits Administration will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Veterans who cannot attend the town hall are encouraged to submit questions by emailing: VHASAMPUBLICAFFAIRS@VA.GOV

Vietnam-era veterans who would have not received a Vietnam 50th Anniversary

Commemorative pin and would like to have one presented during the town hall, should reach out at the email above to schedule a pin presentation during the event.

Veteran Town Hall meetings are conducted quarterly. Meetings this year will be held March 26 at 2 p.m.; Wednesday June 5, at 2 p.m.; and Tuesday September 24 at 2 p.m.

-The Salem Times-Register

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There will be contests which include: Best dressed 50s – 60s, dance, name that tune and more, to create a fun evening.

“We'd like to see this become an annual tradition, similar to the dances we used to have at Camp Mitchell (only cleaner & more wholesome),” Karen Jones shared.

Local band, “40 Years After,” will be playing. The band members are Tommy Swam, Joe Bass and Steve Devinney.

“The band started in 2003 with Joe and myself and Tommy joined around 2011,” Devinney shared. “We got our name because all of the songs we play are hits from 40 or more years ago.”

“Joe had a friend that owned a couple assisted living facilities and asked if we would be interested in playing music for the residents,” Devinney continued. “We decided to play old time Rock &

Roll since there were several bands doing gospel, country, and bluegrass.”

They donate their time to assisted living and nonprofit organizations.

Devinney added that they play two to three times a week in various assisted living facilities in Roanoke Valley. They also play for private parties and class reunions.

The only restrictions at the sock hop will be that there can be no alcohol or

tobacco products or vaping on school grounds and no shoes can be allowed on the new gym floor.

Everyone will enter through the auxiliary gym and take their shoes off before entering the big gym.

People can contact Karen Jones (ksjones@craig.k12.va.us), Jessi Huffman (jhuffman@craig.k12.va.us) or Emily Nolen (enolen@craig.k12.va.us) to volunteer or donate.

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said House Appropriations Committee Chair Luke Torian, D-Prince William. “If we're going to have a strong workforce, we need to support our colleges and universities, and that is what this budget did.”

During debates on the budget in the House Saturday, Republicans took issue with both those priorities.

“I can't wait to go back and tell the plumbers and the carpenters and the other tradesmen and women in my district, ‘Good news, I took money from you and I gave it to universities that are already sitting on hundreds of millions, if not billions

of dollars worth of endowments, so that they can come down here and effectively lobby for more of your money,” said Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper.

Youngkin, in a statement issued after adjournment, thanked the General Assembly and its staff for its work.

“The General Assembly sent me more than a thousand bills plus backward budgets that need a lot of work,” he said. “We're going to have a busy 30 days going into the reconvene session.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Helps little firms

4. Political action committee

7. Allowed

12. Olivia Colman played one

15. Open

16. He had a notable lamp

18. Promotional material

19. Domesticated animal

20. Larry and Curly's buddy

21. The best ever

24. TV network

27. Checked for

30. Dry or withered

31. Expression of annoyance

33. Dash

34. Fifth note of a major scale

35. A secret clique

37. Partner to cheese

39. ___ school: where to learn healing

41. City in ancient Syria

42. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

44. Established practice

47. Thanksgiving side dish

48. District in Peru

49. It's becoming more prevalent

50. State in India

52. Measure of illumination

53. Raised platform

56. Japanese warrior

61. R.L. Stevenson novel

63. Transitory

64. Advanced degree

65. Fiddler crabs

CLUES DOWN

1. Prevent from seeing

2. Czech city

3. ___ and Andy, TV show

4. A young pig

5. Removed surgically

6. Covered with

7. Chest muscle (slang)

8. Nigerian City

9. Midway between south and east

10. A way to shut

11. Stop playing

12. Marshy places

13. Takes apart

14. Ten cents

17. A gesture of assent

22. Scent

23. Teletypewriter

24. General's assistant (abbr.)

25. Hillside

26. Taxi driver

28. Semitic Sun god

29. Town in India

32. Traditional rhythmic pattern

36. Fugitives are on the ___

38. Type of dance

40. Two letters, one sound

43. Having a strong, pleasant taste

44. Golf score

45. Mayhem

46. Drenched

51. River in northeastern Asia

54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)

55. Part-time employee

56. A very large body of water

57. Aboriginal people of Japan

58. Millisecond

59. Forearm bone

60. Subway dweller

62. Royal Mail

Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon Contributing Writer

As March moves along, the St. Patrick's Day holiday observes the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. This holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, food, music, drinking and a lot of green. The foods associated with St. Patrick's Day are corned beef and cabbage, colcannon (mashed potatoes and greens), and green beer. I must admit I am a big Shamrock Shake fan and green is my favorite color so I really like St. Patrick's Day.

Because Ireland is an island that is very green with leafy trees and grassy hills it is called the Emerald Isle. Green became associated with the holiday since the shamrock is green and is a national symbol of Ireland. Wearing

green on this day is another tradition. Did you know that the reason you are supposed to wear green is so that you are invisible to leprechauns who pinch anyone they can see? While I don't think the Roanoke River will be dyed green like the Chicago River in Illinois, I expect Saturday's parade route in downtown Roanoke will be full of green dressed spectators rain or shine.

Like potatoes, cabbage is a staple ingredient in Irish food. The most common way to serve it is boiled with bacon. Cabbage is highly nutritious. Rich in vitamin c, fiber, and vitamin K they help with heart and digestive health. Baked cabbage rolls were a favorite of my grandmother. She grew up in rural Arkansas, and cabbage was

a readily available vegetable. While I like the flavor of cabbage rolls I don't like all the work involved, boiling the cabbage leaves, making the filling, then wrapping and baking everything. A soup form of cabbage rolls is much easier. Served with crusty bread this hearty soup is good for those breezy spring nights. Wear something green, pour yourself a drink (preferably green) and eat something hearty and warm.

May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow.
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.

Cabbage roll soup

Ingredients:

For the chicken:

2 tsp olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
1 pound ground beef (90% lean or higher)
1 onion finely diced
2 tsp minced garlic
4 cups coarsely chopped green cabbage
2 carrots peeled, quartered and sliced
4 cups beef broth
3 8oz cans tomato sauce
½ cup uncooked long grain rice
1 bay leaf
3 TBLSP brown sugar



2 tbsp. parsley

Instructions:

Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium high heat. Add the ground beef and season with salt and pepper to taste. Cook, breaking up the meat with a spatula, until beef is browned, approximately 4-5 minutes. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 2-3 minutes. Add the cabbage, carrots, beef broth, tomato sauce, rice, bay leaf and brown sugar to the pot. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a simmer and cook for 25 minutes or until rice is tender. Remove bay leaf and discard. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

March 18
Town of New Castle Town Council Meeting at New Castle Town Hall at 7-8 p.m.

March 19
Congressman Morgan Griffith citizen comment period 9-10:30 a.m. at Craig County Courthouse Breakroom.

Planning Commission meeting at Planning Commission at 7-8 p.m.

March 20
CPMT MEETING CPMT - Department of Social Services at 1 p.m.

March 28
Department of Social Services Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

April 4
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

April 8
Library Board of Trustees Meeting at Craig County Library at 6 p.m.

April 15

Town of New Castle Town Council Meeting at New Castle Town Hall at 7-8 p.m.

April 16
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Planning Commission meeting at Planning Commission at 7:00-8:00p.m.

April 17
CPMT MEETING CPMT - Department of Social Services at 1 p.m.

April 25
Department of Social Services Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

May 2
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

May 13
Library Board of Trustees Meeting at Craig County Library at 6 p.m.

Community Event
Rocket to the Rhythm at CCHS Community

Sock Hop will be held Saturday, April 6, 6-10:00 p.m. at the high school gymnasium. Dinner begins at 6 p.m., and live band, 40 Years After, begins at 7p.m. Admission: Adults \$7, Kids \$3.

Proceeds will benefit CCHC, After Prom, Junior Class and FFA.

Ongoing
Feeding Southwest Virginia will be offering food twice a month on the second and third Wednesday of the month from 3-5 p.m. and 4-5 p.m., respectively. All community members are welcome to purchase fresh produce and other canned and boxed items. EBT recipients receive 50% off their fruits and vegetables.

Booster Club of Craig Schools meet on the third Monday of each month in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. Community members are encouraged to attend and to join to support the kids of Craig County as they need the participation of more people.

-The New Castle Record

March winds blow in fun at the library

I have always been a lover of all things books and libraries, but my understanding and love for libraries and librarians has deepened since I became a librarian myself. As you drive down Main Street in New Castle you pass right by our little library, but have you taken the time to truly explore our library? Though our library is small, our community participation and outreach are HUGE! As you are most likely aware you can sign up for a library card and check out books and movies until your heart is content, but do you know the full scope of what your library offers? This month is the perfect time to check us out because we have a TON of FUN happening in March!

Friday, March 1st First Friday Book Sale: \$5 will buy you a Craig County Public Library tote bag which you can fill with as many books, DVDs, or audiobooks from our book barns that will fit in your bag. Be there or be square!

March Take and Make crafts (FREE): Children can make Leprechaun Lookers (binoculars). Don't forget to be on the hunt for the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow!

March Early Literacy Calendars (FREE): Enjoy our calendar full of daily activities you can complete with your child to help develop crucial literacy skills.

Adult book theme of the month: "Do you feel lucky punk?" Choose a book title from, "The Jar O' Books," and be the lucky reader to find our Shamrock Read! If you choose a Shamrock Read book, you instantly win a book or movie of your choice from our book barns!

Teen book theme of the month: "Our "Herstory" is our Strength" This one is for the laaaaddddiieees! (in our best DJ voice). Teens check out all of the amazing women who have played a vital role in American herstory. Ladies, take a moment and write your plans for your future. How will you shape herstory and

Library Corner Michaela Crawford

continue the strong legacy of women in our nation?

Children's book theme of the month: "Read Across America" Celebrate Dr. Seuss' 120th birthday with Read Across America Day on March 2nd. One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish, we hope you read all of the books you wish!

Take a look at our Dr. Seuss candy jar! Can you guess the right amount of candy in the jar? If so, you can take the jar home with you! The winner is to be announced on 3/31/24.

Can you find all of the hidden Dr. Seuss characters? Come to the library and take a look. Children under 12 can choose a free book from our book barns if they can find all of the hidden characters.

National π Day Silent Auction: March 6th-March 14th Join Craig County Public Library and Lemon

and Vale Cakery in celebrating National π Day on March 14th with our silent auction for a chance to win one of two delicious and melt-in-your-mouth pies lovingly baked and graciously donated by Lemon and Vale Cakery. Bids can be made via Craig County Public Library's Facebook page (please send your bids via Facebook message) or at the library during normal business hours. Two winners will be chosen on National Pi Day (3/14). A Dutch apple pie and a pumpkin streusel are calling your name!

We hope we have piqued your interest enough to bring you into our little library and explore all we have to offer. We encourage you to share your ideas for programs and events as well as your book and movie requests. Ideas and requests can be completed at the library, via our Facebook page, or by email at craiglibrary@swva.net. YOU keep us working towards building and strengthening our community! Thank you for your continued love and support and we hope you stop by to enjoy our March programs and activities.

Be on the look-out for our upcoming April events and programs and don't forget the total solar eclipse happening on April 8 (stay tuned for further library information and events regarding the eclipse). Like and follow us on the Craig County Public Library Facebook page to stay up-to-date on library events and programs.

God's House Is Always Open

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.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH
Duane Wente, Minister, Rt. 42, New Castle, 540-864-5692. Sunday: Worship 10:00 a.m.

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

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!

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

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

CROSSROADS CHURCH
21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.

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

7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.

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.graceassemblycatawaba.org

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.

HEBRON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor Chanmi Lee, 347-684-2607, Rt. 606, 1981 Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540- 400-3419. Worship 11:15AM.

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST
Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.

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

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

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

NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH "WHERE YOUR HEART CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE"
282 Salem Ave., New Castle; 864-5212; Pastor Bill Frazier. Sunday Service: 10 A.M.; Wednesday night Bible study at 6:00 P.M. for K-5; If you need a ride to church, please contact Calvin Duncan by 8 P.M. on Saturday at 864-5321; www.nc-cc.org.

NEW CANTERBURY PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP
Pastor John D. Abbott, Hwy 621 (10 miles), phone: 540-580-5837, Sunday Prayer 10:00-10:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Service 6:00 pm.

PAXTON CHAPEL
Pastor Kenny Davis, 17 Sage Brush Lane, New Castle; "Presenting God's Word Faithfully"; Sunday School 10:00 AM; Sunday Worship Service 11:15 AM; visit us on the web at www.paxtonchapelchurch.com; email at paxtonchapel@yahoo.com.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
118 Main Street, New Castle. Service Times: Sunday, Bible classes-10 a.m., Worship-11:00 a.m., Evening Worship-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Bible classes - 7 p.m.

NEW CASTLE UNITED METHODIST
Rev. San Kang, 364 Main St., New Castle, Va. Sunday School 10AM, Worship 11AM; UMW 3rd Wednesday@1PM, Youth and other programs, Bible Studies.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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OPINION

News from the 9th: TikTok



Morgan Griffith
Representative

Chew came in to testify before the Committee. It was clear throughout the hearing that despite claims to the contrary, TikTok, through ByteDance, is closely connected to the CCP.

As a long-standing member of the legal community, I was particularly appalled that Mr. Chew on the one hand said TikTok was completely separate from ByteDance, and on the other, was totally unabashed that TikTok and ByteDance have the same lawyers.

The Committee recently considered H.R. 7521, the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act, designed to tackle national security threats like the one posed by TikTok.

The legislation is aimed at protecting the United States of America by preventing foreign adversaries, specifically, China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia, from targeting and surveilling U.S. citizens and manipulating American public opinion and policy through their apps, like TikTok.

Make no mistake, TikTok can be informative and a lot of fun, but it can also be used nefariously by the Chinese Communist Party.

In the bill, if an app is determined to be owned by a company controlled by a foreign adversary, the app must be divested (i.e. sold off) by the foreign adversary's company or the app will be

prohibited in the United States. But, once sold, the app would be allowed for use in the United States.

I attended security briefings on the legislation. Also, at a previous public hearing before a different committee, former U.S. National Security Agency Director Paul Nakasone testified about TikTok. He stated the app "... provides a foreign nation a platform for information operations, a platform for surveillance..."

Before the bill was introduced, I was asked to review the draft language and helped to craft the final product.

We wanted to make it clear we do not want to ban TikTok, we just want its ties to the CCP severed permanently and irrevocably.

Immediately prior to the bill being brought up in Committee, E&C Members were part of a 4-hour executive session/classified hearing.

Because it was a classified hearing, I cannot discuss the details. But even without the classified hearing, it is clear that many in our intelligence community believe TikTok is a national security threat.

The information we learned was alarming enough to bring Republicans and Democrats together in the defense of the United States.

The legislation passed Committee unanimously (50-0!) and will next be considered by the full House.

When TikTok caught wind that the Committee was considering this legislation, their online disinformation campaign against the legislation was robust, and quite astonishing.

Targeted American users who tried to access TikTok were compelled to call their Congressman before they could even access the app's features.

TikTok also released a false statement on social media stating that the bill was "an outright ban of TikTok."

As explained above, if TikTok is sold by ByteDance, it is free to operate in the United States. But clearly, the CCP does not want to give up their ability to spy and manipulate.

Further, they stated that the bill "tramples the First Amendment rights" of Americans (like China really cares about free speech).

I believe saying this bill would violate the First Amendment is incorrect. The Supreme Court makes a distinction between laws based on the content of speech vs. conduct. Laws based on conduct, which threatens national security, particularly when likely orchestrated by a foreign power, are not "per se" violations of the First Amendment.

Content placed on TikTok by American citizens is not the issue. Conduct is.

America is at risk! While I can not share everything I know, I am convinced TikTok, while owned by ByteDance, a Beijing Company, and directed by the CCP, can be used to damage American security.

Del. Terry Austin offers legislative update from Richmond



Terry L. Austin
District 37

Saturday, March 9th. As with last week, the main work of the General

Assembly focused on bills in conference. With more than 2,200 bills introduced, and a Democrat majority in both chambers, there will likely be numerous vetoes and amendments passed down by the Governor for bills that infringe on our 2nd amendment rights, increase the cost of living,

overburden small business, and limit teachers' ability to provide a safe environment in the classroom. The House and Senate will then consider the proposed changes during the one-day Reconvened Session in April. All bills, including the budget, are a work in progress until the Governor signs them, and I look forward to working with my Republican colleagues to ensure that they reflect our shared conservative values and meet the needs of our district

and region. Unfortunately, some bills will not even make it to the Governor for consideration. One example is SB444, a widely supported piece of legislation that would have given school officials more information about students who were coming out of the legal system and returning to the classroom. Having passed unanimously out of the Senate, the bill made it to the House floor but was re-referred to committee before a vote could

berecorded. The reason given to support the motion that effectively killed the bill was to protect student privacy. When educators are prevented from having relevant information necessary to keep other students safe, it's not protecting privacy, it's disregarding school safety. Another bill, SB28 was one of the simpler pieces of legislation to be considered by the House this session, and its one sentence text is self-explanatory:

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A Common Cause: The Botetourt Resolutions

Editor's note: Fourth in a series of articles about the 250th anniversary of the nation's independence.

The mountainous landscape of our county was not so different two hundred fifty years ago from today. Of course, there were no paved roads, and no town of New Castle. Craig County was then part of the backcountry of Virginia, which covered the four counties of Augusta, Botetourt, Fincastle, and Pittsylvania.

In the late 1700s, today's Craig County was simply labeled "Craigs Camp" on a map of the newly formed Botetourt County. The camp was an outpost established to protect the vast back country from attacks by

Native American tribes, and incursions from the French to the north, both which were attempting to gain control of this wilderness. In 1774, in an effort to quash the attacks, an expedition was organized by John Murray, the Fourth Earl of Dunmore, who appointed Andrew Lewis as the commander of the southern army. The expedition became known as Lord Dunmore's War. The war culminated with a victorious battle against the Shawnee at Point Pleasant (now West Virginia).

Riding high on their victory, the frontiersmen were more committed than ever before to their homesteads. News of the atrocities being dealt to the colonists to the

north made its way to the southern colonies, and eventually to the frontier. The loss of liberties in the Massachusetts Bay colony did not go unnoticed by the frontiersmen.

One by one, county representatives throughout the colonies began drafting resolutions to decry Great Britain's actions and provide a show of solidarity with the Massachusetts Bay colony. In March of 1775, the Botetourt Resolutions were published in the Virginia Gazette, just before the Second Virginia Convention was held. They were likely drafted in the courthouse in nearby Fincastle.

The Botetourt Resolutions clearly expressed the distinction between their "dutiful

affection for our Sovereign," (King George) and their contempt for members ("miscreants") of Parliament. Botetourt citizens made clear their solidarity with Massachusetts: "the subjects of Britain are ONE; and when the honest man of Boston, who has broke no law, has his property wrested from him, the hunter on the Allegany must take the alarm, and, as a Freeman of American, he will fly to his Representatives and thus instruct them."

The next words offer insight into the importance of the settlers' liberty, their hard-fought battles to retain their home and land, and ability to transfer it to

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"Each school board may develop and implement a policy to prohibit the possession or use of cellphones and other handheld communication devices during regular school hours." The need for such legislation is clear. Numerous studies have shown that access to cell phones hurts academic performance. Research as early as 2013 determined that "students who were not using their mobile phones wrote down 62 percent more information in their notes, took more detailed notes, were able to recall more detailed information from the lecture, and scored a full letter grade and a half higher on a multiple-choice test..." Inexplicably, House Democrats voted to send SB28 back to committee to "carry it over" to 2025, killing it for the year. The bill had no mandates

or costs, and simply allowed school boards to set a policy governing the use of phones in the classroom if they so desired.

As I mentioned last week, the makeup of the General Assembly means that the budget is not one that Republicans are completely satisfied with.

There are certainly items that would not be prioritized by me or my colleagues in the minority, including a decrease in funding for Operation Ceasefire, a data driven gun violence reduction plan that does not infringe on constitutional rights. Though the budget includes \$20 million over the biennium for this grant program, it is still a reduction of \$17 million from the introduced budget. Unfortunately, the School Resource Officer grant

program received a similar reduction in appropriations.

That being said, there are some budget items that will benefit our region. This includes language allowing for the north and southbound improvements on Interstate 81 near Salem to be performed simultaneously. Originally planned to be completed separately, conducting both projects in parallel will both expedite completion and save an estimated \$70 million. For local school divisions there is a \$250 million loan fund to help finance new school construction. There are also major investments in early childhood education and childcare programs to address what has become a workforce issue for families dealing with a lack of options.

As for my bills, I am pleased to report that HB1505 passed on the final day of Session. This bill will level the playing field for Virginia's college sports when it comes to recruiting student athletes by codifying policies that are currently giving other states an advantage for their sports programs. HB843 was signed by the Governor on March 8th and will provide much needed funding for the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington once it goes into effect on July 1st. The rest of my bills now await the Governor's signature.

As always, if I can be of assistance to you, or you would like to share your position on legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me at DeLTAustin@House.Virginia.gov or 804-698-1037.

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their descendants: Gentlemen, my gun, my tomahawk, my life, I desire you to tender to the honour of my King and country; but my LIBERTY, to range these woods on the same terms my father has done is not mine to give up; it was not purchased by me, and purchased it was, it is entailed on my son, and the tenure is sacred. Watch over it, Gentlemen, for to him it must descend unviolated, if my arm can defend it; but if not, if wicked power

is permitted to prevail against me, the original purchase was blood, and mine shall seal the surrender.

Solidarity among the colonies was growing and now included the frontier. Parliament and King George had no idea how far the colonists would ultimately go to retain their liberty.

--Submitted by: Tina Crawford, Co-chair Craig 250 Commission



VDOT Roadwatch

Interstate 81 INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – The \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

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

TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON EXIT 140: Drivers may experience a periodic quick merge into traffic onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound exit ramp of exit 140. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening. The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 NB & SB BRIDGE REHAB OVER ROUTE 100 AT EXIT 98 - Beginning late March 2024, work will begin on I-81 rehabbing the northbound and southbound bridges over Route 100 at Exit 98. Lane and shoulder may be in place on Route 100 north and on I-81 northbound and

southbound, 8 p.m. – 6 a.m. Flagging operations may also be in place on Route 100 north for up to eight-minute slow rolls. Both northbound and southbound on and off ramps at exit 98 for I-81 traffic will remain fully operational for the duration of this project. Estimated completion date is summer 2024.

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I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated for Summer 2024.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures are possible on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

ROUTE 605: Alternating lane closures and flagging operations may be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for paving operations and work overhead on the bridge.

SLOW ROLLS: A slow roll operation will be in place on Monday, January 22 and Tuesday, January 23 on I-81 northbound from mile marker 104 and 106 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate

81. Between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Roanoke County SIDEWALK PROJECT ON SOUTHBOUND WILLIAMSON ROAD IN HOLLINS AREA - Work is underway on a project to construct new sidewalk along the section of southbound Route 11 (Williamson Road) between Plantation Road and Peters Creek Road. Drivers in the Hollins area can expect periodic right lane closures on southbound Williamson Road between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. As work progresses, occasional nighttime lane closures also will be scheduled. The sidewalk project is expected to be completed in summer 2024.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 311 – A new pedestrian bridge is under construction over Route 311 at McAfee Knob trailhead. The trailhead parking lot is currently closed and will remain closed during construction. Flagging operations will be in place daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Occasional slow rolls during nighttime hours are possible to stop traffic for up to 15 minutes at a time for setting bridge beams. Alternate areas for parking and updates on the shuttle can be found on the shuttle website at www.roanokecountyva.gov/McAfeeShuttle.

STARKEY ROAD AND BUCK MOUNTAIN ROAD ROUNDABOUT – A road project to construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Route 904 (Starkey Road) and Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) is in progress. The new roundabout is now open to traffic and drivers should be aware of the new roundabout configuration. There will be occasional flagging operations in place between the 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the intersection of Starkey Road and Buck Mountain Road, drivers should still expect lane closures with flaggers.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR COUNTY OF CRAIG

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Craig County will meet on the days listed below. The board is comprised of six Craig County citizens that include contractors, financial management specialists and landowners/investors. Our purpose is to hear such complaints, either oral or written, for consideration to INCREASE, DECREASE OR AFFIRM, real estate assessments. Before a change is granted, the taxpayer or agent must provide evidence that property is not uniform and in accordance with other similar properties. The property must be found to be in excess of its fair market value.

Applications must be received by April 22, 2024. Appointments will be scheduled every fifteen minutes. Please contact 540-864-5009 x 8, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Meetings will be held at the Craig County Courthouse. The date(s) and time(s) are listed below:

- April 22, 2024, 4-8pm
May 14, 2024, 1-4pm and 6-8pm
May 16, 2024, 4-8pm

Additional dates will be set if deemed necessary and advertised. By Order of the Craig County Board of Equalization.

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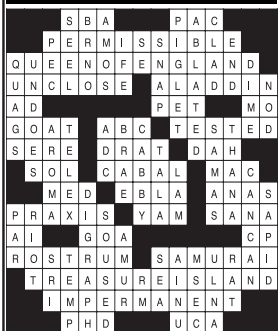
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Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

- 4. Proposed General Government Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenue, the total General Government budget of the County of Craig is estimated to exceed last year's amended budget by approximately 9.98 percent based on the tax rate change.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on the 21st day of March 2024, at the Craig County Court House, New Castle, Virginia 24127, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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ABC NOTICE

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Donald Sutliff, Owner

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given

to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public

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hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of E3MAG LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 744 Electric Road (Tax Map # 155 - 2 - 2.2) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.
2. Consider the request of Pinkesh R. Patel and Sonal P. Patel, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 1200 block Thompson Memorial Drive (Tax Map # 20 - 2 - 4) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District.

If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

Legals - City of Salem

BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Carol Grimes, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 2933 Phillips Brook Lane, Tax Map # 290-1-3.9. The petitioner is requesting a 4 foot rear yard setback variance to allow the construction of a 12 x 16 sunroom addition. Section 106-202.3(B)(1) states that the rear yard setback for the principal structure in the RSF Residential Single Family zoning district is 25 feet.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem,

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Virginia (Phone 3753032). THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

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Rockets open spring sports season at Glenvar

The Craig County baseball and softball seasons opened with games at Glenvar Monday in the first action of the VHSL spring season. Both Glenvar teams came out victorious against the Rockets.

In softball Craig scored first when Lily Hutchison reached base and scored in the top of the first. However, after that it was all Glenvar as the Highlanders took a 13-1 win. Kammie Fisher got the opening day start on the mound for

Craig.

In baseball Glenvar took a 10-0 win. Hayden Reynolds got the start and pitched well despite taking the loss.

Both teams will have a rematch with Glenvar in New Castle next Monday, March 18. Game time is 5 pm and the Rocket soccer team also has a game that day as they open the season with a 6 pm start at Buffalo Gap.



Hayden Reynolds pitches the opener for Craig.



Kammie Fisher pitches against Glenvar.



Drew Duncan reaches for a high pickoff throw.



Karly Potter takes the throw at first.

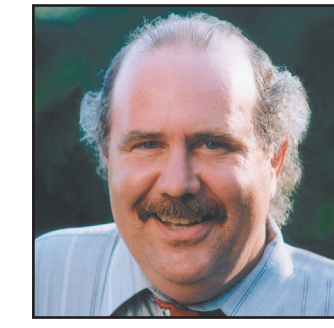


Craig's Joseph Charette takes a big cut.



Lily Hutchison slides safely into second in Monday's game.

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Pistol with a Ponytail

I never thought I'd see the day when women's basketball would sell out big arenas, but that day is here.

Give much of the credit to Iowa University senior star Caitlin Clark, who has sold out venues everywhere she goes. In the past few weeks she broke the NCAA women's all-time scoring record on a long three-point shot, then passed one of my all-time favorites, "Pistol" Pete Maravich, as the all-time leading NCAA scorer, regardless of gender. Last week she followed that up by breaking Stephen Curry's NCAA record for three-pointers in a season while leading her Hawkeyes to the Big Ten championship for the third season in a row.

It's not so much that Clark scores a lot, but "how" she plays the game that makes her stand out. She shoots three pointers with Curry-like accuracy and passes the ball

like John Stockton with a pony tail. She's fun to watch.

I must admit, I don't watch a lot of women's basketball. I've never watched a WNBA game from start to finish. I go to most of the Roanoke College women's home games and I watch a whole lot of high school girls' games, but if there's a choice between the women and an NBA game or a good men's college game on TV I'll watch the men.

That might be changing. When Caitlin Clark finishes her career, however far the Hawkeyes go this year, I'm anxious to see how she does in the WNBA. I might just watch an entire game if she's in it.

And then you have Virginia Tech. I never thought I'd see the day when the Virginia Tech women were selling out Cassell Coliseum. . . getting bigger crowds than the men! I can remember 20 or so years ago when a woman I covered in high school was on the Tech team. I'd go to the game and people were showing up five minutes before tip-off and easing down to seats by the court. Those days are gone, at least for now.

Unfortunately the Hokies have hit a slide at the most inopportune time. Their star player, Elizabeth Kitley, suffered a knee injury in a loss at UVA in front of the largest crowd ever to watch a women's basketball game in the state of Virginia. As I write

this column her status going forward is still unknown, but the old saying "adding insult to injury" was never more appropriate when the heavily favored Hokies lost the game to the underdog Wahoowomen.

Getting back to Caitlin Clark, I was fascinated that she was the one to outscore Pete Maravich after all these years. . . .54 to be exact. As I mentioned I like watching Clark play. I LOVED watching Pete Maravich play.

I was in high school when Maravich played for LSU. One of my best friend's growing up, Gus, had an older brother who was a really good football player at our high school, Souderton High School in Pennsylvania. He got a scholarship to play football at LSU, so right then and there Gus became a big LSU fan and I joined the club. On a clear night we could get LSU basketball games on the radio and we'd sit on his front porch and listen to Pete Maravich light it up.

Thing is, if you just listened to Pete play you missed a whole lot. He was all entertainment. He had those floppy gray socks and he played like his hair was on fire, and boy did he have some hair! Those late '60s were the time when long hair was the norm and Pete's mop top went every which direction as he dribbled down the floor.

Everything he did was exciting. I haven't seen anyone before or since handle the ball

like he did. It was said he carried a ball where he went growing up, bouncing it in the aisle of the movie theatre and dribbling on the way to and from school. When he dribbled it was like the ball was part of him, and I know you can say that about a lot of players but it was never more obvious than it was with Pete.

He could pass the ball like no one I've seen since. The closest I've seen was a couple times when Ricky Rubio would throw one of those full court bounce passes that found the mark, but Pete would do that with regularity. Our high school coaches frowned on behind-the-back passes, but Pete did it so well it was a weapon. And remember that fake behind-the-back that Rajon Rondo would do? Pete was a master of it.

And boy could he shoot. He would pull up from Damion Lillard land and swish 'em with regularity. Only thing is, he only got two points for that shot back in the day. You had to guard him out there, but he could also go by you and wiggle through traffic on his way to the hoop. If they had called fouls in the NBA back then as closely as they do now no one could have ever stopped him.

Going back to the long shots, you have to remember that Pete didn't play college ball with the three point shot. He also played just three years, because

when he was at LSU freshmen weren't eligible. If he had played four years with the three point shot no one would touch his scoring records. That's not taking anything away from Caitlin Clark, it's just a fact. She broke the record fair and square with today's rules.

One more thing about Pete. His last year at LSU was my last year in high school. He was drafted by the Atlanta Hawks about the same time I decided to attend Roanoke College. I had just arrived in Salem, not knowing anyone in the entire state and not having a car, when I saw that the Hawks were going to play an NBA exhibition game at the Salem Civic Center.

This was in October of 1970, and I didn't even know where the Salem Civic Center was. I got vague directions and walked to the game from Roanoke College to see Pete play live for the first, and as it turned out only, time in my life. It was exciting to see him play in those old lime green Hawks uniforms with the stripes running across the chest and down the side, floppy gray socks and all.

Unfortunately Pete died of a heart attack at just 40 years of age, playing pickup basketball, but he'll always be remembered as one of the most exciting players ever. And Caitlin Clark can truly be called the "Pistol Pete" of women's basketball and no one should question it.