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THE NEW CASTLE RECORD



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Board of Supervisors to vote on tax rate on April 18

Anita Firebaugh
Contributing writer

Craig County officials are looking to lower the tax rate from \$0.63 per \$100 value to \$0.52 per \$100 value following the recent property reassessment. Dan Collins, county administrator, said that the Board of Supervisors would vote on the tax rate at a special meeting on April 18.

The Board held another special meeting on March 21, 2024 and held a public hearing on the effective tax rate following the reassessment. Collins said approximately 10 people spoke, most with questions about the reassessment.

At that meeting, Collins gave the supervisors and audience a 52-page PowerPoint

presentation on the tax rate and proposed upcoming fiscal year 2024-2025 budget.

The proposed tax rate would increase the tax payment for the average homeowner by about \$55 annually, Collins said. The county performs reassessments every six years, which can make a big gap in land value from reassessment to reassessment, especially during times of rising inflation. Collins said that the average assessment prior to the 2023 reassessment was \$82,738. After the reassessment, the same dwelling is now valued at \$111,291. Property values increased on average about 35 percent.

The proposed tax rate would bring in approximately

\$853,128 in funding over last year, but the county is looking at a \$1,276,550 increase in costs overall, according to Collins' presentation. The county has reached into its fund balance for the last five years to balance the budget and pay its bills instead of raising taxes on citizens.

Collins said his PowerPoint presentation, though long, proved helpful to the public. "Several people said that they understood the budget more with the presentation," Collins said. "It was full of information that they weren't aware of. I was trying to explain the effect of cost of living and inflation and everything."

The county's biggest expense at the moment is the radio

replacement for emergency services, including the sheriff's office and all fire and EMS workers. At \$4.7 million, it's the newest strain on the budget. Collins said the county has most of the money in hand, but needs to come up with another \$1.3 million. He also said that with an "antique radio system," it's an urgent necessity.

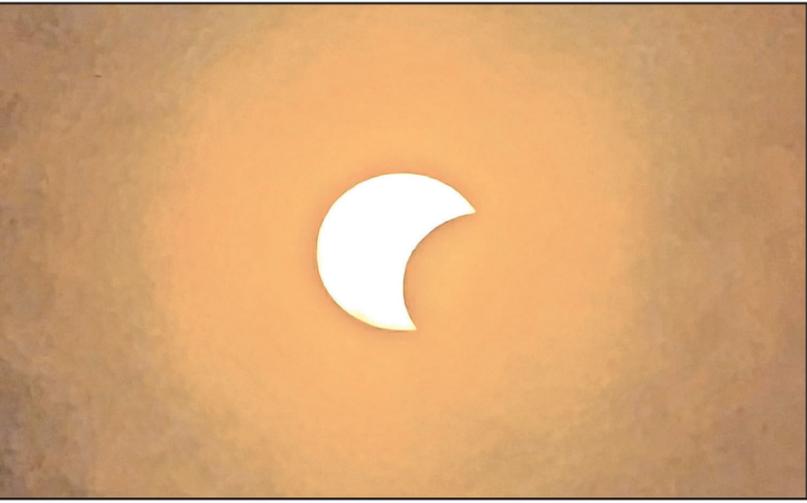
The county now has 68 employees, down from 73. Most of the county's employees are part-time. The positions that are presently unfilled are at the solid waste disposal area and a few at the county courthouse, Collins said. In his presentation, Collins noted that the county has trouble now meeting service needs of

citizens with such a bare-bones staff.

In his presentation, Collins noted that inflation has played havoc with the local county budget, much as it has everyone's personal budget. According to his presentation, inflation over the last 10 years has increased prices for most things by about 27 percent.

He also stated that the county's goals are to stop using the fund balance to balance the budget. The fund balance should be used for one-time capital improvement projects only, Collins said, such as the radio replacement.

The supervisors are having their regular meeting along with a budget meeting with the school board on April 4.



COURTESY IMAGE

Craig County Public Library prepares for upcoming solar eclipse

On Monday, April 8, the United States will have the opportunity to witness a solar eclipse. This solar eclipse is the last solar eclipse that will be visible to the contiguous United States until August of 2044. The Craig County Public Library said that it believes everyone should have the opportunity to safely enjoy the event.

Craig County has been in the path of two eclipses within the last six months. The first eclipse just so happened to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Annual Craig County Fall Festival.

The Craig County Public Library handed out free solar eclipse glasses to numerous festival-goers. "Many people were unaware an eclipse was visible that day," said Michaela Crawford, Craig County Public Library's program coordinator. The solar glasses were made available by a new NASA-funded program, "Eclipse Ambassadors Off the Path," and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

In late January, Crawford was

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Board of Supervisors approve use of ARPA funding for emergency radio system

The Craig County Board of Supervisors at its March 7, 2024 meeting approved the use of ARPA funding in the amount of \$996,631 to be used for the county's new emergency radio system. The new equipment will allow the sheriff and all county emergency services to communicate better with each

other and to access communications with neighboring county emergency services in order to provide better health and safety services to residents.

The total cost of the radio system is \$4.7 million.

- Anita Firebaugh, Special to The New Castle Record

Upcoming Tire Amnesty Day, Hooked on Fishing approved by supervisors in March

Tire Amnesty Day and Hooked on Fishing are two events that the Board of Supervisors approved at its March 7, 2024 meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle.

Tire Amnesty Day will take place on April 6. The event would be held at the Craig County Transfer Station from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024. It is open to Craig County residents only. Businesses are not allowed to take part. The amnesty is limited to 10 tires per household for passenger car tires, lawn mower tires, and small truck tires. The supervisors agreed to use litter grant funding for amnesty day.

Craig County Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs Day will

take place on Saturday, May 11, 2024 on Barbour's Creek off Rt. 617. The creek will be stocked by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fishery and is for children age 15 and younger.

This portion of Barbour's Creek will be closed from 5 p.m. May 10, 2024 until one-half hour after sunset on May 11, 2024.

The supervisors also learned that the county had met its recycling goals for the 2022 recycling rate, with a calculated recycling rate of 22.2 percent. The mandated recycling rate is 15 percent, according to the information in the supervisors' packet.

- AJF, Special to The New Castle Record

Easter Egg Hunt held at Field of Dreams

Bonnie Cranmer
Contributing writer

The weather was perfect. The cars drove in and filled the parking lot with excited voices. The Field of Dreams was the perfect location for the 2,200 filled eggs. The four fields were marked for each age group and lines outside the gates formed.

The Craig County Rescue Squad had organized the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30. With the support of the Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative, Craig County Sheriff's Office, CCRCA-Craig County Recreation and others, the event was fun for the whole family.

Chief Robert Wrzosek said that the squad "wants to bring

the community together." This is the second year the Craig County Rescue Squad sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt. The group organized the donation of eggs and candy, filled and "hid" the eggs across the four fields. Hot dogs and drinks were available. An egg collection bin was on site to collect empty eggs after the hunt.

The Craig County Public Library staff and volunteers were stationed at the entrance to encourage signups for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The program is sponsored by the Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative for children up to five years old in the 24127, 24128, 24070, and 24131 zip codes since 2023.



The Field of Dreams was filled with 2,200 Easter eggs.



Cars parked to get ready for the Easter Hunt.



Each area was clearly marked.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Veterans pay tribute to Audie Murphy

From the 1994 editions of the New Castle Record

Last Friday, Veteran's Day was a time to honor those men and women who have fought to preserve the liberties of our country and those abroad.

On a remote mountaintop on the border between Roanoke and Craig counties, about 40 veterans and on-lookers gathered at the site of a 1971 plane crash that took the life of America's most decorated World War II soldier, Audie Murphy.

The Virginia Tech Color Guard led a solemn detail of veterans from Christiansburg's VFW Post 531 up the final 50 yards of the crest of Brush Mountain. VFW Post 531 was the group responsible for lobbying to have a monument dedicated at the site to Murphy's honor.

It was a lobbying process which would take three years to complete. The site of the crash on the slopes of Brush Mountain was U.S. Forest Service land, and nothing could be done without a permit.

Even after the permit was granted, access to the mountain was over private land, and some farmers were reluctant to grant easements. To provide access to the simple, square granite marker, the Forest Service re-routed the Appalachian Trail. Now, however, there is a graveled access road with a parking area within a mile of the monument.

Clarence Viers, VFW post commander at the time of the crash and Korean War veteran, spoke to those assembled about the sacrifices veterans made for this county. He also recounted the struggle it took to have the monument placed.

He credited Bill Craft with the proposal which set the wheels in motion for the project in June of 1971.

"As a lawyer, I knew you had to have a permit," Craft said. "The Forest Service originally turned us down, but we enlisted the help of legislators."

Their persistence led to the dedication of the monument at the site three years after the death of Murphy. Viers said that about 140 people attended the original dedication. The post has not had any other ceremonies on the site since its dedication. Viers said members of the post check on it from time to time to keep the area clean. The marker has fared well over the years with only slight repair visible used to patch some damage from a rifle shot.

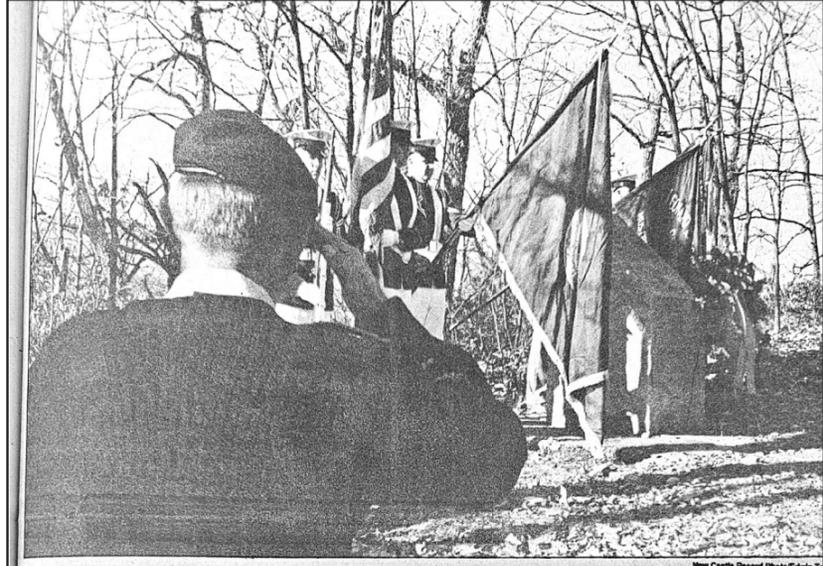
Friday's ceremony, a joint effort between the post and the Forest Service, marked the twentieth anniversary of the monument.

Murphy was born in Kingston, Tex., on June 20, 1924. He joined the infantry at the age of 18 to serve in World War II. Murphy's heroic actions in January of 1945 stopped the German advance into France. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the United States' highest military award. In addition to the 23 other U.S. medals, he received decorations from France and Belgium.

Following the war he wrote his memoirs, To Hell and Back, and starred in over 40 films.

According to the June 3, 1971, issue of The New Castle Record, the wreckage of the plane was found about 100 yards below the crest of Brush Mountain.

-Prepared by Lisa King



Sergeant Major Frank A. Lungrie, chief ROTC instructor, salutes during the playing of Taps by the Virginia Tech Color Guard during a ceremony at the Audie Murphy Monument on Brush Mountain.

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By EDWIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

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accepted into the NASA partnered Eclipse Ambassador program. "As an Eclipse Ambassador, I am responsible for completing a three-week training course, partnering with an undergraduate or an amateur astronomer, and providing solar eclipse and safe solar viewing education to at least 200 individuals before the April 8 eclipse. The program was such an amazing opportunity for our library and our community," explained Crawford. Crawford completed the program and is now one of only eight NASA partnered Eclipse Ambassadors in the state of Virginia.

"The program offers free educational materials and solar glasses for distribution throughout the community," said Crawford. The opportunity to witness a solar eclipse is truly a rare event, so to be sure you are enjoying the eclipse safely, Crawford advised. She offered some advice in regard to safe viewing and what one should expect to see during the solar eclipse.

"During the solar eclipse, you may be tempted to look directly at the sun without eye protection, but doing so can cause permanent eye damage even if you only looked at the sun for a few seconds. However, there are several ways to protect your eyes when

viewing a solar eclipse, but first what exactly is a solar eclipse, what should you expect to see, and why do we need eye protection if the Sun is covered?" she said.

"A solar eclipse occurs when the moon blocks the Sun's light and the resulting shadow is cast on Earth. Simply put, the moon's orbit positions it occasionally over the Sun causing a total (the moon covers the entire Sun temporarily blocking out all sunlight) or partial (only a portion of the moon covers the Sun) eclipse. The April 8 eclipse is a total solar eclipse for several states in the United States (Ohio, New York, Kentucky, and 10 more states) however, Craig County will experience a partial solar eclipse, which means there will not be a point during the eclipse where the entire Sun is completely covered by the Moon. Craig County can expect to see approximately 87% of the Sun to be covered by the Moon at the maximum point of the solar eclipse. Because the Sun will still be visible it is vital to wear proper eye protection," Crawford explained.

"To ensure your eye safety it is recommended you wear glasses with special-purpose solar filters or solar eclipse glasses. It is not safe to view a solar eclipse directly without any

eye protection, with regular sunglasses (even if you think they are super dark), with a Welder's helmet, or behind a lens such as a camera, phone, binoculars, or telescope without special filters. There are necessary steps to take to ensure your solar glasses will provide the required protection in order to avoid eye injury. Before looking directly at the Sun, be sure to inspect your eclipse glasses. They should be free from scratches, dents, holes, or any other visible damage. If you believe your glasses are in any way damaged, throw your glasses away and do not attempt to use them. Remember to check your children's glasses as well! You may want to practice how to safely use the glasses with your children prior to the eclipse. It is also important to read any directions on the side of glasses to understand their recommended use," she said.

The Craig County Public Library will distribute free solar eclipse glasses to all Craig County Public Schools students and staff, the Craig County Childcare Center students and staff and community members. The library advised that parents should keep in mind that their child may have received glasses from school when requesting glasses for their family. Several families have already received their free solar

glasses during a recent Craig County Public Library STEAM event.

"Community members were invited to join us at Lemon and Vale to make cereal box solar viewers. The cereal box solar viewers are another safe viewing method for the eclipse as the Sun is viewed indirectly and through a pinhole projector. The cereal box solar viewers are fast and easy to make and most people will already have the supplies already at home," she said.

The library has one solar eclipse event under their belt, but Crawford's goal is for every community member to safely view and enjoy the upcoming eclipse. Those who would like more information in regard to obtaining eclipse glasses and/or eclipse education can contact the Craig County Public Library via phone (540) 864-8978 or email craiglibrary@swva.net.

Eclipse timing:
Partial Solar Eclipse, Craig County, April 8

Time when the eclipse starts: 1:57 p.m.

Time of maximum eclipse: 3:15 p.m.

What is the maximum percentage of Sun eclipsed: 87%

Time when the eclipse ends: 4:29 p.m.

-Craig County Public Library

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Colas

7. Single-celled animals

13. The rear car of a train

14. Endangered

16. It cools your home

17. Helper

19. "The First State"

20. More aged

22. Partner to cheese

23. Type of wrap

25. From a distance

26. Satisfies

28. "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor

29. God of battle (Scandinavian)

30. Cooking utensil

31. Soviet Socialist Republic

33. Able to perform

34. Big man on campus

36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period

38. Porticos

40. Alban and Peter are two

41. Gets up

43. Humble request for help

44. One-thousandth of an inch (abbr.)

45. Unhappy

47. Hint or indication

48. A way to plead

51. Digits

53. Broadway actress Daisy

55. Jewish calendar month

56. Author Gore

58. Peacock network

59. White poplar

60. Promotional material

61. A period of calm

64. Take too much

65. Emit energy

67. Something you can take

69. Mended with yarn

70. Inconsistent

CLUES DOWN

1. Calm down

2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

3. One who pretends

4. Hang glide

5. Distinctive practice

6. Mariner

7. Peaks

8. Queens ballplayer

9. Geological times

10. Twofold

11. Atomic #13

12. Tranquillizing

13. Metric weight unit

15. Indicates

18. Unwanted rodent

21. Partly cooked with hot water

24. One who can be recommended

26. Resembles a bag or pouch

27. Midway between south and southeast

30. Sets up for a photo

32. California white oak

35. More (Spanish)

37. After B

38. Decorated tea urn

39. Island

42. Car mechanics group

43. Wordplay joke

46. Cut a rug

47. Prickly plant

49. Speech in praise of a deceased person

50. European buzzard

52. Influential linguist

54. West African languages

55. Siskel's partner

57. Skinny

59. Oblong pulpit

62. Consumed

63. Small, mischievous sprite

66. Powerful lawyer

68. Indicates position

Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon
Contributing
Writer

National Burrito Day

One of my favorite memories is lunch in junior high school. Kraemer Junior High in Placentia California was a large school that had only two grades, 7th & 8th. The school had an open plan and all the rooms opened to the outside. So naturally we often ate our lunch outside. We had a kitchen that served lunches in tin foil dishes that were reheated at our school. But the best lunch came from the vending machines on the quad. For 75 cents I would get a cup of cold red fruit punch and a hot burrito. To this day I have not found a burrito that tastes just like it. Once the government decided that school lunches needed to be healthier the vending machines disappeared.

Why am I writing about burritos? Well, the first

Thursday in April is National Burrito day. Burritos are technically a type of taco but with two requirements: it has to be made with a flour tortilla and it must be folded with closed ends. Bare bones burritos are beans and cheese, while others have a multitude of ingredients like shredded meat, rice, refried beans, onions, and cheese. Wet burritos are those covered in sauce. Chimichangas are deep fried burritos. There are burritos for every meal including breakfast. Burritos are like a little casserole wrapped in a tortilla. This week's recipe is for a burrito casserole. I have included two recipes; one that is from scratch and one that uses shortcuts. Both are good it just depends on how much time you have to cook.

Smothered burritos

Ingredients:
1 lb ground beef
1 1/2 tsp chilli powder
1 tsp cumin
1 tsp kosher salt
1 tsp dried oregano
1/2 tsp onion powder
1/2 tsp garlic powder
3 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
1 small onion diced
1 TBLSP tomato paste
1/3 cup water
5-6 burrito sized tortillas
8.8 oz package prepared Mexican or Spanish rice warmed in the microwave per package instructions

16 oz can refried beans warmed in the microwave
10 oz can red enchilada sauce
8 oz shredded cheese

Instructions:
Preheat the oven to 400°F. In a large skillet cook the onions and garlic in the olive oil over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add the ground beef and brown while crumbling until it is cooked through. Add the salt, chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, and oregano. Give it a good stir. Stir in the tomato paste to coat the beef and cook for 1 minute. Pour in the water and



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mix. Remove from the heat. Prepare a large casserole dish with 3 Tbsp. enchilada sauce; spread it across the bottom of the dish. Assemble burritos by layering each tortilla with refried beans, ground beef, rice and cheese, then roll into a burrito. Lay seam side down in the prepared pan. Top with remaining enchilada sauce. Finish by sprinkling the remaining cheese over the burritos. Bake at 400° for 20 minutes.

Quick burrito casserole

Ingredients:
8 frozen burritos, unwrapped (pick the fillings

you like)
2 10 oz cans red enchilada sauce
2 cups shredded Mexican cheese
Sour cream and salsa

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375°F. Arrange burritos in a 9x13" baking dish, 6 in a row, and 2 turned sideways to fill out the dish. Top with enchilada sauce. Place in preheated oven and bake for 30 minutes. Add cheese and continue baking until the cheese is melted (about 5 more minutes). Top with sour cream and salsa if desired.

OBITUARIES

Rankin, III, John Wilson "Jack"

John Wilson "Jack" Rankin, III, 80, of Lynchburg, died on Sunday, February 18, 2024. Jack was born at Front Royal, VA, a son of John Wilson "Jack" Rankin, II of Augusta County and Maryjane Strickler Rankin of Luray. He was the husband of the late Patricia Cuffia Rankin of Lynchburg, VA. The couple were long-time residents of Roanoke and Craig counties. (Roanoke and New Castle, VA).

Jack is predeceased by his sister, the late Margaret "Peggy" Brinkley of Clifton Forge, VA and his brother, the late Paul Todd Rankin of Mechanicsville, VA. He is survived by his sisters, Nancy Rankin Hall of Cape Charles, VA and Cindy H. Watson of Bedford, VA, as well as by his nieces, Margaret "Molly" Newcomb Hayman of Wellfleet, MA and Kathryn Blair Rankin O'Donnel of Philadelphia, PA along with their families, in addition to his nephews, Eric Scott Brinkley, Paul Lewis Brinkley of Clifton Forge, VA and Andrew Todd Rankin of Mechanicsville, VA.

Jack was raised in

the Shenandoah Valley during his early years, and later moved with his family to Clifton Forge, VA. He played football for CFHS, graduating from there. He attended



The College of William & Mary, earning money working at the King's Arms Tavern in Williamsburg. Jack was an aveteran and served in the US Army at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

His career began managing a Woolco Department Store in East Brunswick, NJ. He then returned to his home state of Virginia, to manage Woodcare Corporation, a wood and metal refinishing product manufacturing company, founded by his father. Jack later founded and operated Craig Printing Company, serving the printing needs

for a wide variety of clients across various locations.

Jack was a man of many interests. He loved traveling by trailer camper with his wife, Pat, throughout the US and Canada. He was an enthusiast for golf, canoeing, NASCAR races, and gold mining in the wilderness. He was a novice numismatist, loved auto mechanics, enjoyed "Supper Bridge" and spending time with his family, associates and friends.

An avid reader, he was always a dependable source of stories, jokes and wit. Laughter with him will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: The American Diabetes Association, or The Craig County Fire and Rescue Squad (P.O. Box 308, New Castle, VA 24127). Services will be held at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, St. Peter Mausoleum, 5731 Airport Rd NW, Roanoke, VA 24012, on March 30, 2024, at 2 p.m.

Arrangements by Burch-Messier Funeral Home, Bedford, 540-586-7360.

Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission unveils new website

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) recently announced the launch of its newly redesigned website. The revamped platform aims to enhance accessibility and engagement for the entire community by offering improved navigation, interactive content, accessibility options, and multi-lingual support. The organization said milestone signifies RVARC's dedication to fostering regional collaboration.

The user-friendly and inclusive design, the organization said, is poised to promote active participation in local initiatives and bolster

RVARC's connection with the community. By providing a platform that accommodates the needs of all residents, RVARC seeks to empower and catalyze positive change throughout the region.

"We are excited to introduce the public to the new RVARC website," said Jeremy Holmes, executive director of RVARC. "This platform represents a significant advancement in our mission to encourage collaboration and provide essential resources to the residents and stakeholders of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany region."

The site was the result of a collaborative design process with Richmond-based agency BKO,

a full-service digital agency.

Nicholas Macauley, managing partner of BKO, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, stating, "We are delighted to have worked with RVARC to redesign their website and better serve the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany community. We eagerly anticipate the positive impact it will have on the region."

The newly updated site is now live and can be accessed at www.rvarc.org. For more information, please visit the website or contact Elizabeth Elmore at eelmore@rvarc.org or (540) 343-4417.

-The Salem Times-Register

Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

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

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.

-The New Castle Record

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 Went, 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 Went, 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.

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OPINION

News from the 9th: He is Risen



Morgan Griffith
Representative

As we approach Easter, I am always reminded of one of my favorite stories from the Cold War, between the United States, the West and the Soviet Union.

That story involves Soviet Communist leader Nikolai Bukharin. A Bolshevik revolutionary and member of the Politburo, Bukharin rose to great prominence in Soviet circles following the Russian Revolution of 1917.

The Communist regimes of Eastern Europe were ruthless in their tactics. Soviet troops occupied many of the countries and food shortages were commonplace.

The public could not express themselves in a free and open manner without there being serious repercussions. Secret police forces sniffed out any potential dissenters. Loved ones and friends were jailed or went missing.

These were precarious times for the people of Eastern Europe and

the rest of the world. Because of the oppressive rule exercised by Communist regimes in Eastern Europe, many people were led to believe that their lives revolved around the government.

As the story goes, in 1930, Bukharin traveled from Moscow to Kiev to speak before a large crowd (one version I have heard says it was a crowd of thousands and in a stadium). While he gave his remarks, he emphatically denounced religion as the communist atheist regime frequently did. The story as I have heard it said, he had harangued the crowd and belittled religious thought. After he finished, he asked if the audience had questions.

In response, an orthodox priest approached and mounted the speaker's platform. The man then exclaimed to the crowd in the customary Orthodox way, which translated into English would be:

"Christ is Risen!"

The crowd answered back:

"He is Risen indeed!"

The story about Bukharin in Kiev has been told many times, but it may be a legend; no reporting at the time confirms it, although the Communist rulers of the Soviet Union no doubt would not want such a story to be repeated.

But decades after the episode

with Bukharin reputedly took place, the whole world could see in previously Communist-ruled countries a similar widespread affirmation of faith and rejection of state-imposed atheism.

In spite of bleak conditions, the masses remained secretly steadfast in their faith. No matter how oppressive or tyrannical the Soviet regime was, the people recognized there was something more in life than just the government. For many, their faith did not waver.

Today, even Putin ostensibly acknowledges the significance of the Russian Orthodox Church to Russians. In Kiev, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church gives the people emotional strength based on their faith.

The power of faith prevails. Thus, the Bukharin story is inspiring to me.

I am a Christian and celebrate Easter because "He is Risen."

I respect your religion and your ability to practice your faith, whether that be tied to Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Atheism, etc. All faiths should be respected. We are better suited to develop harmonious relationships, come together and overcome obstacles by recognizing the freedom to pray however one

chooses. One of the things that I love about our country and having served in the Virginia House of Delegates is Jefferson's Statute for Religious Freedom.

Virginia's law was the first to cement liberty.

James Madison said of the Statute that it is the "true standard of Religious liberty: its principle the great barrier against usurpations on the rights of conscience."

The Statute for Religious Freedom would become the model for the First Amendment in the Constitution, establishing religious freedom for all Americans. Other countries would follow suit.

The House of Delegates chamber in Richmond has a plaque dedicated to this triumph and celebrates Virginia as the birthplace of religious freedom in the world.

I am very proud to call the birthplace of religious freedom my home.

During Easter, I hope and pray that God's love and peace will be with each of you, and that there will be peace and joy amongst all faiths.

God is good and he sent his only begotten son in order for our sins to be able to be forgiven.

So if on Easter, someone says to you,

"He is Risen,"

Remember the story of the priest and Bukharin. And respond:

"He is Risen indeed."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader calls for increase to school funding

This April, our county leaders will be discussing the budget, and one item is desperately in need of attention—school funding. We need our Supervisors to act and increase funding for the schools. If they fail to do so, state funds that pay for over 60% of school operations are at risk. If you care about our schools, now is the time to let them know.

For each of the past six years, the Board of Supervisors gave our schools \$1.82 million. We all

know how much more things cost today compared with six years ago. Adjusted for inflation, the schools should be getting \$2.25 million or an additional \$500,000 this year alone. I believe one justification for this was a drop in student enrollment. We also had extra federal funding during the covid years and other pressing county needs. Keeping the local contribution the same may have been a good decision, but our schools cannot function at this level moving forward.

While the school budget remained flat the past six years, the county did bring in more revenue. This year, there will also be an increase in revenue from property taxes. Our family has two students at the local schools and a vested interest in the issue. I believe a majority of us, even those without school-aged children, want this to be the top priority for the county. We need a plan for how to increase funding for our schools as the state requirement goes up.

Each year, the state determines how much local governments must pay to maintain all the funds they give us. Over the past six years, we had a cushion. The state required us to pay \$1.3 million in 2017 when the county started holding the school budget at \$1.82 million. The state requirement kept going up, and last year, it was around \$1.82 million. This year, the amount we must pay is \$2.25 million. A little more than \$2 million is mandatory, and an additional \$200,000 is "optional." If we can find this \$200,000, the state will provide \$500,000 in matching funds for a 3% teacher raise, technology needs, preschool initiatives, and other programs. We cannot afford to opt out of this. Other localities will certainly be taking advantage of these funds, and our teacher pay should not fall farther behind

neighboring schools.

The funding level the state sets for local governments is the minimum amount required, and most localities consider this to be the floor for their funding. Last year on average, localities put forward 64% more funding than the minimum amount the state required. In Craig County, we are now asking our leaders to please not fall below the minimum amount.

Parents are busy. How many of us have time to go to county meetings and get in touch with our leaders? Please take time to do this. I encourage other members of the community that want our schools to be a priority to speak up as well. Our schools need your support.

April 4 the Board of Supervisors holds work sessions on the budget before and after the regularly scheduled meeting at 6pm. You can comment when the Supervisors hear the public during the regular meeting. April 18 the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 6pm on next year's proposed budget. For those that cannot attend, our Supervisors can be reached by email.

Hon. Jesse Spence, Chair, New Castle District, jspence@craigcountyva.gov

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-Jill Templeton

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Yard Sales - Botetourt County

Moving Yard Sale, Saturday, April 6, 8 a.m. 342 McIntosh Road, Roanoke. Items: Kayak, small refrigerator, couch, garden tools, bakeware, lamps, much more.

Legals - Botetourt County

BWW# VA-368482-1 TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1811 TIMBER RIDGE, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 7, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$140,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 170004806. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on May 6, 2024, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT NO. 7, CONTAINING 6.191 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF CEDAR ACRES, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN THE PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 62. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale.

The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWWLaw Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com, VA-368482-1.

ABC NOTICE

HEATHER BURNETTE trading as Mrs. B's Restaurant and Bar, 19857 Main Street, Buchanan, Botetourt County, VA. 24066.

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

Heather Burnette owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC

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no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24-69

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, V. WILLIAM H. SMITH, ET AL., Respondent(s)

The object of this suit is to: Enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 102(2)4 Account No. 11709

All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being the Blue Ridge Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land containing 6.9 acres, more or less, designated as Lot No. 4, as shown on plat entitled "Plat of the John A. Orange Tract", dated August 1941, made by S.S. Lynn, S.C.S., of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 2, at Page 82. Together with a perpetual right of way and easement for the purpose of ingress and egress from the land herein described to the public road.

And being the same property conveyed to William H. Smith from Hubert J. Orange and Mary Frances Orange, his wife, by deed dated January 10, 1978, and recorded February 2, 1978, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 241 at Page 257.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 186, at Page 355 and Deed Book 242, at Page 30.

IT APPEARING that an affidavit has been made and filed stating that the due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: William H. Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last address is unknown; Emily M. Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before May 6, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 21st day of March, 2024

T. Moore Clerk

I ask for this: Seth Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065)

John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805)

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Garrett w. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345)

Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804)864-0080 TACS No.: 924110

Legals - City of Radford

TRUSTEE'S SALE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN: West Ward of the City of Radford, Virginia Containing 0.2479 acres, more or less Commonly Known as: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia

IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RADFORD CITY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 201100838, DATED AUGUST 29, 2011, WHEREAS, BY DEED OF BARGAIN AND SALE AND ASSUMPTION DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 201600804 THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSUMED BY MARK BROOKNER, DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT THEREIN SECURED AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING FOURTEEN (14) DAYS DUE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, IN FRONT OF THE RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ON THE 5th DAY OF APRIL, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

All that certain tracts or parcels of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances 'thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the City of Radford, Virginia, and described as follows: BEING all of Lots 28 and 29, part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35, Section 1, Plan C, Radford Land and Improvement Company Lots, containing 0.2479 acres (10,800 sq. ft.), as designated and described on a plat of survey entitled, Physical Survey Lots 28, 29 and Part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35 Section 1, Plan C Radford Land and Improvement Co. West Ward City of Radford, Virginia for Ronald R. Sowers", dated August 23, 2011, Job No. 565811, by James Conrad Groseclose, II, Land Surveyor, Mathews and Henegar Inc., professional engineers and land surveyors, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and reference is hereby made to said plat of survey for a more accurate description of the property herein conveyed: Tax Map Number: 13-(5)-SEC 1-27A-28-29-30A-34A+ Account Number: 020000684.

Commonly Known As: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CASH, SETTLEMENT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SALE. A BIDDERS DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) MAY BE REQUIRED. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE, AT 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA DATE OF SALE: APRIL 5, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M.

Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent For Daniel D. Hamrick, PC FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C. 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Civil Case No. CL24-7298

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, Plaintiff vs. the heirs and devisees of ORA FAYE CUNNINGHAM, deceased

The heirs and devisees of ANNA MAYE D. BANNERMAN, deceased HARRY M. BANNERMAN, JR. DAVID HUGGINS Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to: ENFORCE THE LIEN OF THE Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows: All that certain tract of land in the City of Radford, Virginia, being Lot No. 10, Block G, Baldwin Land Company, and designated as Tax Map Number 3-(7)-BLKG-10 Standing in the name of Ora Faye Cunningham, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Ora Faye Cunningham, Phyllis Davis, and Anna Maye D. Bannerman; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Ora Faye Cunningham, Phyllis Davis, and Anna Maye D. Bannerman; that Harry M. Bannerman, Jr. is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 2010 NW 106th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL, 33026; that David Huggins is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 3 Center Street, Glen Cove, NY, 11542.

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It is ORDERED that this order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Radford News Journal and that the parties named herein appear on or before May 27, 2024, at 9:30 am in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court for the City of Radford, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this suit.

Enter: this 25th day of March, 2024 Angel Turpin DC Clerk I ask for this: James W. Elliot p.q. Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1410 Yorktown, VA 23692 (757) 898-7000

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3321 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. April 16, 2024 on the proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2024. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The following is a synopsis of the 2024-2025 Budgets: CITY OF RADFORD Total for City GENERAL FUND \$35,411,361

STREETS MAINTENANCE FUND \$2,829,359 TRANSIT \$2,860,488 WATER/WASTEWATER FUND \$6,320,498 ELECTRIC FUND \$28,854,443 SOLID WASTE FUND \$1,688,841 *INTERNAL SERVICES \$1,078,320

*Not included in total above as this fund is allocated through all other funds. Notice is also given that the City Council of Radford City will hear comments on the Radford City School Board Budget in the amount of \$46,803,799.

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3. Effective Rate Increase:

The City of Radford proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$.69 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$.05 per \$100, or 7.8% percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase."

4. Proposed Total Budget Increase:

Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Radford will exceed last years by 10 percent.

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OPERATING FUND

\$38,098,270 SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND \$1,033,057 GRANTS FUND \$2,694,745 TEXTBOOKS FUND \$852,102 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND \$220,000 HEALTH INSURANCE FUND \$2,858,251 REGION 7 VIRTUAL ACADEMY FUND \$862,896

A copy of the document is available for review in the City Manager's office, the Radford Public Library, and on the City's website at www.radfordva.gov . BY THE ORDER OF RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. April 16, 2024 on the proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2024. Interest parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street.

TAX LEVIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND F.Y. 2024-2025 BUDGET

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1. Real Property tax levy at \$0.69 per one \$100.00 of assessed value, as advertised in a separate notice on April 3, 2024.

2. Machinery and tools tax levy remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value

3. Tangible personal property as listed and specified in Subsections 3 through 13 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, remains at \$2.44 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24000383

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MARCH 22, 2024 Jennifer J. West Deputy Clerk

Legals - Craig County

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OPERATING FUND

\$38,098,270 SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND \$1,033,057 GRANTS FUND \$2,694,745 TEXTBOOKS FUND \$852,102 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND \$220,000 HEALTH INSURANCE FUND \$2,858,251 REGION 7 VIRTUAL ACADEMY FUND \$862,896

A copy of the document is available for review in the City Manager's office, the Radford Public Library, and on the City's website at www.radfordva.gov . BY THE ORDER OF RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

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Blacksburg, Virginia, said plat being of record in the Clerk's Office of Craig County, New Castle, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 45, reference is hereby made to the above-mentioned plat for a more particular description

The hereinabove described property is subject to restrictions and reservation recorded in Deed Book 96, page 642 in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Date of Sale: April 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Craig County Circuit Court, 182 Main Street, Suite 4, New Castle, VA 24127.

Terms: CASH: a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence.

Legals - City of Salem

Options:

1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser.

2. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property.

John K. Prillaman, Esq. Substitute Trustee For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

Legals - Town of Vinton

PUBLIC NOTICE The Planning Commission of Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a work session to be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter.

The purpose of the work session is to discuss Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). The work session will be held in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Further information concerning this notice may be obtained by calling (540)

SPORTS

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Rocket sports teams return from break this week

Spring break is over and the Craig County High School sports teams are scheduled to be back in action this week.

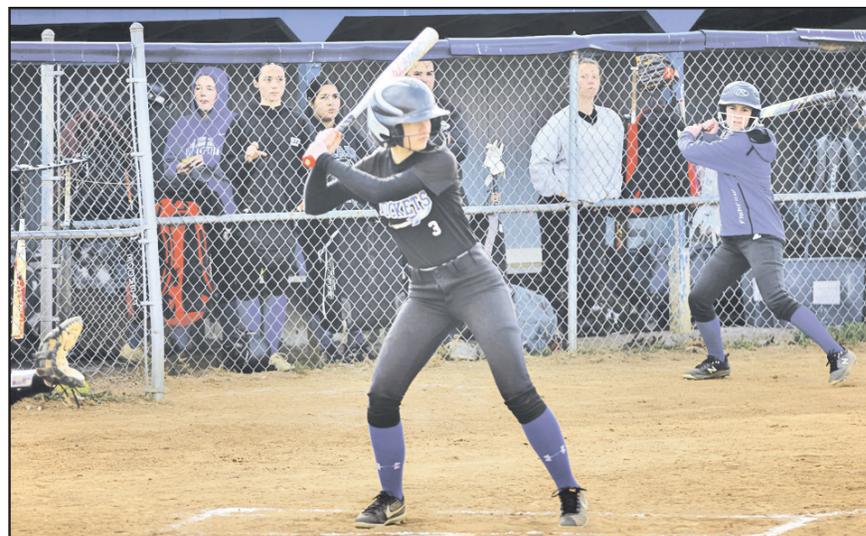
Rocket teams were hoping to return to action Tuesday, although rain was in the forecast at press time. The baseball, softball and soccer teams were scheduled to be at Narrows, weather permitting.

On Wednesday the track team is scheduled to hit the oval for the first time with a meet at Giles, then the baseball and softball teams are back home for games on Thursday against Giles at 5 pm. The jayvee softball team will be at Giles Thursday.

On Friday the Rockets will have their first

home soccer game, with Buffalo Gap providing the opposition in a 6 pm start.

Next Tuesday, April 9th, three Craig teams will take on Eastern Montgomery. The baseball and softball teams will be home to East Mont while the soccer team will head to Elliston for a 5:30 pm start.



Hayleigh Flowers bats for the Rockets in a pre-break game.



Seth Parsons of Craig camps under a fly ball in rightfield.

CHELSEA LOUDEN

Salem Red Sox open baseball season on Friday

The Salem Red Sox, the Class-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, will open the 2024 Carolina League season this Friday at home. The Sox will host the Carolina Mudcats in a three game series at Salem Memorial Ballpark with a Friday start of 7 p.m., a Saturday game at 6 p.m. and a Sunday afternoon 3 p.m. start.

Tickets are now on sale and there are a variety of ticket options available for purchase, giving fans the opportunity to score great seats at affordable rates. Starting at just \$14, Salem Red Sox single-game tickets are now available online or by calling (540) 389-3333. Seniors (65 years or older), military, and children (12 years and under) will receive a \$2 discount. Season ticket packages are still available for purchase starting at just \$144.

As in the past, the Red Sox are ready to offer fans creative promotional nights including fireworks, exciting giveaways and much more as the team enters their 16th season as a Boston Red Sox affiliate. The Salem Red Sox game times are set for 7:05 p.m. Tuesday-Friday (Tuesday, April 16th will be a 6:05 p.m. game), 6:05 p.m. on Saturdays, and 3:05 p.m. on Sundays (Sunday, September 8th will be a 1:05 p.m. game). The Red Sox will hold three day games at 11:05 a.m. (April 17th, June 18th, and August 6th). The Salem Red Sox will hold one Monday game at 4:05 p.m. (September 2nd).

Thirsty Thursdays are back all season long and are sponsored by Bud Light and New Realm Brewing Company. Each Friday night contest includes post-game fireworks presented by GloFiber. Sundays will feature "Kids Run the Bases" after each game. Bark in the Park will return this season with 12 designated dates (4/7, 4/20, 5/2, 5/22, 6/4, 6/20, 6/29, 7/20,

7/23, 8/7, 8/22 and 9/7). Every weekend series will feature a player poster giveaway (excluding 4/5-4/7).

As 2024 unfolds, numerous theme nights and giveaways are guaranteed to keep fans entertained all season long.



Promotional nights include:

4/5 | *Opening Day*
 4/6 | *Retro Jersey Night*
 4/17 | *Education Day* (11:05 a.m. Game)
 4/18 | *College Night*
 4/19 | *School Spirit Night*
 4/20 | *"Wait, Who Are These Guys?" Night*
 5/2 | *Mardi Gras in May*
 5/3 | *Teacher Appreciation Night* presented by Blue Eagle Credit Union
 5/4 | *Star Wars Night*
 5/5 | *Cinco De Mayo*

5/23 | Country Night
 5/24 | Grateful Dead Night
 5/25 | Arts in the Ballpark (Bobblehead Giveaway) *
 6/7 | PBS Kids Night presented by Dippin Dots
 6/8 | Zooperstars!
 6/18 | Camp Day presented by Metis Holdings (11:05 a.m. Game)
 6/20 | Ladies Night
 6/21 | African American Heritage Night
 6/22 | Wrestling Night (Bobblehead Giveaway) *
 6/27 | Diversity Night
 6/28 | Tyler's Amazing Balancing Act
 6/29 | Friends Night (T-Shirt Giveaway) *
 7/19 | Faith & Family Night
 7/20 | Scooby Doo Night (Youth T-Shirt Giveaway) *
 7/25 | Margaritaville Night
 7/26 | Outdoors Night (Koozie Giveaway sponsored by Rowe Furniture) *
 7/27 | Dinos at the Diamond
 8/8 | Area 51 Night
 8/9 | (T-Shirt Giveaway) *
 8/10 | Marvel's Defenders of the Diamond
 8/11 | Mugsy's Birthday presented by Virginia 811
 8/22 | Hockey Night
 8/24 | Military Appreciation Night presented by New Realm Brewing Company
 9/2 | Labor Day (Monday, 4:05 P.M.)
 9/5 | College Night 2.0
 9/6 | Fan Appreciation
 9/7 | First Responder Appreciation presented by ServPro

For more information and to secure your tickets for 2024 call (540) 389-3333 or visit SalemSox.com.

Performance Pickleball will open facility in Roanoke

Performance Pickleball is excited to announce the development of Performance Pickleball Roanoke (PPBROA), which will serve as the second dedicated indoor pickleball facility the brand will operate in Virginia. The facility will feature 10 state-of-the-art courts as part of a major redevelopment of the existing Spectrum Sports Academy building in Roanoke, VA.

"From the very beginning, we have been eager to bring a world-class pickleball facility to the Roanoke Valley," said Performance Pickleball COO Jon Laaser. "We have developed an amazing relationship with the pickleball community in the region, including the Roanoke Ruckus, and we can't wait to provide that community a top-notch facility to call home. We know they share our enthusiasm for the project."

"The Roanoke Ruckus is thrilled to be in partnership with Performance Pickleball Roanoke," said Ruckus Co-Founder Tyler Reburn. "The interest in pickleball is booming in our area; with new players finding their way into the sport every day. The addition of a state-of-the-art indoor

pickleball destination is what Roanoke has been craving! We look forward to seeing the impact that PPBROA will make in our community."

"We look forward to Performance Pickleball ROA taking shape here in the Roanoke Region," stated Director of Sports and Sales for Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, John Oney. "An indoor pickleball complex like this will attract a different type of visitor looking to not only compete in high quality tournaments, but also gives them another reason to explore our region. Players attending tournaments and camps held at this new complex will stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants and discover our metro mountain adventure opportunities that we're known for."

PPBROA will join Performance Pickleball's flagship location, Performance Pickleball RVA (PPBRVA), and will carry the same branding, operational concepts and dedication to a top-end player experience. PPBROA will include a diverse events space, large-scale pro shop and Kitchen ROA, a sports-centered food & beverage concept.

"As we continue to evolve, and become what

we are striving to be as an organization, PPBROA broadly expands what we are capable of in every phase of operation, including the tournament, instructional and events spaces," Laaser added. "As always, we intend to push the envelope on what is possible as pickleball continues to enjoy unrivaled growth."

Development of PPBROA will begin in early Summer of 2024, with an expected opening date prior to the end of the year.

"We pride ourselves on moving quickly when we know the opportunity is the right one," said Performance Pickleball Managing Partner Lee Warfield. "With our network throughout Virginia, and in particular the Roanoke Valley, we have the utmost confidence in what PPBROA can be and the timeline in which we can create it."

PPBROA will feature membership options at various levels, but will also welcome non-member play and a variety of events within the space. Members of PPBRVA and PPBROA will also enjoy reciprocity within the Performance Pickleball network of facilities and tournaments.

The Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association will induct four new members on April 22

Four new members will enter the Roanoke Valley Wrestling Hall of Fame when the group holds its annual banquet on April 22 nd at the Holiday Inn Ballroom. A social begins at 6 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm and inductions to follow.

This year's class includes Jason Cline, Greg Henderson, David Labiosa and Bruce Palmer. Special awards from the recently concluded high school season will also be presented.

Cline wrestled at Grundy High School where he was a two-time VHSL state champion and a three time district and Region IV champ. He went on to coach at Glenvar Middle School, then the high school as well as coaching the Virginia Elite Youth. Jason's 2023 Glenvar team was the Class 2 state runnerup.

Henderson wrestled at William Byrd from 1985-87 and then coached at William Byrd Middle School. He has worked the Big Orange tournament for 36

years and is also a former Roanoke Valley Wrestling Official.

Labiosa also wrestled at Byrd when he won two Big Orange and two

Group AA state championships. He was All-Metro Co-Wrestler of the Year in 1982 and a 1983 Scholastic High School All-American.

A third Byrd product in the Class of 24 is Bruce Palmer, who won two district, region and state championships with the Terriers. Bruce was undefeated

his junior and senior years and was named the Roanoke Valley Heavyweight Wrestler of the Year.

The Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association will also give their annual awards for Coach of the Year, Wrestler of the Year, Sonny Boyd Assistant Coach

of the Year and the Roy Stanley Outstanding Achievement Award. In addition scholarships will be announced in memory of Ken Shelton, Stan Parker, Larry France, George Miller, Rick Schilling and Kip Nininger as well as the Barbara and

Pete Jones Memorial Scholarship

For reservation or more information contact: Joyce Edmondson at (540)354-6688 or Jeff Edmondson at (540) 353-1900.

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