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THE NEW CASTLE RECORD



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Wellness Wagon visits New Castle each third Wednesday

Bonnie Cranmer
Contributing writer

Seeking to eliminate barriers to wellness in Craig County, the Wellness Wagon, a mobile health community housed in a 36-foot-long refurbished school bus, will be stationed at New Castle Christian Church on Wednesday, April 17, from 4-6 p.m.

The initiative offers a one-stop shop approach, bringing together resources from multiple non-profit organizations under one roof – the 36-foot-long bus itself.

This collaborative effort provides residents with access to free and reduced-price services, including acupuncture.

The Wellness Wagon specializes in AcuDetox treatments, a form of auricular (ear) acupuncture that utilizes the Five Needle Protocol (5-NP). This evidence-based technique calms the nervous system, reducing stress, anxiety, and depressive symptoms. Additionally, it can help alleviate withdrawal symptoms and cravings for those struggling with substance abuse disorder.

"The 5-Needle Protocol involves inserting five acupuncture needles in specific ear points," explained Mike Holcomb, a representative of the Wellness Wagon. "This not only calms and regulates the nervous system but also introduces acupuncture to a new audience who may not have otherwise considered it."

Holcomb emphasized that the Wellness Wagon's mission extends beyond acupuncture. Through a partnership with Feeding America, the organization provides a monthly service to Craig County residents

on the third Wednesday. The bus also functions as a mobile hub, connecting individuals with resources and staff from various areas, including medical care, insurance options, employment opportunities, and addiction recovery services.

This initiative exemplifies a growing trend in healthcare – utilizing mobile clinics to bridge the gap in underserved communities. By bringing essential services directly to residents, the Wellness Wagon empowers Craig County residents to take charge of their well-being and access services that fit their needs.

Midweek Crew, Pathfinders for Greenways, helps with deferred maintenance at Field of Dreams

The Midweek Crew, Pathfinders for Greenways, have been helping with deferred maintenance on the one mile of greenway trail that passes near the Field of Dreams, the Board of Supervisors recently learned. The Board meeting was held on March 7, 2024 at the Craig County Courthouse.

Woody Lipps said in a written report that the group had spent 328 hours of volunteer time over eight days in an effort to upgrade the existing trail. The group donated \$500 in fuel and equipment rental and removed brush, briars, hazard trees, and invasive species. They also picked up trash.

Lipps wrote that the work is not yet complete. "We still have the possibility of raising the trail elevation at the school to resolve the occasional problem with standing water," a report in the supervisors' packet states.

He also noted that, "One of our regular trail users stated, "The trail didn't look this good when it first opened," after the work was done.

The group is also assisting the state by removing brush, vines, and briars along sections of the rail bed where surveying is underway for the proposed Craig-Botetourt Scenic Trails (also known as rails-to-trails) project.

Regarding that project, Lipps wrote that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) continues to focus on environmental and cultural resource work, along with detailed design work.

A public hearing on the rails to trails, "will be delayed by a few months," the report from Lipps indicates. A draft environmental document and public hearing is now expected to take place sometime between September and December of this year, with the final design of the trail anticipated in the fall of 2025.

Lipps also presented a list of ideas and concerns obtained from public input. The concerns include items such as parking at trailhead locations, restroom facilities, trespassing and other law enforcement matters such as vandalism, and impact of the trail on emergency services.

Additional comments included concerns about cemeteries near the trail, the impact of the trail on existing farms and private road crossings, the number of times the trail would cross Rt. 615, mixed trail use (bicycles, horses, foot traffic, and vehicles), and maintenance, along with many other issues.

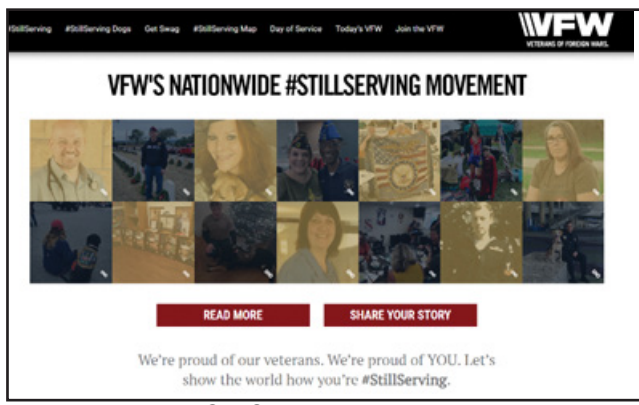
Some comments noted that the trail, "could be a core attraction for tourists in Craig County," and that it could increase tax revenue for Craig County, particularly if the trail connects all the way into the Town of New Castle.

"The trail will be a great, safe, place for my kids to ride their bikes," said one commenter in Lipps' report.

The Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail is a proposed trail that would run through Botetourt and Craig counties. It was one of five trails identified by the General Assembly to receive support from an appropriation included in the 2022-2024 biennium budget.

This particular trail would encompass a long-abandoned

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VFW Nationwide #StillServing Movement campaign.



Smith COURTESY IMAGES

VFW #StillServing Campaign spotlights veterans' service after time in the military

Nearly 5 Million People Engaged with Campaign That's Seen 2,000 Veterans' Personal Stories Shared

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) launched #StillServing, a campaign to highlight how America's combat veterans continue to serve in their local communities after transitioning from the military, in March 2020. What started as a campaign became a movement as veterans across the country stepped up to share stories of how they are still serving.

"Veterans are the pillars of our communities," said Duane Sarmiento, VFW national commander. "Their unwavering dedication to service echoes beyond their time in the military. The VFW #StillServing campaign was launched in 2020 to acknowledge and highlight the service leadership veterans bring to our society. Now, in its third year, the stories of veterans who're still serving in meaningful and impactful ways continue to pour in from around the world."

New Castle veteran Joann Smith is being honored for dedication to country and community in the national Veterans of Foreign Wars #StillServing campaign.

Smith is #StillServing with the New Castle VFW Post as quartermaster and adjutant. She can be seen around town representing the VFW in local parades like the Craig County Fourth of July Parade where the float won the Most Patriotic award, Veterans Day and Christmas parades. In addition, she helps at recruiting events at the food pantry, high school Land Lab Fair, Ruritan Flea Market and county Fall Festival. She hosted a Veterans Day event at the high school football game for veterans and military members to get in free and raffled off a flag set.

When not volunteering in New Castle, Smith works at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Roanoke where she ensures that when a veteran is injured the responsible party pays for the medical care instead of the American taxpayers.

According to the 2021 Veterans Civic Health Index¹, veterans average nearly 30 percent more volunteer hours per year and outpace civilians by 15 percent in charitable donations. Additionally, nearly 40 percent more veterans belong to a group working on community issues and veterans are more likely to be registered to vote (7

percent) and have recently voted (6 percent).

Since its launch, 4.8 million people have engaged with the campaign through the website, videos and social channels. Additionally, 2,000 veterans have shared their personal stories of sacrifice and service, and the stories have been covered by more than 700 media outlets worldwide.

Building on a legacy of service that spans more than a century, #StillServing represents the heart of the VFW and its members and conveys what today's VFW embodies. The VFW encourages all veterans to share stories on social media using #StillServing to show how they continue to answer the call to serve in ways big and small. In addition, family or friends are asked to use #StillServing in social media posts to honor a veteran in their lives who believes the spirit of service transcends military life.

The VFW urges Americans to visit vfw.org/stillserving to learn more about the campaign, make a shareable image honoring veterans in their lives, watch videos of VFW members making a difference and see a collection of user-generated content.

New Castle Garden Club to hold a Plant Auction

Bonnie Cranmer
Contributing writer

Members of the New Castle Garden Club will hold their annual Plant Auction on Thursday, April 25. The doors open at New Castle Christian Church Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. and the bidding starts at 6:30.

The plant auction will be filled with locally grown houseplants, perennials, herbs, vegetable starts, day lilies and other plants native to the area. All the plants have been grown by New Castle Garden Club members and are ready to be planted. Club member Tina Crawford shared, "There is always a variety of plants, all "home-grown" so the buyers can be assured they will do well in Craig County."

A variety of indoor plants such as Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti, Shamrock plants, Mother-in-law Tongue, jade plants and other tropicals are expected. Outdoor plants include perennials such as hostas, iris, day lilies, bee balm, lilies of the valley, hollyhock, and candytuft. Culinary herbs are usually available. Flowering trees and shrubs, including lilac,

forsythia, and others are also usually available.

The public is welcome and the plants will be on display for previewing. The professional auctioneer will get the auction started at 6:30. Refreshments will be served during the auction.

The plant auction supports the work of the New Castle Garden Club, an institution of New Castle

and Craig County since 1939. Club members maintain the flower gardens at the historic cabins owned by the Craig County Historical Society. Seasonal plantings and a nativity scene display at the Craig County Courthouse are just some of the club's projects.

In 2023, the club did an entire makeover of the Post Office's

landscaping, thanks to a generous grant they were awarded by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. The club provides vases of fresh-cut flowers for the dining tables at Camp Easter Seal weekly when summer camp is in session. The New Castle Garden Club meets monthly and continues to beautify the community with their work.



The doors open at New Castle Christian Church Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.



The bidding starts at 6:30 p.m.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Big Chill of '94 blankets Craig in inches of ice

From the February 1994 edition of The New Castle Record

The record-breaking cold temperatures, ice and snow storms slowing down people's pace over the past month have left some wildlife in the Jefferson National Forest frozen stiff, while driving many Craig County folks stir-crazy from getting iced into their homes for weeks on end.

Parents and kids have had to deal with almost a month's vacation from school. The extended break from school has made it hard for parents to entertain their frustrated children, especially since there were many days when it was far too cold to go outside and play. Unfortunately, the children

will pay for their freedom from the schoolhouse with loss of the majority of spring break.

Temperatures well below zero made it hard on fire fighters last week, as one cabin near Craig Creek burned down almost as soon as help arrived. Members of the New Castle Volunteer Fire Department were hindered by the need to fight both fire and ice. "It's hard on the equipment, it's hard on the people, and it's also the time of year when most fires occur." Said volunteer fire fighter Woody Lipps. "You've gotta be extra careful."

Lipps, a law enforcement officer for the New Castle Ranger District of the JNF, said the freeze has

also taken its toll of the forest. One man greeted by a morbid memento while walking through the forest last week—a hawk lay dead on the ground, frozen solid. Lipps said the hawk was in perfect shape, without any cut or signs of injury. The bird just turned into what he described as a "hawksickle."

The ice and snow has had some positive effects on the forest, however. District Ranger Bob Boardwine said the Southern Pine Beetle and other insects which wreak havoc on the forest have been seriously threatened by the extreme cold.

"The hope is that it's killed enough of them to knock their population down this summer," Boardwine said.

The forest may seem more pleasant to some when it warms up a bit, as gnats, mosquitos and other pests should decrease in number as well.

"This kind of weather's hard on wildlife," the ranger said. "I don't see how they make it."

Deer can get frostbite, even through their hooves. And it is difficult for them to find vegetation to eat, since they cannot dig through the ice and crusty snow to reach food. Tracks have shown that deer are relying on tree seedlings which sprout through the snow.

"That's all they can get to," said Boardwine.
-Prepared by Shelly Koon



Sun block

Phillip Matthews and Michelle St. Clair donned welders' helmets to observe the annular eclipse Tuesday, just before riders in the Tour DuPont sped through town. Using a welder's mask was one of the few ways to safely view the eclipse, as the sun was partially blocked by the moon.

New Castle Record Photo/Christine Reynolds
FROM THE NRC ARCHIVES

Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

- April 17**
CPMT MEETING CPMT - Department of Social Services at 1 p.m.
- May 2**
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.
- May 15**
CPMT MEETING CPMT - Department of Social Services at 1 p.m.
- May 20**
Town of New Castle Town Council Meeting at New Castle Town Hall at 7-8 p.m.
- May 21**
Congressman Morgan Griffith citizen comment period 9-10:30 a.m at Craig County Courthouse Breakroom.
- June 6**
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.
- June 10**
Library Board of Trustees Meeting at Craig County Library at 6 p.m.
- June 17**
Town of New Castle Town Council Meeting at New Castle Town Hall at 7-8 p.m.
- June 18**
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.
- June 19**
CPMT MEETING CPMT - Department of Social Services at 1 p.m.
- June 27**
Department of Social Services

- Board Meeting at Department of Social Services Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- July 4**
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.
- July 8**
Library Board of Trustees Meeting at Craig County Library at 6 p.m.
- July 15**
Town of New Castle Town Council Meeting at New Castle Town Hall at 7-8 p.m.
- July 16**
Congressman Morgan Griffith citizen comment period 9-10:30 a.m at Craig County Courthouse Breakroom.
- Planning Commission meeting at Planning Commission at 7-8 p.m.
- July 17**
CPMT MEETING CPMT - Department of Social Services at 1 p.m.
- Ongoing**
Craig County Genealogy Library open Fridays 1-4 p.m. 152 Main Street. 540-864-7023
- 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.
-The New Castle Record

Eclipse from 1994 archives

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26-mile railroad right of way owned by the state that winds from New Castle in Craig County to Eagle Rock in Botetourt County. The new trail will generally parallel Craigs Creek along the former Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O)

Craig Valley Branch rail bed and right of way between Last Lock Park near Eagle Rock in Botetourt County and Craig County High School near New Castle in Craig County. It will follow the rail bed's alignment with a few relatively

short exceptions. The trail is anticipated to be a multiuse trail. It would be approximately 10-foot-wide and mostly gravel for walking, running, biking, and horseback riding. The trail would utilize a former

rail bed and some low-volume secondary roads. Approximately nine miles of the 26-mile corridor consist of VDOT maintained secondary roads. Along these low-volume secondary roads, VDOT on its website states that the state

anticipates that the trail will exist in a "share the road" scenario as is the case today.
-- AJF, Special to The New Castle Record

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Product or ___ (abbr.)
4. Zodiac sign
9. S. China seaport
14. Former OSS
15. Early English printer
16. Aphid genus
17. General's assistant (abbr.)
18. Aussies
20. Dissuades
22. Make law
23. Drench
24. Soak in a liquid
28. Male child
29. It cools your home
30. Small constellation
31. To call (archaic)
33. Explores beneath the Earth
37. Commercial
38. W. hemisphere organization
39. You can find it in a can
41. "Land of the free"
42. 36 inches
43. Footwear
44. Challenges
46. They hold things together
49. Of I
50. Partner to flow
51. Not connected by kinship
55. Worries
58. Garlic mayonnaise
59. A way to take by force
60. Legendary English rockers
64. Your consciousness of your own identity
65. Fencing swords
66. Silly
67. Actor DiCaprio
68. Encircles with a belt
69. Mails a message

CLUES DOWN

1. Horse mackerels
2. It can be viral
3. Prickly plants
4. Consciousness
5. Type of sarcoma
6. Tax collector
7. Sun up in New York
8. One who scorches
9. Influential psychotherapist
10. Situated at an apex
11. Communicative
12. Forearm nerve
13. Former CIA
19. Folk singer DiFranco
21. Employee stock ownership plan
24. Large-scale
25. School environment
26. Remove
27. Male parents
31. Large rodent

32. Weighed down
34. Held tightly
35. ___ route: going there
36. Explains again
40. Exclamation of surprise
41. Courteously
45. Lying down
47. Judge
48. Forcefully took
52. Loosely compacted sediment
53. High mountain
54. Portable conical tents
56. Cereal grass
57. Dining utensil
59. Thoughtful
60. Helps you walk
61. Indicates near
62. Midway between northeast and east
63. Local area network

Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon
Contributing
Writer

Someone asked me the other day why I use recipes with boxed cake mixes or canned soup. The simple answer is that I like the taste and it is easier. Most of us who cook from scratch take longer than 30 minutes to make dinner unless we plan very well. Cleaning & prepping produce takes time, as does roasting & grinding spices, cooking whole grains & legumes, cutting, trimming & boning meats, kneading breads, ...yada yada. Lots of people simply do not have the time, and add to that, many do not have the knowledge. If Mom (or someone) did not teach us the basics, it can be a daunting task even to follow a simple recipe. But then again, I know people who never cook anything, they eat out or do take out for every meal. Convenience foods are there to help us. I know a lot of people eat or cook that way. Why else are there entire rows in the grocery store devoted to items like boxed noodle/rice/potato meals (just add hamburger), meal-in-a-cups (just add hot water), and cans of vegetables, soups, and meats? And that does not even address the frozen foods aisle. And yes, while it is true that even low sodium canned soups have a lot of sodium, once that can is mixed with several other ingredients for a dish that serves several people, just how much of that sodium is each serving going to contain? Still too much, but it is not like anyone is eating the whole can, undiluted.

This week's topic came to mind when in Kroger last week, I heard a young mom tell her little boy to

pick out a cake mix that he would like her to make and then he picked out a can of frosting. Both were so happy. To her it was the ultimate showing of her affection because she was making something homemade for him. The term "homemade" can be interpreted in different ways. Some people consider anything made at home, including using a box cake mix, to be homemade. Others may argue that using a mix is not truly homemade baking. Ultimately, it depends on individual perspectives and definitions. It is not "from scratch" cooking, but it is still cooking. And I think it is better than frozen meals, take-out or dining out all the time. Most of us use at one point or another, some kind of packaged product whether it be canned soup or crackers, but this should unite not divide us! We are all kindred cooks and food prejudice is just silly. And by the way, if a friend or family member makes an extra effort to go by a bakery to pick up one of my favorite cakes for a special occasion in my life, I would be equally touched and appreciative. It is the part that comes from the heart and the extra effort which touches me, not the homemade or made from scratch title.

Chicken scrat parm casserole
Ingredients

- salt
- 1 lb. box rigatoni or other short pasta
- 2 (24-oz.) jars marinara sauce, divided
- 2 (1-lb.) bags frozen chicken nuggets, divided
- 4 c. shredded mozzarella (about 1



COURTESY PHOTO

lb.), divided
6 tbsp. finely grated Parmesan, divided

Preheat oven to 375°. Grease an 11"-by-8" baking dish with cooking spray.

Directions

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta, stirring occasionally, until very al dente, usually 2 to 3 minutes less than package instructions. Drain and transfer to a large bowl. Add 1 jar marinara sauce and toss to coat.

Layer half of pasta mixture into bottom of prepared dish. Arrange 2

cups chicken nuggets in a single layer over top. Dollop half of remaining marinara sauce over nuggets. Sprinkle with 2 cups mozzarella and 3 tablespoons Parmesan. Top with remaining pasta mixture and 2 cups nuggets.

Tightly cover baking dish in foil. Bake casserole until warmed through, 40 to 45 minutes.

Top with remaining marinara sauce, 2 cups mozzarella, and 3 tablespoons Parmesan. Continue to bake until cheese is melted and golden, 10 to 15 minutes.



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Dr. David Doré and Leslie Watson, who received the George B. Vaughan Leadership Award for Outstanding Adjunct Faculty.

Virginia Western recipients earn statewide recognitions

Watson, CCAP celebrated at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College is pleased to announce two awards received by members of the College community at the New Horizons Conference awards celebration on Wednesday, April 10, at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center.

Leslie Watson received the George B. Vaughan Leadership Award for Outstanding Adjunct Faculty. Watson has served as an adjunct faculty member at Virginia Western Community College since 2007, beginning in the Radiation

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OBITUARY

Myklebust, Arvid

Arvid Myklebust, father, husband, brother, friend, farmer, and scholar of Blacksburg and Craig County, Virginia, originally from Uskedal, Norway, entered God's eternal glory on the afternoon of April 10, 2024.

Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering and inductee in the First Class of Virginia Tech's Faculty Entrepreneur Hall of Fame, Arvid, was also the 2018 Outstanding Alumnus in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from the University of Florida.

Arvid co-founded a NASA Institute and three successful technology companies. He published over 70 technical papers, directed over 50 Masters and Ph.D. students,



and was a frequent speaker on Computer-Aided Design.

Arvid, a Son of Norway, a lover of life, and a student of the arts was also a long-time practitioner of Raja Yoga and read Eastern and Western Philosophy and Theology.

Most importantly, Arvid was the husband of Joan Ferrari Myklebust, nee Ferrari.

Together they shared five children including Torolf Myklebust, June Myklebust, Michael Lee Johnson, Amy Marie (Bradley) Brittain, and Sandra Claire (Adam) Sowder. Surviving grandchildren are SØlve, Brian, Noah, Jack, Cody, Ean, Samantha, Teddy, and Henry. He is also survived by his sister, Gunnvord Loyd, and brother, Roy Myklebust.

Family and friends were invited to gather at McCoy Funeral Home on April 14, 2024, at 1 p.m. for visitation and 2 p.m. for a celebration of life officiated by the Rev. Dr. J. Adam Sowder and Minister Dwayne Wente. Interment followed at Chestnut Grove Church Cemetery in New Castle, Virginia.

God's House Is Always Open

<p>BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 11599 Cumberland Gap Road/Rt. 42, New Castle, 864-5242; church phone: 544-7040 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Choir Tuesday 7:30p.m., Youth Outreach and Missions Program. Rev. San Kang.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH Duane Wente, Minister, Rt. 42, New Castle, 540-864-5692. Sunday: Worship 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>CORNERSTONE CHURCH Pastor Don Brown, Corner of Salem and Wagner, New Castle, 580-3228. Sunday Worship 10:30am (Children meet separately, Nursery provided). Bible Study - Wednesday 6p Teens - Wednesday 6p. Ministries: Men, Ladies, Young Adult, and Seniors. Times vary, call for details.</p> <p>CRAIG HEALING SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) Pastor - Kenneth W. Davis, Jr., 6 Grannys Branch Road (Johns Creek), New Castle, Phone: 864-6102. Sunday School at 10 am. Sunday Worship at 11 am every Sunday. Fellowship meal after Sunday Worship on second Sundays. Everyone is welcome!</p> <p>CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST 171 Salem Avenue, New Castle, 864-5667; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM, Bible Buddies at 6:30-8:00PM. Transportation provided - call the church. Hearing devices also available. www.craigvalleybaptist.com</p> <p>CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP HWY 621, Pastor Roy Lee Law Jr., "Jay", 864-8984. Sunday School 10:00am; Worship 11:00am., Wednesday night Bible study 7pm, from HWY 311, up HWY 621, 8 miles on left.</p> <p>CROSSROADS CHURCH 21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street & Boyd Ave., New Castle. Church phone 864-5919. Sunday School 10:00AM, Sunday Worship 11:00AM and 6PM. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM, Youth Group</p>	<p>7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.</p> <p>GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Loraine 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</p> <p>GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH 159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.</p> <p>HEBRON UNITED METHODIST Pastor Chanmi Lee, 347-684-2607, Rt. 606, 1981 Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540- 400-3419. Worship 11:15AM.</p> <p>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.</p> <p>LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH 3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. 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.</p> <p>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-525-7662. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>NEW CANTERBURY PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP Pastor John D. 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Sunday service 9-10:15am at the VFW building in New Castle. Casual dress if you desire and contemporary praise and worship. If you don't have a 'home' church, please join us at ours with Pastor Gary Burch. Check us out on facebook or contact us at: craigcountycommunity-church@gmail.com.</p> <p>ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH Located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttfc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).</p>
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OPINION

News from the 9th: Courage



Morgan Griffith
Representative

When my children were younger, I would often, in trying to teach them, recite the famous lines of the Cowardly Lion.

“What makes the flag on the mast to wave?”
“Courage!”
“What makes a King out of a slave?”
“Courage!”
One day as I was driving, a little voice piped up from the car

seat in the back. “Daddy, has that ever happened? Has the flag on the mast ever waved because of courage?”

I thought for a minute, and several examples came to mind, including the United States War of Independence against Great Britain, which makes our beloved stars and stripes on the mast to wave.

But on that occasion, I responded with the 1948 Israeli War of Independence, and the movie Cast a Giant Shadow.

The movie follows U.S. Army Colonel

David Marcus, who is played by actor Kirk Douglas. Colonel Marcus, who is of Jewish faith, feels the call to return to duty in order to help the nascent Israel form an army.

The Jewish people had never completely left the Holy Land. And after (a) promises by the British government in 1917, (b) the Holocaust during WWII and (c) a United Nations resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in 1947, many Jewish refugees returned to the Holy Land. They came to form a Jewish State in British-held territory as

they were promised. Many of the Arab nations were opposed. The British left! And the Jewish people fought for independence.

They had so much determination and courage, that as the film depicts, in one of their battles, some of the Jewish charged forward without knowing how to click off the rifle’s safety. Even though they couldn’t fire their weapons, courage spurred them into charging against daunting odds.

Courage made the flag of Israel on the mast to wave.

And that is what I told my son.

I recalled that incident recently as I traveled to Israel.

On the trip, I talked to one of the former residents of the Nir-Oz Kibbutz. Nir-Oz is one of many villages that were ambushed by Hamas during their October 7 attack. We were shown where civilians died and where houses were burned and bombed.

After that we went to the outdoor music festival site where more than 250 attendees were murdered. Hamas videos of the attacks were circulated online and on social media.

Visiting the site, we spoke to a twenty-year-old survivor, who is alive today only because she is a tiny girl. In a frightened state, she

hid in the back of a small bomb shelter. She was shielded from gunfire by the bodies of the dead on top of her.

She told us she could hear Hamas soldiers laughing as they fired into the shelter.

Her boyfriend was killed in the attack.

Nonetheless, she affirmed that life has to go on, and that Israel must continue.

I am asked about stopping Israeli efforts to eliminate Hamas. Hamas supporters often cite the loss of innocent Palestinian life.

War is always a horrible thing!

Even in war, minimizing death is important.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
Each spring, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and other state DOTs recognize Work Zone Awareness Week to remind drivers of the importance of avoiding distractions and driving safely through work zones. Join us at VDOT as we promote National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 15-19, with our theme this year, “Work zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever.” Whether you work on our roads or drive them every day, work zone safety is everyone’s responsibility.

Our employees and contractors put their lives on the line in work zones every day while working to improve

travel for motorists in Virginia. This is true in mobile operations like mowing, paving and plowing snow, short-term work zones set up to replace bridges and culverts, as well as in our established work zones for long-term construction projects. Although signs, cones and safety vests can be effective in warning motorists of a work zone, these tools are no protection against a fast-moving vehicle or an inattentive driver. In fact, most work zone deaths are motorists, not workers, so slowing down, eliminating distractions and paying close attention in work zones can help all of us.

All motorists — whether a seasoned driver or someone new behind

the wheel — should follow these instructions when driving through a work zone:

- Work zones are a sign to slow down.
- If you see the orange work zone warning signs, be alert for changing conditions ahead.
- Eliminate distractions and stay aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Follow Virginia’s phone down and move over laws.

In addition, to show support for National Work Zone Awareness Week, VDOT encourages you to participate in these activities during the week:

- Show us your Orange! Wednesday, April 17 is national “Go Orange Day.” Everyone is encouraged to wear orange

in support of work zone safety across the country. Share your pictures with us on Twitter and Facebook! #GoOrangeVa

- Attend the vigil at the VDOT Worker’s Memorial on Afton Mountain on Wednesday, April 17 at 4 p.m.
- Follow us all week long and share our Facebook VDOT Salem District group page at www.facebook.com/groups/VDOTSalem and ReTweet with us @VaDOTSalem.

Join our team to keep our roads and work zones safe for everyone. Let’s work together so we can all arrive at home safely each and every day.

Ken King, P.E.
District engineer
VDOT Salem District

VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81 UTILITY SLOW ROLL SCHEDULED ON I-81-AEP will perform slow roll operations to replace

an existing overhead I-81 crossing in the early morning hours of Friday, April 19, between the hours of 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. near mile marker 133.9.

UPCOMING I-81 NB & SB BRIDGE REHAB OVER ROUTE 100 AT EXIT 98 – Beginning on – Beginning on April 22, 2024, work will begin on I-81 rehabbing the northbound and southbound bridges over Route 100 at Exit 98. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place on Route 100 north and on I-81 northbound and southbound, 8 p.m. to 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.

I-81 NB & SB DECK OVERLAY AT PEAK CREEK MILE MARKER 95.7 -On April 22, 2024, repair work will begin on the northbound and southbound bridges on I-81 over Peak Creek near mile marker 95.7. This repair work will require nighttime single lane closures for the duration of the project. Lane closures may occur nightly from Sunday night through Friday mornings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. For the deck overlay process, lane closures may be in place between Sunday nights through Friday mornings. For the southbound lanes these will occur between the hours of 7pm and 10am, and for the northbound lanes between the hours of 6pm through 9am. Details on these closures will be listed below on a weekly basis. This project has a contract completion date of December 6, 2024.

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.

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But since Hamas took control of Gaza in 2007, they have consistently shelled Israel, particularly in Israel's Gaza envelope.

Hamas adheres to their "from the river to the sea" concept, threatening the very existence of Israel and the Jewish people.

Further, Hamas has no problem using Palestinian civilians as shields from gunfire and it takes refuge in

hospitals and homes.

Hamas started the current war when 3,000 Hamas soldiers crossed the border into Israel and targeted civilians, men, women, and children, and brutally murdered the defenseless.

In the attack, it is estimated that Hamas killed approximately 1,200 people. Over two hundred

were kidnapped, and some are still hostages as of this writing, including the son of the man who gave us the tour of Nir-Oz.

As the young lady at the festival testified, they must have the courage to go on.

Israel has come to recognize they have no choice but to eliminate the terrorist organization Hamas, because Hamas is determined to

spend all of their time, efforts and money to eliminate the State of Israel.

While I continue to pray for peace, without the courage of the Israelis to live on and defend themselves, Israel would not have a flag on the mast to wave.

What makes the flag on the mast to wave? Courage.

Honors page 3

Oncology Program and moving among several disciplines. She spearheaded the efforts of the School of Health Professions in the development of an Introduction to Health Professions college success course. Within this course, students enrolling in Virginia Western's nine health professions programs have their first Interprofessional Education assignment, which provides an introduction to working across disciplines within healthcare.

Watson is also an American Heart Association Basic Life Support instructor at Carilion Clinic. She holds certifications as a Radiologic Technologist with a Specialty in Radiography, R.T.R., and a Radiologic Technologist with a Specialty in Therapy, R.T.T. through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologies. She is certified as an instructor for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid through the American Heart Association and has a certification for Current Professional Terminology Coding.

Her volunteer activities include serving on the Board of the American Cancer Society Loudoun Unit, where she is the Children's Activities Director. She works with the Centra Health's Witness Project, which is designed to increase

breast cancer screening and mammography among underserved African American women. She volunteers to help teachers in the Pittsylvania County school district, and she is a Pittsylvania County 4-H, Future Farmers of America and Girl Scouts of America volunteer.

"I love teaching students not only job knowledge, but knowledge that will help them in their daily lives," Watson said. "We all must see physicians, it is nice to know what they are telling us with all their 'jargon.' I am also a CPR instructor. I enjoy teaching people the skills that could save a loved one's life."

The Community College Access Program (CCAP), administered by the Virginia Western Educational Foundation, was selected as this year's winner of the 2024 Excellence in Education: Removing Barriers Award. CCAP is one of the Commonwealth's first and largest "free college" programs and is nationally recognized for its unique private-public funding model.

In 2023, CCAP celebrated its 15th anniversary, having provided more than \$10 million in tuition assistance to more than 4,000 students since its founding. The program is the flagship initiative of the Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation, a nonprofit



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Dr. David Doré (from left), chancellor of the Virginia Community College System; Allison Dooley; Carolyn Payne; Sharnice Mayo; Frank Tyree; Wanda DiMarco; Anna Goltz; Carole Tarrant; Amanda Mansfield; and Craig Herndon, senior vice chancellor for administration, finance and technology.

affiliated with the College that focuses foremost on reducing the financial barriers facing students.

CCAP recipients do not need to worry about Virginia Western tuition for their two years of eligibility, as long as they maintain their GPA and enroll in at least nine credit hours each semester in a program of study. The scholarship provides "last-in" funding, closing the final gap between state and federal aid and the tuition owed. Participants also are required to complete four hours of volunteer service each semester as a "give-back" to the public and private donors who have invested in their education. In the past 15 years, that has amounted to more than 30,000 hours of volunteer service to nonprofits in our region.

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This includes the Secondary System Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the project priority listing for the Secondary System Six-Year Plan for Craig County Fiscal Year 2024-2025 through 2030-31.

The hearing is scheduled for May 2nd, 2024. The Public Hearing, which may be continued or adjourned and will be held at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia in the Court Room. A copy of the budgets may be requested at the Office of the County Administrator. Written comments may be submitted to the County Administrator's office by email abryson@craigcountyva.gov, or mailed to P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127. All written comments must be received no later than 1:00 p.m., Thursday March 28th, 2024. (540)864-5010

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the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement.

Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com

ABC NOTICE

ICHIBAN STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI BAR DALEVILLE LLC., trading as ICHIBAN STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI BAR DALEVILLE, 470 Roanoke Road, Daleville, Botetourt County, Virginia, 24083-3020

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

Qiang Jiang, Owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. **CL23-522** VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, V. ELSIE E. EDWARDS, 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. 109-220D Account No. 16274 All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, lying and being situate in Botetourt County, Virginia and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at an iron pin at the northeasterly corner of a 1.22-acre tract now or formerly of Henry V. Edwards on the southerly line now or formerly of V. G. Ferris property; thence with the line of Ferris property, S. 66° 13' 20" E. 170.54 feet to a point; thence with two new division lines through the property now or formerly of Gordon Lee Edwards property, S. 32° 01' 10" W. 200.79 feet to a point; thence N. 66° 13' W. 170.54 feet to an iron at the southeasterly corner of the Henry V. Edwards property; thence with the line of same, N. 32° 01' 10" E. 200.79 feet to the BEGINNING and containing 0.778 acres and being designated as Tract "C" on map platted from records by T. P. Parker & Son, Engineers and Surveyors, Ltd. dated December 22, 1986.

And being a portion of the real property conveyed to Gordon L. Edwards and Elsie D. Edwards, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety from Henry V. Edwards and Linda R. Edwards, divorced, by Deed dated February 18, 1993 and recorded April 1, 1993

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in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Deed Book 429 at Page 625.

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 274 at Page 265.

Tax Map No. 109-220B Account No. 16272

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, lying and being situate in Botetourt County, Virginia and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at an iron pin on the northwest corner of the property now or formerly owned by Gordon Lee Edwards and Elsie D. Edwards, corner to property now or formerly of V. G. Ferris and N and W Railway Co. right-of-way; thence S. 66° 13' 20" E. 325 feet to an iron pin; thence S. 32° 01' 10" W. 200.79 feet to an iron pin; thence N. 52° 52' 10" W. 335.41 feet to an iron pin; thence N. 37° 44' E. 124.94 feet to the place of beginning and being Tract "A" and containing 1.222 acres, more or less, all as shown on plat of survey by John T. Parker, C. L. S., dated November 3, 1981, a copy of which is of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Deed Book 274 at Page 263.

And being a portion of the real property conveyed to Gordon L. Edwards and Elsie D. Edwards, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety from Henry V. Edwards and Linda R. Edwards, divorced by Deed dated February 18, 1993 and recorded April 1, 1993 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Deed Book 429 at Page 625. 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 274 at Page 265.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the respondents herein are as follows: Gordon L. Edwards, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o Henry Edwards 164 Wandas Lane, Dante, Virginia 24237-7102; Elsie E. Edwards, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o Henry Edwards, 164 Wandas Lane, Dante, Virginia 24237-7102; Wanda Edwards Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Daniel Moore, whose last known address is unknown; Kevin Moore, whose last known address is 71 Lois Lane, Roanoke, Virginia 24019; Mary Lou Edwards Arnold, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Darrell Arnold, whose last known address is 3228 Plantation Road NE, Roanoke, Virginia 24012; Birchie Dawn Bowman, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Donnie Vest, whose last known address is 4333 Electric Road, Apt 2, Roanoke, Virginia 24018; Barry Vest Jr., whose last known address is 2577 Volunteer Pkwy, Apt 1, Bristol, Tennessee 37620; Stephen Gilmore Vest, whose last known address is unknown; Jasmine Bowman a/k/a Jasmine Bowman Vest, whose last known address is 2631 Durham Street NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24012; Melinda Arnold Froelicher, whose last known address is 725 Murray Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia 24013; Christopher Arnold, whose last known address is unknown; Eric Leon Edwards, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Henry V. Edwards, whose last known address is 164 Wandas Lane, Dante, Virginia 24237; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action

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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 April 12, 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.

I Ask For This: Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Garrett W. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800, Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 864-0080 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No.: 924036

Entered on the 5th day of March, 2024.

The Honorable Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

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,

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. **CL24000383** ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 in re LILLIAN MAY RICHARDSON The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE FOR MINOR. It is ORDERED that AMBER MARIE RICHARDSON AND WILLIAM JOSEPH RICHARDSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on MAY 9, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 22, 2024 Jennifer J. West Deputy Clerk

Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 4916 Pilot Road, Pilot, VA 24134 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

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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

Legals - City of Salem

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Philip M. and Rachel C. Knouff, property owners, for the amendment of a Home Occupation Permit to allow retail sales at the cut flower farm (garden) on the property located at 275 Ft Lewis Blvd (Tax Map # 130-2-22).

2. Consider the request of PHC of Virginia, LLC/Acadia Healthcare, Mt Regis Center, property owner, for the amendment of the Use Not Provided For permit to allow additions to the outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment center on the property located at 125 Knotbreak Road, (Tax Map # 148-1-5).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. **CL24000383** ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 in re LILLIAN MAY RICHARDSON The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE FOR MINOR. It is ORDERED that AMBER MARIE RICHARDSON AND WILLIAM JOSEPH RICHARDSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on MAY 9, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 22, 2024 Jennifer J. West Deputy Clerk

Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 4916 Pilot Road, Pilot, VA 24134 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Parcel ID: 012435/Tax Map# 131-A-90 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$93,000.00, DATED THE 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2021, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-4295, DATED APRIL 22, 2021, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 167 Penny Royal Road, Pilot, VA 24134 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Parcel ID: 012692/Tax Map# 131-A-26 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$39,920.00, DATED THE 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2021, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-6796, DATED JUNE 25, 2021, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

Signed March 5, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. **CL24000402-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOHANNA RENEE PHILLIPS v. MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 15, 2024. MARCH 13, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073, ON 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING at an iron stake on the south side of private roadway and a corner to the Sutphin place (now Cole); thence with said roadway in the line with the party of the first part 481 feet in a westerly direction to an iron stake; corner to the yard fence of the party of the first part; thence along a line with the yard fence 205 feet to a southerly direction to an iron stake, corner to G.W. Miller; thence with the line of G.W. Miller in an easterly direction 526 feet to a point of BEGINNING, the said trace of land containing 2-1/4 acres of land, more or less.

Tax Map# 131-A-26 / Parcel ID: 012692 Address: 167 Penny Royal Road, Pilot, VA 24138 SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. **CL23001822-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re BRENDA MARIE BRIDGES v. SCOTT THOMAS BRIDGES The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that SCOTT THOMAS BRIDGES appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 8TH, 2024.

Signed March 5, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. **CL24000402-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOHANNA RENEE PHILLIPS v. MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 15, 2024. MARCH 13, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

Legals - Montgomery County

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2048: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025; Adopting the Real Estate Tax Rate; and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year. The proposed

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ordinance would approve the Town's 2024/2025 operating budget and maintain the existing tax rate. This is described in more detail in the stand-alone advertisement published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024.

Ordinance 2049: An Ordinance Amending Blacksburg Town Code Sections 18-201, 18-400, 24-301, 24-306, 24-314, And 24-602 to Increase Fees for Water and Sewer Services and Meter Fees. The ordinance increase the amounts of the referenced fees; the increases are described in more detail in stand-alone advertisements published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024 and March 31, 2024.

Ordinance 2050: An

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Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Appropriate \$2,500,000 of Bond Proceeds to the General Capital Improvement Fund. Ordinance 2050 will appropriate funding for the potential purchase of several parcels of land. The funding for this purchase will be included in the 2024 bond offering.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m.

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and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

ABC NOTICE

NEW RIVER BARBECUE LLC, trading NEW RIVER BARBECUE, 3205 ROANOKE ST. CHRISTIANSBURG, VA

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24073. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for RESTAURANT, ON AND OFF PREMISES BEER AND WINE license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

JAMES B. SHERMAN-OWNER

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, the Radford City Council hereby gives notice of a joint public hearing with Planning Commission to be held on April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA, in order to hear citizen comments regarding City Council's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by K&J Properties (applicant) on behalf of Islands on the New, LLC (owner) for a Special Use Permit to allow for a RV Resort. The use is defined as "Recreational Vehicle Park" in the Zoning

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Ordinance, which is allowed in the M-1 Zoning District and within the CD Zoning District only by an approved Special Use Permit. The property is located at 3080 Little River Dam Rd, further identified as Tax Parcel 24-1-8, with 36 acres, zoned CD Conservation and M-1 Light Industrial. The property is designated as Low-Density Residential in the Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plan, applications, ordinances may be examined at the Community Development Office, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Mustangs finish strong to down Craig in baseball

The Craig County High baseball team will be looking to pick up their first win this week with a three game week. The Rockets were at Bland County Monday, home to Parry McCluer today and at Bath County on Friday. Parry McCluer and Bath are Pioneer District games.

Last week in New Castle visiting Eastern Montgomery scored single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to pull away from the

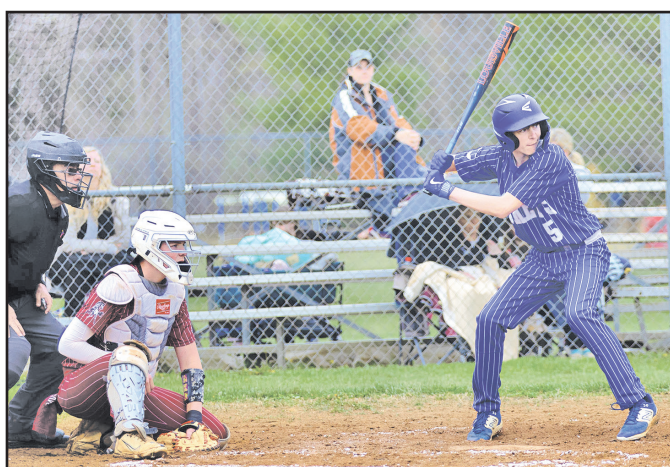
Rockets and take a 6-2 win. Craig hung tough threw three innings, trailing just 3-2 at that point behind some solid pitching from Matthew Lucas. The senior righthander went five and two thirds innings, striking out seven. He allowed just four hits and one earned run before being relieved by lefty Jaycob Wolfe who finished the sixth and pitched a three up-three down top of the seventh.

The Rockets had four hits, one each from Lucas, Wolfe, Hayden Reynolds and Drew Duncan. Wolfe and Reynolds scored Craig's runs and Duncan had an RBI. Isaiah Wente and Seth Parsons both reached base when they were hit by a pitch and Reynolds and Wolfe had stolen bases.

Next Tuesday, April 22nd, Narrows comes here for a Pioneer District game.



Matthew Lucas pitches for Craig in action last week.



Hayden Reynolds of the Rockets bats against East Mont.



Craig's Drew Duncan handles a low throw to first base.

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Craig County soccer team has three home games in a week

Homestanding Eastern Montgomery dropped the Craig County soccer team to 0-3 with a win in Elliston last week. The host Mustangs won by mercy rule, 10-0, in a shutout win over Craig.

The Rockets are scheduled to have their first home game on Thursday of this week when the Covington Boys Home team comes to town. That game is scheduled for 5:30 pm at Walton F. Mitchell Jr. Field. Two more home games follow with Bath here Friday and Narrows next Tuesday, also at 5:30 pm.



Aiden Crawford(#12) battles an East Mont player for the ball.



Craig's Ava Greenway(#9) defends against the Mustangs.



Sean Cady(#14) looks to steal the ball in last week's game.

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Rocket softball team will host Parry McCluer today

The Craig County softball team will be home today, Wednesday, to host Pioneer District rival Parry McCluer. Game time is 5 pm on the field behind the high school.

The Rockets had just one game last week, a 15-0 loss to Eastern Montgomery in New Castle. The visiting Mustangs stroked 13 hits in the win and the Rockets struggled in the field behind pitcher Kammie Fisher, who

struck out five. "Defense absolutely killed us," said Rockets' coach Elaina Wolfe-Carper. "Quite a few of those hits should have been fielded for an out. And, we had errors that just piled on top of one another. The girls did get the bat on the ball against a solid pitcher for East Mont, but their team made the basic plays." Daileigh Donithan led the Rocket offense,

going two-for-two. "Losses like this one are the most frustrating," said Wolfe-Carper. "I see the potential that this group has, but they've got to keep focused and get more consistent."

Craig was at Bland Monday but results were too late for publication. Next Tuesday, April 23rd, the girls will host Narrows.



Daileigh Donithan takes the throw at second.



Naveah Hypes of the Rockets fires one in.



Jenna Boitnotte covers third as a Mustang slides in.

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Track meet is postponed until May 1

The Craig County track team was scheduled to run at Giles last Friday but the meet was postponed by inclement weather. It was rescheduled for May 1.

The Rockets' next varsity meet is this Friday at Floyd County High with

the Floyd County Invitational. The Rockets will be at Lord Botetourt next Wednesday, April 24, to run in a five-school meet on LB's brand new track.

The Craig County jayvee team was scheduled to open its season on Tuesday of this week at Glenvar.