

# Memorial service creates an honorable atmosphere

#### Pam Dudding Special to the Record

Though the rain chose to pour down on Memorial Day, it didn't stop the determination of many Craig County citizens who stepped onto the courthouse lawn. Most knew that the VFW and DAR would faithfully be there to show their respects to the men and women of Craig County and of the USA who have given their lives for the freedom of all who enjoy freedom in this nation.

However, with only 15 minutes before the service was to begin, the sun broke up the clouded sky and the rain stopped. "Prayer worked!" some shared with a grateful smile.

The DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) handed out flags and a schedule to all who attended. To begin the service, Post 4491 VFW Chaplain Ken Looney rang the courthouse bell which immediately created a solemn sense of honor throughout the lawn.

Standing at attention, the VFW Post 4491 presented the flag with salutes.

Chaplain Ken Looney gave prayer, honoring the past men and women of the military, sharing that they are his first focus of the prayer, striving to bring praise and honor to all veterans, both past and present, as well as to those who are serving today in the defending of our grateful nation, including all future members of the military of the USA.

He shared in thanking God, "We acknowledge the debt we owe to the men and women of the United States military, who have guarded this country with their lives.

We especially honor those who lost their lives while defending this nation. They fought on land, at sea and in the air, always understanding that they may not come back from the mission and accepting that as part of the job. They were willing to risk death to protect this land we hold so dear, and the American people along with it. We thank them for their sacrifice and promise we'll carry on their legacy to ensure they did not die in vain."

"Father, we pray that You strengthen and protect all of our military personnel who are serving presently and those yet to serve in the future. Give them the courage to face whatever may come, and protect them in battle, and help them to prosper in times of peace," Looney continued with a broken voice. "Watch over their families Lord, as You watch over us, and meet their every need. We put our trust and faith in You, even if we don't understand Your ways, we still accept the fact that You have a plan for each of us. Please help us fulfill our personal missions, whenever and wherever You may lead, and guide us and protect us as we strive to follow You in doing that things You have called us to do, in Your Holy name we pray."

"Heavenly Father, we thank You again Lord, for having brought us together to pay tribute to those who lost their lives defending our nation,' shared Looney. "May their souls live on in Your gracious presence, and may they experience the full measure of Your love and mercy. We also ask that You guide us and make us worthy of the sacrifices from which we have benefited. We See **Memorial** page 2



The Craig Valley Daughters of the American Revolution led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the presentation of The Missing Man Table which was very honorable.

ERECTED IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO HAVE OR SHALL VER SERVE HONORABLY IN THE FOUNDING OR DEFENSE OF OUR NATION. WITH SPECIAL GRATITUDE TO THOSE KILLED OR MISSING IN ACTION AND TO ALL PRISIONERS OF WAR. THE CITIZENS OF CRAIG COUNTY
SEPT: 1988 PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING

The newest addition to the courthouse lawn, is a concrete memorial which honors those who served.

# Sunday fatal accident blocks Route 311 for hours

#### Bonnie Cranmer Contributing writer

On Sunday, May 26, an accident involving three vehicles resulted in Route 311 being closed for several hours. Sherrie Joann Robertson, 55 of New Castle, was pronounced dead at the scene after hitting a Buick stopped making a legal left turn. The others involved in the accident were taken to the hospital with non lifethreatening injuries. Supervisor Jordan Labiosa was quick to share the CodeRED update to several of the Craig County Facebook pages, alerting citizens of the emergency. "During this difficult time, we are reminded of the importance of community support and compassion. Let us all come together to provide comfort and strength to those affected," said Labiosa.

The CodeRED system



# Local students help artist with mural

Local elementary and middle school students are pictured working with artist Jonathan Murrill, who is working on a mural in New Castle.

## **CODE RED ALERTS**

1) Route 311 temporarily closed due to an accident investigation around the 3300 block of Craig Valley Drive.

2) The National Weather Service has issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for our area until 6:45PM.

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The CodeRED system alerts registered users to emergencies by phone, landlines or cell, text, emails and social media.

# Craig County landowners seek consideration of land use program

#### Bonnie Cranmer Contributing writer

A movement is gaining momentum in Craig County, with residents investigating a land use-based real estate tax structure similar to surrounding counties. This initiative aims to support local farms and forests by reducing the tax burden on qualifying properties.

Angie Guthrie, a Craig resident who owns a business and land, spearheaded the effort. Ĝuthrie brought together a group of interested citizens. Over the past two months, the group, consisting of roughly 15-20 individuals, has convened four meetings to research and discuss the implementation of a land use program. Their efforts have culminated in a petition

that will be presented and forest lands. This to the Craig County would decrease the Board of Supervisors on tax burden for eligible

Thursday, June 6. The proposed categorizes program land into distinct use types: agricultural, horticultural, forest, and open space. Importantly, the program incorporates a "rollback" provision. This means the difference between a property's market value and its designated use value is essentially a "deferred tax." If the land is converted to a non-qualifying use, the owner would be responsible for paying this deferred tax.

The group has reviewed both Virginia and Craig County codes to ensure their proposal aligns with regulations. They are advocating for a "use value taxation" system that applies to qualifying agricultural and forest lands. This would decrease the tax burden for eligible landowners and support their continued use of the land as intended as a rural resource.

The petition is available for review and signing at two locations on Main Street: The Emporium and Guthrie Insurance. The group encourages residents to familiarize themselves with the proposal. Comments or questions can be referred to Angie Guthrie.

"The core objective of the Land Use Program is to incentivize the preservation of agricultural and forested land within Craig County. By reducing the tax burden on these properties, the program aims to ensure the continued operation of farms and the production of vital commodities like



The proposed program categorizes land into distinct use types: agricultural, horticultural, forest, and open space.

food and timber. This initiative is not solely beneficial to landowners; the entire Craig County community would reap the rewards of preserving its rural character and natural resources."

With a comprehensive program in place and

a growing coalition of supporters, the group is hopeful that the Craig County Board of Supervisors will seriously consider their proposal. The June 6 meeting presents an opportunity for the group to advocate for their vision and secure

a future that fosters a thriving agricultural sector and protects Craig County's precious land. The long-term benefits include "a more diverse and improved County economy and the retention of Craig County youth in agricultural careers."

## CodeRed from page 1

alerts registered users to emergencies by phone, landlines or cell, text, emails and social media. The messages can be targeted in a geographic area, or include an entire region. The system is used for real-time updates and instructions to the public for their safety. In this particular instance,

the road was blocked in both directions and CodeRED alerted people to the situation. With the upcoming

hurricane season, weather events come up fast and sometimes with only minutes to be prepared. At the same time the recent accident was being attended, the wind and rain collided, resulting in further challenges for responders and the public. CodeRED updates are used for weather related issues and can mean the difference between life and death. Preparing for high winds, flooding and even electrical outages can be critical.

"The Craig County Sheriff's Office demonstrated exceptional foresight in implementing the CodeRED emergency alert system back in 2020. This system has proven to be an invaluable tool for our community, significantly enhancing our ability to communicate critical information swiftly and efficiently in times of emergency. Whether it's road closures, severe storms, or other urgent situations, CodeRED keeps our residents informed and prepared. commend I our Sheriff's Office for their commitment to public safety and strongly encourage every resident to sign up for these vital alerts via email, text, or phone by visiting the Craig County website," Labiosa stated.

Craig County has the link to register to receive CodeRED notices on their website at https:// craigcountyva.gov/

## Memorial from page 1

pray we never forget how blessed we truly are as a nation, as a people and as Your children. Let us remain in Your care and go in peace. To God be the Glory! Aman."

Lenny Mayor MacDonald introduced the DAR who led the Pledge of Allegiance and continued with the presentation of "The Missing Man Table."

item Each was described by Margaret Hines while Dianne Brown, Tina Crawford, Jackie Taylor, Peggy Huffman and Diane Givens stood by the table. It was ended by Hines talking of the empty chair representing the men and women who did not get the privilege of coming home from war. "Their chair is forever empty," she said. The National Anthem

and an additional patriotic song was beautifully sung by Craig County Public Schools music teacher Alyssa Schulke.

Mayor MacDonald introduced the speaker, Commander Billy Lee, of local Craig Valley VFW Post 4491.

He added that Lee will be stepping down as commander in June and David Caldwell will take the position.

Lee gave a heartfelt and informational message as he began, "Memorial Day as we know it today, was born as Decoration Day in Waterloo, New York, back in 1866 when Henry Wells a local drugstore owner suggested that all businesses close for one day to honor, in solemn and patriotic manner, the fallen soldiers who lost their lives during the Civil War. A group of confederate widows decorated fresh graves with wildflowers. The townspeople made wreaths and crosses to place upon the headstones fallen, but it is our responsibility to teach our youth that nothing comes without cost, and that sacrifices are meaningless without remembrance. I ask that on this somber occasion, you do not accept feelings of grief or affliction without an encompassing feeling of honor, patriotism, and pride. It is said that where one story ends another begins, a statement that holds true for our fallen service members. Though their lives were cut short, their contributions live on. They have ensured that the Declaration of Independence holds true for everyone, some whose story is just beginning, some who otherwise may not have been entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The courage possessed by the men and women we honor today is something that cannot be

learned. It is something that is felt deep within. The willingness to die for our beliefs is truly what makes America the home of the brave. The relatively few patriots who wear the cloth of our country leave the life that they have grown accustomed to and thrust themselves into unfamiliar and dangerous territories, eager to succeed in their endeavors.

From Maine's rocky Atlantic Coast to the Golden State's sandy beaches, this IS the land of the free, ensured by the generations who believed American is worth fighting for, worth dying for.

Today, perhaps more so than any other day throughout the year, we set aside our personal beliefs regarding politics and war and unite in respect to all those who afforded us the very opportunity to gather freely today. And I would be remiss not to mention the families left behind, their sacrifice is also felt, and they too, have earned our gratitude and

appreciation. So, as we leave here today, let us recommit ourselves to keeping the memory of our fallen alie, let us ensure our youth understand at an early age that their freedom was paid forward at great expense, let us work to educate others on the true meaning of Memorial Day, and let us vow to stand up for those who are unable to stand up for themselves.

On this sacred day, as we stand united as a nation under old glory, the silent sentinel



courthouse bell to begin the annual Memorial Day service on the courthouse lawn on Monday, May 27. He proceeded with a heartfelt prayer in honor of all the fallen soldiers as well as all military personnel.



Billy Lee, commander in chief of the VFW Post 4491, was the special speaker, giving vivid account of the reason all had attended as well as listing the names of his friends who lost their lives in the Vietnam War while he served.

lived and are forever grateful. Above all, in an attempt to pay back our debt as American citizens we also must not only remember the flags El Salvador Civil - 37, waved proudly at half- Northwest Indian staff, and an American tradition was born. Now, nearly 160 years later, I stand before you on this proud day of remembrance and ask that you join me in not only remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the good of this great nation, but in truly reflecting on their legacy. There has been no other nation on earth whose sacrifice has been greater than ours. Nowhere in the pages of history has there been a country before ours that has paid a higher price for the freedom of others. Sacred and hallowed ground at the Arlington, and places like Ardennes, Normandy, Pearl Harbor and Manila are testament to the high cost of achieving and maintaining freedom around the globe."

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The evening is always completed with the gun salute and the playing of TAPS which seems to penetrate one's heart.

Sioux – 314, Philippine-American 4196, Mexican Revolution – 35, World War I – 116,516, AEF Siberia – 328, World War II 405,399, Vietnam -58,209, Beirut - 266, Grenada – 19, Persian Gulf – 258, Somalia Intervention – 43, NATO Yugoslavia – 20. Panama – 40, Provide Comfort – 19, Bosnia – 12, Enduring Freedom – 2356 and Iraqi Freedom - 4489.

Lee also chose to share the names of the mens lives who died while he served in the Vietnam War. They were all killed in action and all PEC's In 1968, James D Armstead Jr – age 21 and Harry G Pannell -19 both died on Nov. 20.

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In 1969, 2nd Lieutenant Wilton S Pyle – age 23 – May 27, Dale E Greenwood – 20 – March 7, Raymond J Arroyo -19 - March 7, Lewis L McDonald - 20 March 7, James M King - 19 - March 26, James R Reynolds - 19- March 21, Philip B. Thompson – 20 – March 21, Clifford L Swisher – 20 – March 22, Carl Deyneka – 19 - May 24, James B Williams Jr – 19 – May 29, Clayton D Jenkins - 21 - June 3, James A Smith - 20 - May 29, William P Benn - 22 - June 6, Felton R Fussell – 18 lune 6, Teddy M Hodges -24 - June 6, Ronald L Storbo - 18 June 6 and Daniel A Gatto – 18 – June 6.

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of freedom, we see that faces of our fallen embedded in our symbol of red, white, and blue. And we thank then, and them alone for our nation's past and for the hope and memories that continue to propel us into the future.

God bless all of our departed heroes, their families and God Bless America.

John F. Kennedy once said, 'As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.' I ask that today you embrace those words in their eternity.

The lives of our fallen soldiers, our fathers, our mothers, our brothers, our sisters, our comrade, were lives not lost in vain or anguish, for each life lost has contributed to the evolution of America as wel know it today; a free nation, a strong nation, a nation that stands the tallest when we stand together.

So, as we stand together today, we are reminded of the true cost of freedom, and while we as a nation mourn the lives lost, we celebrate the lives

Commander Lee proceeded to list the number of lives lost in all of the wars.

Lee continued, the American Revolutionary – 25,000, Quasi – 514, 1st Seminole - 36, 2nd Seminole – 1535, 3rd Seminole – 26, Indian – 919, Spanish-American Rover Rebellion

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# <u>Recipe of the Week</u>



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Last weekend I watched "Unfrosted" on Netflix. This is a story loosely, and I mean very loosely, based on Kellogg's Pop-Tarts and how they came to be. Set in 1963, Kellogg's and Post did have a rivalry when creating foods. They both started out in Battle Creek Michigan, but Post moved to New York in the 1930's. Post developed a breakfast pastry called "Country Squares" but Kellogg's developed Pop-Tarts and got them into production first.

This movie mentions some real people, but most are not portrayed as they really were. For example, Thurl Ravenscroft, who voices Tony the Tiger, was a voice-over actor whose career included work for Merrie Melodies and Looney Tunes cartoons. Most of his career was spent doing voice work for Disney productions including Mary Poppins, Jungle Book, and the Pirates of the Carribean ride. Another, Marjorie Merriweather Post was not the bullying boss in the movie, she was known for her art collections, public-spiritedness, and philanthropy. She supported several institutions including the Red Cross, the National Symphony Orchestra, and the future Kennedy Center for the Arts. She was also a shrewd businessperson who convinced the Post company to buy Birdseye frozen foods which turned Post into General Foods, a pioneer in the frozen foods industry. Other notable real people in the movie include Jack LaLanne (a TV exercise guru), Chef Boyardee (of Spaghetti-O's fame), and Harold von Braunhut (who created the Sea Monkeys sold in the back of comic books).

If you are interested in learning more about Pop-Tarts and the rivalry, I would suggest The History Channel series, The Food That Built America. There are two episodes that include Pop Tarts.

The first episode of the first season includes the rivalry between the Kellogg and Post companies and mentions the invention of the Pop-Tart. The first episode of season four goes into more detail about the creation of the Pop-Tart and the rival Country Squares from Post. I have watched both and learned quite a bit about one of my favorite breakfast foods.

The first Pop-Tarts came in four flavors: strawberry, blueberry, brown sugar cinnamon, and apple currant. Now, Pop-Tarts have 20 to 30 standard flavors available with special edition flavors or seasonal flavors appearing regularly. My favorite is frosted brown sugar cinnamon, so this week's recipe is based on that.

Brown sugar cinnamon bars Ingredients: Bars: 1 cup unsalted butter softened 1/2 cup brown sugar 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar 2 tsp pure vanilla extract pinch of salt 1 egg 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour Brown sugar filling: 1 cup brown sugar lightly packed Tbsp ground cinnamon 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour 3 Tbsp unsalted butter melted Cinnamon glaze: 1 cup confectioners' sugar 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp ground cinnamon 1/2 tsp vanilla extract pinch of salt 3-4 Tbsp heavy cream or milk Instructions:

Begin by preheating your oven to 325.

Line an 8-inch square baking dish with parchment paper, ensuring the paper extends over two sides for easy lifting later. Lightly spray with baking spray. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together the butter and brown sugar until smooth and creamy: about three

minutes (you can use a hand mixer it just takes a little longer to mix). Add the egg and mix to combine. Add confectioners' sugar, vanilla extract, and salt, beating until just combined: roughly one minute. Remember to scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. Gradually add in the flour, mixing until just incorporated.

Divide the dough in half. Firmly press one of the halves into the base of your prepared pan, ensuring an even layer. Shape the remaining dough into an 8x8 inch square on a separate piece of parchment paper and set aside.

For the filling, mix together the brown sugar, cinnamon, and flour in a small bowl. Incorporate the melted butter, blending well. Evenly spread this filling mixture over the dough in the pan. Carefully place the reserved dough square over the filling, pressing down gently to secure.

Transfer the dish to the preheated oven and bake for 30-40 minutes, or until the bars turn a light golden brown and the dough feels set to touch. Once done, remove the bars from the oven and let them cool completely.

While the bars cool, prepare the glaze. Whisk together the confectioners' sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, salt, and heavy cream until smooth. Once



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the bars are cooled, lift them out of the pan using the parchment paper overhang. Drizzle the glaze over the bars and use an offset spatula to spread the glaze evenly. Allow the glaze to set, then cut the dessert into squares. Serve and enjoy!

# Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

#### 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. County Planning Commission meeting at Planning Commission at 7-8 p.m. County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

#### July 8 Board of Library Trustees Meeting atCraig 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. County Planning Commission meeting at Planning Commission at 7-8 p.m.

July 17 MEETING CPMT CPMT - Department of Social Services at 1 p.m. July 25

Trustees Meeting at Craig County Library Aug.19

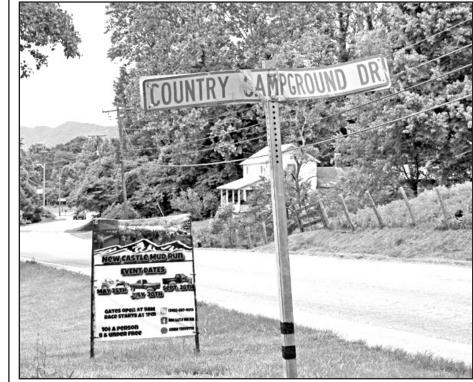
Town of New Castle Town Council Meeting at New Castle Town Hall

at 7– 8 p.m

#### Ongoing

Craig County Genealogy Library open Fridays 1-4. p.m. 152 Main Street. 540-864-7023

Feeding Southwest Virgnia 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 latest New Castle Mud Run was held on May 25.

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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

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

Aug. 1 Board of Supervisors Meeting Monthly will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Aug. 12 Board of Library

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## New Castle Mud Run has next event in July

The recent New Castle Mud Run lucked into good weather on Saturday, May 25. The crowd enjoyed the food vendors set up, including the banana pudding cookies, pretzel bites and even dog treats. The races didn't disappoint, and everyone is looking forward to July's event. Find the May points standings from the Open, Hot, Mod, Street, 4&6, Youth 4&6, and

SxS events on the Facebook page. The next Mud Run event will be held on Saturday, July 20th. Gates open on Rt 311 and Country Campground Drive at 9 a.m. The entrance is just north of the Carpers Store. The first race starts at 1 p.m. For more information contact Codie Trivette 540.597.4019.

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# **O**PINION News from the 9th: Higher electric rates possible



In May, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a landmark rule related to regional electric transmission.

FERC is the independent Federal agency that regulates most hydropower dam licenses and the wholesale rates and delivery contracts for the interstate transmission of electricity.

Traditionally, cost allocation for interstate transmission projects was relatively straightforward. The state that benefitted the most from the transmission paid for it.

This new transmission planning and cost allocation rule, Order No. 1920, requires transmission planners to consider multiple forward-looking benefits over at least twenty years when they develop their plans. The vague "benefit" definition is geared towards connecting wind and solar facilities to the power grid.

FÊRC approved Order No. 1920 by a 2-1 vote.

The dissenting vote came from Commissioner Mark Christie.

I have known Commissioner Christie for many years from my service in the Virginia House of Delegates. He was an advisor to a governor and then two speakers of the Virginia House. Subsequently, the legislature elected him to serve on the Virginia State Corporation Commission, a state agency responsible for regulating public utilities, insurance, state-chartered financial institutions, securities, retail franchising, and railroads.

Now a Senate-confirmed member of FERC, Commissioner Christie penned a seventy-seven-page dissent explaining his "no" vote.

"This is not about promoting reliability. This rule is a shell game designed to disguise its true agenda, which is about the money. It's a 1,300page vehicle to socialize the trilliondollar cost of the rule's sweeping policy agenda."

"The final rule clearly intends to socialize trillions of dollars of costs for the transmission necessary to pursue this transformational agenda... the final rule removes the principle that the states must consent to how and whether these massive costs are imposed on their consumers."

The final rule then requires transmission providers "to socialize the costs of these projects across the entire region, even when states in a region have never consented for their consumers to bear the costs of such projects."

The concern here is that consumers will bear the costs of these renewable

energy projects, even if a state's ratepayers do not consent.

For example, states with lofty climate goals, such as California and New York, rely on the development of wind and solar farms to generate power.

However, these states face constraints in building capacity. Therefore, they turn to other states to generate clean power, and wheel that energy back home.

For this to work, other states would have to build new power lines and necessary infrastructure.

Accordingly, the energy created at these new facilities would be at the expense of the ratepayers of the other states. In other words, that could be you! You could be paying money to create energy in Virginia that only benefits New York.

Monitoring Analytics of PJM Interconnection finds that transmission now constitutes almost one-third of wholesale power costs, with the cost of transmission service exceeding the cost of capacity for the first time in 2020.

As if American households were not already being squeezed by high power bills!

Solar and wind projects like these are potentially making their way to Virginia's Ninth District.

According to an article by the Washington Post, for the United States to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, one potential option would require over 260,000 square miles of

land designated to wind and solar farms.

That is twenty-five times the size of Virginia's Ninth Congressional District!

Among the conflicts that arise from the development of solar and wind farms is environmental disruption. Land conflicts can disrupt landscapes, inhibit productive farmland and harm animals. For example, a 2013 Biological Conservation study on the estimates of bird collision mortality at wind facilities in the contiguous United States found an approximate average of over 200,000 bird fatalities per year.

While Order No. 1920 is a poor rule, I believe something must be done to address regional electric transmission.

Given projections of rising energy demand, we will not be able to use existing power lines to take energy from a facility in one region and move it to another without additional highcapacity lines. While there is broad agreement that the one-hundred-yearold sections of the grid need to be replaced, permitting streamlined, and more regional power lines constructed, making Ohio consumers pay for a line just because Pennsylvania wants Iowa's wind power makes absolutely no sense.

This rule, coupled with the Biden administration's egregious regulations on fossil fuels, including coal, will further drive up electricity costs. These additional costs make it hard on American families to make ends meet.

## Roanoke College releases Virginia Consumer Sentiment and Inflation Expectations Report

Consumer sentiment slipped 3.4 percentage points since February 2024 to 69.8. Concerns about today and the near future fuel the modest retreat. The greatest frustrations are inflation and high prices, with near-term expectations rising to 2.8%. Inflation remains above 3%, driven primarily by shelter and added pressures from vehicle insurance, maintenance and repairs.



Over a quarter of respondents (27%) report that their household finances are better today than a year ago – up slightly from last quarter – although only 35% believe that now is a good time to buy large, durable goods like a refrigerator, down five percentage points from February. The Virginia Index of Current Conditions (ICC) is 61.3 in the second reading of 2024, down from 65.0 in the first quarter of 2024 despite a plethora of positive economic news: The stock market is at record levels; wage growth continues to outpace inflation, giving workers more purchasing power; the unemployment rate has been below 4% for 27 consecutive months; the advance estimate of gross domestic product (GDP), a measure of overall spending, was up 1.6% in the first quarter of 2024; and the nowcast from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta for the second quarter is currently 3.6%.

Thirty-five percent of Virginians believe their household finances will improve over the coming year compared to 20% who anticipate growing challenges. Fifty-four percent think the coming few years will include periods of high unemployment and economic recession, up dramatically from 48% last quarter. The Virginia Index of Consumer Expectations (ICE) was 75.2 in May, down three points from the previous quarter and one year ago. Comparatively, the final national ICE was 68.8 in is abating (-6.3% and -0.4%, respectively) after the rapid increases in 2022, people are keeping their cars longer and driving more miles, requiring more repairs and pushing up insurance premiums. An insurance premium reflects the expected loss for the insurance company, which will increase with car value and maintenance and repair costs. Over the past year, vehicle insurance and maintenance and repair inflation were 6.7% and 7.6%, respectively. Collectively, shelter, vehicle insurance, and repair and maintenance account for over 40% of the Consumer Price Index, thus contributing significantly to overall inflation.

Virginians anticipate that prices will rise by 2.8% over the coming year and 3.6% over the longer term; the short-term price expectation is up from 2.5% last quarter but remains within the 2.2-3.3% band sustained over the two years before the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent run-up in inflation. The long-term expectation is down slightly from 3.7% in February; both are equal to their 12-month average. The lack of substantial movement in these expectations indicates that Virginians are slowly growing more confident in inflation moderation and price stability, which typically reduces worry and facilitates budgetary planning, albeit not enough to maintain consistently rising consumer sentiment. Nationally, the year-ahead inflation

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May, down more than six points since February 2024. The decline in optimism about the coming years is primarily attributed to high price levels.

Inflation, as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI), was 3.4% in April 2024 and has been below 4% since May 2023 but above the Federal Reserve Bank's 2.0% target (although as gauged by the PCE Index rather than the CPI). Between April 2023 and April 2024, food and gas prices rose by 2.2% and 1.2% nationally, respectively, so neither are major contributors to the above target inflation rate. Two significant contributors are shelter and vehicles. Year over year, shelter inflation, including rent, increased 5.6%. While used and new car inflation expectation is 3.3%.

Analysis

"Virginians are slightly less optimistic about the current and future economy than earlier in the year," said Dr. Alice Louise Kassens, John S. Shannon Professor of Economics and senior analyst at the Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research. "The most common reason given for the pessimism is high prices. Although price growth has stabilized at 3.5-4% annually, down considerably from a few years ago, that does not mean that goods and services are cheaper. The prices of big-ticket items like shelter, vehicle

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insurance, and vehicle maintenance and repair are rising rapidly, likely leading to sticker shock and frustration. Thankfully, food and fuel inflation are low, which provides some relief to consumers. Despite the frustration, consumer spending remains robust. A strong summer travel season is expected, bringing tourism dollars many locations, to including some in the commonwealth." Methodology

The Institute for

(IPOR) Research conducted interviews Roanoke for the College Poll at College Roanoke in Salem, Virginia, between Feb. 11 and Feb. 19, 2024. A total of 760 completed interviews came from random telephone calls to 460 Virginians, and 300 responses were drawn from a proprietary online panel of Virginians. Înterviews were conducted in English. Cellphones constituted 56% of the completed phone interviews.

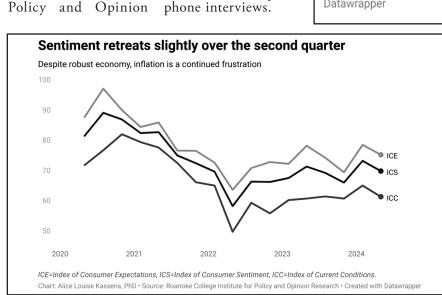
# Consumer sentiment in Virginia jumps ahead of US

Both measures retreat over the second guarter of 2024

	US	VA
ICC	69.6	61.3
ICE	68.8	75.2
ICS	69.1	69.8

ICC=Index of Current Conditions, ICE=Index of Consumer Expectations, ICS=Index of Consumer Sentiment; all values are for May 2024, national numbers from the University of Michigan.

Chart: Alice Louise Kassens, PhD • Source: Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research • Created with Datawrapper



# MEMORIAL

Verlie L. Greenway

Memorial Service



will be held on June 9th at 11 AM at Craig Valley Gospel Fellowship Church, Hwy 621, 21892 Upper Craigs Creek Road in Craig Co. VA. Verlie, 80, of Craig Co. VA passed away May 8, 2024 at Salem Health and Rehab.



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# BITUARY

# Peters, Steven Wayne

Steven Wayne Peters, and Goldie Peters. 66 of New Castle, VA passed away at home on Wednesday February 14, 2024. Son of late Shirley Julie McClelland; 5

He is survived by his wife, Vergie Peters of 37 years; daughters, Sherry Nilsson and

grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; sister, Lisa Stiff.

He was a great man and husband. He will be missed.

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#### 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.

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

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

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN

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

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In execution of the Deed of Trust dated November 30, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$148,265.00, recorded as Inst. 170004619, assigned as Inst. 200000435, in the Clerk's Office of the

Blue Ridge, VA

24064

Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt. Virginia. default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as

Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt on June 17, 2024 at 12:00 noon the property located at the above address and described as Lot 5, Block 7, Section 5, Blue Ridge Heights, County of Botetourt.

TERMS: CASH. PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE, A deposit of \$13,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", balance due within 15 days from date of

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entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to

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Upon purchaser's default. the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale

securing a loan which was originally \$54,800.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE.

Circuit Court, Virginia,

Commonwealth Trustees LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the Botetourt County Circuit courthouse steps located at 1 W Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 0219

June 27, 2024 at 2:30 PM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA: BEING UNIT A-2. PHASE I. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT SHOWING PHASE I SUBDIVISION OF TINKERVIEW TOWNHOUSE PROPERTY. BLUE RIDGE MAGISTERIALDISTRICT. DATED DECEMBER 1, 1984, REVISED APRIL 2, 1985, PREPARED BYWEEKS, HUBBELL MCGHEE, P.C CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYORS, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 60-62; AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO

conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with

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On the north by the land of Harry P. Clause, Jr. and the right of way of State Route #625: on the east by the right of way of State Route #625 and the lands of Charles E. Alphin; on the south by the lands of Charles E. Alphin: and on the west by the lands of Charles E. Alphin and the lands of Harry P. Clause, Jr.

follows

This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: 1. AUCTION: Substitute

Trustee has employed The Counts Realty & Auction Group ("Auction Company") The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale outlining additional terms of sale and settlement that will be available for review prior to the announcement of sale Settlement within thirty (30) days of sale

2. DEPOSIT: A bidder's deposit of \$25,000.00 in certified funds (cashier's or certified check made payable to Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC) required.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements made on day of sale take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written concerning the sale or the property.

4. BUYER'S PREMIUM: A 10% buyer's premium will be in effect on day of sale that is added to the high bid amount to determine the contract sales price.

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6. ADVERTISEMENTS: All

#### Legals-City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the Return to In-**Person Instruction** & Continuity of Services Plan on Tuesday,

June 11, 2024. The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem. The updated plan is currently posted on the division website for public review. Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Susan E. Young, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Friday, June 7, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring copies of their remarks for the record In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to: provide their name and address. □ address their remarks to the Board,  $\hfill\square$  be brief and address all

stated concerns to the chair,  $\square$  A time limit of three minutes per speaker is allotted,

□ Provide 8 copies of their remarks for the record, and be prepared to answer questions from the Board. In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

consisting of the Harding Avenue Stormwater and Pedestrian Project, and it authorizes the use of eminent domain as may be necessary. Plans for the project may be viewed at https://letstalkblacksburg.or a/hardina.

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All persons affected by or interested in ordinance or resolution 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. 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).

VIRGINIA: IN THE **CIRCUIT COURT** OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN RE: HELEN V. ST CLAIR, TREASURER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

#### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Legals - Town of

Vinton

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, June 18 2024. at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning the proposed amendment to the Town of Vinton's FY 2023-2024 budget to appropriate funding for various operational expenditures, including additional paving, personnel expenditures. maintenance projects, contractual services, and materials and supplies in the total amount of \$1,533,539.00 in the General Fund. State law requires a public hearing to be held whenever a proposed budget amendment exceeds 1% of

Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607

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# Rockets make All-Pioneer District teams

The All-Pioneer District teams were recently announced and Craig County had players on the softball, baseball and soccer teams.

The Rockets had four girls make the All-Pioneer District softball first team, and three are underclassmen. Senior Lily Hutchison, who caught for the Rockets, was named as an "at large" player. Junior Hayleigh Flowers was named first team in the outfield while two sophomores also made first team, Kammie Fisher at pitcher and Jenna Boitnotte at third base.

Karly Potter, a senior firstbaseman for Craig, was named second team All-Pioneer "at large." The Rockets also had two girls named "Honorable Mention," senior Randalynn Taylor and sophomore Daileigh Donithan.

Eastern Montgomery had six girls on the first team, including Pitcher of the Year Mary Miller. Payton Emoore of Parry McCluer, a shortstop, was named Player of the Year and Blues' coach Troy Clark was named the Pioneer District Coach of the Year.

The Rockets had no one named to the first team in baseball but had four boys on the second team. Seniors selected were Matthew Lucas at pitcher, Hayden Reynolds at second base and Drew Duncan at large. Also named to the second team was sophomore Luke Potter at catcher.

Craighad two boys deemed Honorable

Mention, both underclassmen. Junior outfielder Jaycob Wolfe and sophomore thirdbaseman Joseph Charette both made the list.

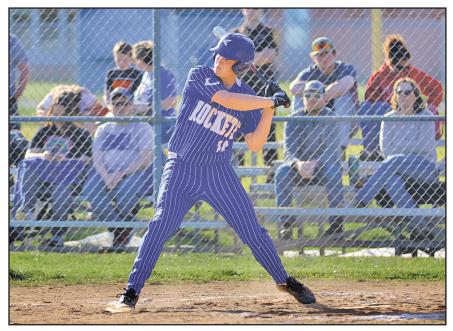
Narrows had the most boys make first team in baseball with six selections, followed by Parry McCluer with four, East Mont with three and Highland County with one. Carson Crigger of Narrows, a thirdbaseman, was named Player of the Year and Chris Helvey of the Green Wave is the Pioneer Coach of the Year.

In soccer two Rockets made the All-Pioneer second team. Isaiah Nichols, a sophomore, was named at forward and junior Colby Wolfe was named to the defense. Craig also had five players,

all underclassmen, named Honorable Mention. Included are junior Tanner Owen, sophomore Elijah Green and freshmen Desiree Will, Sean Villar and Aiden Crawford.

Eastern Montgomery dominated the All-Pioneer soccer first team with eight selections, followed by Bath County with five and Narrows with three. Junior Talan Bruce of East Mont is the Pioneer District Player of the Year and Jay Smith of Narrows was named Coach of the Year.

The All-Region 1C team is being selected this week. Look for Craig players who made the team in next week's New Castle Record sports section.



**Drew Duncan** 







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**Luke Potter** 



**Isaiah Nichols** 



**Hayleigh Flowers** 

**Matthew Lucas** 

**Colby Wolfe** 



Jenna Boitnotte



**Kammie Fisher** 





**Lily Hutchison**