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# THE NEW CASTLE RECORD



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# County has passed \$17 million budget

**Anita Firebaugh**  
*Contributing writer*

A \$17 million budget for fiscal year 2024-25 passed the Craig County Board of Supervisors at a special April meeting. The Board voted on the budget following a public hearing on the document as well as the tax rates. No one spoke at the public hearing. Almost everything stayed the same except for the real estate taxes, County Administrator Dan Collins said recently. Another exception was the Merchant's Capital Tax, which dropped from \$3.50 per \$100 value to \$1.75 per \$100

value. The real estate taxes dropped from \$0.63 cents per \$100 value to \$0.52 cents per \$100 value. The drop in real estate taxes was mostly due to the recent real estate reassessment. The average property increased in value by 38.06 percent. To offset this increase, the supervisors lowered the tax rate. "If we didn't readjust it, we would have gotten so much extra money that it wouldn't have been fair to the taxpayers," Collins explained. The county only reassesses real estate

every six years, which can make for a huge jump in real estate values. "For the least six years we've not collected on what the property is actually worth," Collins said. "We have to adjust the rate down so the revenue stays the same." The county revenue and expenditures are not dramatically increased over last year's budget. The majority of the money the county collects is from local taxes at \$6.6 million, with the state of Virginia throwing in approximately \$3.7 million and the federal government offering up \$387,000 for the

primary government revenue. (Numbers are rounded off.) The schools receive \$5.2 million from the state and \$829,000 from the federal government. The county will give the school system \$2,090,907 for the next fiscal year, which is the county's state-required local match to the school system, according to documents online about the meeting. As far as other government expenditures, Social Services will receive \$2.2 million from the county, though Collins said this funding mostly is pass-thru dollars from

the state. "All social services programs are increasing each year," Collins said. The Sheriff's Department will receive \$1.3 million, the Treasurer's Office will receive \$287,000, the Commissioner of Revenue will receive \$226,000, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court will receive \$356,000. Craig County EMS and ambulance services will receive \$657,000, while the fire departments will receive \$324,000. Other expenditures include sanitation and waste, \$536,000, debt service, \$216,000 and

building inspections \$106,000. The supervisors recently heard a proposal for a land use tax, and have taken it under advisement for additional study, Collins said. It will not be enacted for the upcoming fiscal year. "We were happy to provide the same level of services without having to increase things dramatically," Collins said. "That's hard to do these days." The tax rates per \$100 value now are: Real estate: \$0.52 Personal property: \$3.50 Machinery and Tools: \$3.50



Volunteers Charlotte Lower and Kyle Crenshaw with Jon Murrill. COURTESY PHOTO

## Update on New Castle mural painted by Jonathan Murrill

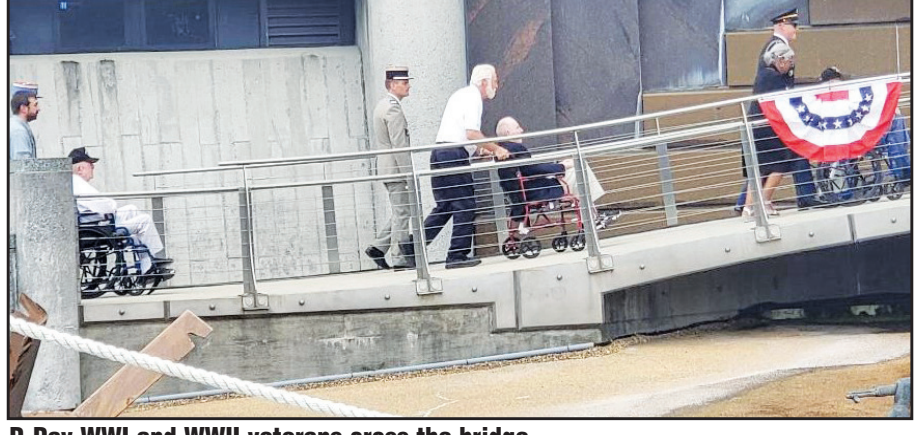
## Turning up the red, white, blue for July 4

**Bonnie Cranmer**  
*Contributing writer*

The Craig Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) invites the community to celebrate Independence Day at its 3rd Annual Independence Day Celebration on Thursday, July 4th. Festivities kick off with a vibrant parade and culminate in a fun-filled afternoon on Main Street. The celebration begins with a judged parade starting at 10 a.m. Participants of all ages are encouraged to showcase their red, white, and blue spirit by registering cars, trucks, floats, marching bands, and even tractors. A panel of impartial judges, selected from outside Craig County, will award prizes for the Patriot Cup, Honorable Mention and Most Patriotic Entry. Spectators lining

the parade route from the Craig County Fairgrounds (Rt 311) to the Courthouse on Main Street can expect to be showered with candy and other treats. The parade will pass by the library's bake sale and the newly opened farmers market, offering a taste of local delights. Following the parade, the festivities shift to Main Street, where the open-air farmers market transforms into a hub of patriotic fun. Live music will fill the air, while volunteers have planned exciting activities for all ages. Children can put their skills to the test in the watermelon eating contest, while adults can compete for the titles of longest beard and most patriotic bonnet/hat. Be sure to meet and congratulate Karly Potter, the recent Craig County graduate and Craig Valley DAR scholarship winner, who will be serving as the parade's grand

marshal. Local vendors will be offering delicious treats, including mouthwatering fried pies from The Old Hotel. Keep an eye out for free patriotic merchandise distributed at various locations on Main Street - a perfect memento for this special day. For those seeking further Independence Day revelry, head up Rt 311 to Paint Bank for their annual picnic and auction. This beloved tradition offers another opportunity to celebrate America's birthday in the company of friends and neighbors. Organizers are encouraging residents not to miss the chance to be part of this exciting celebration. Join the Craig Valley Chapter, DAR, in New Castle, for a day filled with patriotic spirit, community fun, and a celebration of America's 248th birthday.



D-Day WWI and WWII veterans cross the bridge.

## D-Day celebrated in Bedford

**Pam Dudding**  
*Special to The New Castle Record*

On Thursday, June 6, the Bedford War Memorial held its annual event, this year being the 80th anniversary, they had several speakers and World War I and World War II Veterans were given great honor, respect and recognition. Jay Johnson, a young man of 83 from the Bedford area, shared that he served four years in the Air Force in special forces during the turbulent war. When asked what he did in the service, he solemnly said, "I got to have a lot of fun. I

was on the travel team that worked on nuclear weapons." Johnson was a Nuclear Weapons Technician. He shared that he felt his brother was "real special as he was with a General in the upper command post with forward headquarters." He explained that they were unable to get to the land, so they had to watch the whole invasion. "They saw a lot of stuff that went wrong," Johnson added. Another gentleman listening to his story added, "The boats sometimes capsized as they weren't totally seaworthy."

"They were still able to get us the stuff we needed, like rifles, swords and flags. They told the troops to not pick anything up as it could be a booby-trap," Johnson explained. Johnson's brother passed away three years ago at the age of 96. "He was from Minnesota, and he never did get to make it to see this place he would have loved it," Johnson said. "I had to go to Okinawa, Vietnam, Korea, Taiwan; I was all over," Johnson continued with his story. "I was also in special services as I went to marine special service.



World War Air Force veteran Jay Johnson shared a tidbit of his story about D-Day and the war.

That war was tough... I mean real tough." "Many of us wonder why we got to come home when our comrades did not," some asked. "But God is gracious, and I am grateful I got to come back home to my family. But I still have to be here every year to honor my comrades and others who did not, and those who did come home with injuries. Nobody really wins in a war; sometimes they

are necessary though to keep peace." Others surrounded Johnson asking to shake his hand and extended their gratitude for his service and to take a picture. It was so easy to see that he was a man of humble appreciation and great sadness within his heart, having to see so many of his own friends die that day.



PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING  
D-Day Y-F6 WWII Flyover Missing Man Formation.





# OPINION

## News from the 9th: Chevron Doctrine



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

ones requiring the commercial fishermen to alert regulators before they set out to fish. The fishermen's locations are tracked. Sometimes, the fishermen have to allow a government-mandated federal observer to be present on the boat to collect data and information about their catch!

But wait, there's more!  
NOAA's budget from Congress did not provide funding for NOAA to do on-the-boat observation of the fishermen's activities.

So what did NOAA do?  
They forced the fishermen to hire third-party monitors and made the fishermen pay the third-party monitors' salaries!

USA Today states this rule costs the fishermen up to \$700 a day. If they do not pay, they are further penalized.

NOAA Fisheries justifies these actions as "necessary and appropriate" for the "conservation and management" of fisheries.

Even though Congress never specifically authorized these actions to be a part of "conservation and management", the fishermen bear these burdensome requirements because they were upheld under the "Chevron Doctrine" at the appellate level.

This rule comes from Chevron U.S.A., Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, 467 U.S. at 842-43.

The "Chevron Doctrine" states if an agency asserts that it has jurisdiction to take action in order to fulfill its overall purpose, that deference would go to the agency unless a claimant could

prove that the action was not a "permissible construction." This is true if Congressional language is in any way ambiguous.

Apparently a "permissible construction" allows NOAA to force commercial fishermen to pay to have NOAA third-party agents aboard their ships.

The "Chevron Doctrine" at one time even saw the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) try to claim that trailers for a tractor-trailer were self-propelled motor vehicles, notwithstanding there is no motor. The EPA backed down, but it shows just how far some activists inside agencies will push the boundaries of the "Chevron Doctrine."

I have long advocated for the 1984 Chevron ruling to be overturned or legislatively eliminated. The original 1984 ruling was an improper shift of authority from Congress to administrative agencies.

When Congress delegates regulatory authority to agencies, it should be clear and authoritative. When the authority is unclear or not specifically granted to an agency, the Courts should rule against the agency. Congress will then either let the Court decision stand or take action to grant the agency specific authority.

In 2016, I was an original cosponsor of H.R. 4768, the Separation of Powers Restoration Act, a bill to restore the balance of power between all three branches of government and codify measures to rein in the executive branch, including a reversal

of the Chevron rule. It passed the U.S. House of Representatives in 2016 but no action was taken in the U.S. Senate.

This Congress, I voted for similar legislation, H.R. 288, the Separation of Powers Restoration Act. The legislation passed in the U.S. House of Representatives last year. The U.S. Senate should take up this bill and send it to President Biden's desk.

Because of Chevron, activist bureaucrats can interpret statutes according to their political agenda expanding their bureaucracy's powers without Congressional approval.

The outcome of Loper will have tremendous implications for the American people and our government.

Duke Law Journal estimates that the Supreme Court has cited Chevron 238 times and invoked the rule in over one hundred decisions.

Litigation cases generally cost a small fortune and take years to decide. Even if the Court overturns an agency action, many times companies have already complied with expensive and egregious regulations. These regulations cost consumers.

We will see if the 239th instance where the Court cites Chevron restores balance of power between our branches of government.

NOTE: last week's column should have clarified that while some coronaviruses have a furin cleavage site, none have previously been seen to occur naturally in bat coronaviruses or SARS-like viruses.

Please forgive our oversight.

# Boy Scouts honor D-Day veterans

When one attends the D-Day 80th Anniversary service in Bedford, it would be difficult to find anyone as thousands

started coming in almost three hours early. Shuttle buses were running from many locations and the

lines were very long.

The hot muggy day did not seem to deter anyone from being there to honor our fallen and the ones who made it through the D-day war.

I noticed a group of Boy Scouts walking towards the front.

For those who know me, they know that my mom, Betty Dudding helped to get Girl Scouts started in Craig County in the 60's and was a leader for many years, and stayed in the Girl Scout circle, being a Girl Scout advocate for over 40 years.

So, the Boy Scouts caught my attention.

I walked over to them and started talking with their leaders. They are Boy Scout Troop 130 from West Lake in Franklin County.

"We have our Scouts with us today as we wanted them to experience this, especially being the 80th Anniversary," shared leader Robert Meredith. "We want them to get to see

these veterans, shake their hands and thank them for their service."

Meredith continued

with conviction in his voice." This is meaningful for us, as is the history of our own organization.

We wanted to be here to let these veterans know that

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PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Boy Scout Troop 130 from West Lake in Franklin County attended the 80th D-Day anniversary in Bedford to honor veterans.

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# OBITUARY

## Boitnott, Bart Gilbert

Bart Gilbert Boitnott, 58, of Craig County, Virginia, died June 11, 2024. Bart was born in 1965 in Norfolk, Virginia. His family later moved to New Castle, Virginia. After graduating from Craig County High School, he enlisted in the marines where he served for 3 years and 7 months, as an E3. He then worked for Salem Specialties until he retired. Bart enjoyed fishing, kayaking, and watching sports.

He leaves behind his wife of 17 years, Rebecca Boitnott, and their children and grandchildren. Magen

(and husband Josh) Erritt, their children are Atreyu, Rowan, Archer, and Isaac.



Jasmine Brown (and her partner Jason Owens) and their children, Charley, Layla, Blaine, Willow, and Hazel.

Rhiannon Boitnott (and her partner Ethan) and their daughter Kally. Logan Royster and his sons Aiden and Jett. Elinda Boitnott and her son Rebel. His Sister and her family Monique (and her husband Teddy) Bentley and their children Lauren (and her children Savannah and Zachery), Hannah, and Jourdan.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2pm at Paitself Funeral Home. The family will receive friends 1pm-2pm before the service.

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## D-DAY from page 4

we are grateful for what they did, and we want to have these boys to grow up understanding that we would not be here if not for their sacrifice. We want to show them how grateful we are for their service. Their 24 hours saved American and changed our world, and we want to remember these moments.”

Another leader stood off to the side, yet I noticed his VFW cap he was wearing, so I asked if I could inquire about his service and what Bedford meant to him.

“My role models and heroes as a child

were World War II veterans,” John shared. “I will always honor them and their families and children. I always want to remember the ones who never got the opportunity to get married or to have any children. Many were only 16, 17 and 18 when they died serving our country. So, I try to fill the pew in the church or restaurant or to be a father in their memory.”

John grew up in Roanoke and attended the Virginia Military Institute. He joined the Army and recently retired from the Coast Guard.

John also added

that he was in a service in North Carolina that honored 35 actual D-day veterans.

“It was one of my greatest honors!” he shared. “I got to wear my white uniform with all of my medals; I had my sword. It was the last official thing I did before I retired two years ago. It was awesome!”

Being a Patriotic American myself, it was heart-warming to watch these men point at the different D-Day statues and see the intense honor and respect that was projected from their leaders.

It was a great day at D-day.

# VDOT Roadwatch

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

### ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

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

**TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD:** Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting I-81

southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

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

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

**LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137,

140 and 141. Expected completion in early 2026.

**I-81 NB & SB BRIDGE REHAB OVER ROUTE 100 AT EXIT 98** – Work is nearing completion on the I-81 rehabbing of 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** – Repair work has begun 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. Estimated completion is scheduled for end of 2024.

**I - 8 1 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated for Summer 2024.

•LANECLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures are possible on I-81 northbound between mile markers

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

**SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

**I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81 between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Roanoke County SIDEWALK PROJECT ON

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

**APPALACHIAN TRAIL BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 311** – A new pedestrian bridge is under construction over Route 311 at McAfee Knob trailhead. The trailhead parking lot is currently closed and will remain closed during construction.

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### Legals - Botetourt County

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

**1213 Mount Joy Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066**

Tax Parcel Identification No. 64-110  
BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated March 25, 2009 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 0901544, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale in front of the former Botetourt County Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia, on June 21, 2024, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., property located at or near 1213 Mount Joy Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066, which property is more particularly described as follows:

Being all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Buchanan Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, containing 85.5 acres more or less and bounded as follows:

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.

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Bryson J. Hunter, Peter M. Pearl, and Brian H. Richardson, Substitute Trustees  
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### ABC NOTICE

Kenneth McGraw and Curtis Reed, trading as  
A Few Old Goats Brewing, LLC  
19318 Main Street,  
Buchanan, Botetourt County, VA. 24066.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Industry Brewery Application - Consumed license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Kenneth McGraw  
OWNER

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### ABC NOTICE

15 PEAKS LLC, trading as 15 PEAKS, 5130 GLADE CREEK RD. ROANOKE VA 24012.

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

MEGAN SEIBEL,  
MANAGER

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### Legals - City of Salem

**Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem,**

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at its regular meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2- 2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following request relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Hold a public hearing to consider the request of JBN Investments, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a special exception permit to allow for the conversion of a single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling on the property located at 324 Pennsylvania Avenue (Tax Map # 120 - 6 - 3). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:  
H. Robert Light  
Clerk of Council

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on June 26, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Jasper and Janet Doss, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 124 Upland Drive, Tax Map # 272-1-2.3. The petitioners are requesting a 15-foot rear-yard setback variance to allow for the construction of a covered porch. Section 106-202.3(B)(1) states that the rear yard setback shall be 25 feet. Therefore, the petitioners are requesting a 15-foot variance.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032). THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM  
BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM  
Planning & Zoning Administrator

### ABC NOTICE

GARCIAS 81 LLC., trading as GARCIAS BISTRO BRUNCH & DINNER, 349 WILDWOOD ROAD, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a BEER & WINE /MIXED BEVERAGES license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

MARCO A. GARCIA,  
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

CU-23-00275

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BENITO  
TONY MOULES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTONIO AND SUSANA MOULES 2021 TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2021 Plaintiff,  
v.  
DONALD DAVID HENNAGAN, JR.,

### Legals - City of Salem

DECEASED; TIFFANY MARIE HENNAGAN; CYNTHIA ANN MARIE HENNAGAN; DESTENY NICOLE HENNAGAN; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE, Defendants.

On reading the filings and evidence consisting of plaintiff's application and declaration for this order, and it satisfactorily appearing to me therefrom that defendant Desteny Nicole Hennagan, hereinafter referred to as ("Defendant"), cannot with reasonable diligence be served in any other manner specified in Sections 415.10 through 415.40 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and that the Defendant is a necessary party to this action.

IT IS ORDERED that the summons be served by publication in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation published in Salem County, Virginia, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give Defendant actual notice of the action, and that the publication be made once a week for four successive weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the summons, a copy of the complaint, and a copy of this order be forthwith mailed to Defendant if his/her address is ascertained before expiration of the time herein prescribed for publication of summons.  
Dated 5/24/24  
J. Omar Rodriguez  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

I ask for this:  
MAKAYLA A. WHITNEY,  
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### SUMMONS NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: DONALD DAVID HENNAGAN, JR., DECEASED; TIFFANY MARIE HENNAGAN; CYNTHIA ANN MARIE HENNAGAN; DESTENY NICOLE HENNAGAN; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: TONY MOULES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTONIO AND SUSANA MOULES 2021 TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2021

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center {www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp}, your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be

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eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site {www.lawhelpcalifornia.org}, the California Courts Online Self-Help Center {www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp}, or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is:  
Main Courthouse  
450 Fourth Street  
Hollister CA 95023  
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CASE NUMBER: CU-23-00275

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs' attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:  
Makayla A. Whitney,  
Berliner Cohen, LLP, 1601 I Street, Suite 150, Modesto, CA 95354  
Tel: (209) 576-0111  
Date: 12/15/2023

### ABC NOTICE

GUSTO PIZZA LLC, trading as GUSTO PIZZA, 311 E. 7TH STREET, Salem VA. 24153.

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

DANIEL PERKINS,  
MANAGING MEMBER.

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.

### Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on July 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing,

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

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Sherwood Memorial Park, Inc., property owner, for a Special Exception Permit to allow for the expansion of the cemetery into the adjacent property located at 1221 Lynchburg Turnpike (Tax Map # 117-1-8).

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Seaside Heights, LLC, property owner, to rezone the property located at 1590 West Main Street (Tax Map # 140-1-3) from LM Light Manufacturing District to HBD Highway Business District.

3. Hold public hearing to consider the request of R. Fralin Development Corp. & Simms Property, LLC, property owner, to amend Ordinance #344 by removing Proffer #4 relating to maximum height of 1.5 stories for structures constructed on Cluster Lots for the properties located at 113 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-4), 117 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-5), 121 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-6), 125 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-7), 129 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-8), 133 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-9), 137 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-10), 141 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-12), 142 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-11), 134 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-9), 130 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-8), 126 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-7), 122 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-6), 118 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-5), 114

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Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-4), and 211 Diamond Road (Tax Map # 272-2-1).

4. Hold public hearing to consider the request of R. Fralin Development Corp. & Simms Property, LLC, property owner, to amend the Special Exception Permit by removing Condition #4 relating to maximum height of 1.5 stories for structures constructed on Cluster Lots for the properties located at 113 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-4), 117 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-5), 121 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-6), 125 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-7), 129 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-8), 133 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-9), 137 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-10), 141 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-12), 142 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-11), 134 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-9), 130 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-8), 126 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-7), 122 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-6), 118 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-5), 114 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-4), and 211 Diamond Road (Tax Map # 272-2-1).

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

### Legals - Craig County

#### ABC NOTICE

RCLC LLC., trading as CARPERS, 5178 CRAIG VALLEY DRIVE, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

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

ROBERT CARPER,  
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.

### Legals - Montgomery County

#### VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

#### IN RE: HELEN V. ST CLAIR, TREASURER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA RULE FOR SHOW CAUSE

#### THIS CAUSE CAME TO BE HEARD UPON THE Petition of Helen V. St. Clair, that she be released and fully discharged from liability as Treasurer of Montgomery County, Virginia, pursuant to §58.1-345 et seq. of the Virginia Code.

That in the aforesaid Petition, the Petitioner, Helen V. St. Clair, states that she has filed a certificate showing the final settlements of her accounts, that she has turned over to her successor in office, Mary M. Weaver, all books and papers in her possession as treasurer and that she is requesting that she be discharged of her liability as Treasurer of Montgomery County, Virginia.

It appearing proper in all respects to do so, it is accordingly ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED

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that this rule be served upon Sharon H. Lawrence, Acting Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Virginia, upon Mary W. Biggs, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County and upon Dr. Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools and shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in the News Messenger and by posting at the front door of the Courthouse.

That a hearing upon the Petition requesting that she be released of Liability and granted her final discharge as Treasurer, shall be held the 26th day of June, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.  
Date: 5-9-24  
I ask for this:

By: Martin M. McMahon, County Attorney  
755 Roanoke Street, Suite 2F  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
Bar Number:29642  
(540) 382-5730

### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. **CL24000869-00**  
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 DONALD BROOKS SAVILLE, JR., et al Plaintiffs, v. RICHARD BARNETT, ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ESTATE OF EDITH CORDER BARNETT, et al. Defendants.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Upon consideration of the Affidavit for Entry of Order of Publication filed by the Plaintiffs, the reason for this cause is to obtain the whereabouts of any person who may have an interest in the property located at 3114 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and/or 3137 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and if such parties cannot be located, the secondary purpose of this cause is to quiet Plaintiff's title to the Property.

An Affidavit has been made and filed showing that the Defendant **John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming a Title, Lien, Easement, or Other Interest in the Lands Known as 3114 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060; John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming a Title, Lien, Easement, or Other Interest in the Lands Known as 3137 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060; and John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming an Inherited Interest from Avery May, a/k/a Lee Evans May, Brandyne May Moorefield** (collectively "John Does 1-100"), address unknown the general description of "parties unknown," who by reason of true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of defendants JOHN DOES 1-100 are unknown to Plaintiff, and may have a beneficial interest in the Property. UPON CONSIDERATION whereof, this Order of Publication as to all the parties above is GRANTED, and it is ORDERED that any interested person(s) shall appear here on or before July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 9 am, which date is no sooner than fifty (50) days after entry of this Order of Publication.

And it is further Ordered that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in The News Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in the Montgomery County, Virginia.

ENTERED the 11 day June, 2024  
K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

WE PRAY FOR THIS: FIDELITY NATIONAL LAW GROUP, the Law Division of Fidelity National Financial By: Lisa M. Ernst, Esq. (VSB#72718)  
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## Rocket athletes are B'nai B'rith nominees

Craig County's Karly Potter and Matthew Lucas were guests of the Israel Friedlander Lodge last week as nominees for the annual B'nai B'rith awards. The B'nai B'rith Awards were initiated in 1951 and recognize senior athletes from 19 area high schools. Each school nominates one young woman and one young man and two winners are named at the annual banquet at the Hotel Roanoke. Students are judged on athletic achievement, scholarship and personal life. Karly played softball for Craig County High and Matthew played basketball and baseball, and both are good students and involved in community service. The two winners among the 38 nominees were Israel Hairston of William Byrd for the boys and Simone Hamalar of Northside for the girls. Also, Alex Caywood of Faith Christian High received the Artie Levin Personal Life Award.

## Liberty University will pass the Torch after the 2025 Commonwealth Games

Liberty University has announced that the 36th annual Virginia Commonwealth Games in 2025 will mark the 10th consecutive and final year of its partnership with Virginia Amateur Sports as both title sponsor and the main site host for the multi-sport festival. Since 2016, Liberty has proudly hosted over a hundred thousand amateur athletes and spectators from all around Virginia, contributing campus resources, facilities, and thousands of man-hours to ensure the highest quality games anywhere in the country.

"On behalf of the Virginia Amateur Sports Board of Directors and staff, Chairperson Dr. Elizabeth Lee Robertson and President, Dan Foutz thank Liberty University and the City of Lynchburg for being phenomenal partners and regular hosts for our games." "We have enjoyed making use of Liberty's excellent facilities, and we look forward to being on

Liberty's campus once again this summer and next year as we welcome thousands of athletes from around Virginia."

"Liberty is very honored to host the Virginia Commonwealth Games through 2025 and has enjoyed the privilege of working alongside Dan Foutz and Virginia Amateur Sports to make these games a first-class event," said Liberty Vice President and Director of Athletics Ian McCaw. "We have been grateful for our partnership and our experience in hosting the games, offering the best quality competition in the country. We will pass the torch at the end of next year as the Games will announce a new site host for 2026."

Organized by Virginia Amateur Sports, the Virginia Commonwealth Games has been open to all ages and skill levels for over 35 years, with over 275,000 athletes competing since the first games. The festival remains the largest of its

kind in Virginia and is a notable leader among many of the broader Olympic-style state games hosted around the country. The purpose is to inspire wellness and competition, inviting amateur athletes to compete in their favorite pastimes.

In its first year, more than 4,400 athletes competed in 29 sports in the Virginia Commonwealth Games. Today, the Games have grown to more than 45 sports competitions with over 10,000 athletes participating annually. Supported by grassroots volunteers, local businesses, and city officials, the Games estimate more than \$5 million in positive economic impact annually on the Central Virginia region.

This year's Main Games Weekend is set for July 19-21. Opening Ceremonies will take place July 19th, at Liberty University's Indoor Football Practice Facility, followed by the annual Tailgate Party.

## Rocket 10U baseball team will play in RAYBA tournament

The Craig County 10U baseball team will be playing in the Roanoke Area Youth Baseball Association tournament this weekend. It's a double elimination tournament held at Green Hill Park in Roanoke County.

The Craig team will first play on Saturday, June 22nd, at 10 am. Craig will play the winner of a Friday night game between Glenvar and Vinton. If the Rockets win on

Saturday they would play again at 2 pm that afternoon against the winner of a Friday game between Salem and North Roanoke. If they lose the Saturday morning game they would play at 4 pm in a losers' bracket game against an opponent to be determined.

The tournament is scheduled to go through Sunday with an "if game" Monday.

## Pioneer District players are named to All-State teams

The Virginia High School League has announced Class 1 all-state teams in baseball, softball and soccer and, although Craig County didn't have any selections, the Pioneer District was represented in each.

In baseball Narrows had a first team selection in thirdbaseman Carson Crigger and Giles had a second team all-state player in outfielder Christian Ratcliffe.

Chilhowie junior pitcher Dawson Tuell is the Class 1 Player of the Year. A versatile right-handed thrower and batter, Tuell posted a 9-1 record with two saves, 1.99 ERA in 70.33 IP, 45K, 17 BB, Oppo. BA .261, five complete games, three shutouts, 11 games started, and 15 appearances. In the state finals, he allowed two earned runs in a complete game performance in the 6-5 loss to Rappahannock.

As an offensive threat, Tuell batted .416 with 12 doubles, two triples, 16 RBIs, 33 runs, 23 BB, 4 HBP, 16 SB, a .623 slugging percentage, .557 OBP, 1.180 OPS, along with a .897 fielding percentage. He remains uncommitted.

Rappahannock head coach James Bieger is the Class 1 Coach of the Year. For the second time in three seasons, Bieger led Rappahannock to a state championship. This season his Raiders went 22-3 and won the school's fifth state title with a 6-5 7th-inning walk-off single over Chilhowie. The Raiders won

state titles in 1993, 2010, 2016, and 2022. Bieger, who completed his ninth season as head coach, has guided the Raiders to a 68-16 record over the past four seasons.

In softball Addie Lowry of Giles made the second team. Lowry, a freshman, was named at designated player.

Eastside senior shortstop Taylor Clay is the Class 1 Player of the Year. Clay batted .498 with three home runs, 30 RBI, and an OPS of 1.350 while leading Eastside to a 27-2 record. Additionally, the UVa-Wise signee scored 50 runs, 11 doubles, and three triples.

Aside from her outstanding softball season, Clay was also the 2024 Class 1 girls' basketball player of the year. The 5'6" Clay averaged 14.0 points, 6.7 assists, 7.8 rebounds, and 3.5 steals per game, leading the Spartans to the Class 1 girls' state championship.

Eastside head coach Suzi Atwood is the Class 1 Coach of the Year. Atwood led Eastside to a state runner-up finish and a Cumberland District and Region 1D championship. Her Spartans fell 5-0 to Rye Cove in the championship game. She finished her 20th season with 333 career wins, including a 1-0 state title win over John Battle in 2012. Eastside had five players named to the all-state first team.

In soccer Talen Bruce of Pioneer District member Eastern Montgomery

made all-state first team at forward. Second team honors went to East Mont teammate Osman Amya at midfield along with two Pioneer District players from Giles, midfielder Gavin Miller and Dru Munsey on defense.

Galax junior midfielder Joel Solis is the Class 1 Player of the Year. An attacking center mid, Solis led the Maroon Tide with 18 goals and 13 assists as Galax claimed its second state title in three seasons. With a senior season to go, his 47 career assists (Fr./14, Soph./20, Jr./13) already rank sixth all-time in the VHSL record book. Solis has 35 career goals, with seven in his freshman year and ten as a sophomore. Showcasing his talent, the versatile and unselfish number 10 moved to defensive mid for the semifinals and finals for tactical purposes.

Galax head coach François Herbel is the Class 1 Coach of the Year after leading the Maroon Tide to an 18-2-4 record and the program's eighth boys' soccer championship with a 2-1 win over West Point in the Class 1 state finals. In the state semifinals Galax defeated defending state champion Northampton, 2-1, in overtime to advance to the school's eighth state title appearance, where they are 7-1 since 2014, excluding the 2020 COVID-19 season. The lone loss came in 2021, losing to Rappahannock, 2-2(6-5 PK).



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