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## Maywood Garden Club Proclamation presented with proclamation

**Bonnie Cranmer**  
Contributing writer

The Craig County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, July 11. After the brief VDOT report, Woody Lipes gave an update on the Craig Valley Railbed Trail and feedback from the public. He stated that Craig County has a long history of tourism and the revenue that tourism provides to the county. Lipes addressed concern over the cost of long-term trail maintenance, reduced by volunteers who provide labor and other benefits. "The

trail is going to be a significant feature in Craig County and we don't want to miss an opportunity," Lipes told the board.

In other business, the board of supervisors issued a proclamation recognizing the Maywood Garden Club's 70th anniversary. Their commitment to beautification at the Triangle on Rt 629 and their ongoing work in the community is valuable to the county. Nan Gray represented the Maywood Garden Club and received the proclamation presented

by Board Chair Jesse Spence.

The budget for both the county and the school was revisited with a public hearing with no comment. Craig County Public Schools superintendent, Dwayne Huff, shared with the board that a survey for interest in the preschool program for three- and four-year-olds has received a positive response. The school will continue to collect responses and report in the future. Interested parents can find the survey on the school website.

During the hear the public portion of the meeting, several issues were discussed. The Craig County Farmers Committee provided further information about land use to the board. Angie Guthrie-Ponton presented the board with a packet of information, including the collection of petitions. Guthrie-Ponton detailed hours per year anticipated to maintain the program, along with citing examples from Giles County. Rebecca Frango reviewed the limited



PHOTO BY BONNIE CRANMER  
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## Craig County Junior 4-H Camp recently held



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Craig County youth enjoyed a 4-H camping week this summer. In late June, campers, teens and adult volunteers, 65 in total, participated in Junior 4-H Camp at the W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center in Wirtz. Both campers and teen counselors took away fond memories of new experiences and new or renewed friendships, organizers said.

During their week at camp, young people had the opportunity to learn new skills and hone existing ones in classes ranging from high ropes to kayaking. They learned the value of teamwork as they participated in various pack competitions including pack pride field Olympics, minute-to-win-it games, and camp trivia challenges. They also enjoyed dances, campfires and the opportunity to

spend time with their friends. Most importantly, organizers said, campers learned or strengthened the life skills they need on their path to responsible citizenship.

Throughout the week, 4-H Center staff, teen counselors and adult leaders emphasized six pillars of character in all program areas. These pillars included trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, citizenship and fairness. Under this framework, campers learned and demonstrated valuable social skills. Campers learned to respect others, their viewpoints and their property. They demonstrated patriotism as they participated in flag raising and lowering ceremonies. In

pack competitions, campers learned



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how to be a modest winner and how to be a gracious loser. They also learned ways to support their peers in their successes.

Junior 4-H Camp also had a lot to offer the teens. Teen counselors and counselors-in-training developed strong leadership skills and a greater awareness of the responsibilities they face as they approach adulthood. During their week at camp, teens served as role models and mentors for the younger campers. They taught or assisted in classes. Craig teens and adult volunteers taught bracelet

making, card games, campfire cooking, rocketry, leathercraft, flag football, drones and small engines. They worked as spotters during swimming classes and free recreation time and facilitated pack meeting activities and competitions. Most importantly, organizers said, teens offered words of encouragement for campers in their classes and other activities and provided support for kids feeling a little homesick.

Junior 4-H Camp would not be possible without the work of volunteers and the support of the community. "We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to supervise campers, assist in classes, set up for meals, and more. These include: Adult Volunteers – Emily Anderson, Frances Foster, Sally Farrell, George Foster, and Jonathan Stanley; Teen Counselors – Jenna Boitnotte, Jolena Compton, Kaleigh Deel, Kammie Fisher, Kallie Fisher, Austin Fowler, Joseph Parker, Carter Price, Damien Smith, Simon Weyant, Annalese Zimmerman, and Annika Zimmerman; and Counselors-in-Training – Landon Bostic, Aiden Crawford, Elyssa DeWease, Isaac Foster, Jeremiah Fowler, Addisyn Higgins, Riley Shiflett, Bentley Smith, and Dreydin Smith," organizers said.

The following individuals and businesses provided support for the Junior 4-H Camp Scholarship Fund: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Barnes, Mrs. Hazel Beeler, Bethel United Methodist Church, Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative, Craig County Fairgrounds Association, Craig County Farm Bureau, Craig County Farm Bureau Women, Craig County Health & Dental Center, Craig Healing Springs Christian Church, Crawford Oil Company, Cross Roads Christian Church, Dodson Pest Control

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## Bobby Scruggs Charitable Foundation awards multiple \$1 K scholarships

ROANOKE—Officials with the Bobby Scruggs Charitable Foundation recently announced the winners of its scholarships for 2024.

The \$1,000 scholarships, which memorialize long-time NASCAR official and Roanoke resident James R. (Bobby) Scruggs, are awarded to young men and women pursuing careers in motorsports, the automotive industry, business or medicine, as well as to interns working for Motor Racing Outreach and Wake Forest University Research Center. Scruggs lost his 13-year battle with cancer in 2005.

BSC Foundation scholarship winners for 2024 are:

Brayden Claud – Glenvar High School, attending Virginia Tech, majoring in automotive engineering.

Lily L. Hutchison – Craig County High School, attending Virginia Western Community College, studying nursing, and transferring to Radford University to complete the RN Program

Seth H. Parsons – Craig County High School, attending Virginia Tech, studying engineering

Megan P. Pomerleau – Glenvar High School, attending Emory and Henry College, studying nursing

Emaleigh G. Radford – Craig County High School, attending Virginia Tech, studying agriculture to become an agriculture teacher

Eaton J. Sawyer – Franklin County High School, attending Virginia Western Community College, studying mechatronics

Randalyn Grace Taylor – Craig County High School, attending Mary Baldwin University in

the Virginia Women's Leadership Institute with VMI to become a physicians assistant in the Navy

Since its inception, the foundation has awarded 166 scholarships to students at 26 high schools in Southwest Virginia. It also has supported 15 interns for MRO Children's Ministry.

"The legacy of Bobby Scruggs continues through these students as they receive assistance to go into the world and motorsports," said Dr. Jackie Scruggs Taylor, Scruggs' widow and BSC Foundation president. "We are so proud of their accomplishments and wish them all the best in their future endeavors."

For additional information, visit bsmfoundation.org or contact Dr. Jackie Scruggs Taylor at 540-520-5555.

-The Salem Times-Register



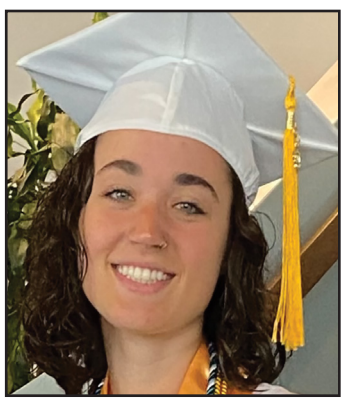
Hutchison



Parsons



Radford



Taylor

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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## Forest fire chars 90 acres near Oriskany

By John Warren Staff Writer  
From the April 27 1994 edition of The New Castle Record

Forestry investigators are focusing on the possibility that a person may have started the fire which ravaged 90 acres of the Jefferson National Forest in northeast Botetourt County on Sunday and Monday.

Around 3 p.m. Sunday, firefighters responding to a call from a resident of the area found the forest burning in an area near Pine Mountain, which serves as a geographical boundary between Botetourt and Allegheny counties. A portion of a popular walking path known as "Hoop Hole Trail" passes through the middle of the forestland which was charred in the blaze.

Despite the extensive loss of vegetation, forestry officials were thankful the fire didn't claim more terrain. The blaze climaxed on Sunday, according to New Castle District Ranger, Robert Boardwine. By Sunday night over 50 foresters and fire fighters from Botetourt and Craig counties had managed to contain the fire.

"If you'd asked me yesterday, I would have said it would right up there with the best of them," Boardwine said Monday as crews scavenged through the blackened vegetation for signs of remaining flames.

However, Boardwine said, conditions shifted Sunday night in favor of the firefighters. While fires tend to thrive on upwardly sloping landscapes, Sunday's blaze was halted in its path by the wind.

"There was some unusual fire behavior for that terrain in our favor," Boardwine said. "This one had the potential to be very serious because of where it is." The scene of the fire was most easily accessed by walking 1.5 miles along the recreational trail. A bulldozer which helped form a fire line around the perimeter of the blaze accessed the scene from the Hoop Hole Trail's entry point of Route 615 via a more direct makeshift path through the woods.

Sunday night's effort was also boosted by a helicopter, which sprayed water and dumped 4,000 gallons of flame retardant from air tanks.

According to Jefferson National Forest Public Affairs Director Dave Olsen, conditions were ideal on Sunday afternoon for a fire of large proportions. Temperatures in the high 80's, 15-20 mile per hour winds and relatively low humidity combined to help the fire spread quickly.

"When you have those combinations, there are excellent conditions for a fire to burn," Olsen said.

Since there was no heavy machinery being used around Hoop Hole at the time the fire started, and because there has been no lightning in the area recently, Olsen said the list of potential causes has been narrowed to "person causes." The likelihood that a human started the fire is doubly probable because the area is heavily populated on Sundays.

Olsen predicted a large number of trees will survive the blaze, although the next two weeks will serve as the

truest indicator of tree casualties.

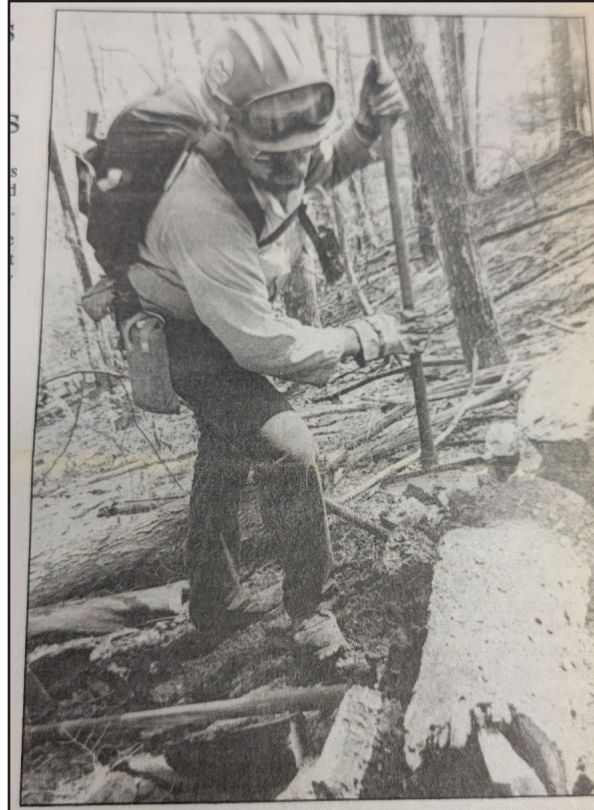
Typically, trees destroyed in a fire are essentially gutted. The fire begins burning at the base, and works its way up inside of the tree, making it hollow. With only the outer part of the tree and its bark supporting it, it generally topples within a short period of time.

Some lingering effects from the fire are likely to be seen for quite a while, Olsen said. He said the effects of the blaze will be visible to Hoop Hole Trail hikers for the rest of the summer.

"From a damage standpoint, we'll begin to see some recovery soon with some rainfall," Olsen said. "From the standpoint of the way it looked before, it will be several years."

Boardwine said the Hoop Hole Trail, which is most frequented by hikers in the spring and fall, won't be closed.

Boardwine said the fire was the worst within the New Castle Ranger District since a blaze four years ago claimed 1,700 acres of forestland near Oriskany. This was the fourth fire in the district this year. The other three were relatively small, the largest



Drew Gilmour, a member of the "Asheville Hot Shots," a special fighting team from Asheville, North Carolina, turned over stumps Monday looking for glowing embers. Gilmour, who was one of 20 members of Hot Shots who assisted in fighting the blaze, said such stumps can be dangerous if they roll down a hill and ignite vegetation.

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having burned about 15 acres.

The 705,000-acre Jefferson National Forest encompasses 22 counties, stretching North to South from Natural Bridge to Wise County and west to Abingdon.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

## VWCC offering Certified Medical Administrative Assistant training

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College recently announced a new opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals in Roanoke with the launch of its Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) training program at the EnVision Center in Northwest Roanoke. The six-week course, starting on Sept. 9, will equip participants with the essential skills and certification necessary to pursue careers in medical office administration.

"The EnVision Center and the City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority are proud to partner with Virginia Western Community College to bring invaluable educational opportunities to the residents we serve," said Lynelle Lewis with the City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority. "The upcoming CMAA class is a testament to our commitment to empowering our community through accessible, high-quality education. This course

will equip residents with essential skills and credentials, opening doors to meaningful employment and career advancement, and ultimately enhancing the quality of life for our community members."

The course will be conducted on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offering a comprehensive curriculum designed to prepare students for the Medical Administrative Assistant Certification through the National Health Career

Association. Successful completion of the certification exam opens doors to employment opportunities at local hospitals and private practices, with an annual median salary of \$35,403, according to Lightcast economic data for this area.

"We are excited to bring back this valuable training program to the community after more than five years," said Brittany Boltinghouse, workforce solutions coordinator for healthcare programs at Virginia Western Community College.

"By preparing individuals for successful careers in front office healthcare administration, we aim to meet the workforce needs of our region while empowering our community members to achieve their professional goals. With only 12 spots available, we encourage interested individuals, especially residents of the Roanoke Redevelopment & Housing Authority, to secure their place early."

Enrollment is now open, and high demand is anticipated. Financial

assistance options are available to make the training accessible to qualified Virginia residents, ensuring minimal out-of-pocket expenses for many residents. Registration will remain open until August 26, 2024, or until all spots are filled. Prospective students are encouraged to contact Lisa Russell at (540) 857-7306 for more information or visit the EnVision Center at 2607 Salem Turnpike in Northwest Roanoke.

-The Salem Times-Register

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number of farms in the county that would potentially qualify for the program.

Jim Joyce addressed the funding issues, stating there is access to substantial dollars that Craig County has the ability to achieve through the Inflation Reduction Act if a Climate or Energy Action Plan is instituted. There is an option for George Mason University to offer assistance. Henry County has successfully implemented their plan with this funding. Several other residents expressed both support and opposition to the program. As the final resident, Rob Coulter, a longtime farmer and landowner stated, "We are the only county within 100 miles not using the land use."

Another issue was addressed

by Steven and Susan Edwards, homeowners in the Craig Woods community. Steven provided the board with several examples of potential violations ongoing at a home tattoo parlor in the development. Susan raised medical and hazardous waste disposal concerns and documented Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regulations, both for the business and for the county's waste transfer station.

The meeting went into closed session for personnel matters and the land use proposal. When they returned, Board Chair Jesse Spence, stated that the board will get further guidance on the land use plan and research the next steps. The next discussion on land use will be at the September meeting.



PHOTO BY BONNIE CRANMER

The Craig County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, July 11.

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- Farmers & Merchants Bank of Craig County
- The Dorothy Cate & Thomas F. Frist Foundation (Senator Bill & Tracy Frist)
- Guthrie Insurance Agency Inc.
- Blair & Erica Jones Market Street Pharmacy
- Mountain Castles Soil & Water Conservation District
- New Castle Christian Church
- New Castle Garden Club
- New Castle United Methodist Church
- New Castle United Methodist Church – Women of Faith
- Paitsel Funeral Home
- Red Rock Farm
- St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
- Mrs. Cole Frantz Semones
- Sisson & Ryan Quarry, LLC
- Deborah D. Snead Tickle Oil & Propane
- Mrs. Mildred Wingate



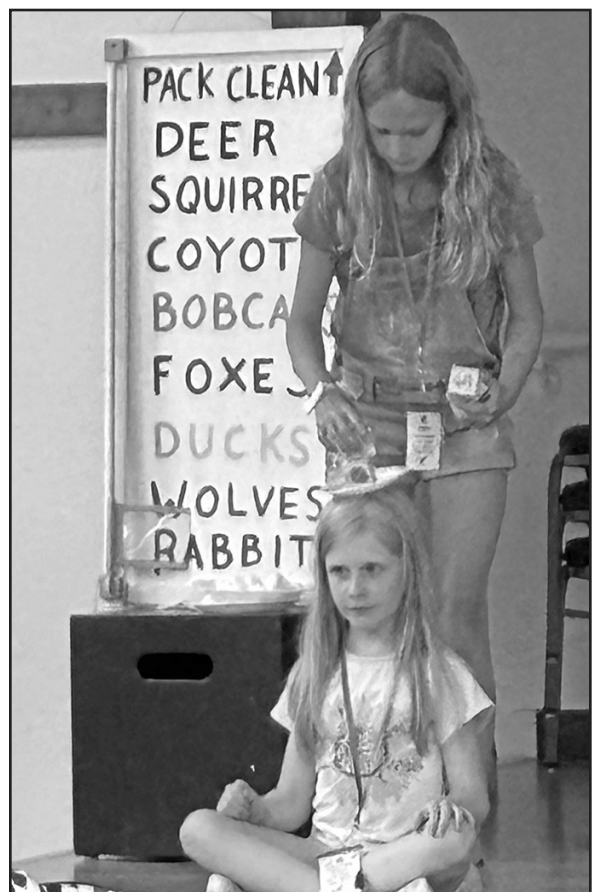
Both campers and teen counselors took away fond memories of new experiences and new or renewed friendships.

- Nadine C. Allen Excellence Fund
- Arthur Taubman Scholarship Fund
- Farrier Funds
- Ned and Rosalyn Lester Youth Leadership Development Endowment

- Smith Mountain Lake General Funds
- John T. Skelton Funds
- Through participation in Junior 4-H camp, youth develop greater self-reliance and self-esteem. Those interested in learning more about

4-H activities or Junior 4-H camp, should contact the Virginia Cooperative Extension at 864-5812.

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4-H Center staff, teen counselors and adult leaders emphasized six pillars of character.



# Recipe of the Week



**Shelly Koon**  
Contributing Writer

Betsy, my shih tzu, has a bubble machine. She likes to chase bubbles and was going through solution fast. I found a recipe in my mom's recipe box for a bubble solution. So of course, I started thinking about bubbles and how they connect our world in ways large and small. From the bubbles of oxygen that fill our lungs to the bubble wrap that keeps our packages safe. Most people smile when they see bubbles. Humans like bubbles.

We put bubbles in our water to make it fizzy. The acidity in carbonated drinks lights up the pain receptors in nerve endings — in a way that pleases the tongue.

Popping bubble wrap is more than tactile. The repetitive motion and predictive sound create a rhythmic pattern that our brains find soothing and then release feel good chemicals like dopamine.

We create bubbles in our lives. Your bubble is the boundaries you create between yourself and the outside world. These consist of all boundaries, including but not limited to physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual boundaries.

The act of blowing bubbles forces people to stop what they are doing and focus on their breathing, which can help lower anxiety levels. While watching bubbles can also be calming.

Bubbles teach us science. They form due to a phenomenon called surface tension. When soapy water is trapped between layers of soap molecules, it creates a thin film. This film, when exposed to air, forms a bubble. The colors we see shimmering on a bubble's surface are due to light refracting and interfering with itself adding to a bubble's magic.

There aren't many things as versatile as bubbles. Without them, cakes wouldn't rise, hot tubs would be weird communal baths, and kids' party bags would be a lot emptier. Bubbles can really liven things up, and admit it, the best time you had was blowing bubbles with a straw in your chocolate milk.

One thing I always have in the pantry is a cake mix. Call it a hack, a

shortcut, or a super simple "recipe," but combining a 12-ounce can of soda and a standard box of cake mix is like a magic trick. The cake mix contains all the dry ingredients of a scratch-made cake, including a raising agent, like baking soda or cream of tartar. Adding a can of soda pop activates the mix's dry leavening elements so that the cake will rise. I don't always have eggs and oil to use for a cake, but I usually have a can of soda. The result is an extra moist and soft cake, with more flavor than usual thanks to your soda of choice. And it's every bit as bouncy and fluffy as any other cake with or without frosting.

**Soda & cake recipe**  
1 box cake mix  
1 12 oz can of soda  
Simply stir together the soda and cake mix and follow the mix's baking instructions for the size of the pan and cook time.

Some of my favorite combinations: (And yes, diet soda works too)

- Coca Cola + Chocolate Cake Mix
- Sprite + Yellow Cake Mix
- Dr. Pepper + Red Velvet Cake Mix
- A&W Cream Soda + Vanilla Cake Mix

**Mix**  
Barq's Root Beer + Spice Cake Mix  
Canada Dry Ginger Ale + Carrot Cake Mix

Mountain Dew + Lemon Cake Mix  
Fanta Strawberry + Strawberry Cake Mix

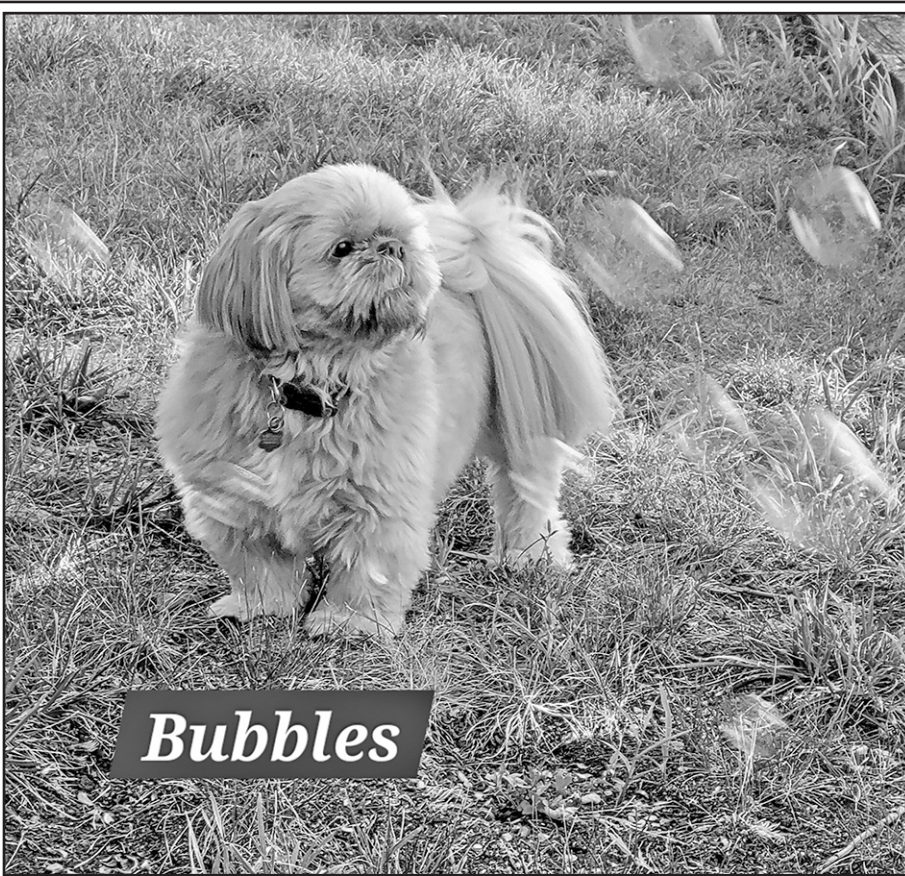
**Mix**  
Sierra Mist + Butter Pecan Cake Mix

**Mix**  
Mr. Pibb + Devil's Food Cake

**Betsy's bubble solution recipe** (Nontoxic but not for human consumption.)

- 2 cups joy dishwashing liquid
- 6 cups water
- ¾ cups white karo syrup

Combine, shake, et settle 4 hours before using. Store covered in refrigerator to extend suds shelf life, then allow to warm before using.



**Bubbles**



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# Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

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

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

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

**Aug. 12**  
Library Board of Trustees Meeting at Craig County Library.

**Aug. 13**  
Economic Development

Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Aug. 19**  
Town of New Castle Town Council Meeting at New Castle Town Hall at 7- 8 p.m.

**Aug. 20**  
Planning Commission Meeting will be held at 6 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Sept. 5**  
Board of Supervisors

Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

**Sept. 10**  
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Sept. 17**  
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Oct. 3**  
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

**Oct. 8**

Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Oct. 15**  
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Ongoing**

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

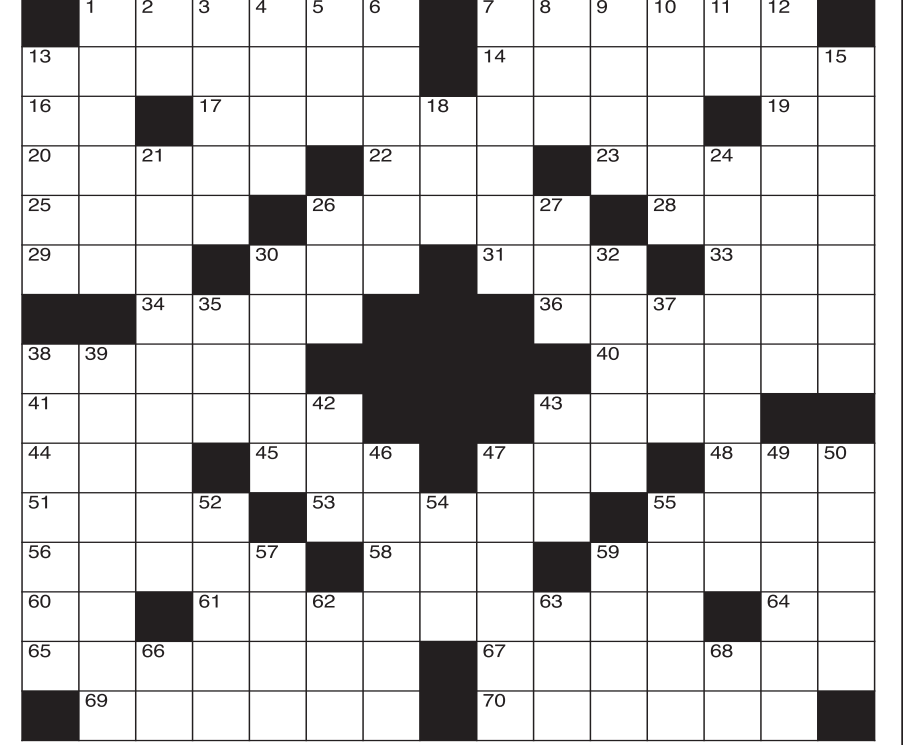
Feeding Southwest Virginia will be offering

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

Booster Club of Craig Schools meet on the third Monday of each month in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. Community members are encouraged to attend.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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## OPINION

## News from the 9th: NATO



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Towards the end of World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin convened for the Yalta Conference.

It was discussed at this meeting the extent to which the Soviet Union could exercise influence over future governments of the liberated Eastern European nations.

Following Germany's surrender, the heads of the Allied powers met again for the Potsdam Conference. This time however featured President Harry Truman on behalf of the United States, and Prime Minister Clement Attlee would replace Churchill in the middle of the sixteen-day summit.

Yalta and Potsdam helped set the stage for a superpower conflict between the U.S. and USSR. A Cold War began to brew.

As Churchill so famously proclaimed while touring the

United States, an iron curtain had descended across Europe.

Soviet-controlled states began to pop up. The democratically-elected government in Czechoslovakia was overthrown in 1948 by the communists with Soviet support.

Following World War II, the communist People's Republic of Yugoslavia under Marshall Tito also formed.

This expansionism initiated the West to act. NATO was created in 1949, the treaty being signed by twelve countries at the Departmental Auditorium, known today as the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, in Washington, D.C.

President Truman remarked at the signing ceremony: "If there is anything certain today, if there is anything inevitable in the future, it is the will of the people of the world for freedom and for peace."

Freedom and peace. To achieve these, NATO understood how integral it was to establish a strong collective defense capability.

The agreement allowed for the member states to build a command structure, resulting in a military headquarters. NATO tapped victorious American General Dwight D. Eisenhower as the group's first Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR).

Additionally, the Washington Treaty contained Article 5, which states that any attack on a NATO ally is considered an attack on all

NATO allies. Therefore, NATO allies will come to the defense of a NATO ally under attack.

A strong and unified military organization could promote deterrence and collective security, as opposed to threatening the defense of member nations and the world.

To neutralize potential Soviet expansionism in the continent, NATO took on an aggressive role of adding members.

Greece, which experienced a civil war thanks to communist forces, and Turkey joined the alliance in the 1950's.

For a time, Turkey had U.S. Jupiter missiles.

Following West Germany's accession to NATO in 1955, the Soviet Union orchestrated its own collective defense agreement known as the Warsaw Pact, pitting an Eastern bloc against a Western bloc.

The iron grip of the Russian bear only grew, as garrisons of Soviet troops were stationed in Eastern bloc countries.

Their armies helped suppress the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and invaded Czechoslovakia in 1968 to halt reform.

Despite the Cold War continuing, after NATO's formation the world did not see additional Soviet expansion in Europe.

The tearing-down of the Berlin Wall, after Ronald Reagan's famous speech, marked a pivotal point in the Cold War, with Western

leadership firmly overwhelming the Soviets on the world stage.

The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 crowned NATO as victorious.

NATO accomplished its goal of defeating Soviet expansionism, but there were other objectives to meet.

In the seventy-five years of its existence, the world has changed dramatically.

Many territories under Soviet control sought nation-state status. NATO ensued with its mission to accommodate political integration into Europe.

Most former Warsaw Pact countries, when free to choose, chose democratic republican forms of government and applied to join NATO.

The Baltic Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were restored.

NATO intervened in Yugoslavia after it dissolved and bloody conflicts arose.

Thirty-plus years following the collapse of the Soviet Union, critics have argued NATO has served its purpose and the alliance is no longer necessary.

Critics also point out that many NATO members historically have not met the threshold of committing 2% of their GDP to defense spending.

As the authoritarian regimes of China, Russia and Iran are either taking land, intimidating countries, or both, the foundational reason for NATO still rings true.

That reason? It is the will of the people of the world to have freedom and peace.

## Rabies case confirmed in Craig County

**Aila Boyd**  
aboyn@mainstreetpaper.com

Health officials with the Virginia Department of Health have confirmed the presence of rabies in the Wildwood Road area of New Castle. A fox was confirmed positive

for rabies by the department on July 12. Craig County Animal Control collected the animal on July 10.

According to the department, "Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. It is preventable in domestic animals through vaccinations, but is

fatal to both animals and humans if left untreated. Exposure to rabies is considered: any time a bite or scratch (or other circumstance) allows saliva or central nervous system tissue from a potentially rabid animal to enter an open, fresh wound and when rabid tissue enters a mucous membrane via

the eye, mouth or nose."

To help prevent the spread of rabies, officials said to avoid contact with wild animals and unknown domestic animals, report unusual-acting animals, vaccinate all dogs, cats and ferrets and call the local health department if exposed.

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# VDOT Roadwatch

**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 DECK OVERLAY AT PEAK CREEK MILE MARKER 95.7** - Repair work is underway 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 - 81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may

be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated for Summer 2024.

**LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime alternating lane closures are possible on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106.

Nighttime left lane closures scheduled on I-81 southbound during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next morning, beginning Sunday, July 7 through Saturday, July 13.

**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.

**HIGHLAND ROAD CLOSED FOR GREENWAY CONSTRUCTION** – Beginning June 18, Highland Road will be closed between Hogan Road and Rutrough Road for construction of the Roanoke River Greenway through the Blue Ridge Parkway underpass by Roanoke County. The roadway will reopen by August 14, 2024, before the first day of school for Roanoke County Public Schools.

**ROANOKE GAS UTILITY WORK** - Roanoke Gas is renewing gas lines along

Route 1306 (Bower Road) and Route 1371 (Hyde Park Drive). This utility work will be done under pavement and will require milling and pavement replacement in the affected lanes. Estimated completion is scheduled for the end of May 2024.

**APPALACHIAN TRAIL BRIDGE OVERROUTE 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. Bridge beams were placed across Route 311 on the new bridge on June 11. Flagging operations will be in place daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Occasional slow rolls during nighttime hours are possible. Alternate areas for parking and updates on the shuttle can be found by calling 540-387-5588 or visiting the shuttle website at [www.roanokecountyva.gov/McAfeeShuttle](http://www.roanokecountyva.gov/McAfeeShuttle).

**BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURES IN**

**ROANOKE AREA** - Blue Ridge Parkway may be repairing roads in our area that require road closures and flagging operations and detours may be in place. Visit their website at [www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm](http://www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm) for more information.

**Craig County MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE** – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is January 2025.

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### Craig New Castle Public Service Authority

#### Proposed Rate Increase Effective August Billing 2024

Type of Service	Old Rate	Proposed Rate
<b>Residential Water</b>	<b>20.08</b>	<b>25.10</b>
<b>Residential Sewer</b>	<b>34.10</b>	<b>42.63</b>
<b>Commercial Water</b>	<b>22.94</b>	<b>27.88</b>
<b>Commercial Sewer</b>	<b>38.94</b>	<b>48.68</b>
<b>Intuition Sewer</b>	<b>152.13</b>	<b>190.16</b>
<b>Non-Metered Service</b>	<b>54.76</b>	<b>68.45</b>

\*\*\*The new residential minimum for water & sewer is currently \$54.18, approved \$67.73 for 2,000 gallons of water used

\*\*\*The new commercial minimum for water & sewer is currently \$61.88, approved \$76.56 for 2,000 gallons of water used

\*\*\*The non-metered service - customers on sewer only – current flat fee of \$54.76 approved \$68.45

\*\* A public hearing is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Craig County Courthouse.

# God's House Is Always Open

<p><b>BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 11599 Cumberland Gap Road/Rt. 42, New Castle, 864-5242; church phone:544-7040 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Choir Tuesday 7:30p.m., Youth Outreach and Missions Program. Rev. San Kang.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH</b> Duane Wentte, Minister, Rt. 42, New Castle, 540-864-5692. Sunday: Worship 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>CORNERSTONE CHURCH</b> Pastor Don Brown, Corner of Salem and Wagner, New Castle, 580-3228. Sunday Worship 10:30am (Children meet separately, Nursery provided). Bible Study - Wednesday 6p Teens - Wednesday 6p. Ministries: Men, Ladies, Young Adult, and Seniors. Times vary, call for details.</p> <p><b>CRAIG HEALING SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> (Disciples of Christ) Pastor - Kenneth W. Davis, Jr., 6 Grannys Branch Road (Johns Creek), New Castle, Phone: 864-6102. Sunday School at 10 am. Sunday Worship at 11 am every Sunday. Fellowship meal after Sunday Worship on second Sundays. Everyone is welcome!</p> <p><b>CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST</b> 171 Salem Avenue, New Castle, 864-5667; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM, Bible Buddies at 6:30-8:00PM. Transportation provided - call the church. Hearing devices also available. www.craigvalleybaptist.com</p> <p><b>CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP</b> HWY 621, Pastor Roy Lee Law Jr., "Jay", 864-8984. Sunday School 10:00am; Worship 11:00am., Wednesday night Bible study 7pm, from HWY 311, up HWY 621, 8 miles on left.</p> <p><b>CROSSROADS CHURCH</b> 21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary</p>	<p>Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.</p> <p><b>ECKANKAR</b> Eckankar, The Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A light and sound service is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit <a href="http://www.eck-va.org">www.eck-va.org</a> or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST</b> Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street &amp; Boyd Ave., New Castle. Church phone 864-5919. Sunday School 10:00AM, Sunday Worship 11:00AM and 6PM. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM, Youth Group 7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.</p> <p><b>GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Loraine Taylor, <a href="mailto:agladypastor@msn.com">agladypastor@msn.com</a>. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Youth (ages 13-18) &amp; Super Church (ages 4-12) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You can also watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. <a href="http://www.graceassemblycatawaba.org">www.graceassemblycatawaba.org</a></p> <p><b>GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.</p> <p><b>HEBRON UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor Chanmi Lee, 347-684-2607, Rt. 606, 1981</p>	<p>Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540- 400-3419. Worship 11:15AM.</p> <p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST</b> Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, &amp; 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.</p> <p><b>LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. Newport, Duane Wentte, Minister, 540-544-7179. Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am, Children's Church 11:00am. Choir Practice, bi-weekly 7:00pm, Ladies meeting first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.</p> <p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST</b> Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-525-7662. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, &amp; 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.</p> <p><b>MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN</b> 4199 Craig Valley Drive, New Castle, Jonathan Lee, pastor, 864-6622. Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Children's Church 9:15 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> "WHERE YOUR HEART CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE" 282 Salem Ave., New Castle; 864-5212; Pastor Bill Frazier. Sunday Service: 10 A.M.; Wednesday night Bible study at 6:00 P.M. for K-5; If you need a ride to church, please contact Calvin Duncan by 8 P.M. on Saturday at 864-5321; <a href="http://www.nc-cc.org">www.nc-cc.org</a>.</p> <p><b>NEW CANTERBURY PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP</b> Pastor John D. Abbott, Hwy 621 (10 miles), phone: 540-580-5837, Sunday Prayer 10:00-10:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Service 6:00 pm.</p> <p><b>PAXTON CHAPEL</b> Pastor Kenny Davis, 17 Sage Brush Lane, New</p>	<p>Castle; "Presenting God's Word Faithfully"; Sunday School 10:00 AM; Sunday Worship Service 11:15 AM; visit us on the web at <a href="http://www.paxtonchapelchurch.com">www.paxtonchapelchurch.com</a>; email at <a href="mailto:paxtonchapel@yahoo.com">paxtonchapel@yahoo.com</a>.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 118 Main Street, New Castle. Service Times: Sunday, Bible classes-10 a.m., Worship-11:00 a.m., Evening Worship-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Bible classes - 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW CASTLE UNITED METHODIST</b> Rev. San Kang, 364 Main St., New Castle, Va. Sunday School 10AM, Worship 11AM; UMW 3rd Wednesday@1PM, Youth and other programs, Bible Studies.</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 99 2nd Street, New Castle. Tel: 540-473-3691. Email: <a href="mailto:StJohnnewcastle@gmail.com">StJohnnewcastle@gmail.com</a>. Mass is on Sunday at 11:15 AM.</p> <p><b>CRAIG COUNTY COMMUNITY CHURCH - 'WELCOME HOME!'</b> Sunday service 9-10:15am at the VFW building in New Castle. Casual dress if you desire and contemporary praise and worship. If you don't have a 'home' church, please join us at ours with Pastor Gary Burch. Check us out on facebook or contact us at: <a href="mailto:craigcountycommunitychurch@gmail.com">craigcountycommunitychurch@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH</b> Located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit <a href="http://www.sttofc.org">www.sttofc.org</a> for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).</p>
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BOTETOURT COUNTY Circuit Court, COURTHOUSE, P.O. BOX 219, FINCASTLE, VA 24090  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CARMEN OLIVIA GRACE JARVIS v. BRIAN IONA, JR.  
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that BRIAN IONA, JR. appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 31, 2024.  
JUNE 13, 2024  
Joel R. Branscom, Judge  
Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

## Legals - Town of New Castle

**ABC NOTICE**  
RCLC LLC., trading as CARPERS, 5178 CRAIG VALLEY DR., NEW CASTLE, CRAIG COUNTY, VA, 24127.  
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a RETAIL ON AND OFF PREMISES WINE AND BEER 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 - City of Radford

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY**  
486 Waterworks Road, Radford, VA 24141  
Tax Map No. 064-A 68, Parcel ID No. 020697

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated July 24, 2008, in the principal amount of \$73,280.45, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 08008179, Woods Rogers PLC, Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on July 30, 2024 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the Prices Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, on Water Works Road, containing 2.1417 acres more or less as shown on a plat of same dated October 15, 1992, prepared by W. A. Davis, CE/LS, referred to as "Plat prepared for Bobby Wayne Southern, et al."

LESS AND EXCEPT: All that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon lying and being in the Price's Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and being all of Lot Two (2) containing 1.03 acres, conveyed to Alan K. Southern and Drema J. Southern by deed dated June 1, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 876, Page 361 and as shown on plat of survey of record in Deed Book 876, Page 363.

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## Legals - City of Radford

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WOODS ROGERS PLC, Trustee  
For Information Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

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DIANA DOBBINS, MANAGING PARTNER  
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## Forty years ago Edgar Castro had RC students in his corner

Edgar Castro never made it to the big leagues, but for one season 40 years ago he was a big star on the local baseball diamond.

A lefthanded hitting firstbaseman, Castro played for the Salem Redbirds in the Carolina League. He hit .243 with three home runs for Salem in 1981, then spent the next two years struggling in the Florida State and California Leagues in the San Diego Padres system.

Edgar found himself back in Salem for the 1984 season, 40 years ago this summer, for possibly his last chance in professional ball. He got off to a tough start, batting under .200 for the first month of the season and drawing the ire of the Salem fans.

Then, he turned his season around with the help of what would be known as "Castro's Corner."

How Castro's Corner came about started with Mark Miller, a history professor at Roanoke College. Mark put a bid on a house on High Street in Salem that had been donated to the college. His bid was accepted but the house

needed lots of work, and Mark enlisted the help of a few Roanoke College students to renovate the house in the summer of '84.

Steve Olausen and Paul Anderson, who had both graduated that spring, and rising senior Tony Chrusniak were hired to work on the house while Mark, wife Linda and young daughter Kirsten remained in their home on Hemlock Street until the renovations were completed.

"The house was gutted," recalls Miller. "There was one live plug in the whole place and no running water. They made the best of it. They went to Bowman Hall (on the RC campus) to shower and lived in the house all summer long."

The house needed a total paint job and before starting the boys spray painted "Future Home of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity" on the outside of the house as a joke. That got the attention of the neighbors on High Street, a very nice, quiet section of North Salem.

Which leads us to the ballpark.

"Mark and his family

went on a trip and left us a pack of tickets to the baseball games so we'd have something to do at night," said Olausen, who is now president of a large company in Rhode Island involved in "Culture Resource Management." Originally from New Jersey, Steve is a Yankee fan and Anderson and Chrusniak are also baseball fans, and they enjoyed spending evenings at the Salem Redbirds games.

"We started going near the end of the first half of the season," recalls Olausen. "There weren't big crowds and we sat on the first base side with what they called 'Rowdy Ridge'. The atmosphere was kind of 'old south,' and we'd start cheering and getting the 75 people or so to start doing the wave. I remember we drank a lot of beer."

Edgar Castro was the Redbirds' regular firstbaseman and he was struggling, as was the team. Salem finished the first half 14 games under .500 at 28-42, in last place in the Carolina League's Northern Division. The college students started riding

Castro pretty hard as he slumped at the plate, but then Salem general manager Bob Kitchen made them a proposition.

"Edgar was right in front of them and the college guys were getting on him," recalls Miller. "They would yell 'catch Redbird fever and die'. One night a staffer talked to the ringleaders and said, 'we're happy you're here, and maybe you can help us out.' He said they could come as their guest if they didn't rag on Edgar, and maybe even help him out."

And thus, "Castro's Corner" came to pass. The college kids made up signs to cheer for Edgar and he quickly became their favorite player.

"The team would give us left over food coupons and stuff if we'd cheer for Edgar," said Olausen. "He was struggling and we decided to see what we could do to help him. I remember the first time he came to bat and we started screaming his name he stepped out of the batters' box and looked up at us with a big smile. Then he got back in the box and laced a double."

The second half of the season belonged to Castro. With Miller and his crew joining the college fans to form "Castro's Corner," Edgar went on a tear the second half. He raised his batting average from under .200 to a season ending .264, the highest average he had in any of his six minor league seasons. He hit 18 home runs in 121 games that season in Salem and drove in 61 runs, by far the best totals of his career.

Edgar went from an also-ran on a poor Redbirds' team to one of the most popular guys ever to play here. The team responded as well, posting a winning record of 36-32 in the second half of the season and finishing second to Lynchburg in the Northern Division. Even the concession manager said Edgar's improved hitting brought fans to the park and his profits went up. He gave the college boys free food in appreciation.

During the last homestand of the season the fans showed their appreciation to Edgar with a special "Edgar Castro Night." He was

driven into the ballpark in a convertible prior to the game and Steve gave a little speech about how loved he was in Salem. Edgar was touched as the founders of his "Corner" presented him with a plaque and a few gifts.

That proved to be the last highlight of Edgar's career. In 1985, with no one in his corner, Castro played 50 games in the Carolina League for the rival Hagerstown Suns, a Baltimore affiliate, then went to Double-A and played six games for the Charlotte Orioles. He was then traded to Texas and played 33 games for the Double-A Tulsa Drillers, where he hit .193 in 83 at bats.

By 1986 Castro was out of baseball. In his six year minor league career he hit .236 with 42 total home runs for seven different teams, with the 1984 Salem season far and away being the best.

"He was a good guy," said Olausen. "He was right there at first base and we talked to him a lot, and I'd like to think we had something to do with his success that season. I know we had a lot of fun."

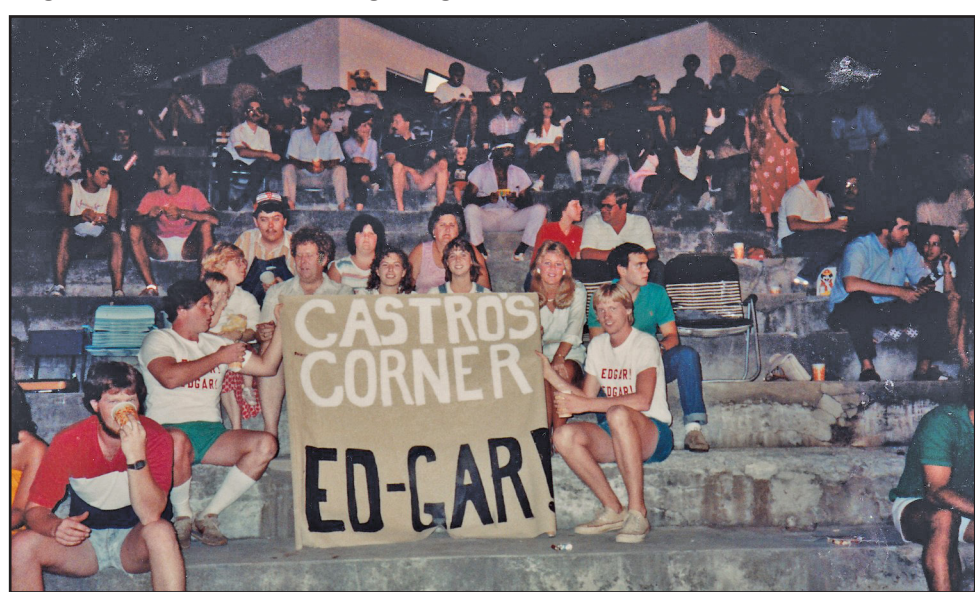


Edgar Castro is on first after getting a hit in 1984.

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Castro is honored at home plate on "Edgar Castro Night."



Roanoke College students cheer for Edgar Castro. Professor Mark Miller is right above the "C" in the sign. To his right are wife Linda and daughter Kirsten, who is now a teacher in North Carolina.



Left to right; Paul Anderson (with wig), Tony Chrusniak and Steve Olausen cheer for the 1984 Salem Redbirds.

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### Athletics winners announced for the 2023-24 National Guard Cup presented by the Virginia Army National Guard

*Auburn finished first in Class 1, Craig County is 29th*

The VHSL has announced the 2023-24 National Guard Cup winners, presented by the Virginia Army National Guard for year-long athletic and academic success.

Familiar faces returned to claim more trophies. Western Albemarle in Class 3 led the way, earning its ninth overall Cup and third in a row, while Auburn in Class 1 claimed its sixth consecutive Cup and seventh overall. Poquoson in Class 2 earned its second Cup in four years, and Battlefield in Class 6 earned its second Cup in three years. Schools claiming Cups for the first time include Atlee in Class 1 and Independence in Class 5.

First awarded in 1990, the Cup represents 35 seasons of excellence. Six Cups are awarded for academic activities and athletics in each of the VHSL's six enrollment classifications. The academic activities winners were announced on June 12.

A point system determines the winners based on overall performance in VHSL state championship competitions. In athletics, first place earns 50 points, second place earns 45 points, third place earns 40 points, fourth place earns 35 points, fifth place earns 30 points, sixth place earns 25 points, seventh place earns 20 points, and eighth place earns 15 points. Schools earning the League's Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award earn 50 points each.

Craig County High School finished 29th among the 38 schools who scored points in Class 1. There are 55 total schools in Class 1. The Rockets scored 50 points in the Sportsmanship category.

### 2023-24 National Guard Cup Athletics Standings presented by the Virginia Army National Guard

**Class 1 Auburn** – Total (402.5 pts.) Fall – 150 pts.; Winter – 45 pts.; Spring – 207.5 pts.

**Class 2 Poquoson** – Total (522.5 pts.) Fall – 150 pts.; Winter – 180 pts.; Spring – 192.5 pts.

**Class 3 Western Albemarle** – Total (720 pts.) Fall – 137.5 pts.; Winter – 222.5 pts.; Spring – 360 pts.

**Class 4 Atlee** – Total (587.5pts.) Fall – 132.5 pts.; Winter – 125 pts.; Spring – 330 pts.

**Class 5 Independence** – Total (405 pts.) Fall – 145 pts.; Winter – 110 pts.; Spring – 150 pts.

**Class 6 Battlefield** – Total (370 pts.) Fall – 112.5 pts.; Winter – 85 pts.; Spring – 172.5 pts.

