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Recognition of Maywood Garden Club, Virginia Big Tree Program

Bonnie Cranmer
Contributing writer

At the Sept. 5 meeting of the Craig County Board of Supervisors, the Maywood Garden Club received a proclamation in recognition of the trees of Craig County entered into the Virginia Big Tree Program.

"The Virginia Big Tree Program began in 1970 as a 4-H and FFA project. Today the program is coordinated by the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation at Virginia Tech. They are a passionate community of tree enthusiasts that includes Virginia Tech faculty and staff, Virginia Cooperative Extension staff, and numerous individual and organizational volunteers from around the state. Their mission is to increase the care and appreciation of all trees – big and small – and educate the Commonwealth about the value of trees and forests." Visit the link to learn more about Virginia Big Tree Program <https://ext.vt.edu/natural-resources/big-tree.html>.

The trees recently submitted include

the Keffer Oak, Norway Maple and Wiley Norway Spruce. Craig County already has two trees listed as Virginia state champions, with the Norway Maple (rated 266), and the White Willow (rated 270). Virginia has consistently ranked among the top-five states for national champion trees.

The Tourism Commission's work with WLS10 Blue Ridge Games was recognized by both Board Chair Jesse Spence and Woody Lipps during his update on the Craig Valley Railbed Trail. The spots on tv during the Games competition encouraged participants to experience Craig County and become familiar with the businesses in the community. The effort was a continuation of the mural completion at the farmers market, and the launch of the Craig County branding effort. Lipps shared that the trail committee is continuing work, both on the trail and researching the anticipated use estimates for impact.

In other business, the board passed resolutions for a representative to Blue Ridge Behavioral Health CPMT, a

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Route 42 Overlook.

PHOTO BY BONNIE CRANMER

DAR Promotes Constitution Week: Sept. 17-23

Sept. 17 through 23 commemorates the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America. The Constitution, with 4,440 words, is the oldest and shortest written constitution of any government in the world. Founding Father John Adams called it 'the greatest single effort of national deliberation that the world has ever seen,' and George Washington described it as "little short of a miracle."

The Preamble, or introduction, summarizes the values of the Constitution in just 52 words.

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

In 1955 The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) initiated the observance when they petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution,

and on August 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law #915. The celebration's goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to remind the public that the Constitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the U.S. Constitution.

Since 1956, DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion and celebration of Constitution Week. The annual observance provides innumerable opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach, two mission areas of crucial importance to the National Society. By fostering knowledge of, and appreciation for, the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation's foundational liberties.

A section of DAR headquarters in Washington D.C. was built in 1929 and named Constitution Hall in



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honor of this foundational document of our government. It hosts a variety of events and meetings and is the largest concert hall in our nation's capital.

One of the largest patriotic women's organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative

events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org. For information about the local chapter, Craig Valley, please contact Regent Tina Crawford at craigvalleychaptersdar@gmail.com.

-Submitted by Craig Valley DAR

Carper's Bar and Grill opens to enthusiastic sports fans



There are 12 taps pouring a variety of beers and cider.

PHOTO BY BONNIE CRANMER

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Contributing writer

On Rt 311, just 3 miles south of New Castle, sits Carper's Bar and Grill. The convenience store shifted gears recently. There's no gas or lottery but a delicious surprise is in store. Across from Zimmerman's Equipment, find the

only bar and restaurant in Craig County.

Owned and operated by Rob and Linda Carper, this new watering hole aims to provide a welcoming space for friends and families to gather, enjoy a meal, and catch a game. With a focus on creating a community-oriented atmosphere, the Carpers have equipped

their establishment with 12 taps pouring a variety of beers and cider, as well as a menu featuring locally inspired bar food. Multiple screens ensure that patrons can easily keep up with their favorite sports teams while enjoying a delicious meal. "We've got the NFL Sunday Ticket for all the games, Monday and Thursday

night, too," stated Rob Carper.

The generous parking lot is ready for game day, along with the selection of subs and wraps, pizza, salads, sandwiches, wings and specialty burgers on the menu. The Craig County, Lil Cuba and The Rocket AKA Smash Burger are just a few of the creations to tempt your tastebuds.

"All the wing sauces are made here, my recipes," said Linda Carper. Plans for Couples Nights, steak nights and other food events are in the works. "We bring people together," shared the Carpers.

While Craig County is still experiencing the last days of summer, the back deck is open for outdoor seating. Live

music will be available some nights and happy hours are planned soon. In these shifting times, a hometown place to gather with friends and family is a much needed destination. Carper's Bar and Grill is a convenient place for locals and visitors to stop in and enjoy a meal.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

No beauties in this pageant

By Joshua Williams
Special Writer

From the April 27, 1994 edition of *The New Castle Record*

It was glamorous. It was glittery. It was by far the strangest event ever witnessed by a sane audience.

It was last Thursday night at the CCHS auditorium where 10 brave, and somewhat odd, male students stripped off their pride and masculinity and transformed themselves into some of the most beautiful lades ever to grace the night—NOT!

It was once again time for the Booster Club to present its annual "Beauty in the Beast" fund-raising pageant. A hilarious, crowd-pleasing contest where high school students dress up as women and compete with hopes of winning the esteemed title of "Ms. Rocket Boobster."

The contestants were judged, like in most beauty pageants, in three major categories: Talent (or lack thereof), which consisted of dancing,

acrobatic acts, and many a busted water balloon. The Evening Gown competition where the "women" were to dress in their most beautiful gowns and display their poise and grace for the judges. And finally, and most importantly, they were to answer the tough and challenging question "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

The crowd was bombarded with many hysterical and somewhat risqué answers to this.

When the laughter subsided and the water balloons cleared, Zach "Valentine" Brown emerged as the winner. He took the crown by dazzling the audience with a spectacular performance on his guitar and with his memorable, if not unforgettable, answer to the directed question with, "I want to be a great big pail of sunshine, so when everyone's gloomy I can spread myself around and make them happy again."

The show was a raving success and the



Beauty in the Beast winners were Slamese twins, Chris Blankenship and Jamie Fisher. Jerry Voss and Zach Brown, escorted by Jessica and Jennifer Furrow.

FROM THE NRC ARCHIVES

Booster Club raised much needed funds. Debra Cooper, the mastermind behind the show said "We promised

them the comedy event of the year and all promises were kept."

After witnessing this year's pageant, we will

be anxiously awaiting next year's in hopes of seeing all of our young athletes once again embarrass themselves

and their parents.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

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school representative to Blue Ridge Behavioral Health CPMT, and appointing Dr. Dwayne Huff to the Virginia Western Community College Advisory Board.

The ordinance for non-profit food vendors, specifically "Exempt

Certain Food Booths from Title 35.1 of the Virginia Code Relating to State Regulations of Restaurants and Providing For Regulation of those Food Booths by the County Health Official" held a public hearing with no comments and was passed.

During the Hear the Public portion of the meeting, Jim Joyce requested an update on the land use policy changes requested by citizens with Craig County Farmers Land Use group. The group held several meetings, and presented the board

with research and signed petitions in July. County administrator Dan Collins explained that the board is continuing to research the issue. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.

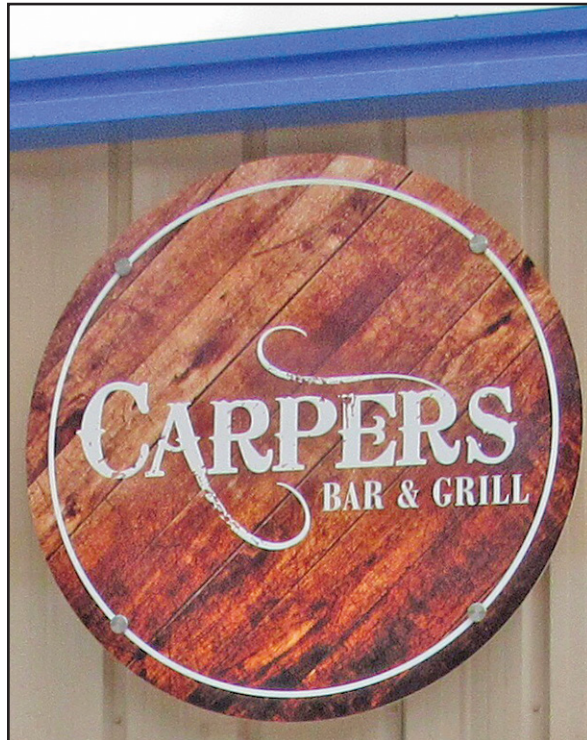
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Watch for grand opening announcements and live music schedules as Carper's gets going. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to midnight, Monday 4 p.m. to midnight, closed Tuesday. The tables are

set and the tubes are buzzing with the sound of energetic crowds ready to cheer their teams to victory. Be ready for a delightful experience with a hometown flair on your visit to Carper's Bar and Grill.



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Carper's Bar and Grill is 3 miles south of New Castle.

Carper's Bar and Grill is a convenient place for locals and visitors to stop in and enjoy a meal.

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VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81 I-581 PAVING & PATCHING OPERATIONS WITH RAMP CLOSURES – Weather permitting, on Monday, September 9 and Tuesday, September 10, crews will perform paving and patching operations from mile marker 1 to 3 on I-581 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Lane closures will be in place and during this time, the on-ramp from Hershberger Road to I-581 will be closed. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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: LANE CLOSURES

– Northbound and southbound possible for various work on the project during nighttime hours.

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

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Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon
Contributing
Writer

"Sometimes you need to eat an entire cucumber" is how TikTok @logagm has 5.7 million followers and he posts mostly cucumber salad recipes. Logan eats a whole cucumber as a snack. He mixes a sliced English cucumber with rice wine vinegar, chili oil, MSG, soy sauce, fish sauce, and sesame oil together in his OG recipe and the video that went viral. Now, he has millions of followers on TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook just because of cucumbers. Multiple creators on the platform have followed suit and made their own. I love cucumbers so I made some of his recipes and after many tries, and a little tweaking, I found the ones I like best.

One ingredient Logan always adds to his cucumbers is MSG. First invented by the Japanese biochemist Kikunae Ikeda in 1908 to enhance the flavor of dried seaweed, MSG (monosodium glutamate) is the sodium salt of glutamic acid, one of the most common

naturally occurring amino acids. MSG is found naturally in some foods including tomatoes and cheese. MSG isn't bad for you. The FDA recognizes MSG in foods to be "generally recognized as safe" (GRAS), meaning having it in your food is not bad. MSG has been used as a food additive for many years. During this time, the FDA has received many reports concerning reactions that people have attributed to foods that had MSG in them. These reactions — called MSG symptom complex — include headache, flushing, sweating, face pressure or tightness, quick fluttering heartbeats, chest pain, nausea, and generalized weakness. Researchers have found no clear proof of a link between MSG and these symptoms. Although, as with other additives, a few people may have short-term reactions to MSG. Symptoms are often mild and don't need to be treated. The only way to prevent a reaction is to not eat foods that have MSG

in them. Not only is MSG safe to eat, but it also improves food taste and can be a healthy option for many, including those who might benefit from a low-sodium diet. Since 1998, MSG cannot be included in the term "spices and flavorings". However, the term "natural flavor/s" is used by the food industry for glutamic acid. The following are alternative names for MSG: Monosodium glutamate or sodium glutamate, Glutamic acid, monosodium salt, Sodium glutamate monohydrate, UNII-W 8 1 N 5 U 6 R 6 U, flavor enhancer E621. Most home cooks will recognize the brand name "Ac'cent flavor enhancer" as a seasoning in many recipes.

According to Food Network, many fast-food chains including Chic-Fil-A use MSG in some of their foods. Some other foods include Doritos, Pringles, Hidden Valley Ranch, Cheetos, Boars Head Cold Cuts, Parmesan Cheese, gravy, protein powders, pepperoni, popcorn, and potato chips. Msg is usually buried in the ingredients list, so we don't know it's there and we enjoy every bite.

I have two recipes

here for eating a whole cucumber, one as a side dish and one as a meal.

OG Tik Tok Cucumber

1 whole English cucumber washed (unpeeled) and sliced thinly.

- 3 TBS soy sauce
- 3 TBS fish sauce
- 3 TBS rice vinegar or red wine vinegar
- 1 clove garlic grated (or 1/4 tsp garlic powder)
- 1 tsp sugar (Splenda works too)
- 1/4 tsp Accent
- 1/2 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp chili oil (I use garlic in chili oil)

Sesame seeds
Add all ingredients to a large bowl and mix until cucumbers are well coated. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and serve. Store in the refrigerator in a sealed container.

High Protein Cucumber

(340 calories and 41 g of protein)

- 1 English cucumber thinly sliced
- 1 or 2 TBSP PB2 powder (peanut butter powder)
- 1 tsp chili crunch oil
- 1 TBSP soy sauce
- Sprinkle of MSG (Ac'cent)

- 1 TBSP rice vinegar
- 2 packets of Sunkist Sweet& Spicy tuna

Mix all together until well mixed and enjoy!



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Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

Sept. 16
Booster Club will meet in the CCHS cafeteria at 6 p.m.

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.

Nov. 7
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Nov. 12
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Dec. 5
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Dec. 10
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30

a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

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

Jan. 2
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Jan. 7
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Jan.14
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration

Building.

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

Feb. 11
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Feb. 18
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

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

Mar. 11
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Mar. 18
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

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

Apr. 8
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.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.

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 - Periods of time
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 - Examination
 - Japanese city
 - Daze with a blow
 - With fireplace residue
 - Synthetic acrylic fabric fiber
 - Pittsburgh University
 - Scorched
 - Potato state (abbr.)
 - Anger
 - Suitable for use as food
 - To wipe out, obliterate
 - Used of unskilled work, esp. domestic
 - Loose earth, soil
 - Petrol container
 - Great (60's slang)
 - Conditions of balance
 - Foes
 - Sec. of Energy Steven
 - 6th day (abbr.)
 - Without qualification or exception
 - Sarah's title
 - Leisurely stroll
 - Austr. Army History Unit
 - Bowfin genus
 - S.A. mountain chain
 - Scott Case 1857
 - Mound
 - Springfield, IL candy founder
 - Frambesia
 - Reduced price event
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 - Light purple-blue
 - Plants of the genus Cassia
 - Shelf unit for ornaments
 - Live in
 - Arthur ___, Wimbledon champion
 - A thwarting and distressing obstruction
 - Cut off from others
 - Tree trunk outgrowth
 - Tower used for storing silage
 - Br. public boys school
 - ___ Ling, mountain range
 - ___ Clapton, musician
 - Mild yellow Dutch cheese
 - Peruvian province
 - Diagonal cut of cloth
 - A narrow path or road
 - Fraternal Order of ___
 - The boundary of a surface
 - Granular old snow
 - Rt. angle cleaving tool
 - Irreducible material
 - Oldest man-made rayon fiber
 - Affirmative! (slang)
 - Burial cloths
 - Surface layer of grass & roots
 - Not shaky
 - Kidney-shaped nut
 - Nursemaids in India
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OPINION

News from the 9th: Feeding Southwest Virginia



Morgan Griffith
Representative

As an elected representative from our part of Virginia, I see various local organizations receive recognition and praise for their efforts in improving the care and health of our rural communities.

Food City, in partnership with the nonprofit United Way, has welcomed me on multiple occasions for their celebrity food bagging event. Most recently, I was a celebrity bagger at the Food City in Weber City.

This September, one nonprofit group will celebrate its progress in caring for our region.

Feeding Southwest Virginia, a part of the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, was founded in 1981 to address food insecurity in the region.

Food insecurity is a problem in large parts of the country, including Southwest, Southside and Central Virginia.

Some families are stuck deciding whether they can afford groceries as they balance between their power bills, what they pay at the gas pump and other expenses.

And when food options are

explored, nourishing and nutritious meals are sacrificed for cheaper and more inexpensive goods.

This continuous cycle of inadequate eating habits leads to problematic health conditions, such as diabetes.

Children who grow up in the region who do not receive sufficient food are seriously affected.

Feeding Southwest Virginia reports that one in five children suffer from food insecurity.

Lack of access to quality nutritious foods creates harsh realities for children. Many can be afflicted by malnutrition disorders during critical years of brain development. This is true even if they have some food but it's not nutritious.

Many families depend on school lunches to provide for their kids, but such opportunities are limited during the summer months when school is out.

Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger, who represents East Tennessee, and I were recognized in 2023 for our help in passing a law to make it easier for community partners such as Feeding Southwest Virginia to provide meals to families and children in the summertime. Before the bill, summer food programs could only provide meals at congregate sites with supervision while the children ate. Now, Feeding Southwest Virginia can take the meals to the congregate sites, and the children can pick them up. This

allows the nonprofit to take the meals to more locations.

While it is the largest food agency in the region, Feeding Southwest Virginia is not the only group trying to solve food insecurity. Many churches, community food pantries and some of our hospitals do their part to provide food for their communities.

These smaller outlets also collect food, but many receive food from Feeding Southwest Virginia.

For a time, Feeding Southwest Virginia was not their official name. They were simply known as Feeding America because they are a member of the national Feeding America organization.

But going by Feeding America caused trouble when the Southwest Virginia group raised funds.

Many donors who sought to contribute to solve food insecurity in Southwest Virginia mistakenly sent money to the Feeding America corporate office, when they really meant to give money to the Feeding America Southwest Virginia office!

According to one official from Feeding Southwest Virginia, it is estimated that Feeding Southwest Virginia lost out on roughly \$100,000 in contributions.

Because of this confusion, funds were erroneously directed away from Feeding Southwest Virginia. Accordingly, in early 2020, the nonprofit officially changed their

name to Feeding Southwest Virginia to lessen confusion and make it easier to fundraise and solicit donations specifically for our region.

Feeding Southwest Virginia is dedicated to fighting hunger and changing lives. Their operations involve volunteers helping at food drives, packing and delivering food, and their services extend to every locality in Virginia's Ninth District.

Of Feeding Southwest Virginia's three facilities, one of them is in Abingdon. The other two are in Salem and Roanoke.

In the past, I have volunteered and visited their facilities in Salem or Abingdon.

Feeding Southwest Virginia's fiscal year 2022 impact report highlights their distribution of over 18 million pounds in food, not including non-food items like water.

The same report noted that in the summer of 2023 they served over 160,000 meals to children.

On September 13th, I will be attending their Elected Officials' Day event to honor their work in addressing hunger and starvation in our region.

Local, state and federal officials all attend to show their support for the programs advanced by Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Like elected officials from both sides of the political aisle, I am proud to support Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Protecting our pets and families from Rabies

World Rabies Day is September 28. Rabies is a preventable fatal viral illness, typically transmitted through the bite of an infected animal. The Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) investigate and provide case management of rabies exposures, including arranging for testing of wild animals that have potentially exposed humans

or domestic animals to rabies. This year through June had been typical for the RCAHD rabies control program, having tested almost 60 animals for rabies, only two of which tested positive for the virus. However,

up-to-date on their vaccinations. Vaccinating your domestic animals

Dr. Cynthia Morrow

Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director

not only protects your pets, but vaccinated pets act as a buffer to prevent the rabies virus from spreading between wild animals and people.

we have now confirmed an additional six positive cases since July (a fox, kitten, raccoon, and three skunks), including four in the last week of August.

Given this apparent increase, we've been asked why we are seeing more positive cases of rabies in our area recently. To answer that question, some perspective may be helpful. Although confirming four positive cases in a week is unusual, we are on par for an average year, as seen below in the total number of positive cases in recent years:

2023: 10
2022: 14
2021: 12

Regarding the four most recent cases, the wild animals were tested because they had physical contact with domestic animals. The good news is that the pets involved were all

This cluster of recent cases serves as a reminder of the importance of steps to protect yourself, your family, and your pet from possible exposure to rabies:

Do not approach an unknown animal, either wild or domestic, especially if it is acting strangely. Rabies can present differently in each case: some animals with rabies may appear aggressive, and others may appear abnormally friendly. Others may not have many symptoms at all. Report any sick or unusual-acting wildlife.

Instruct children to tell an adult immediately if they were bitten or scratched by any animal.

Do not try to separate two fighting animals. Wear gloves if you handle your pet after a fight.

Keep family pets indoors at night. Don't leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.

Vaccinate pets and livestock. Virginia law requires that all dogs, cats, and ferrets be vaccinated against rabies by four months of age. Some local organizations offer affordable vaccines in addition to low cost spay and neuter services-contact your local humane society to learn more.

Do not feed wildlife or stray

animals. Discourage them from seeking food near your home by keeping your property free of stored bird seed or foods that attract wild animals; feeding pets indoors; and tightly capping garbage cans.

Board up any openings to your attic, basement, porch, or garage. Cap your chimney with screens. Bats can be particularly difficult to keep out of buildings because they can get through cracks as small as a pencil.

Report all animal bites or contact with wild animals to your local health department. If an animal has possibly exposed someone to rabies, try to safely capture the animal. Some species can be observed or tested for rabies to avoid the need for rabies treatment. This includes bats that have skin contact with a person or that are found in a room with a sleeping person, unattended child, or someone with mental impairment. Bats have small, sharp teeth and in certain circumstances people can be bitten and not know it.

The good news is that rabies in humans is 100% preventable. We employ a team of environmental health professionals who work with law enforcement, animal control, and clinical staff to help protect our communities. Thanks to their efforts here and across the country, we now see fewer than 10 human cases from rabies per year in the United States. Learn more about rabies from the Virginia Department of Health or the Centers for Disease Control.

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

CORNERSTONE CHURCH
Pastor Don Brown, Corner of Salem and Wagner, New Castle, 580-3228. Sunday Worship 10:30am (Children meet separately, Nursery provided). Bible Study - Wednesday 6p Teens - Wednesday 6p. Ministries: Men, Ladies, Young Adult, and Seniors. Times vary, call for details.

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Pastor - Kenneth W. Davis, Jr., 6 Grannys Branch Road (Johns Creek), New Castle, Phone: 864-6102. Sunday School at 10 am. Sunday Worship at 11 am every Sunday. Fellowship meal after Sunday Worship on second Sundays. Everyone is welcome!

CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST
171 Salem Avenue, New Castle, 864-5667; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM, Bible Buddies at 6:30-8:00PM. Transportation provided - call the church. Hearing devices also available. www.craigvalleybaptist.com

CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP
HWY 621, Pastor Roy Lee Law Jr., "Jay", 864-8984. Sunday School 10:00am; Worship 11:00am., Wednesday night Bible study 7pm, from HWY 311, up HWY 621, 8 miles on left.

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Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.

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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 www.eck-va.org 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.

FIRST BAPTIST
Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street & Boyd Ave., New Castle. Church phone 864-5919. Sunday School 10:00AM, Sunday Worship 11:00AM and 6PM. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM, Youth Group 7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.

GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Loraine Taylor, agladyastor@msn.com. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Youth (ages 13-18) & Super Church (ages 4-12) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You can also watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. www.graceassemblycatawaba.org

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.

HEBRON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor Chanmi Lee, 347-684-2607, Rt. 606, 1981

Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540- 400-3419. Worship 11:15AM.

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST
Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.

LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. Newport, Duane Wente, Minister, 540-544-7179. Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am, Children's Church 11:00am. Choir Practice, bi-weekly 7:00pm, Ladies meeting first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

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

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

NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH "WHERE YOUR HEART CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE"
282 Salem Ave., New Castle; 864-5212; Pastor Bill Frazier. Sunday Service: 10 A.M.; Wednesday night Bible study at 6:00 P.M. for K-5; If you need a ride to church, please contact Calvin Duncan by 8 P.M. on Saturday at 864-5321; www.nc-cc.org.

NEW CANTERBURY PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP
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.

PAXTON CHAPEL
Pastor Kenny Davis, 17 Sage Brush Lane, New Castle; "Presenting God's Word Faithfully"; Sunday

School 10:00 AM; Sunday Worship Service 11:15 AM; visit us on the web at www.paxtonchapelchurch.com; email at paxtonchapel@yahoo.com.

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NEW CASTLE UNITED METHODIST
Rev. San Kang, 364 Main St., New Castle, Va. Sunday School 10AM, Worship 11AM; UMW 3rd Wednesday@1PM, Youth and other programs, Bible Studies.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday service 9-10:15am at the VFW building in New Castle. Casual dress if you desire and contemporary praise and worship. If you don't have a 'home' church, please join us at ours with Pastor Gary Burch. Check us out on facebook or contact us at: craigcountycommunitychurch@gmail.com.

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If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Wendi Craig at 276-340-2445 or email advertise@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Farmers and rural residents reminded to get a checkup from the neck up

RICHMOND—In lieu of some daunting statistics about mental health issues among farmers and rural communities, farm groups are reminding farmers of the many resources available to them.

“The human body is amazing,” said Jeremy Daubert, a Virginia Cooperative Extension agent in the Shenandoah Valley. “We are designed to handle stress, and we all cope differently. But it’s the stress over time that’s really detrimental, especially to farmers, because they can’t take a week off here or a month off there. It’s day in and day out.”

Daubert discussed farmer mental health resources on the Virginia Young Farmers Podcast with AgriSafe health communications officer Laura Siegel and Virginia Farm Bureau Federation

Young Farmers.

According to the National Rural Health Association, farmers are 3.5 times more likely to die by suicide than the general population. And rural populations have a significantly higher suicide rate than urban areas.

During the podcast, Daubert urged those who interact with farmers and rural residents to look for changes in behavior that can be signs of crisis or suicidal intention. The North Carolina Agromedicine Institute said to watch for:

- A decline in care of crops, animals and farm
- Withdrawing from social events, family and friends
- Change in mood or routine
- Increase in farm accidents
- Increased drug or alcohol use

Giving away prized possessions, calling or saying goodbye

Making statements such as “I have nothing to live for,” or “My family would be better off without me.”

In moments of crisis, AgriSafe Network’s AgriStress Helpline® is a confidential resource available to the farming community 24/7, which can be reached at 833-897-2474.

“What’s really important about this line, the people who answer the phone are not only trained as crisis-response specialists, but they also have knowledge of agricultural stressors going on in people’s lives,” Siegel said. “They won’t say, ‘just take a break,’ because they know you can’t. They can empathize with the plight of people in agriculture.”

American Farm Bureau Federation

President Zippy Duvall discussed AFBF’s Farm State of Mind rural mental health resources, and he shared how opening up to others helped him deal with the loss of his wife.

“I thought I could handle anything,” he said. “But if you bottle things up inside of you long enough it becomes very detrimental to your health and to your ability to do your job.”

In January, AFBF established a relationship with the Farm Family Wellness Alliance to launch access to a peer-to-peer support community Togetherall, free to all American farm families 24/7. Additional counseling services also can be made available at no cost. Learn more at togetherall.com/en-us/join/farmfoundation.

-Virginia Farm Bureau

New USDA Watersheds report provides insight into agricultural data

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service released its 2022 Watersheds report, providing insights into farm operations based on watershed boundaries.

Part of the USDA’s 2022 Census of Agriculture, the report offers a detailed look into U.S. farms, land use, fertilizer and chemical application and specific commodities segmented by watersheds. As another way to analyze agricultural data, this granular approach helps examine the potential impact of agriculture on watersheds. It also tracks the progress the agriculture industry has made toward achieving water quality goals. This data also can aid in decision-

making about policies, grants and programs related to agriculture and conservation management.

“Publications like Watersheds augment the already expansive collection of data from the census of agriculture,” said NASS administrator Joseph Parsons. “The Watersheds publication provides agricultural and environmental data users with a novel way to examine and compare ag census data, in addition to the nationwide, state, county and congressional district-level data NASS provided earlier this year.”

Farmers voluntarily implement conservation and sustainable practices like no-till, reduced till and nutrient management to

protect waterways. According to the report, the U.S. saw an almost 8% increase in no-till and a 5% increase in reduced-till practices among farmers from 2017 to 2022.

Additionally, the report indicated the number of farmland acres treated with commercial fertilizers, lime and soil conditioners declined nationally by over 16 million acres between 2017 and 2022.

Virginia has land in three USDA watershed regions: the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic-Gulf, and Ohio, with most of the state in the Mid-Atlantic watershed region. The number of farms practicing no-till and reduced-till practices in this region increased slightly between 2017 and 2022, and the use

of commercial fertilizers, lime and soil conditioners decreased by over 327,000 acres, or 6%.

While the numbers reflect the number of farms and farmland acres lost during this period, it also shows the implementation of conservation practices that Virginia farmers use.

“This report demonstrates that when given the resources, farmers take advantage of voluntary incentive programs through USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service,” said Martha Moore, senior vice president of governmental relations for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. “In addition to the no till and reduced till, Virginia farmers also are appreciative of

Virginia providing additional incentive programs for a suite of conservation practices through their local soil and water conservation districts. Farmers are working hard to take advantage of this help to prevent the loss of nutrients into Virginia’s waterways.”

The report also found that farmers in the Mid-Atlantic watershed region applied manure to 1.7 million acres in 2022, down from nearly 2 million acres in 2017. Pesticide use showed a steep 26% decline, going from 2.5 million acres in 2017 to 1.8 million acres in 2022.

To view the full report, visit bit.ly/4cOfAXL.

-Virginia Farm Bureau

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narrows are possible at Route 311.

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON EXIT 140: Drivers may experience periodic lane closures or quick merges into traffic onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound or northbound exit ramps of exit 140 off of I-81. 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.

Alternating nighttime northbound left lane closures and southbound right lane closures may be in place during the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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.

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

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.

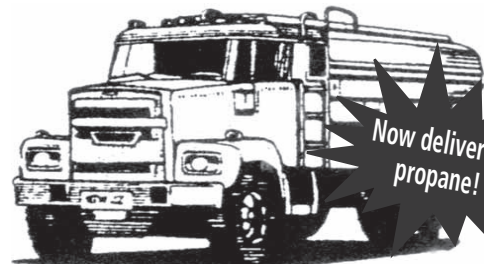
INTERSTATE 581 I-581 PATCHING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, beginning August 18, crews will perform paving and patching operations. Lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound, Sunday through Thursday,

during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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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Yard Sales - Fincastle

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday, September 14th 8am to Noon

Diamond Crest Hills subdivision is located just off Route 11 in the Mill Creek Area of Botetourt County and includes Marquise Drive, Regent Street, and Briolette Court.

All those participating will sell from their own homes. Wedding Items, Tools, Longaberger, Lawn Equipment, Clothes, Kitchen and Household items and other great treasures await you!

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Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24-231** VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Plaintiff(s),

v. ESTATE OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY and

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY Defendant(s).

Case No.: CL24-231 ORDER OF PUBLICATION Petitioner, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC ("Commonwealth"), by counsel, and upon its Affidavit of Order of Publication requesting an Order of Publication, and IT APPEARING that the object of this suit is quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066 ("Subject Property"); and

IT APPEARING that Wanda P. McKinney, the record owner of the Property, is deceased and no estate has been opened or List of Heirs or Real Estate Affidavit filed in the land records of this Court; and IT APPEARING that due diligence has been used to locate Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney or the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney ("McKinney Parties Unknown"); and IT APPEARING that the last known address for Wanda P. McKinney is 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and

IT APPEARING that it is timely and appropriate that this Court enter an Order allowing for service upon the Defendants be completed pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 by Order of Publication in a newspaper with general circulation in and published in and approved by the Circuit Court for Botetourt, Virginia, and it is therefore,

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that an ORDER OF PUBLICATION, be and hereby is to be published in *The Fincastle Herald* once a week for four successive weeks in order to perfect service upon Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney; and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that all Defendants be placed on notice that a Petition is pending in the Circuit Court of Botetourt, Virginia, namely *Specialized Loan Servicing UC v. Estate of Wanda P. McKinney, et al.*, to quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that

Legals - Botetourt County

McKinney Parties Unknown must on or before the 18th day of October, 2024, make known to this Court any objection they may have to the Complaint, and claim any defenses to the pending action otherwise an order will be entered in favor of Plaintiff, and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court send notice of this service to Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney at the last known of address of Wanda P. McKinney, 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that *The Fincastle Herald* shall file an affidavit of publication with the Clerk of this Court attesting to the dates of publication, attesting that the notice was published at least once a week for four successive weeks.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2024. Joel R Branscom, Judge of the Botetourt County Circuit Court

We ask for this: SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Thomas Hodge, VSB #42862

Sara Tusse, VSB #79826 Jeff Fox, VSB#50986 ROSENBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 Telephone: 301.907.8000 Facsimile: 301.907.8101 Sara.Tussey@rosenberg-assoc.com

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Counsel for Plaintiff

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3314 Blue Ridge Blvd, Blue Ridge, VA 24064

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$332,323.00 dated October 1, 2021 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on October 1, 2021 as Instrument Number: 210005222, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090 on October 7, 2024 at 12:30 PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: Located in Botetourt County, State of Virginia:

All that certain tract or parcel of land designated as Lot C, containing 1.916 acres, more or less, as more fully shown on that certain "Plat of the Property of C & O, LLC", dated July 30, 2008, prepared by Christopher N. McMurry, L.S., a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 45, page 17. Tax ID: 109-95B/31076.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$12,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 24-006071) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orland PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orland.com The Vendor auction.com will be used in conjunction with this sale. Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

Legals - Town of New Castle

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL17000170-01**

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY

Legals - Town of New Castle

IN RE: MICHAEL L. CRAWFORD 4356 Craig Valley Drive New Castle, Virginia 24127 *Respondent.* CASE NO.:CL17000170-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to appoint a guardian and conservator to care for the person and estate of the Respondent. And, based on an affidavit filed herein, the Court finds that there exists sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

It is ORDERED that any and all unknown relatives who have any interest in this matter to appear at the above-named Court on or before the 12th day of November, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. to do whatever is necessary to protect their interests.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The New Castle Record, Salem, Virginia, and that a copy hereof be posted on the front door of the Courthouse.

Certificate of Publication should be sent to this Court and billed to Mark C. Popovich, Esq., Counsel for Craig County Department of Social Services, whose mailing address is Guynn Waddell, P.C., 415 S. College Avenue, Salem, Virginia 24153.

ENTERED THIS 30th day of August, 2024 Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS: Mark C. Popovich (VSB#46414) Matthew J. Schmitt (VSB#96513) Guynn Waddell, P.C. 415 S. College Avenue Salem, Virginia 24153 Tel: (540) 387-2320 Fax: (540) 389-2350 *Counsel for Craig DSS*

Legals - City of Salem

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Salem Residency which includes the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt and Craig during the winter of 2024-2025. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a bonus payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.gov>.

All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 2, 2024 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497.

Legals - City of Salem

Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

EEO/AA Employer

Legals - Montgomery County

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Christiansburg Residency which includes the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski during the winter of 2024-2025. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a bonus payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season.

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TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Zoning Exception Request for Agricultural Use 301 Royal Lane (EXP-24-1): The exception request is to permit an agricultural use in the RR-1 zoning district on a lot that is less than two acres. The subject parcel is approximately one acre, and is located in the Farmview subdivision at the corner of Farmview Drive and Royal Lane. The applicant is requesting to keep one pig and two goats on the property as pets.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed item above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require

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special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Regulations, Virginia Administrative Code section 9VAC20-160-120,

the Town of Blacksburg (the Owner at 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060) hereby provides notice of voluntary remediation at the following site: Former Cooks Clean Center 414 North Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060 VRP Number VRP00697. Site investigation studies indicated elevated levels of dry cleaning solvents in soil and groundwater with confirmed vapor impacts to the subsurface and vapor intrusion potential within the building. Remediation efforts consisted of installation of an interim sub-slab vapor recovery system, monitoring adjoining properties, and sampling both groundwater and soil vapor for several years. Quantitative risk assessments determined that there were risks to human health and the environment requiring engineering and administrative controls to be placed upon the property. These efforts are documented and summarized in a report submitted to DEQ under the VRP entitled Voluntary Remediation Program Report VRP Site # 00697 (EEE Consulting, Inc., June 2019) and subsequent revisions submitted in December 2019 and August 2024. Therefore, the Owner is requesting a Certification of Satisfactory Completion of Remediation (Certificate) from DEQ through VRP. To protect human health and the environment, the Certificate will include deed restrictions 1) prohibiting groundwater use within the limits of the VRP site for any purpose other than environmental monitoring, 2) requiring sub-slab depressurization and air exchange within any building on the property, and 3) residential use restrictions and/or maintenance of an engineered barrier of two feet of clean fill, concrete, asphalt, or porous pavement. These institutional controls will remain in effect and run with the land. Anyone requesting further information or proposing any comments may call or write to Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., Attn: Jeffrey A. Fisher, QEP. Tel: 540-953-0170. Email: jfisher@wetlands.com. Written comments will be received for 30 days following publication of this public notice.

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24001343-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* GAMALELDIN SHEPL ELKOTT v. TAMICA MAY WEST The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that TAMICA MAY WEST appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 30, 2024.

8/27/2024 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24000866-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* BREANNA VIVIAN ALLEN v. LAWRENCE THOR SEVY. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that LAWRENCE THOR SEVY appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 30, 2024. AUGUST 23, 2024 HONORABLE K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by James Crenshaw for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Short-Term Tourist Rental using the existing residential structure on property owned by James D Crenshaw and Eric C Smith. The property is located at 2836 Wrights Way, approximately 0.2 miles north of the intersection of Harding Avenue and Wrights Way. The property is further identified as tax parcel 041-A 38C (Parcel ID: 026792), 0.706 acres, zoned Residential (R-2) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

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A request by Jason and Niki Cowan (owners) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a commercial kennel located at 4342 Quince Road. The property is further identified as Tax Map 131-A 76 (Parcel ID: 018267), 49.639 acres, zoned Agricultural (A-1) in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Rural in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

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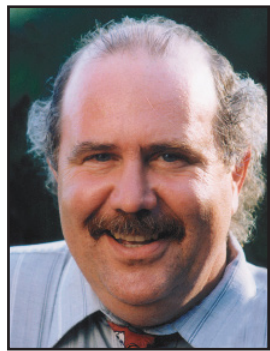
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RC Football off to a great start



Brian Hoffman

I never thought the largest crowd I'd see for a football game at Salem Stadium would be a jayvee game!

The new Roanoke College football team took the field for the first time Sunday and it was a huge success. A large crowd watched the Maroon club team beat the Hampden-Sydney jayvees, 34-27, on an absolutely beautiful day.

I was looking forward to the game, the first since the school abandoned football during World War II. I'd seen a couple practices but I had no idea what to expect on Sunday. The players had no spring practice, as almost all of them were still in high school in the spring, and preseason practice didn't begin until August 15.

As far as the crowd, I was hoping to see the home side half full. There was no admission charge, but the game was on the first Sunday of NFL football and, after all, the Maroons were playing the Hampden-Sydney jayvees.

Boy was I surprised. I arrived at Salem Stadium about 45 minutes before the game so I could take some photos of the tailgaters. What a scene!! The

parking lot was packed, and not just because the Red Sox had a 1 pm game across the way. Cars were parked on the grass on both sides of Texas Street and the parking lots for the businesses where the Lutheran Home property used to be were filling up fast.

I took a quick stroll through the parking lot and it was absolutely a college football atmosphere, with lots of food and drink and people passing the football and playing cornhole, most all clad in the maroon of Roanoke College. My first thoughts were that this was pretty cool.

By the time the game began the home side of Salem Stadium was full and I knew there were lots more fans still in the parking lot. Soon both sides were full and the hill with the big "S" behind the end zone was filling up as well.

"I have been in front of many crowds but none better than what I experienced yesterday," said Salem head coach Bryan Stinespring, who was an assistant for Frank Beamer teams at Virginia Tech. "The support we received from our students, parents and this awesome community was absolutely amazing. I will never forget bringing our team out of the locker room and seeing the crowd in the stadium. I literally stopped in my tracks and said 'Wow!'"

Me too. Never in my 40 years of covering games at Salem Stadium have I seen such a crowd. I was at the

Salem-Graham game when both teams were undefeated and the '91 championship game on a beautiful afternoon when the Spartans played Spotsylvania. I remember the Stag Bowl when Bridgewater was in the game and any number of Willis White vs Joel Hicks coached games when the Salem-Pulaski rivalry was the big thing in the valley. Glenvar won a state championship at Salem

and play a complete ODAC schedule.

"I figured they would have a good crowd to welcome them back to the gridiron but I had no idea they would play that game in front of one of largest crowds in Salem Stadium history," said Bankston. "I had reflections of the 2001 Stag Bowl when Bridgewater played Mount Union for the NCAA Division III Championship. Kudos

another penalty and I'm thinking, 'the last thing we need is a clown show with this many people here to watch.'

But that didn't happen. The Maroons settled down and the fans were treated to a very entertaining football game. Neither team led by more than a touchdown and Roanoke rallied to pull out an exciting win. The Maroons had to hold Hampden-Sydney on

20 at Salem Stadium and the Maroons finish up their five game schedule at home against the George Mason University club team on November 3rd.

After last Sunday, I expect many of those in attendance will be coming back and wishing it was sooner rather than later. It was a beautiful day and a great atmosphere. I understand Stinespring had quite a few recruits



A large crowd was on hand when football returned to Roanoke College Sunday.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Stadium.

"We had a huge crowd but I think that crowd Sunday was bigger," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford, who was one of the estimated 6,000 or so at the RC game. "I'm really happy for the players and community."

Old Dominion Athletic Conference commissioner Brad Bankston was at the game to check out the newest member of the conference football wars. The Maroons will be a varsity team in 2025

to the Roanoke athletics staff who worked to make the first game such a success. We look forward to their inaugural ODAC game in 2025."

The new band was playing and the new sideline cheerleaders were cheering as the team took the field. Then the game began and the Maroons had the ball first. On their first play since World War II they had a penalty for having 12 men on the field. Then they moved back five more yards on

the Tigers' final drive and sealed it with an interception on fourth down and less than a minute to play.

The Maroons now have two weeks to sharpen their swords for the next game, which will be against the Shenandoah Jayvees in Winchester on September 22nd. Then it's another two weeks before an away game against the Bridgewater Jayvees. The next home game is against Fork Union Military Academy on October

at the game, and what a great show for them to see!

"I want to thank the Salem community and surrounding areas for coming out to support the Roanoke College football team," said RC athletic director Curtis Campbell. "The turnout was amazing, the game was entertaining and I thought our young men performed extremely well given they've only practiced a few weeks. Hat's off to Bryan and the coaching staff for a job well done!"

Volleyball opens district schedule next week

The Craig County volleyball team will open Pioneer District play next week when the Rockets play host to Eastern Montgomery on Tuesday, September 17.

The girls dropped their first three non-district matches and had a trip to Smith Mountain Lake Christian on Tuesday of this week, but results were too late for publication. Last week at home the Rockets dropped a three setter to perennial state contender Glenvar. The visiting Highlanders won 25-12, 25-6 and 25-6.

Jenna Boitnotte had three aces and three digs for the Rockets. Layla Dooley had two aces and two digs and Maggie Mays contributed a pair of aces for the Rockets.

In other action this week the middle school team was scheduled to play at Narrows on Monday and at Parry McCluer on Thursday. The jayvees do not play at SML Christian, returning to open next Tuesday's home doubleheader with East Mont.



Daileigh Donithan(#9) goes up for a block against Glenvar.

PHOTOS BY JIM AND REGINA DEVINNEY



Felicity Fisher(#4) and Maggie Mays (#24) combine for a dig.



Layla Dooley(#3) sends one over the net against the Highlanders.

Rockets play at Montcalm on Friday



PHOTO BY CHELSEA LOUTHEN

The Craig County football team will look to make it 2-0 this Friday when the Rockets play at Montcalm. Craig was off last Friday following their August 30 win over Bland County that earned them the first "Backwoods Brawl" belt. Here coach Jim Fisher shows off the belt after Craig's 53-0 win over the Bears.