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Craig County 4th Annual Independence Parade coming on Friday, July 4th

Flags will wave in New Castle on Friday morning, July 4 when the Fourth Annual Craig County Independence Day Parade organized by Craig Valley Chapter, NSDAR kicks off.

It's not too late for groups, businesses, and families to join in the celebration. This year's theme is Great Moments in American History. From the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the invention and evolution of the telephone, imagination and creativity will be considered for those who best portray those moments in their parade entry. Bragging rights for Best Presentation of Parade Theme; Most Creative Entry and Most Beautiful Entry will be awarded. Your entry could also be the winner of the prestigious Patriot Cup for the Most Patriotic Entry. The winner's name will be engraved on the trophy and will retain the trophy until the July 4, 2026 parade. A Youth Division Most Patriotic Youth Award will also be awarded.

Children twelve and under are invited to decorate their trikes, bikes, and wagons in red, white, and blue and will receive a special medal to wear during the parade. These entries will lead off the parade. Parents are requested to accompany their children.

Fairground gates open at 8:30 a.m. and the lineup will begin at 9 a.m. Judging by a panel of three guest judges will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.

The parade will depart from the Craig County Fairgrounds at 10 a.m. and travel down Route 311 and turn right onto Main Street.

During the morning at the Farmers Market, music will be provided by Dave's Live Sound as well as treats from Friends of the Library including popcorn, lemonade, sweets, and full-size cobblers & pies to purchase perfect for holiday cookouts. Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win an agricultural basket. Pearl's Pantry community food program will be on hand and Craig County Historical Society will be selling raffle tickets. Their prizes are a Henry rifle, handmade rose-themed quilt, and \$300 in cash. Mountain Lodge #140 Masons



The 2024 after-parade activities attracted a large crowd at the Craig County Farmers Market. COURTESY PHOTO

will offer free lemonade at the Masonic Lodge.

After the parade, exciting activities are planned at the Farmers Market. Parade Grand Marshal and DAR Good Citizen Award recipient Jamie Ratliff will help award prizes for parade entries and contest winners. All contest entries should be at the center stage in front of the mural by 11 a.m. to sign up with a DAR member.

Those who have been growing beards just for this event can compete in the Longest, Bushiest, and Best Overall Beard categories. Talented, crafty folks are encouraged to plan now for the Most Patriotic Cap or Bonnet contest. Entrants will be in two divisions--

adults over eighteen and youth under eighteen. Bring your most beautiful, wild, or crazy creations, but it must be wearable. The fun will end with a watermelon eating contest for both youth under eighteen and adults over eighteen. Many thanks to Food Country for their generous donation of watermelons for this event.

For more information about this week's parade, contact CraigValleyChapterNSDAR@gmail.com or Tina Crawford at 540-864-6216.

-Submitted by Craig Valley NSDAR

VDOT to hold hearing about Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail in Eagle Rock, New Castle

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will hold a public hearing on two separate dates at two different locations for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail.

The project involves constructing a 20-mile recreational trail along the former Chesapeake & Ohio Craig Valley Branch rail bed between the end of state maintenance on Route 818 (Craig Valley Drive) near Eagle Rock in Botetourt County and Craig County High School near New Castle in Craig County.

The first hearing night will be Tuesday, July 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Eagle

Rock Elementary School at 145 Eagles Nest Drive in Eagle Rock. The second hearing will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday July 16, at Craig County High School at 25239 Craig Creek Road in New Castle. The same information will be presented on both dates.

The public is invited to learn more about the trail project and to provide input. The hearing will be held in an "open-house" format and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions.

The comment period for the hearing is between June 15 and July 26. Comments about the trail may be submitted

at the hearing or until July 26, 2025, by mailing them to Kelly Dunn, Project Manager, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153. Comments also can be emailed to CBST@vdot.virginia.gov; reference "Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail Comment" in the subject heading.

The Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail will be a multiuse trail for walking, running, biking and horseback riding will mostly consist of a gravel surface that is anticipated to be approximately 10 feet wide with two-foot shoulders. It will follow the former rail bed and some low-volume secondary roads and consist of "share the road/trail" sec-

tions which will permit the use of motorized vehicles as well as sections of non-motorized use.

Three new trailheads will be constructed, and six existing bridges along the former rail bed will be modified to accommodate trail use. In addition, two existing box culverts will be rehabilitated, and two existing box culverts will be replaced.

Anyone requiring special assistance to attend and participate in the hearing may contact Kelly Dunn at 540-387-5353, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711.

-The Salem Times-Register

VWCC Educational Foundation reaches initial \$15 million goal for unrestricted endowment



Dr. Robert H. "Bobby" Sandel retires June 30 after 24 years as president of Virginia Western Community College.



Pictured are Dr. David Doré, chancellor of the Virginia Community College System; Dr. Sandel; and Virginia Western Educational Foundation Board Chair Deborah Petrine initial.

ROANOKE – The Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation has reached its initial \$15 million fundraising goal for an unrestricted endowment fund, known as the Virginia Western Forward Fund: a vision of Dr. Charles W. Steger, Jr., which will support the College's long-range strategic goals and positively impact generations of students.

This achievement highlighted a range of institutional achievements and honors announced at a gala event Saturday, June 14, celebrating Dr. Robert H. "Bobby" Sandel's educational legacy as he retires after 24 years as president of Virginia Western Community College.

Virginia Western Educational Foundation Board Chair Deborah Petrine announced the

successful launch of the Virginia Western Forward Fund. "The fund is designed to support initiatives, purposes, and projects that strategically move Virginia Western Community College forward in a manner consistent with long-term strategic mission and goals, for the benefit of the College's service region, stakeholders and constituencies in the greater Roanoke Valley region," Petrine

told attendees at Saturday's gala event, "A Legacy of Vision," held at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center.

The Forward Fund originated in the mind of the late Dr. Charles Steger, who chaired the Virginia Western Educational Foundation Board of Directors following his retirement from Virginia Tech's presidency. In 2016, Steger pinpointed the opportunities that an

unrestricted endowment could unlock. "The Board connected with Charles' vision and Bobby's leadership and set a goal of \$15 million," Petrine said, with the first gifts to the fund made in 2017. Petrine noted such a fund is rare among community colleges.

Previous to this effort, the majority of the Educational

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Brian Hoffman: Changing Times

From the February 2, 1994 edition of *The New Castle Record*

Lenny Wilkins has now passed 900 wins in the National basketball Association, and is closing in on Red Auerbach's record of 938.

With less than 40 games remaining in this season, Wilkins should get the win sometime early next year. This leaves Auerbach time to hire someone to bump him off before he gets to the milestone.

Sounds stupid, doesn't it? Well, you just never know anymore. I thought the Monica Seles stabbing was an isolated incident, then this Tonya Harding stuff comes along. What's next?

What if the Bills and Cowboys meet in next year's Super bowl? Take out Emmitt Smith and The Bills might have a chance. Probably not though.

I have a feeling this skating stuff is a financial thing. A lot of money and endorsements come with a gold medal in figure skating and without Nancy Kerrigan I there someone else figures to have a better chance of winning.

I hope Tonya Harding remains on the Olympic team. It will certainly make the skating championships a lot more fun to watch.

Plus, I don't think we should punish someone until we're sure she's guilty.

I wouldn't take to e word of this Jeff Gillooly character. He's lied about enough other stuff, why take his word on this?

I think Harding should be allowed to skate, and it it's later proven she's guilty you can always take the medal away. If she even wins one, that is.

Can you imagine how hard it would be to practice with an audience full of reporters and cameramen every day? How long do you think bobby Knight would put up with that?

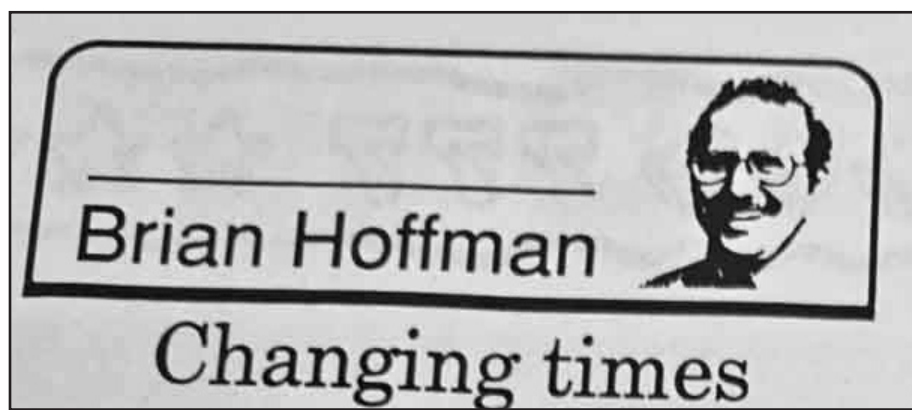
I don't usually watch the ice skating championships, but this year I wouldn't miss it.

So Buddy Ryan is back in the NFC. It just shows there's an owner out there who's not afraid to win.

When phoenix owner Bill Bidwell made Ryan coach and general manager of his team last week, he made football's strongest division even stronger. Ryan will bring a swagger and tenacity to that team that will make the Cardinals, who don't lack for talent, immediate contenders.

This is the perfect job for Ryan. He's a keen judge of talent and by being GM and coach he won't have to pull any punches, so to speak.

The Cardinals are a warm-weather team that plays on natural turf, and



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they've shown they'll put out the bills to sign top talent. It's a perfect time to hire Ryan, because there are some great defensive free agents on both the Philadelphia and Houston roster who would love to play for Buddy.

Personally, I have mixed emotions about the move. I'm one of Buddy's supporters, and there certainly are few around here. Still, I remember how he took a rag-tag Eagles team and put the in the playoffs three years, and I appreciate that.

On the other side of the coin, now the Eagles will have to play Buddy's Cardinals twice every season, As an Eagles fan I used to count on two wins

over the Cards every year, but with Ryan as coach, I'll be happy with a split.

You Cowboys, Redskins, and Giants fans should be a little worried, too. The toughest division in football just got a little tougher, like him or not.,

Talk about adding insult to injury.

The other day I was in a department store when I spotted a young man with an Eagles jacket and hat. I complimented him on the outfit and mentioned that I was also a fan.

"I used to be," he said, "but I'm a Dallas fan now."

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon
Contributing
Writer

Greetings to all on this (hopefully for you) wonderful Fourth of July. Amid all the heat, mosquitoes and other drawbacks to summer, I hope that you are actually enjoying the benefits of a July day off (or if you can't get Friday off from work, that you get a compensation day shortly). Remember that America is now 248...getting close to the big 250. We celebrate to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. This declaration officially declared the 13 North American colonies as separate from the Kingdom of Great Britain. It marked the birth of the United States



as an independent nation.

The Fourth of July has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870 and a paid federal holiday since 1941 and is a good day to think about this nation of ours. Sure, it is far from perfect, and maybe all 347+ million of us that call this land home don't agree on much. Yet, we are in a position to criticize and praise

this land as we see fit. All of us can look to the good that we have here, and work to improve what we can. We can also take a moment to reflect on what got our nation to this point, especially those that have, are currently, or will continue, to sacrifice for the freedoms and betterment of this nation. As Americans, we all have our ways of honoring this day, whether it is through a loud parade with flag-waving and fireworks, and a cookout with friends and family. Or, you don't have to do any of that at all. If the fourth only means to you a day off work and a day to relax, well, that is what the fourth is. There is no law that dictates how you celebrate the 4th, or what you should think about this particular holiday. That's the fun of freedom in America.

The Salem Fair is in town July 2nd through June 14th and will have fireworks, fair food and pig races. The admission is free but remember the clear bag policy is in effect.

We will celebrate quietly this year. Betsy hates this scary boom-boom day. The fireworks are too scary for her and most animals. We will probably hunker down inside this weekend. I do have several K-dramas to binge watch!

One thing I will do is make some food to eat during the weekend. My must haves include bbq and slaw. I prefer chicken bbq sandwiches with Greek yogurt coleslaw. The Greek yogurt gives it some added protein and a makes a tangy side to the sweet bbq chicken. I have started using sugar free bbq sauce just to cut down on calories and I haven't been able to tell a difference.

July 4th is a wonderful time to enjoy a long weekend filled with incredible food, drinks, sunshine, music, fireworks, bonfires, friends, and family.

Slow cooker Barbecue Chicken

3 lbs chicken breasts, about 4 boneless, skinless breasts

1 1/2 cups BBQ Sauce, I used Sweet Baby Rays sugar free Honey BBQ

1/2 medium onion, grated (with juice)

1 Tbsp olive oil

1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce

2 Tbsp brown sugar

Stir together all sauce ingredients in a 5-6 qt slow cooker.

Add chicken and turn to coat. Cover and cook on high for 2 to 3 hours or for 6 to 7 hours on low. Check on the chicken earlier if using smaller chicken pieces, if making a smaller batch, or if you know your slow cooker runs hot. Chicken is done when cooked through to an internal temperature of 165°F and is easy to shred. Remove chicken to a cutting board and shred each



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breast using two forks. Place shredded chicken back in the crock pot and stir to coat with the yummy sauce. Makes 8 sandwiches.

Greek Yogurt Coleslaw

1 (10-ounce) bag shredded cabbage (about 4 cups)

1 cup shredded carrots

1/2 cup thinly-sliced green onions

2/3 cups non-fat plain Greek yogurt

1 tablespoon lemon juice

2 Tablespoons apple cider vinegar

2 Tablespoons honey, warmed

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard (optional)

1/4 tsp celery salt

pinch of salt and freshly-cracked black pepper

Combine the cabbage, carrot and green onions in a large bowl, and toss to combine. In a separate bowl, whisk together Greek yogurt, lemon juice, vinegar, honey, mustard celery salt, and a pinch of salt and pepper until combine. Taste, and season with extra salt and pepper if needed. Pour the Greek yogurt mixture into the cabbage mixture, and toss until evenly combined. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate for up to 4 hours.

Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

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

July 8
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

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

Aug. 7

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

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

Aug. 19
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Craig County Administration Building.

Sept. 4
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the

Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

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

Sept. 16
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Craig County Administration Building.

-The New Castle Record

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Foundation's funds contained specific donor restrictions benefiting scholarships, which had been the main focus of fundraising efforts.

The Forward Fund announcement capped a night of tributes and other honors for President Sandel:

Dr. David Doré, chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, announced that the Virginia Western Local Advisory Board has nominated Sandel for status as President Emeritus. This nomination will be considered by the State Board for Community Colleges upon Sandel's retirement.

Heywood Fralin, chair of the Educational Foundation Board's Nominating Committee, revealed a \$1 million gift made by George W. Logan to name the Dr. Robert H. Sandel Center

for Information Technology in the Hall Family Center for Business Science.

Edwin C. Hall, Foundation Board director emeritus, active assignment, shared that thanks to the generosity of the gala's guests, the Dr. Robert H. Sandel Endowed Scholarship initially launched by the Newbern Foundation has been fully funded. This scholarship, which will be awarded beginning in fall 2028, will provide assistance for tuition, books and fees for a student enrolled in at least six credits per semester. Applicants must possess a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA, and priority will be given to students demonstrating financial need.

Roanoke Mayor Joe Cobb issued a City of Roanoke Proclamation naming June 14, 2025, as Dr. Robert H. Sandel Day. In acknowledgement of Sandel's

integral role in redesigning Colonial Avenue to increase student safety while creating a beautiful educational corridor, Cobb announced the naming of the intersection of Colonial Avenue and McNeil Drive as Sandel Circle.

The gala concluded with a toast thanking Sandel for his integrity, professional excellence and the deep care he has demonstrated for all who learn and grow in this community.

Philanthropy Director Amanda Mansfield said the event achieved its goal of highlighting his career contributions and the Forward Fund, which will build on Sandel's legacy of innovation. "When the endowment matures, we're excited about creative ways to serve and have increased flexibility to be responsive to the community's changing needs," she

said, such as funding new equipment, starting new educational and training programs, designing initiatives, and staying in step with local business and industry.

"By creating and growing a permanent endowment to sustain and foster innovation now and in perpetuity, Virginia Western is fulfilling its mission, proud of the faith placed in the role of the community college to elevate, enrich and energize social mobility and economic development," Mansfield said. Fundraising for the endowment, which is designed to permanently generate at least \$1 million per year in annual income, will continue.

-The Salem Times-Register

VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE IN PULASKI COUNTY – Bridge maintenance will require the on-ramps to Route 100 off I-81, northbound and southbound, to be closed from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. the following morning, Sunday through Friday mornings. Drivers should watch message boards for the most up to date information as times and days may vary.

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:

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.

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closure of exit 140 on and off ramps onto southbound I-81 in Salem scheduled to be closed on Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. the following morning, weather permitting.

FLAGGING OPERATIONS: Flagging operations possible on Route 635 and Route 619.

UNEVEN PAVEMENT:

Drivers may experience some uneven pavement and/or rough surface throughout the project.

TRAFFIC SHIFTS: Drivers may experience periodic lane closures, narrow ramps 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.

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.

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.

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 WIDENING FROM MILE MARKER 143 TO 151 – The I-81 widening project is underway with survey and preparation work. Shoulder strengthening work will require northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime hours. Barrier wall installation expected in late summer or fall. The expected completion for this project is summer 2031.

WORK ZONE SPEED: Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle. Speed reminders are posted for drivers.

Belle Haven Road – Drivers may see periodic daytime flagging operations in place.

LANE CLOSURES - Periodic right and left lane closures in place during nighttime hours 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., on northbound and southbound I-81.

RAMPS - Ramps on I-81, northbound and southbound, may be narrowed at exit 150, 146 and 143.

DETOUR SIGNS: While detour signs are in place on I-81 and routes around the project such as Route 11 and Plantation Road, these do not designate a permanent or scheduled detour. The signed detour route is suitable for all traffic during incidents including tractor-trailers and other large vehicles. These signs are used for traffic incident detours only.

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 7 p.m. and 10 a.m., and for the northbound lanes between the hours of 6 p.m. through 9 a.m.

Alternating nighttime northbound and southbound left and right lane closures may or may not be in place from mile marker 96 to 94 during the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. while other work on the project continues.

FRANKLIN COUNTY ROUTE 613 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE CLOSURE – A section of Route 613 (Naff Road) is closed for bridge maintenance. The structure is located 0.20 mile south of Route 726 (Wades Gap Road) and 1.60 miles north of Route 852 (Guthrie Road). Residents will have access to their homes, but through traffic cannot cross the bridge. A detour is in place.

ROUTE 748 CLOSED FOR PIPE WASHOUT – Due to storm damage, a pipe washout has closed Route 748 (Ferrum School Road) between Route 40 and Route 752. Repairs are pending. Detour signs are posted, and local access is maintained.

ROUTE 640 CLOSURE FOR PIPE REPLACEMENT – Route 640 (6 Mile Post Road) is closed for pipe installation. The structure is located 0.20 mile north of Route 795 and 0.30 mile south of Route 1033. A detour is in place via Route 756.

ROUTE 705 CLOSURE FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Route 705 (Chestnut Hill Road) is closed for bridge replacement. The structure is 0.30 mile south of Route 714 and 1.30 miles north of Route 954. Alternate routes are needed.

CONNECTOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION CLOSURES BRICK CHURCH ROAD – Brick Church Road is closed east of Route 696 (Pleasant Breeze Drive) for new road construction. Local traffic can access homes and businesses. Temporary signals and flaggers will control traffic. Once complete, the new 0.4-mile roadway will connect Brick Church Road and Commonwealth Parkway.

GILES COUNTY ROUTE 778 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER SINKING CREEK – Route 778 (Apache Road) is closed for bridge replacement over Sinking Creek. The bridge is off Route 460 across from Route 730. A detour is in place. Watch message boards.

HENRY COUNTY ROUTE 220 LANE CLOSURES FOR PEDESTRIAN PROJECT – A pedestrian crossing is being installed at Daniels Creek Road on Route 220. Lane closures and turning restrictions are in place. Watch signage.

ROUTE 220 AND DYER STREET – Intersection improvements are underway. Expect lane and shoulder closures.

MOSS STREET LANE CLOSURES FOR PEDESTRIAN PROJECT – Daytime lane closures are in place along Moss Street in Martinsville for

pedestrian improvements.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHAWSVILLE 5K RACE – The Shawsville 5K takes place on July 4. The race starts at Shawsville Middle School and runs through Oldtown Road, Route 460, Stewart Lane, and back to Oldtown Road.

JULY 4TH PARADE IN SHAWSVILLE – The Shawsville Parade starts at 4 p.m. on July 4 and will proceed from the Sisson & Ryan office via Route 460 and Route 753 to the athletic field at Shawsville Middle School.

ROUTE 8 PARK AND RIDE PROJECT – Construction is underway on a park and ride lot near I-81 MM 114 on Route 8. Traffic impacts include alternating lane closures and flagging on Route 8 and Route 666. Expect completion in winter 2027.

TRAFFIC SHIFT – A traffic shift will begin on Route 666 (Mud Pike Road). Drivers should use caution.

PATRICK COUNTY ROUTE 773 CLOSED FOR PIPE REPLACEMENT – Route 773 (Ararat Highway) will be closed for a pipe replacement between Route 781 and Route 648. A detour is in place.

ROUTE 694 CLOSED FOR BRIDGE REPAIRS – Route 694 (Dogwood Road) is closed for bridge repair over Spoon Creek, with a detour in place.

ROUTE 777 CLOSED FOR PIPE REPLACEMENT – Route 777 (American Legion Road) is closed from Route 58 to Cedar View Lane for pipe replacement.

ROUTE 58 LOVER'S LEAP PROJECT – Construction is underway on Route 58 in the Lover's Leap area. Speed reduced to 45 mph. Expect delays, flagging, and blasting during weekday hours. Temporary traffic shifts are in place.

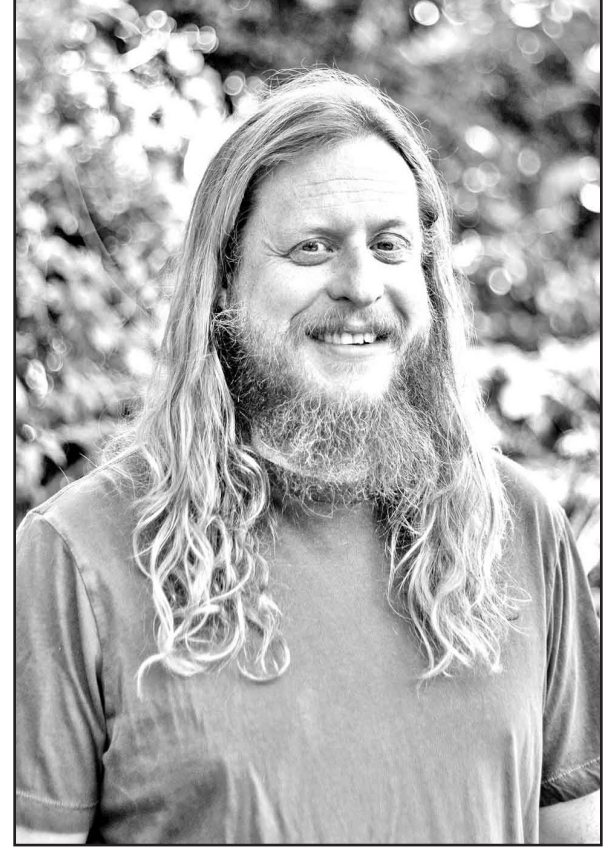
ROUTE 58 LOVER'S VESTA PROJECT – Work continues to widen Route 58 near Meadows of Dan and replace the Dan River bridge. Soil sampling and brush clearing are underway.

PULASKI COUNTY None at this time.

Mural adds artistic note to Virginia Western campus



Virginia Western's new mural, created by alumnus Corey Thrasher, beautifies the side of Chapman Hall.



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Corey Thrasher, artist and graphic designer, is a Virginia Western Visual Design Program alumnus.

ROANOKE – Roanoke increasingly gains recognition for the valley's natural beauty and outdoors recreational opportunities. At the same time, public art displays can be spotted around town more often in recent years.

Now, Virginia Western has an added element that ties together these trends and simultaneously elevates campus aesthetics: a new mural on the side of Chapman Hall.

Virginia Western commissioned Corey Thrasher, an artist and graphic designer who is a Visual Design Program alumnus from the class of 2011, to create the mural, which combines serene outdoors locations and a glimpse of campus scenery through the STEM Building, the College's newest facility that opened in 2019.

The mural measures approximately 20 feet wide by 10 feet high. Landmarks flow from one edge to the other, framed by lush foliage with a cohesive blend of

colors.

"There are so many incredible places in and around Roanoke. As an avid outdoorsman, I've explored much of this part of Virginia. The old mountains, deep rivers, and quiet valleys are a big part of what keeps me here," Thrasher said. "Whether I'm hiking McAfee Knob, paddling the river, or riding my motorcycle up Mill Mountain, I'm always in awe, and acutely aware of how lucky we are to live in a place with such beautiful nature and accepting community. The mural's landscape is a patchwork of local spots that have left a lasting impression on me, stitched together to create something that feels both familiar and expansive."

Thrasher describes himself as multidisciplinary artist, designer, photographer, and woodworker with a background that bridges both fine art and commercial design. He works on the design team at Carilion Clinic and

takes on personal design and illustration projects.

"Since my time at Virginia Western, I've worked on everything from paintings and digital illustrations to branding and large-scale murals," he said. "I love using art to tell stories, whether they're based in real places or imagined worlds."

Creating a mural for the College brings elements of Thrasher's career full circle.

"Virginia Western was foundational for me. It was the first time seeing a path for creativity that could actually provide a regular income," Thrasher said. "The faculty encouraged curiosity, experimentation, and professionalism. They gave me the groundwork I needed to build a career that's spanned advertising, health care, and the arts."

"I still look back on my time there as a pivotal chapter in my development,

both creatively and personally. The relationships that I developed with faculty and peers at Virginia Western directly guided my career and helped me leapfrog to where I am today."

Virginia Western is no longer a best-kept secret, just like the Roanoke Valley's natural resources are finally being realized as a tremendous asset. The mural's placement is just steps away from the Community Arboretum, a beautiful and somewhat hidden outdoor setting to enjoy nature within the city.

Just as the path alongside the mural leads into a main artery of student life, Chapman Hall serves as the entryway to students' academic journeys, containing the enrollment center, financial aid, advising and more services to get started at Virginia Western.

It's a fitting spot for a portal into nature-inspired reflection.

-The Salem Times-Register

OPINION

News from the 9th: Iran

Since the 1990s, one of the greatest U.S. foreign policy challenges has been Iran.

Iran is a leading state sponsor of terrorism, funding proxy wars and supporting Islamic terrorist groups like Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen.

Despite different approaches to the Iranian regime, the Clinton, Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden Administrations all recognized the inherent threat posed by Iran if it obtained the ability to create a nuclear weapon.

Recently, Israel's bombing campaign, designed to damage Iran's ballistic missile and nuclear capabilities, cut into Iran's defensive capabilities.

It should be no wonder then that President Trump acted quickly in an attempt to eliminate the immediate and significant threat posed by Iran potentially possessing nuclear weapons.

President Trump authorized the deployment of B-2 stealth bombers to drop bunker buster bombs on the nuclear facilities of Fordo, Natanz and Isfahan. It should be noted that only

the United States of America has this type of massive ordinance penetrator (MOP) bunker busting bomb and the aircraft to deliver it.

Nicknamed "Operation Midnight Hammer", we continue to monitor reports of the level of damage to Iran.

However, some in Congress are challenging the President's power to authorize such a strike.

The Executive Branch's powers related to military action date back to the country's founding.

President Thomas Jefferson is one of the first who authorized armed forces to protect U.S. assets without Congressional authorization.

Jefferson deployed a squadron of naval forces under Commodore Richard Dale, a Norfolk-based naval officer.

Barbary pirates terrorizing the Mediterranean Sea were an immediate and present threat to safe passage of American vessels, commerce and goods.

Because Jefferson did not have all the information about the threats to American shipping, he instructed Dale to

take necessary actions to protect American ships and citizens against potential aggression.

Unbeknownst to Jefferson, one of the Barbary States,



Morgan Griffith Representative

Tripoli, had even declared war on the United States!

Dale's squadron blocked Tripolitan corsairs in Gibraltar, blockaded Tripoli harbor and ensured the protection of American merchant ships.

On August 1, 1801, the USS Enterprise defeated a Tripolitan corsair in battle.

It made sense for Jefferson to act without consulting Congress. But he did not endorse unilateral war power authority.

Later in 1801 in his annual address to Congress, Jefferson asked for formal and expanded powers.

Congress heeded Jeffer-

son's request, allowing naval commanders to seize Tripolitan goods and vessels.

U.S. Marine Corps action against Tripoli and the other Barbary states during this period is forever immortalized in the Marines' Hymn, which begins:

"From the Halls of Moctezuma to the shores of Tripoli; We fight our country's battles on the land as on the sea..." ***

Some might say presidential military directives and consequent congressional action during the First Barbary War could serve as a parallel to today.

As I stated to multiple groups before the U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear targets, I believed that if the President determined there was an opportunity to eliminate an immediate and significant threat to the United States, the President's powers as Commander-in-Chief allow him to dispose of such threat.

In this case, the threat was Iran's nuclear program.

Trump's limited action consisted of no military presence

on Iranian ground, and U.S. strikes were limited to the three nuclear facility targets.

Going forward, Congress has a role in working with the President on addressing more broad military action, as Congress did in the First Barbary War.

Since the U.S. strikes, Iran's parliament voted to close the Strait of Hormuz. This move could pin U.S. Navy ships in the Persian Gulf with no exit.

Iran also launched retaliatory strikes at a U.S. base in Qatar.

While Congress continues to monitor Iran's military actions, it is essential that our legislative body exercises its authority to assess what, if any, future U.S. action is needed.

If there is a U.S. mission that is more broad in scope and expands from an imminent threat action, I believe the President must come to Congress for a Declaration of War or an Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF).

I pray for the safety of our troops and their families.

But because it has long been the policy of this country to not allow Iran to have nuclear weapons, I stand by Trump's decision to target Iran's nuclear weapons sites.

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National Farm Dog of the Year deadline is quickly approaching

WASHINGTON—Time is running out to showcase your outstanding canine's farm contributions.

Farmers are invited to submit nominations for the 2026 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year Contest. Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. on July 11.

The annual Farm Dog of the Year contest, sponsored by American Farm Bureau Federation with support from Nestlé Purina PetCare, celebrates farm dogs and the numerous ways they support farmers and ranchers. Desired dog traits include helpfulness to a farmer and the farm family, playfulness and obedience.

"Farm dogs play an important role on the farm and hold a special place in our hearts," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "They show up every day without complaint and are eager to pitch in. Many go above and beyond in caring for their farm families."

Farm dogs fulfill many important tasks on the farm—like rounding up livestock, chasing off predators,

opening gates, fetching tools and greeting visitors.

As farming comes with many uncontrollable stressors, farm dogs also offer vital emotional support.

Research from a collaboration between Mayo Clinic and Purina indicates that interacting with pets can provide health benefits. After spending just 20 minutes with a dog, participants experienced a significant increase in levels of oxytocin, a hormone that plays a role in moderating stress. This also was associated with an increase in a self-reported sense of well-being, and a decrease in heart rate and pain.

"We are proud to continue supporting and celebrating hard-working and loving farm dogs through the American Farm Bureau's Farm Dog of the Year contest," said Jack Scott, vice president of sustainable sourcing at Purina.

A panel of judges selected by AFBF will select the Farm Dog of the Year. The grand prize winner will receive a \$5,000 cash prize, a year's supply

of Purina Pro Plan dog food, a \$500 travel stipend and two free adult registrations to attend the 2026 AFBF Convention in California, a trophy plate and a Purina products basket. The 2026 Farm Dog of the Year also will be featured in a professionally produced video, which will be shown at the convention.

Additionally, the public will be invited to vote online for their favorite dog in the People's Choice Pup contest as part of the overall competition. The People's Choice Pup winner will receive a \$2,500 cash prize, a year's supply of Purina Pro-Plan dog food, a \$500 travel stipend and two free adult registrations to attend the 2026 AFBF Convention, a trophy plate and a Purina products basket.

Farm dog owners must be Farm Bureau members to enter their dogs in the competition. Visit vafb.com/membership-at-work/membership/join-now to become a Virginia Farm Bureau member.

-Virginia Farm Bureau

Survey finds cost of a 4th of July cookout reflects high food prices

WASHINGTON—Families preparing for a Fourth of July cookout will continue to find high prices at the grocery store,

based on the 2025 American Farm Bureau Federation annual Marketbasket Survey.

An Independence Day

cookout for 10 will cost an average of \$70.92, down just 30 cents from last year's record-high total of \$71.22. The

average cost for the cookout ingredients in the South was \$68.93, almost \$2 less than the national average but slightly

higher than last year's average of \$68.33.

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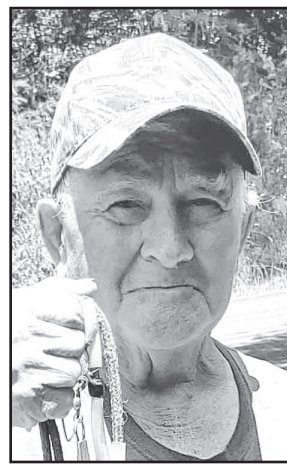
OBITUARY

Drummond, Bernie Arthur

Bernie Arthur Drummond, 87, of Clifton Forge, Virginia, peacefully departed this life on June 24, 2025, at his home surrounded by loved ones. Born on March 12, 1938, in Oriskany, VA, Bernie was the cherished son of the late Arthur Mason Drummond and Lottie Cammy Drummond.

Bernie was best known for his kind-hearted generosity and his deep love for music. Whether strumming his guitar, lending his voice to a heartfelt song, or sharing stories, he brought joy and comfort to family, friends, and neighbors. His compassionate spirit extended far beyond his immediate circle, always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He was a member of Iron Gate Baptist Church, Iron Gate.

An avid outdoorsman at heart, Bernie felt most at home in the woods, enjoying countless hours in pursuit of his passions for hunting and fishing. He cherished these quiet moments in nature, often



alongside companions such as his beloved dogs, Itty Bitty, who provided loyal companionship throughout the years.

Above all, Bernie deeply treasured spending quality moments with his family, especially taking immense pride in the accomplishments of his grandsons, Tommy Drummond and Isaiah Mckinney, who held a special place in his heart.

Bernie is survived by his loving wife, Jeanie Campbell Drummond; son, Thomas Arthur Drummond; daughter, Shannon Drummond Sprouse; grandsons,

Tommy and Isaiah; sister, Viola Pennington; and numerous other extended family members. He is preceded in death by sisters, Violet Sloss, Madeline Bane, and Lucy Ledford.

To honor Bernie's memory, a Celebration of Life was held at King Memorial Community Church on June 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Reverend John Norris along with longtime family friend, Carol Lewis. Family and friends welcomed to share cherished memories during the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to King Memorial Church. The Drummond family extends profound gratitude to Connections Plus Hospice and to everyone who has showered them with love, kindness, and support during this time of loss.

Nicely Funeral Home, Clifton Forge is handling the arrangements.

To send condolences to the family online please visit www.nicelyfuneralhome.com

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At \$7.09 per person, 2025 will be the second-highest cost since AFBF began the survey in 2013. Cookout ingredients include cheeseburgers, chicken breasts, pork chops, homemade potato salad, strawberries and ice cream and other products. While the survey does not include an exhaustive list of Fourth of July options, it serves as a snapshot of prices families are facing this summer.

"Inflation and lower availability of some food items continue to keep prices stubbornly high for America's families," said AFBF associate economist Samantha Ayoub. "High prices don't mean more money for farmers, however. Their share of the food retail dollar is just 15%. The cost of running their farms is up, from labor and transportation to taxes."

The Marketbasket Survey shows an increase in the cost of beef, potato salad and canned pork and beans, while there are drops in the cost of pork chops, chips and hamburger buns.

The retail price for 2 pounds of ground beef increased 4.4% to \$13.33. Pork and beans will cost \$2.69, up 20 cents from 2024. Potato salad is up 6.6% to \$3.54.

Several factors are influencing these increases. Fewer cattle are available for processing, which is affecting supplies. Steel and aluminum tariffs have affected the cost of the cans for pork and beans. The cost of eggs

for making potato salad is still elevated, although costs are much lower than record highs earlier this year as egg-laying chicken populations recover from avian influenza.

The federal government's broader Consumer Price Index

report for food at home shows an overall increase of 2.2% compared to a year ago.

The AFBF survey found a reduction in cost for six cookout staples. Among them is a 3-pound package of pork chops, which is down

8.8% from last year, at \$14.13. Chips average \$4.80 a bag, a dime less than 2024. Hamburger buns are 2.6% less expensive, at \$2.35. The amount of pork available is up, which is pushing prices down. The demand for potatoes

has eased, helping bring down the cost of chips. Wheat prices are still much lower than record highs of three years ago, contributing to the slight decrease in the cost of buns.

-Virginia Farm Bureau

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CRAIG COUNTY

JOHN N. SPICER, TRUSTEE, Plaintiff
v.
BRIAN VAVALA and CHELSEA RICK and JOSEPH S. HILL, AUDREY E. HILL, Defendants.

Case No. CL 25-112 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to finalize accounting for Foreclosure Sale Property known as 2288 Northside Road, Newport, Virginia, in Craig County, Virginia, also referred to as Lot Number Three (3), containing 29.204 acres and designated as Tax Map Number 115-A 17C, cannot conveniently be made as Defendant, Brian Vavala, has not been seen nor heard from, and whose whereabouts are unknown to all of the parties hereto, and that the best interests of all interested parties would be promoted by the surplus of funds due to Defendant, Brian Vavala, be deposited with the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia and move forward with the Final Accounting of Foreclose Sale. An affidavit having been made and signed that Brian Vavala, is an individual whose last known address and whereabouts are unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED**, that the said party appear on or before July 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and do whatever is necessary to protect his interest for his surplus funds.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in *The New Castle Record*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Craig.

ENTERED THIS 5th DAY OF June, 2025

Judge I ask for this: John N. Spicer (VSB # 68845) SPICER, OLIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 504 South Main Street Blacksburg, VA 24060 Phone: (540) 552-0007 Fax: (540) 951-5139 E-mail: j.spicer@spicerlawfirm.com *Plaintiff*

Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication

Case No. **CL16-916-01**

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT
In re: Abigail Rose Bryant (DOB: 02/19/2015)

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

This Day came Christopher M. Di Risio, counsel for the Intervenor, Andrew Vandegrift and James Tracy, and filed a Motion for Order of Publication, and a hearing shall be held in this Court, 205 North Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090 on October 7th, 2025 at 1:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as they may be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED, that Phillip Eric Bryant appear at the hearing and be heard as to why the Motion to Intervene, Motion for Appointment of Guardian ad Litem, or Motion to Amend Custody of the minor child, should not be granted. Failure to appear shall waive any objection to the heretofore mentioned Motions. THE CLERK OF COURT IS DIRECTED to send a certified copy of this Order to the Fincastle Herald, to P.O. Box 127, Fincastle, Virginia 24090 to be published once per week for four consecutive weeks, to be posted at the front door of the Courthouse, and a copy mailed to counsel, and the parties to the matter at their respective address of record.

This cause is continued on the docket of this Court. Entered this 17th day of June, 2025.
Honorable Joel R. Branscom, Judge

I ASK FOR THIS: Christopher M. Di Risio

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1572 Little Catawba Creek, Troutville, VA 24175

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$146,818.00 dated May 25, 2021 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on May 26, 2021 as Instrument Number: 210002890, 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 July 28, 2025 at 3:30 PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: Being Lot No. 3, according to the Map of Duffield Estates, made by Charles R. McMurray, C.L.S., dated September 10, 1980, and recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 75.

Tax/Parcel ID#: 85A(1)3
Tax ID: 25649.
TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$10,000.00 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 # 25-005509) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.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 - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: Consider the request of R & S Investments LLC, property owners, for the issuance of a special exception permit to allow a retail sales, smoke shop for the property located at 132 Electric Road (Tax Map #80-2-1). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Salem VA Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on July 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Legals - City of Salem

1. Consider the request of J Cline Properties LLC, property owner, to rezone the property located at 106-110 Butt Hollow Road (Tax Map #174-1-7) from BCD Business Commerce District to LM Light Manufacturing District with proffered conditions and to request the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow athletic instruction services.

2. Consider the request of McJohn Investments LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a telecommunications tower on the property located at 319 Rowan Street (Tax Map #232-1-1).

3. Consider the request of Brad Graham Real Estate LLC, contract purchaser, to rezone the property located at 638 Dalewood Avenue (Tax Map #33-2-3) from AG Agricultural District to RSF Residential Single-Family District and to request the issuance of a Special Exception Permit for 638, 672 and 696 Dalewood Avenue (Tax Map #s 33-2-3, 33-2-2 and 33-2-1) to allow their inclusion in the Cluster Housing Overlay.

4. Consider the request of ABoone Real Estate Inc., contract purchaser, to rezone the property located at 1002 Newman Drive (Tax Map #58-1-1) from LM Light Manufacturing District with proffered conditions to RMF Residential Multi-Family District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit request by Main Street Preservation LLC, Property Owner, and Joseph L. Simmons, Applicant, to allow residential use, specifically the construction of ten (10) townhomes, in the General Business District (B-3) on property located at 511 Roanoke Street, identified as Tax Parcel 528-(35)-1 (Parcel ID 031706), and consisting of approximately 1.008 acres. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by DW, LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, to rezone property located on the north side of Brammer Lane NE, and adjacent to the east side of 2500 Brammer Lane NE, consisting of approximately 2.57 acres, identified as all of Tax Parcel 501 - (1) - 13D, Parcel ID 021972; a portion of Tax Parcel 501 - (1) - 13F, Parcel ID 025070; a portion of Tax Parcel 501 - (1) - 13D1, Parcel ID 300315; and a portion of Tax Parcel 80 - (5) - 1, Parcel ID 033688; from Agricultural District (A) to General Industrial District (I-2). The property is designated as Industrial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Lauren-Ashley Elizabeth Potts and Dustin Storm Potts, Property Owners and Applicant, to allow for a single-chair beauty parlor as a major home occupation on property located at 450 Hemlock Street NE, identified as Tax Parcel 529 - ((19)) - 3 (Parcel ID 024689), consisting of 0.331 acre, in the Two-Family Residential (R-2) District. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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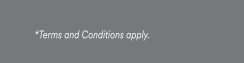
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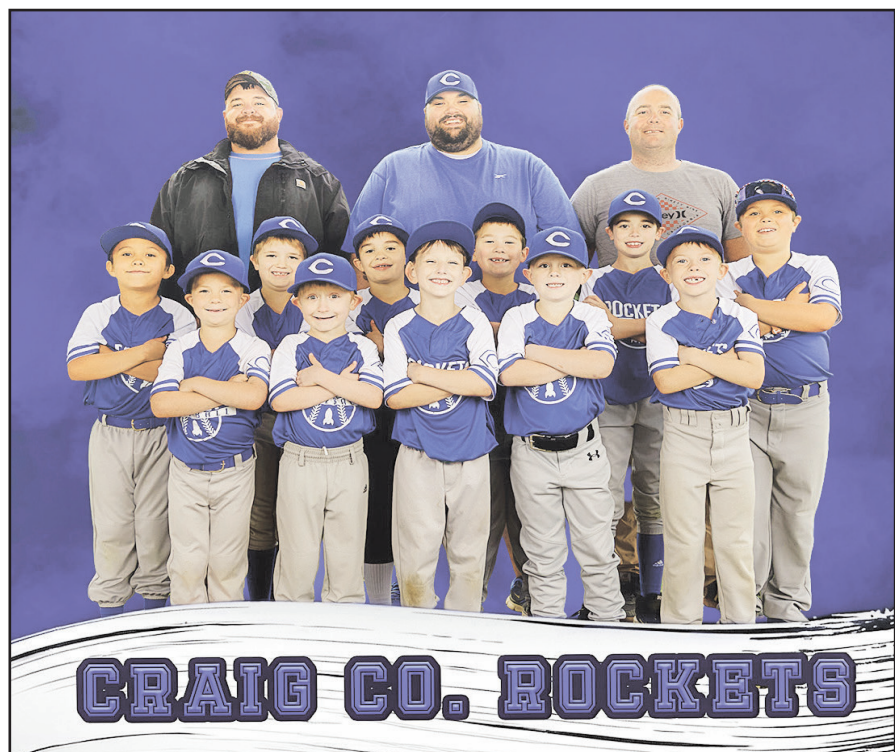
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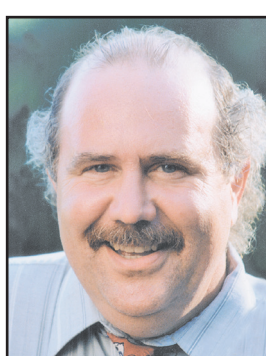
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Craig County Youth Baseball teams



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Parker's Hall of Fame career began in Salem



Brian Hoffman

I was sad to learn that Dave Parker, probably the best baseball player ever to play on what is now Salem's Billy Sample Field, died last Saturday. Parker passed away just 29 days before his induction into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame after a battle with Parkinson's Disease.

When Parker is inducted at the end of this month he'll be the second person to be enshrined in both the Major League Baseball and Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fames. While it took Parker 34 years after his playing career ended to make the MLB Hall of Fame he went into our local Hall as a charter member of the Class of 1992. The inaugural class included Parker, Al Holland, Billy Sample, Kidd Carr and Steve Brodie,

five "no brainers" for the first of what is now 34 classes and 150 Salem-Roanoke Hall of Famers.

Parker came to the Roanoke Valley with the Carolina League Salem Pirates in 1972. He was highly touted after batting .358 with 11 homers in 71 games for Monroe as a 20 year old Pittsburgh prospect in 1971. He didn't disappoint, hitting .310 for the '72 Salem club with 22 homers, 101 runs batted in and 38 stolen bases over 135 games. He was one home run away from winning the triple crown and was named Carolina League MVP after the season.

Dave started the '73 season in AAA Charleston and after hitting .317 with nine homers and 57 runs batted in through 84 games he was called up to Pittsburgh, beginning a string of 19 big league seasons that included 11 years with the Pirates followed by stints with Cincinnati, Oakland, Milwaukee, the Angels and Blue Jays. His career totals include a .290 batting average with 339 home runs and 1,493 runs batted in. He was

a seven-time all-star, an All-Star game MVP and Home Run Derby champ, a National League MVP in 1978, a three time Silver Slugger award winner while taking home three Golden Gloves and winning two batting titles, in 1977 and '78.

I was a sophomore at Roanoke College when Parker played in Salem in 1972. I went to as many games as I could before leaving for the summer and it was obvious Dave was headed for the big leagues. A lefthanded hitting slugger, he terrorized the folks who lived on Florida Street in Salem, just across the street from the right field wall.

By the time I graduated from RC in 1974 Parker was already a star. Nicknamed the "Cobra," he was poised to strike at any time with his sweet stroke that sent balls flying into the night. They didn't do "exit velocity" when he played but I'm sure Parker's would have been one of the very best.

Back in those days it was pretty easy for me to get a photo pass to big league games, even

though I worked at a weekly paper. Every summer through the '70s I'd get a photo pass to see the Pirates play in Philadelphia. It was a great vacation for a single guy as I could stay with my parents and go to every game in the series, getting photos of two teams that were full of stars during that time.

The Pirates had players like Parker, Willie Stargell, John Candelaria and others who had passed through Salem and the Phillies, my favorite team growing up, had Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton, Pete Rose and a host of other outstanding players. Their rivalry was intense and the games were always exciting, and I was living the dream taking pictures at the end of the dugout. Then, when I returned to Virginia, I'd run a bunch of photos of former Salem players in our paper along with a story about the Carolina League products. It didn't get much better than that for a "big kid" who loved baseball.

I also went to some games in Pittsburgh with my old friend Bob Teitle-

baum, who passed away about 20 years ago. Bob was the baseball writer for the Roanoke Times and we spent countless nights together in the pressbox at what was then Salem Municipal Stadium, and then at the new Memorial Stadium where the Red Sox now play.

Bob and I attended a series in Pittsburgh, at old Three Rivers Stadium, when the Bucs hosted Cincinnati. Bob had covered the Salem team when Parker was here and they had a good relationship. I remember Teitlebaum approaching Stargell for some comments and Willie was rather cool to Bob until Parker, who had the locker next to him, turned and said "he's okay." At that point Stargell became friendly and was a completely different person.

Parker returned to Salem on several occasions. Teitlebaum got him to speak at the Roanoke Valley Sports Club, and he was also here for an Old Timers' Game when the local club used to have one every summer. My friend Larry Mathews, who had a stint as the

weekend sports guy on Channel 10, was a big Pirates fan and he got to interview Dave. I'd never seen him so excited, and Parker was nice to everyone on his visits to the valley.

In 2019 my wife and I took two of my grandsons to Pittsburgh for a game against the Phillies. It was a celebration of the 1979 "We are Family" Pirates who won the World Series and most of the members of that team were in attendance. I was somewhat surprised to see Parker, who was still only 68, walking very gingerly with a cane. I learned he had been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2013 and was involved in raising money to find a cure through the Dave Parker 39 Foundation.

Sadly the disease claimed him prior to his Hall of Fame induction ceremony this month, but at least he had the satisfaction of knowing he was going in. I always enjoyed watching him play and was proud that he passed our way during his journey to baseball immortality.

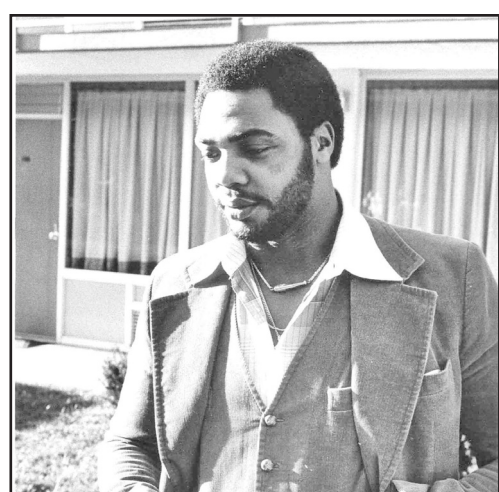


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Dave Parker as a 1972 Salem Pirate.



Parker catches his breath on third base as Reds' Pete Rose looks on.



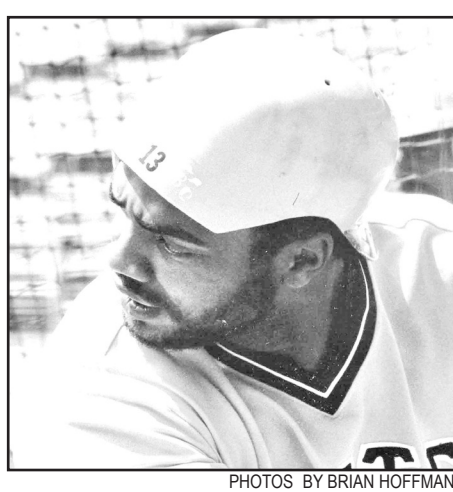
Parker is interviewed on one of his trips back to the Roanoke Valley.



Dave is greeted at the dugout after a home run.



Parker gets his bat ready on the on deck circle.



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Dave Parker takes batting practice prior to a game in Philadelphia.