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County explores boundary adjustment with Waiteville, W.Va.

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The Craig County Board of Supervisors voted Oct. 2 to move forward with exploring a formal boundary adjustment that could bring the Waiteville community of Monroe County, West Virginia, into Craig

County, potentially marking the first interstate boundary change of its kind in a century.

Supervisor Jordan Labiosa, who initiated the discussion, said the county already provides emergency services, fire protection and school transportation up to the state line. He said folding Waiteville into Craig County could


expand the local school system's enrollment while formally aligning services the county is already providing.

Labiosa said he has spoken with Sen. Chris Head and Del. Terry Austin, who expressed openness to the idea if Monroe County officials are willing to support the adjustment. The proposed line would follow the ridgeline of Peters

Mountain.


County Administrator Dan Collins recommended that the Planning Commission develop a proposed map. The board voted unanimously to send a formal letter to Monroe County before December to determine whether local officials are interested in pursuing the adjustment.

Craig County gears up for Christmas parade Dec. 6



Craig County will welcome the holiday season with its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 6, starting at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Parade participants are asked to arrive by 5:30 p.m. to get ready for an evening full of lights, floats, music, and festive cheer. The parade route will run from the fairgrounds to the courthouse, offering families and visitors a chance to enjoy a variety of seasonal displays and community fun. Sponsored by the Craig County Board of Supervisors, the event promises a magical night for all ages. Pictured is a float from last year's event.

COURTESY PHOTO




County joins two new national opioid settlements

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Craig County supervisors voted Oct. 2 to enter two major national opioid settlements, joining localities across the country seeking

compensation for the long-running impacts of the opioid epidemic.

The first settlement involves the Sackler family, owners of Purdue Pharma, who agreed to pay \$6.5 billion nationwide. The second includes eight opioid

manufacturers—Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun and Zydus—who will collectively pay \$720 million.

The county attorney recommended participating in both settlements, which fall under the framework of

the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and the state's existing settlement allocation agreement.

Supervisors voted unanimously for both measures, directing County Administrator Dan Collins to execute all necessary documents.

Supervisors approve courthouse wall repairs after years of deterioration

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The Craig County Board of Supervisors approved \$56,800 in new funding Oct. 2 to repair deteriorating interior walls at the county courthouse, where plaster has bubbled and cracked for years due to moisture infiltration.

The board amended the fiscal year 2025–26 budget to pull the funds from the county's general fund balance. An additional \$25,000 for related roof liner work was already budgeted this fiscal year, bringing the total project cost to \$81,800.

The moisture problems stem from poor drainage and water intrusion through the brick exterior,

according to assessments reviewed by county maintenance staff. The board also voted to award the construction contract to Building Specialists Inc., a Class A contractor that submitted the lowest qualified quote.

Supervisors approved both the budget amendment and the contract, with some members abstaining due to conflicts.

VFW Post 4491 participates in Virginia Veterans Parade



Members of Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 rode their float in the Virginia Veterans Parade in downtown Roanoke on Saturday, Nov. 8. The float depicted George Washington and his troops crossing the Delaware river. Participating post members included Dave Caldwell, post commander; Don Ramsey; Kenneth Looney, post chaplain; Robert Falsone, post judge advocate; Mike Rivers, jr. vice commander; and Joann Smith, post quartermaster/adjutant.

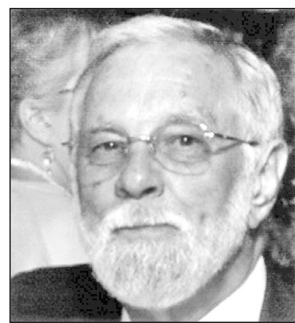
OBITUARY

Charlton, Donald Wade

He was born on 9 July 1935 in Oriskany, VA. His parents were Everett Charlton and Sarah "Sallie" Gertrude King Charlton. Donald Wade was their first son, and they raised him to love deeply, stand firm in his beliefs, be kind and fair to others, and trust in God. He carried these values with him throughout his entire 90 years. His love for his wife, Betty Jo, was only one demonstration of his deep love, and their 70 years of marriage are proof of these convictions.

Don and Betty raised two daughters, Angela and Susan, and he told the girls he loved them every time he saw them. He was proud of them as young children and throughout their adult lives, supporting and encouraging them at every turn. He rejoiced when they brought grandchildren into his and Betty's lives.

Don was also proud to be a US Veteran, having served 4 years in the US Navy and then 18 years in the US Air Force. He began his military career in the US Navy at the age of 17. His assignments included the USS Ticonderoga and the USS Coral Sea,



and he loved to share stories about his travels to Guantanamo Bay, Gibraltar, France, Italy, Spain, Sicily, Greece, Turkey, Portugal, and Mallorca. Don left the Navy but enlisted in the US Air Force shortly thereafter, where his assignments include NC, MS, NJ, and Morocco. Don retired from the Air Force on 01 February 1974, and returned to his roots in Virginia, where he started his new career in real estate and auctioneering. His rank at retirement was MSGT E-7, and his highest awards were the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit award for work performed in the aftermath of Hurricane Camille. If you asked Don about his military career, he was the first to tell you he was proud to have served his country

and his only regret was that he couldn't do it again, "just one more time."

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Sallie; his brother, Lawrence Flippo (Janie); his nephew, Jeff; and his niece, Sally Jane. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Betty Jo, and two daughters, Susan Wirt (Allen), Angela Charlton (Andrew Reczkowski - deceased), grandsons Matthew Wirt, Ryan Wirt (Brittany Jones), and Victor Reczkowski (Grace Grubb), and his only granddaughter, Elizabeth Reczkowski. Victor and Grace blessed him with two great-grandchildren, Andrew and Josephine Reczkowski. His brother, Pat Charlton (Barbara), niece, Jody Soroka (Dan), and nephew, Mark Flippo (Deborah), also help keep Don's memory alive.

The family will receive visitors at New Castle Christian Church on Saturday, 11/29/2025, at 2 pm, with the celebration of Don's life to begin at 3 pm. The interment will follow at Huffman Memorial Cemetery on Route 42.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Blue Highway concert to benefit baseball

By Gwen Johnson Staff writer

From the January 28, 2004 edition of The New Castle Record

Blue Highway, one of the country's top five bluegrass groups, will appear in concert March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Craig County High School Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit the school baseball team.

It's been said by those in the know that Blue Highway is indeed synonymous with the bluegrass genre. Since their debut in 1995 with "It's a Long, Long Road," the Kingsport band has had many claims to fame both individually and as a group.

Able and willing to meet the challenges set by the masters that came before them, the Blue Highway has been unafraid to take bluegrass where it has never been before in terms of new audiences, new regions and new heights of instrumental, vocal and lyrical excellence.

The groups' instrumental superiority has not only been acknowledged with industry awards, but with the ultimate compliment of being invited to record and perform with some of bluegrass music's biggest stars such as Alison Krauss, Dolly Parton, Ricky Skaggs, Doyle Lawson, Patty Loveless and more; and the list is still growing.

Guitarist/vocalist and co-founder of the group, Tim Stafford, won a Grammy for his work with Alison Krauss and

Union Station on the album "Every time You Say Goodbye" and Rob Ickes, one of the hottest dobro players in the country has won Grammys for his contributions to Krauss and the Cox Family's "I know Who Holds Tomorrow" as well as for the collaborative album, "The Great Dobro Sessions."

The band's last album released in September 2001, "Still Climbing Mountains," caps their seven-year rise to one of the industry's top bands in the country. The album is a focused collection that points the way for bluegrass in the new millennium. It mixes both old and new ideas in both solo and collaborative musicianship. It is an album the group has been working toward since they started playing together in 1994. In putting together this album they pooled their efforts and sacrificed

individual glory to become the sum of their collective efforts. The entire album was written by the band which is sort of rare in bluegrass, according to Ickes.

Each member also contributes vocals for a combined bluegrass-gospel harmony sound that is consistently bringing in new fans for the band as well as the genre. "People are searching for a little more soul other than Top 40 Country," said Ickes.

Other albums by Blue Highway include "It's a Long, Long Road," released in 1995, "Wind to the West," 1996, "Midnight Storm," 1998, "Blue Highway," 1999.

The concert will be opened by the Craig County Boys.

Tickets cost \$15 and may be purchased from Eddie Helems at 864-5485, Dallas Fisher, 864-6255 or Carrie Crawford, 864-5516.

- Prepared By Shelly Koon



Blue Highway will perform at Craig County High School Auditorium on March 20, 2004 at 7 p.m. Pictured left to right are: Wayne Taylor, bass, Rob Ickes, dobro, Tim Stafford, guitar, founding member, Jason Burleson, banjo and Shawn Lane, mandolin and fiddle.

FROM THE NEW CASTLE RECORD ARCHIVES

Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

Dec. 4
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Dec. 17

Morgan Griffith's office monthly meeting in the break room of the Craig County Courthouse. Third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

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Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon
Contributing
Writer

One thing about December is the decorations for the holidays. I love decorating. My dad did too. He and I went out to the after Christmas sales to stock up on lights and decorations for the next year. Even after I moved out, he would come over to help me decorate. He would put lights on anything that did not move; gutters, trees, bushes, and mailbox. One year he outlined my driveway with white lights and my friends said it looked like an airplane runway.

We always had an artificial tree since we liked to put it up on Thanksgiving. Except for one year. In 1986, my dad was on the way to work. Since we lived out past Dixie Caverns in Roanoke County and he worked on Peters Creek Road he often took I-81 to work. One day between exit 132 and 137 a big truck carrying wrapped trees passed him and as it passed, it dropped a tree on the side of the road and kept going. He stopped, picked up that tree, turned around and brought it back to the house. We had a live tree that year. He was so proud of that highway tree!

Our tree was never "on theme", more a collection of memories. Hallmark ornaments, made in school, and new from Kmart graced our trees. Every year, Dad and I made a construction paper chain garland to drape on the tree.

I decorate the paper's office since I spend most of my time there. I decorate a tree, hang stockings and wreaths. Betsy helps with the garlands. My coworkers appreciate the decorations as long as they don't have to put them up or take them down.

I always decorate my house's front porch with a wreath on the door and a lighted tree. I have cut back on the decorating I do inside since I do the office but there are always a little Christmas tree and candles on the mantle.

I read a study in *Psychology Today* that indicated that putting up holiday decorations can positively affect a person's mood. Christmas decorations stir up pleasant emotions and the sooner you decorate, the longer you experience the benefits. Not only that, results noted that people who decorate the exterior of their homes were seen as more approachable and friendly by their neighbors.

Whether you're listening to Christmas music or you're putting your decorations on the mantle, the sights, sounds, and smells of the holidays stir up nostalgia. Nostalgia can help us find more meaning in life, deepen our social bonds, and even soothe collective anxiety. When you decorate early, you experience nostalgia for a longer timeframe.

Engaging in positive activities can give you a mood boost, even if you don't really feel like doing it. This idea is grounded in cognitive behavioral therapy, where "acting as if" can lead to genuine changes in emotion. Acting as if you feel full of holiday cheer might actually fill you with holiday cheer.

In some families, Santa decorates the tree on Christmas eve so when you wake up it's decorated. Others have a live tree and don't want it to dry out before the holiday so they decorate later in December.

Whether you decorate early for Christmas or wait until the few days before Christmas, this year rather than seeing decorating your tree as a chore, make decorating your tree a main event leading up to Christmas Day.

Allow plenty of time to do it so you don't feel rushed. Plan ahead and let as many of the people in your household as possible know about it, so that they can join in. Eat delicious snacks while you are decorating, accompanied by the Christmas music you love. This week's recipes are for homemade ornaments. Betsy likes her pawprint ornament we made from salt dough front and center on the tree.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Bay, popcorn & cranberry strings

- 30 bay leaves
- 100g popcorn popped (Stale popcorn works best)
- 15-20 whole fresh cranberries
- Directions
- Cut a 3m length of kitchen

string and tie a fat knot 10cm from one end. Thread the other end onto a big, blunt needle, such as a tapestry needle. Thread on bay leaves, popcorn and cranberries, in a random pattern. Tie off when you get to the other end, leaving enough string to hang it up with.



Salt Dough Ornaments

Yield: 1 dozen ornaments

Ingredients

- 4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup salt

Directions

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F. Combine flour, water, and salt in a large bowl; mix well and knead for 10 minutes. Transfer dough to a floured work surface and knead until soft and pliable. Roll out to a thickness of 1/8 inch; cut desired shapes with cookie cutters. Transfer dough shapes to ungreased cookie sheets; use a toothpick to make a hole in each ornament for hanging. Bake in the preheated oven until hard, about 30 minutes; allow to cool. Recipe Tips: You can mix the dough with food coloring before rolling. Decorate baked dough with poster paints or tube paint when completely cool. Allow the paint to dry, then spray with clear polyurethane on both sides to preserve and use ribbon or yarn pieces to hang.

Homemade Cinnamon Ornaments (not for eating!)

These easy homemade ornaments for your Christmas tree will make your house smell like cinnamon!

Ingredients

- 1 cup applesauce



- 1-1 1/4 cup 130 grams ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon ground cloves optional

Instructions

Preheat oven to 200°F. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, combine the applesauce, 1 cup cinnamon, and cloves (if using). You want the dough to be able to form a ball without being too sticky. Add additional applesauce or cinnamon if needed. You can also mix the dough by hand. Sprinkle a clean surface with cinnamon (like you would with flour while rolling out cookies). Place the dough on the surface and sprinkle with more cinnamon. Use a rolling pin to roll the dough to 1/4 inch thick, sprinkling with more cinnamon to keep from sticking. Cut out into desired shapes and place on the prepared sheet pan so that they aren't touching. Use a skewer to poke a hole into each ornament (to attach string). Bake in the preheated oven for 1 1/2 - 2 hours or until rock hard. Loop a decorative string through the ornament and hang on your tree.



COURTESY PHOTO

VFW Post 4491 celebrates Marine Corps birthday

The Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 celebrated the Marine Corps 250th birthday on Monday Nov. 10 with cake provided by Sr. Vice Commander Billy Lee. Numerous Marine Corps post members joined in.

Craig County seeks bonus PILT funding for ICE 287(g) participation

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Craig County supervisors voted Oct. 2 to send a letter to U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith requesting additional federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding tied to the county's participation in the federal 287(g) immigration enforcement program.

Supervisor Jordan Labiosa said he recently spoke with Griffith's office and believes counties that partner with U.S. Immigration

and Customs Enforcement should receive supplemental PILT funds to help offset public safety costs. Craig County participates in 287(g) through the Sheriff's Office, which allows deputized local officers to assist in certain federal immigration enforcement functions.

Labiosa said any bonus PILT funds should support emergency services recruitment and retention efforts.

The board approved the request unanimously, directing staff to prepare and send the letter.

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OPINION

News from the 9th: Medicaid expansion: Promises made, promises not kept



Morgan Griffith
Representative

In multiple newsletters this year, I outlined important policies Republicans advanced in the reconciliation bill from this summer.

I also outlined inconsistencies with Democratic Party objections to the reconciliation bill.

Their talking points suggest the bill impacts the traditional Medicaid population, including pregnant women, seniors, children and individuals with disabilities. This is NOT true!

The reconciliation bill does make certain reforms to reimbursement to the States because of how Virginia and other States have handled Medicaid Expansion.

Medicaid Expansion was first created as a part of Obamacare.

The federal program incentivized States to adopt the expanded program.

If a State expanded Medicaid, the federal government committed to covering 90% of the costs associated with providing health care coverage to the Medicaid Expansion population.

The plan as written by the Obama Administration and passed by a

Democratic-controlled Congress required Medicaid Expansion States to pay the remaining 10% of the costs.

Virginia chose to accept the terms of the Obama Medicaid Expansion in 2018.

When this happened, Virginia agreed to the 90-10 cost-sharing arrangement.

But Virginia found a clever loophole to avoid paying its full 10% share.

Virginia followed a circuitous process to avoid paying its 10%. It did so by putting a new tax on hospitals, called a provider tax.

This so-called provider, or "sick," tax is then billed to the federal government as part of the hospital's costs for health care.

When the federal government reimburses the state for federal health care programs, it includes reimbursements for the "sick" tax.

Virginia then uses this federal money to reimburse the hospitals with what is known as a state-directed payment. Virginia then counts the state-directed payment towards its 10% share.

Accordingly, Virginia is able to avoid using its own money and shirks its responsibility to fully pay its agreed upon 10% share of Medicaid Expansion.

Thus, as hospitals pay the state provider "sick" tax of up to 6%, the federal government sends Virginia a match based off the amount the State received from this tax.

This was not exactly the bargain agreed upon by Virginia with the federal government!

But Virginia is not alone in using this scheme to acquire more funds from the federal government through provider taxes.

California is also a State that uses the provider "sick" tax to get additional federal dollars.

Because of the state provider tax loophole, and a related loophole they have exploited called the "managed care organization" tax loophole, California gets additional Medicaid reimbursement from the federal government!

That then gives California the money to extend health care coverage in their State to illegal aliens.

Essentially, these loopholes have allowed most States to avoid their obligations, and in the case of California, subsidize health care for illegal aliens!

Many States neglect their responsibilities of paying their share in Medicaid Expansion's 90-10 federal-state split.

Under the deal, States had to share the costs of the Medicaid Expansion program. This was to assure they would have skin in the game as an incentive to control spiraling costs.

But, with the provider "sick" tax circuitous scheme, they intentionally have little or no skin in the game.

Notwithstanding the talking points,

what we did in our reconciliation bill on this was merely close a portion of this "sick" tax loophole to curb abuse by many States.

We began a gradual phasedown of the reimbursement on state provider "sick" tax rates that States can receive.

This phasedown drops the 6% reimbursement to States that tax hospitals to 3.5% over a five-year period, meaning by 0.5% each year so only a roughly 40% reduction of the reimbursement of the "sick" tax.

This way, we are requiring the States to live up to a portion of their 10% share of Medicaid Expansion costs.

The federal government continues to pay its 90% share. That was the deal. And the federal government will continue to reimburse roughly 60% of the provider "sick" tax scheme.

It is only fair for the States to begin moving towards meeting their 10% Medicaid Expansion cost commitment. This will give them skin in the game.

While paying the tab is never easy, the Medicaid Expansion States need to understand they made a deal. They need to keep the deal.

The Medicaid Expansion States that use the provider "sick" tax and state-directed payments need to stop blaming the federal government when the federal government is simply asking the States to keep part of their commitment to Medicaid Expansion.

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Guest religion column: Depend on God, part 4 of 4 – Because, the rapture is coming

For several weeks we have been talking about the importance of learning to depend on God now, because WE DON'T KNOW what tomorrow will be like or what it will bring. Today, we need to talk about learning to depend on God because WE DO KNOW what tomorrow (or one day soon) will be like and what it will bring.

The Bible clearly identifies that the world will end one day. It will be "as it was in Noah's day". Matthew's Gospel says in chapter 24:37-39, "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. 38 In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. 39 People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes."

Second Timothy 3 also gives us a warning.... "You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. 2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be

boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5 They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!"

Have you noticed the changes in the world over the past 10, 20, 30 or 50 years? These didn't happen all at once; they are slowly escalating as we move towards the return of Jesus Christ.

In Ephesians 5:25-27 the Bible tells us this..." 25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her 26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. 27 He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

Notice that the Bride of Christ, which is the church, will need to be "without spot or wrinkle" and "holy and without fault." I don't know about you, but I haven't seen that church yet. In fact, if you or I join any church, it will have blemishes because of us!

The church today is NOT without blemishes, NOT holy before God. There are many good, genuine believers in the church, but the way we become holy before God is to go through trials which purify us and draw us closer to God.

So, how do we get to that place where we are clean? First, we must be sure that we experience the NEW BIRTH. Jesus told Nicodemus, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." The new birth makes us beautifully clean. Inside and out, we are cleansed.

But over time, our interactions with the world, the flesh and the devil create blemishes, cancers, sores, and wrinkles in our life. It's

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like walking around in a sandpaper suit! This can happen to us continuously unless we “walk worthy unto the Lord.”

This is God calling us to a state of holiness. Holiness means right living. This is a process of growth we go through as individual Christians and also as a church. A part of the process of growing in Christ is going through trials and tribulations, which strengthen us and help make us into the people of God.

The Rapture
So what about the rapture? Won't the Christians just be yanked out of here before the Great Tribulation period? (This is known as a pre-tribulation rapture where Jesus comes back twice.)

This means the rapture will take place before the Tribulation and afterward there will be seven years of great turmoil on the earth, with the rise of a beast called the ANTICHRIST. There have been many movies, books like LEFT BEHIND which sold millions of copies, and sermons on this concept.

In almost all the world except America and Britain, Christians don't believe that Jesus will return twice, only once. By that I mean He won't be coming to rapture His faithful, take us to heaven, then come back 7 years later at the end of the Great Tribulation. In fact, this belief did not even exist here until the 1830's.

A preacher in England named John Darby heard one of his church members tell about a dream she had that Jesus would return twice. He jumped on this theme, and based it on I Thessalonians 5:2, “2 For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.”

The denomination he was part of, the Plymouth Brethren, moved to the USA and began to spread this message. Another preacher named C.I. Scofield, liked the idea - and he was one who published the first popular Scofield Study Bible in America. Soon, the idea spread to the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas, where many of the leading preachers of the last century were trained, including most fundamental, evangelical and TV preachers.

So, the idea that Jesus would return early was promoted, and I learned it as a young child. You

probably did too. This idea spread, even though the word RAPTURE is not a word found in scripture.

POST-TRIBULATION - There is another concept - that Jesus only returns once, after the tribulation (Post Trib). Many good Bible professors and sound people make strong arguments that the Bible only describes a post-tribulation rapture. That is, the Church will remain active and functioning on earth during the seven-year reign of the Antichrist. It may be like the UNDERGROUND CHURCH in CHINA.

In the post-trib scenario, God will bless and protect Christians and the church - despite persecutions and tribulations, and when the Great Tribulation comes, the church will be as strong as it was during Pentecost. However—this is contingent upon Christians continuing to follow and serve God and NOT take the mark of the BEAST. It is represented by 666 and you will not be able to buy or sell without it. (digital transactions now make up 87% of all financial transactions!)

So, at the end of this 7-year TRIBULATION period, Jesus will return in the sky, those who are the dead in Christ will rise from the grave, and living Christians will join Him in the sky to do a great battle and defeat the Antichrist.

My biggest concern, though, is if Satan has used the false rapture doctrine to lull Christians, mainly in America, into complacency, with many believing they have a “get out of tribulation card” and, therefore, can coast into Heaven.

Imagine if Jesus contacted the Church in America today and said: OK, I'm offering you a choice. I can rapture you to heaven to escape the coming “hell on earth.” Or, I can leave you on earth to be my ambassadors, my brightest light amid the coming darkness and chaos. Despite the Antichrist's terror, I will use you to bring about the greatest revival since Pentecost. I will pour out My Spirit so freely it will be clear to everyone that I am the Lord; there is no other.

You will see signs and wonders like never before. You will see your closest friends and family members who don't know me yet come to salvation, and you will be the ones to lead them to me.

It won't be easy. You will be persecuted and some of you will be martyred. But, if you remain faithful to

me, I will equip you with supernatural strength to stand strong whatever may come your way.

- If we actually were given that choice, which option would we take?
- Would we take the easy way out or choose the hard path?
- Even more, what would Christ want us to choose?

Remember, God only has one purpose – to lead men to accept Him and His love. What is the purpose of the Tribulation? The tribulation is the final time that men will be able to repent and turn to God. It is the final warning to the earth.

2 Thessalonians 2

2 Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him..... For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction. 4 He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God.

5 Don't you remember that I told you about all this when I was with you? 6 And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. 7 For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. 8 Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming.

DEPEND ON GOD – HE IS TRUSTWORTHY!

REMEMEMBER -the Bible was not written to scare us: it was written to PREPARE us.

Craig Valley Baptist Church, at 171 Salem Ave in New Castle, welcomes you to visit and share in the love of God we have experienced. We meet Sundays at 11AM, with an upbeat service of music, sharing and preaching. You don't need to dress us, and you won't be asked to speak, so just come and hang out and meet new and old friends! Questions? Call 540-864-5667 or email pastor@cv-bc.com.

- Pastor Scott Gabrielson

VA houses most homeless veterans since 2019; 113 helped locally

The Department of Veterans Affairs permanently housed more than 51,900 homeless veterans nationwide in fiscal year 2025 — the highest number recorded in seven years, according to data released Nov. 25.

The Salem VA Health Care System contributed to that total by helping 13 veterans in western Virginia secure permanent housing during the fiscal year.

Nationally, VA housed 51,936 veterans, an increase of 4,011 over last year. This marks the agency's strongest performance since it began counting unique veterans housed rather than the total number of placements — a shift

adopted in 2022 to provide a more accurate measure of outcomes.

The VA's numbers show steady gains since 2022, with this year's totals surpassing both pre-pandemic levels and those from 2019, when 48,133 veterans were housed under the retroactively applied methodology.

Tammy Snyder, interim executive director of the Salem VA Health Care System, said the progress reflects the impact of focused outreach and strong partnerships.

“This is life-changing

and in many cases life-saving work,” Snyder said. “We are proud of the progress the Salem VA HCS is making to get veterans off the streets and are redoubling our efforts to continue this momentum moving forward.”

In May, VA launched the Getting Veterans Off the Street initiative, directing every VA health care system to conduct surge outreach events to identify unsheltered veterans and connect them with housing programs, health care and benefits.

That effort moved more than 25,000 veterans into interim or permanent housing nationwide.

Federal efforts also include President Trump's May executive order establishing a National Center for Warrior Independence for Homeless Veterans on the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center

campus. The center aims to support up to 6,000 homeless veterans from across the country by 2028.

VA officials said the work depends on daily collaboration among VA staff and community partners who help veterans find affordable apartments and homes, often with rental subsidies. In some

cases, housing stability is achieved by reconnecting veterans with family or friends.

Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness can call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-424-3838 or visit VA.gov/homeless for assistance.

-The Salem Times-Register

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA
PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Craig County Board of Supervisors on the proposed County Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). The Public Hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held **December 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter is heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office in the County Administration Building, New Castle, Virginia.

PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2025-26 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR:

Craig County Public School	\$503,000
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PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2025-26 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR:

County of Craig	\$362,989
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God's House Is Always Open

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.

CRAIG COUNTY COMMUNITY CHURCH
'WELCOME HOME!'
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 Raymond Christian and Tim Creasy. Check us out on facebook or contact us at: craigcountycommunitychurch@gmail.com.

CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST
Pastor Scott Gabrielson, church phone 864-5667, 171 Salem Avenue, Food Pantry available (M,W,F) 9am-noon. Sunday School 10am, Worship 11am, Mondays 6:30pm Men and Ladies Bible Study, Wednesday: Bible Buddies 6:30pm, Bible Study 7pm. craigvalleybaptist@gmail.com

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CROSSROADS CHURCH
21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Kenny Davis. 540-765-9418. Sunday School - 9:30am, Sunday Worship - 10:30am.

ECKANKAR
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. We offer a Spiritual Event on the 2nd. Sunday of each month. The program may be a Light and Sound Service, a Spiritual video and discussion, or other topics and techniques to help Raise Your Spiritual IQ. The Roanoke ECK Center is located at 1420 3rd. St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. For more information visit www.eck.va.org or call 540- 353-5365. People of all faiths are welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST
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, Rev. Dr. Loraine Taylor, agladypastor@msn.com. Sunday

Service @ 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Adult Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. Youth (Ages 13-18) & Super Church (Ages 4-12) 7:00 p.m. Facebook Livestream each Sunday morning @ 10:30 a.m. www.graceassemblycatawba.org

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

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.

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST
Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-5257662. 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 Zane "Sput" Jones, phone: 540-309-3170, Rt. 621, Sunday Prayer 10:00-10:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
118 Main Street, New Castle. Service Times: Sunday, Bible classes-10 a.m., Worship-11:00 a.m., Evening Worship-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Bible classes - 7 p.m.

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
99 2nd Street, New Castle. Tel: 540-473-3691. Email: StJohnnewcastle@gmail.com. Mass is on Sunday at 11:15 AM.

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Legals - Craig County

Pursuant to the Single-Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. Chapter 38A and the Secretary's Foreclosure Commissioner designation, a COMMISSIONER'S SALE of 160 Hickory Brook Drive, New Castle, VA 24127
(Short Legal Description: CRAIG CREEK 5.00 AC LOT 1 DB 69/587 will occur at public auction outside the main entrance to the building of the Circuit Court of Craig County, VA located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, VA 24127 on December 8, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., pursuant to a default of a note secured by a deed of trust executed by Hattie D. Clifton recorded 11/4/2009, in the Circuit Court for Craig County, VA, in Book 176, Page 562, and the Assignment in favor of the Secretary of HUD recorded 3/20/2019, in the Circuit Court for Craig County, VA as Instrument No. 190000119. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. TERMS OF SALE can be reviewed by the recorded notice of default on file with the Craig County Circuit Court, for which all terms are incorporated herein into this notice. A 10% deposit payable to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is immediately required for winning bidder in certified funds. Third party certified checks will not be accepted. Full Terms of Sale and opening bids are listed at <http://www.virginiacourts.com/hud>. Anderson Law, 2492 N. Landing Rd. #104, Va Beach, VA 23456.

Case No. CL25-4 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAIG THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff, V. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF C. D. ABBOTT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF CURTIS R. ABBOTT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF JUNE ABBOTT LUGAR a/k/a JUNE ESTELLE ABBOTT LUGAR, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF RUSSELL BROWN LUGAR, DECEASED, DAVID RUSSELL LUGAR a/k/a DAVID LUGAR, ALAN RAY LUGAR a/k/a ALAN LUGAR, FRANCES CAROL ALDERMAN a/k/a CAROL ALDERMAN, DORIS ANN BEAUCHEMIN a/k/a ANN BEAUCHEMIN, RANDOLPH PRESTON ABBOTT, JAMES REED ABBOTT, CHRISTOPHER S. SWINGLE, SR. a/k/a CHRIS SWINGLE, JAMES L. SWINGLE, JR., and

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PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s). The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Parcel Nos. 47A3-124-4 and 47A3-124-5. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s) and their predecessors in title, made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before January 13, 2026, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered 11/18/2025 Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk

I Ask For This: Reid Broughton (VSB No. 38899) Katie M. DeCoster, Esq. (VSB No. 82696) Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009 (540) 260-9011 (540) 260-0022 (facsimile)

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 24219 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle, VA 24127

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated April 25, 2007 and recorded at April 30, 2007 in Book 162 Page 214 in the Clerk's Office for the Craig County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$104,261.71. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the steps for the Circuit Court for Craig County located at 182 Main Street, Suite 4, New Castle, VA 24127. January 05, 2026 at 1:00 PM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit: All those lots or parcels of land situated in the New Castle district of Craig County, Virginia, described as follows, to-wit:

Being all of Lots 7, 8 and 9, of Block 14, of the Old Dominion subdivision of Virginia Mineral Springs Corporation Map, which map is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia, in Deed Book 'V', page 469. Tax Map or Parcel ID No.: 48-A-1-14-7

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful

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bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

FIRST WATCH RESTAURANTS INC., trading as FIRST WATCH 1111, 1336 W. MAIN STREET, SALEM VA 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application -Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Jay Wolszczak, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CL25001443 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs. FAYE K. EANES, aka LUDEAN FAYE EANES, et al, Respondents.

TO: THE RESPONDENTS:

The object of this suit is to: enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 039.01-01-02.00-000.

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Faye K. Eanes, aka Ludean Faye Eanes and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Faye K. Eanes, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the January 1, 2026, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land.

It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §8.01-317, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in County of Roanoke, Virginia. Entered this 12th day of November, 2025. Honorable James R. Swanson, Judge I ask for this Mark D. Kidd, Esquire VSB #24149 OPN Law 3140 Chaparral Drive Suite 200-C Roanoke VA 24018 Roanoke, VA 24018 Phone: (540)725-4700 Fax (540)772-0126 Email: mkidd@opnlaw.com Counsel for Complainant

Legals - Botetourt County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF JEROME S. NICHOLS, JR., DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Elizabeth R. Cline, attorney for Jerome S. Nichols III, executor of the estate of Jerome S. Nichols, Jr., Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code

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of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Jerome S. Nichols, Jr., and all persons in any way interested in his estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 5th day of January, 2026 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Jerome S. Nichols, Jr. or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Jerome S. Nichols, Jr., deceased, and persons interested in her estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this 21st day of November, 2025. Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD C. WITHEROW, DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Mark W. Dellinger, attorney for Christina M. Harlow, executrix of the estate of Richard C. Witherow, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Richard C. Witherow, and all persons in any way interested in his estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 5th day of January, 2026 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Richard C. Witherow or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Richard C. Witherow, deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this 25th day of November, 2025.

Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 712 Laymantown Road, Troutville, VA 24175

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$104,000.00 dated June 23, 2003 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on July 28, 2003 as Instrument Number: 00306675, 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 January 15, 2026 at 02:00 PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: LOT 9, BLOCK 18, ACCORDING TO THE AMENDED MAP OF BLOCK SHOWING LOTS 7, 8, 9 & 10, BLOCK 18, RAINBOW FOREST, MADE BY C. E. LACY, CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, DATED JANUARY 17, 1971, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 6 AT PAGE 72. Tax ID: 108A(4)9. 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 # 25-010827) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101

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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 - Montgomery County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors intent to consider a proposed Ordinance Establishing a Separate Classification for Tangible Personal Property Taxation for Motor Vehicles Owned or Leased by Certain Members of a Volunteer Rescue Squad or Volunteer Fire Department in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter at the Montgomery County Government Center, 2nd Floor Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection and/or copying in the County Administrator's suite in the County Government Center Monday through Friday from 8:30 5:00 pm.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Angela M. Hill County Administrator

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4366 BRADSHAW RD, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 19, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$127,645.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160003643. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on January 7, 2026, at 12:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: PARCEL 1: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.063 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT FOR DAVID E. VANDER VLIET OF AN UN-NUMBERED 1.063 AC. LOT NEAR ROUTE 622 MT. TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" PREPARED BY NEAL H. WIRT, L. S., DATED 5 NOVEMBER 1992, DESIGNED AS PLAT NO. 92-688, WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 766, PAGE 561. PARCEL 2: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 5.153 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED, "SURVEY FOR DAVID E. & ALTHEA L. VAN DER VLIET OF A 5.153 ACRE PARCEL SITUATE IN. THE MT. TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA", PREPARED BY JACK G. BESS, C.L.S., DATED JULY 24, 1995, DESIGNATED AS N.B. W-9 0-95648, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONATGOMERY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 886, PAGE 759. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317, 20-104 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF RADFORD JOSEPH L. KESSINGER Case No. CL21-652 PATRICIA G. KESSINGER ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is equitable distribution in the final divorce of the parties, along with other such relief as the Court may order. An affidavit having been filed that diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Patricia G. Kessinger, it is hereby

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ORDERED that the named defendant appear on or before January 31, 2026 at 8:30 a.m., and do what is necessary to protect her interest therein. Rebecca Price DEPUTY CLERK It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Radford News Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Radford, Virginia, with a copy of this Order to be posted at the front door of the Courthouse, and a copy mailed to those Defendants named in this Order whose last addresses are known, if any. It is further ORDERED that Radford News Journal provide a Certificate of Publication and an invoice to counsel for the Plaintiff, as named below. Entered: Rebecca Price, Deputy Circuit Court Clerk

Requested: Gregory M. Kallen vsb #23303 325 West Main St. Radford, Va. 24141 540-838-2222 gmkallenlaw@yahoo.com Counsel for Plaintiff

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Basketball season begins this week

The Craig County boys and girls will both have basketball games this week as the Virginia High School League winter sports season officially opens.

The girls opened their season on Monday with a game at Glenvar. Results were too late for publication, but the girls play again Friday at Faith Christian. The girls' roster

includes seniors Jenna Boitnotte, Daileigh Donithan and sisters Kallie and Kammie Fisher, junior Annika Zimmerman, sophomores Nadia Arroyo and Natalie Fisher and freshmen Emily Smith and Alivia Fowler.

"Our goal this year is to play as a team and use everyone's skill set to be able to compete with anyone we

play," said coach Erica Crabtree. "We have a good mix of returners and new additions that complement each other well so we hope to use that this season to be a tough team on both the defensive and offensive sides of the floor."

The girls and boys both had games scheduled with Giles on Tuesday of this week but both have been postponed.

The boys will open Thursday at home against Roanoke Valley Christian, followed by a Friday game against Faith Christian, also in New Castle.

Jimmy Fisher is the new head coach of the boys' basketball team. He did not have a roster finalized as of press time due to the football season running into basketball preseason practice time.

It was a very special football season in Craig County

It's just now setting in. This year's Craig County football team was something really special.

"10-2 season, the best in program history," said head coach Jimmy Fisher. "Highest scoring offense, least points given up by a defense, six shutouts. . . it has been a historic year.

"As for me, I don't care anything about any records except for the win-loss record. I take zero credit for the 10 wins, that credit belongs to the kids who were battling at practice and during the games. But I do take the blame for the two losses. Even with the injuries, we had an opportunity to win both games if we perform better. That falls on the Head Coach, which is me."

Craig's single-wing offense was a big part of the success. It's an offense that teams don't see very often and is hard to prepare for. Craig assistant coach Jayke Dowdy played in that offense when he was a high school student at Giles. Legendary Spartans coach Steve Ragsdale had great success at Giles after installing that offense, going to five state championships and winning three. Jayke was on the team at the end of the Ragsdale era, playing his varsity ball for Steve's successor, Jeff Williams, who won another championship during his tenure as Giles coach.

Dowdy also gives credit to Jeremy Haymore for making the Rockets' offense tough to stop. Haymore ran the single wing at Staunton River and he's the author of the book "The Bandana Express," chronicling the 1980 Giles football season. That year the Spartans won their first state championship, defeating Park View-Sterling in the championship game, 33-32.

"Coach Haymore has been a true asset since we decided to install the single wing," said Dowdy. "He took me under his wing and helped me develop a better understanding of the single wing as a whole. Obviously, growing up in the offense I was very familiar with it, but he's really been instrumental in the progress we have made."

Haymore attended Craig County's Homecoming



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The Craig County football team finished 10-2 with the best record in school history. Front Row, left to right: Tristan Dooley, Jerry Smith, Noah Paxton, Caleb Cregger, Bentley Smith, Isaiah Nichols, Dreydin Smith, Marcus Donithan and Bryson Smith. Second Row: Bradyn Dunbar, Peyton Fields, Jadeon Huffman, Carter Calfee, Wyatt Huffman, Lane Markham, Robbie Eakin and Mikey Custer. Third Row: Jeremiah Fowler, Blake Kendall, Blake Hannah, Cam Hanes, Brad Arthurs, Kaden Custer, Aiden Crawford, Caleb Fields and Carter Price. Fourth Row: Clayton Cassell, Connor Donithan, Isaac Owens, James Armes, Kadin Arthurs, Eli Green, Casey Hutchinson and Dylan Sarver. Back Row: coaches Jaycob Wolfe, Jayke Dowdy, James Hodges, Jimmy Fisher, Corey Smith, managers Kammie Fisher and Kallie Fisher, and coach and trainer Roland Donithan.

game against Eastern Montgomery during the season. The Bandana Express book can be found on Amazon.

"It's a must read for football fans and those curious about what we do schematically," said Dowdy.

Be assured the single wing will be a big part of next year's team as well. Fisher thinks the 2026 Rockets can be just as good, and maybe even better.

"Coach Dowdy and I were both making lists on what we need to do to make 2026 better and to fix the things that kept us from playing in the region title game," said Fisher. "I think we will compete in every game again next season. We have a bunch of starters returning on both sides of the ball and I honestly think we can be better next season than we were this season."

Craig County fans supported the team on Friday nights by turning out in large numbers, filling the Mitchell Field stands, lining the fence and setting up

folding chairs in the end zone. It was a season like no other in Craig County football.

"We have to take that energy and use it to propel the 2026 team forward," said Fisher. "I want to thank every single person who bought a hot dog or bottle of pop, bought a raffle ticket, made a donation, bought a banner, sign, t-shirt or hoodie or even cheered us on from states away. We felt your positive vibes and this season belongs to you, too."

"None of the improvements to the program are possible without the donors and fans. You are all a part of our success and I want to thank our superintendents, principals and staff for being so supportive of everything we try to do. The community has really rallied around these kids and this football program. It was absolutely amazing to watch and be a part of."

Rockets fill 10 spots on All-Pioneer District first team in football

To the victors go the spoils, so it's no surprise that Craig County's all-time best football team was well-represented when the All-Pioneer District team was announced. Craig had five first team selections on offense and five on defense.

All-District on offense included seniors Carter Calfee and Jerry Smith, both at runningback, junior Carter Price and sophomore Jeremiah Fowler, both on the offensive line, and junior placekicker Caleb Cregger. Calfee was second in the voting for district Offensive Player of the Year. That went to Cooper Helvey of Narrows.

"If Carter hadn't gotten hurt, or if we beat Narrows, I am sure he would have won it," said Craig coach Jimmy Fisher. "I don't have words for what Carter Calfee has meant to this football program. He is the quintessential leader that every coach wants. The kids have so much respect for him. He leads vocally and by example. He works tremendously hard and that gives his words meaning. He's smart, he's tough as a pine knot and he's resilient. He has not only been a warrior for our football team, but he's also been a warrior for God. He's been our spiritual leader and a Christian example for all of us."

On defense the Rockets had six shutouts and allowed the fewest points of any team in school history. Junior linebacker Noah Paxton was named the Defensive Player of the Year and also named to the first team defense were Price on the defensive line, Cregger at defensive back, senior Tristan Dooley at linebacker and Calfee at punt return.

Paxton was also named to the second team at running back, as was Cregger at tight end and senior Caleb Fields on the offensive line. Selected to the second team on defense were junior Peyton Fields on the line, junior Marcus Donithan

at linebacker and Calfee was also named to the second team as a defensive back.

Three Rockets received Honorable Mention, senior Isaiah Nichols, junior Kadin Arthurs and sophomore Bentley Smith.

Craig County coach Fisher was named the Pioneer District Coach of the Year. Fisher accepted the honor as a "team award" along with assistants Jayke Dowdy, Roland Donithan, Corey Smith, James Hodges, Jeremy Howell, Josh Craft and Jaycob Wolfe.

"It's a team award," said Fisher. "I am not working any harder than I was five years ago.

I want to thank our coaching staff for putting up with me and working hard for these young men."

Jimmy had special praise for Dowdy, who coached the Craig defense to a historic season and is Fisher's "right hand man."

"Jayke is the defensive coordinator and assistant head coach, but he's way more than that," said Fisher. "He's my close friend and a brother. He is the young, energetic coach that compliments the old dinosaur. To me he is a co-head coach, and even though neither one of us like or care about credit, if any is given to the head coach... there are two of us."



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Senior Carter Calfee was named to the All-District team at running back, defensive back and punt return.



Craig head coach Jimmy Fisher, left with assistants Jayke Dowdy(knit hat) and Corey Smith(behind Jayke), was named Pioneer District Coach of the Year. Fisher accepted the honor on behalf of the entire coaching staff.



Junior Noah Paxton is the Pioneer District Defensive Player of the Year.