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Poff introduced extension agent

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Two new agents at the Craig County Virginia Cooperative extension office were introduced during last week's meeting of the county board of supervisors.

Michelle Poff previously taught high school mathematics in her home state of North Carolina. She moved to Virginia and obtained a graduate degree in forestry and natural resources. In 2000 she began her extension career as the 4H agent in

She transferred to Montgomery County in 2003 and worked as the

4-H agent there for 20 years. Poff said she is excited to be the 4H agent for Craig County youth again and is looking forward to working with community leaders and volunteers to engage kids in 4H clubs, school enrichment programs,, leadership development and other special interest programs.

Poff particularly enjoys working in programs related to stem and teen empowerment, the loves working with volunteers to develop educational opportunities around all 4-H topic areas such as animal sciences, public speaking, youth entrepreneurship, financial literacy and others.

The second agent will be featured in next week's issue.



Virginia lawmakers consider sweeping changes to special education

Nathaniel Cline

Virginia Mercury

Two Virginia lawmakers are proposing sweeping measures to improve the state's provision of special education services as criticisms from parents and the federal government over Virginia's compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act continue.

Sponsored by Del. Carrie R-Chesterfield, Coyner, and Sen. Barbara Favola, D-Arlington, the proposals would create a statewide system to oversee the development and use of individualized education programs (IEPs) for students with special needs, require more training for educators about how to provide inclusive special education instruction, set up eight regional "special

centers" and provide additional specialists to divisions.

"It's no secret we are failing our students with disabilities Virginia," said Coyner during a Jan. 30 hearing on the legislation.

Federal law requires states to provide all students with disabilities a "free appropriate public education." Among the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is that schools must offer an IEP and that "every child should have the chance to meet challenging objectives," according to a 2017 U.S. Supreme Court decision.

This bill ensures that there is monitoring of this civil rights law at the state level, and it's very necessary," said Kandise

education parent support Lucas, a special education advocate, during a recent House Education subcommittee meeting.

Virginia has almost 181,000 students receiving special education services this school year, an increase of nearly 7,000 students from a year ago. But the state has struggled to meet the demands of students with disabilities.

Virginia has repeatedly been criticized by the federal government for problems with providing special education services. A June 2020 report by the U.S. Office of Special Education Programs determined that Virginia "does not have the procedures and practices that are reasonably designed to enable the state to exercise general supervision

over all educational programs for children with disabilities."

The Virginia Department of Education disputed some of the findings, saying the federal office included "factual inaccuracies."

However, in a Feb. 17, 2023 letter from OSEP, the office identified "significant new or continued areas of concerns" with how the state was complying with supervision, dispute resolution and confidentiality requirements in IDEA. In particular, it concluded Virginia "does not have procedures and practices that are reasonably designed to ensure a timely resolution process" for complaints and said at least five districts were not

adhering to IDEA regulations. Individual school divisions have also been faulted by federal officials. In November 2022, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights found Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia's largest school district, had failed to provide thousands of students with disabilities the education they were entitled to receive during the COVID-19

pandemic. State reviews also echoed many federal criticisms. In 2020, the Joint Legislative and Audit Review Commission identified major shortcomings in the state's provision of special education services, including low-quality IEPs, a lack of knowledge among educators about how

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Supervisors get update on Craig Creek trail



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The Craig County Board of Supervisors received an update during its Feb. 1 meeting from Woody Lipps about the proposed Craig County Railbed Trail.

The project would be a rails-to-trails coversion allowing rcreational access to a graded roadbed that carried a C&O Railway branch line paralleling Craig Creek until the branch was abandoned in the early 1960s and donated to the Commonweath of Virginia.

If completed, the trail would extend between Craig County High School and Eagle Rock in Botetourt County.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board in September 2022 authorized up to \$1 million to support preconstruction planning activities for the trail.

The Virginia Department of

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Transportation (VDOT) "continues to collect data and conduct site visits and field reviews. The cost estimate is still being refined and a specific schedule for construction has yet to be determined.

"Although high-level studies for the rail corridor have been conducted in the past, engineering plans for trail are still in the early stages of development. Preliminary design is ongoing and many details about the trail have yet to be determined. Both Botetourt and Craig counties have formed citizen committees to assist with the planning phase. The committees have been meeting regularly since December 2022."

VDOT says the benefit of this project is to develop a multi-use trail for walking, running, biking, and horseback riding that utilizes a former railbed and some low-volume

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Jones recognized by Craig County Public Schools



Junior Jones was recognized Craig County Public Schools as the January **Employee of** the Month. Jones was awarded a \$50 Visa gift card.



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BITUARIES

Greiser, Michael D.

Michael D. Greiser, 74, passed away unexpectedly on January 26, 2024. Over a period of three years he had successfully undergone major spinal surgeries and was steadily recovering from the most recent procedure. He had been looking forward to once again making the neighbors' pastures safe for cattle, taking road trips here in the Commonwealth and hunting in the fall.

Mike was born on August 7, 1949 in Charleston, West Virginia where he graduated from Stonewall Jackson High Immediately upon receipt of his diploma he left "West-by-God" to seek what he hoped would be an This interesting life. commenced with acceptance into the CIA's courier training program. Upon discovering that he wasn't cut out for this version of fun, travel and adventure he sought opportunities in the construction industry.

"Uncle Sam" other plans which were modestly adjusted upon Mike's enlistment in the Army in August 1969. He trained as an intelligence analyst-was fate steering him back to the starting point?--and served in the Southern Command, initially stationed at Ft. Amador and later with the Special Forces at Ft. Gulick, both in the Republic of Panama. While assigned to the Special Forces he was a finalist for Soldier of the Month and received the third highest score Armywide when qualifying for promotion to E5. He completed his tour of duty at Ft. Bragg and was honorably discharged in February 1972 as an E5.

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enabled him to pursue a degree at Texas A & M University. With this and the additional advantages of transfer credits, yearround enrollment and a part-time job related to his major course of study he was able to complete those studies without accruing debt. His chosen curriculum, civil engineering, took many as much as five years to finish, but he was able to graduate in 3 ½ years. He was awarded a B. S. in December 1975 and also was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi national honor society. The State of Texas granted him registration as a Professional Engineer

He returned to the construction industry, progressing from designing and field engineering to project management. He retired in 2004. His career took him to job sites, mostly in the western U. S. but also to the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia. Training and advancing the careers of hardworking staff and knowing that his

completed projects had fulfilled all contractual terms with minimal impacts from claims were the sources of much gratification. The admiration of clients was the "icing on the cake".

For nearly a decade, he managed to find the time to be a competitive pistol shooter, participating in area matches in several western states once in Canada, rarely failing to place or win as a Class A competitor. In his initial year of competition he qualified for and competed in his only national match at which he was pleased to finish in the top 10%. His work obligations and near-yearly re-locations made it impossible to repeat this challenging experience.

Upon settling into Craig County he felt that he had found his "final country". The hours spent still-hunting, reading or merely reclining in the living room to watch the many birds—fondly referred to as "air pigs"--feeding at well-stocked feeders gave him peace and satisfaction with his life. Gourmet dinners, whether enjoyed at home alone with his wife or shared with friends, were another source of joy.

He is survived by his wife, Lee. The couple would have celebrated their 54th anniversary on Groundhog Day. Per his final instructions there will not be a funeral or memorial service and his ashes will be scattered to the winds per his wish. And, yes, it was an interesting life.

Crawford, Tawana Jean

There was a celebration in heaven as Tawana Jean Crawford departed this world on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Tawana was born November 20, 1951, to RB and Betty Davis in Bowie, TX. She lived in Texas until she married her husband Bud, of 28 years. While they made their home in Virginia, she alway kept Texas and the Dallas Cowboys in her heart. (win or lose!) Everyone who knew Tawana knew that she put others before herself and God above all. With her contagious laugh and gift of gab, she never met a stranger. God gifted her with musical talent of singing and

Telephone: _

playing the piano. She served the Lord playing at Grace Baptist Church since the church began.

Tawana was preceded in death by her father,



Ricky Davis. She is survived by her husband, Bud; children, Nicole

Cocklin, Crystal Roberts, Jackie Sessions (Patrick), and Mark Crawford (Denise); sister, Sherri Lamar (Kenny); seven grandchildren, Nicholas, Kennedy, Tyson, J.W., Jasper, Jackson, and Mackenzie; brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Donna Crawford; and her beloved fur baby, Stella.

held 2 p.m. Friday, February 2, 2024, at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Matt Wilkins officiating. Interment will follow at Crossroads Church Cemetery. The family received friends 1-2 p.m. before the service. Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home. http://www. paitselfh.com

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to effectively support students with disabilities and shortfalls in the Virginia Department of Education's oversight of local divisions.

Researchers who reviewed 90 randomly selected IEPs found about half lacked goals for academic progress or improved functioning, which are required by federal law. About 37% of parents believed the services outlined in their child's IEP were only "somewhat" or "not at all appropriate."

A third of the special education

directors interviewed by JLARC said only half or fewer administrators and general education teachers in their division had the knowledge or skills necessary to support students with disabilities. However, researchers pointed out that state regulations only required "minimal" training in special

education for administrators.

students with severe, less common or multiple disabilities graduated at a rate lower than those with more common disabilities. Additionally, it found a persistent shortage of special education teachers, with many school divisions relying on underprepared teachers to

Overall, the report observed Virginia

A statewide IEP system, additional training and parent support centers

Coyner and Favola pitched their legislation this week as a way to address many of the problems identified by the federal government and JLARC.

"Most of the things that the federal government has hit us with is about compliance, and while compliance must happen, it doesn't guarantee great instructional practices and that all students are served the best they can be in the commonwealth," said Coyner, a former Chesterfield School Board member, at a Tuesday hearing. "At the end of the day, we want our

school systems to serve every child," Favola told a Senate panel Thursday.

While the bills are identical in many respects, the House version of the legislation includes a formal definition of an IEP and more requirements for school boards to provide teachers with A key proposal of both would create a

statewide system to oversee the development and use of IEPs for students with special needs. In addition to providing a model for schools to use in crafting IEPs, the system would provide guidance to school boards on how to use them and include datatracking capabilities.

Amendments to the legislation would allow schools that already have their own version of an IEP tracking and oversight system to opt out of the state system. The proposal would also require

training for educators about how to provide inclusive special education instruction and would task school with providing quality professional development in instructional practices" for special

Mike Asip, policy and legislative chair for the Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education, said at a Jan. 30 hearing that "professional development for general ed teachers and administrators is critical to making them a fully informed team about the needs of students with disabilities." Public colleges and universities

would also be required to instruct aspiring teachers in teaching in inclusive settings, or classrooms that meet the individual needs of students.

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"This is a very comprehensive, robust bill that can focus on inclusion and focus on quality education for all of our kids," said Tonya Milling, executive director of the Arc of Virginia, an advocacy group for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, at the Jan.

To increase resources for parents, the

legislation would set up eight regional special education parent support centers, staffed with a special parent ombudsman who would systematically track and report questions and concerns raised by parents of special education students to the state. Additionally, school boards would

have to hire at least one full-time special education parent engagement specialist to help parents navigate the referral, evaluation, eligibility and IEP processes. Both Favola and Coyner are asking

for \$14.2 million over the next two years to pay for divisions' special education parent engagement specialists and \$8.1 million for the creation of the Virginia IEP system, professional development, teacher coaching and eight additional state ombudsman Two speakers Thursday said they

wished the bill addressed problems with the special education teacher pipeline given the "extraordinary shortage" of teachers and the state's reliance on provisionally licensed teachers.

Favola acknowledged the bill does not fix the teacher pipeline issue but said there are ways to address those concerns through the regulatory process or by creating incentives.

Sen. Stella Pekarsky, D-Fairfax, who supported the bill, said she too was worried about special education

"The workload is immense," Pekarsky said. "The type of issues that they are dealing with are significant. There is significant burnout, people are leaving the profession and we know that our students with IEPs probably need the most highly qualified experienced

Agency efforts Outside of the General Assembly,

the Virginia Department of Education this October announced the creation of a workgroup to help develop what it's calling the "2024 Roadmap for Special Education." It also is creating a dedicated team that reports directly to the superintendent of public instruction to monitor how school divisions provide special education services and assist them as needed.

Last year, Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Coons commissioned Robert Pasternack and Nathan Levenson, two special education experts, to conduct external evaluations of Virginia's special education programs.

The two experts identified similar issues as the Office of Special Education Programs and offered recommendations, some of which are included in Coyner

and Favola's legislation. Pasternack's report concluded the

department should "provide much quicker feedback to divisions regarding findings of non-compliance and required corrective action following VDOE monitoring" and should increase its efforts to notify parents of tools available to them, such as mediation

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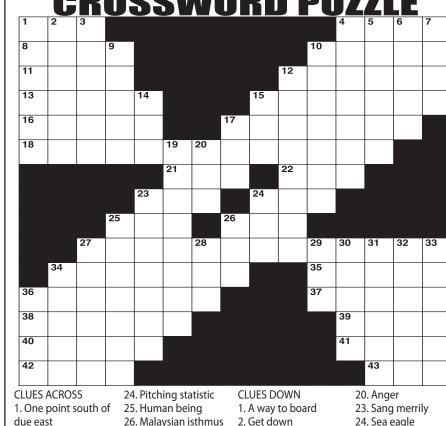


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Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon Contributing Writer

Super LVII Bowl will played on Sunday, Feb. The 11. Super Bowl has served as

the final game of every NFL season since 1966. It is watched by Americans more than anything else on television. Unlike other championships, it takes place over the course of a single game. It's easy to plan for and only takes a few hours on a Sunday in winter. When the NFL moved the game to primetime in 1978, the result was the most watched Super Bowl to date. The Super Bowl has advertisers that use a chunk of their advertising budget to advertise during the game. During the 1984 game, Apple introduced the Macintosh computer to the world; it was the first allin-one personal computer to be a mass-market success and the commercial ran just the one time. At halftime, some of the most popular musicians take the stage to perform. While in recent years it has dropped in the ranks of popular gigs for entertainers, it still is looked forward to by millions of viewers. Whether you watch for the football, the

commercials or the half time show the Super Bowl counts as a food holiday. According to the National Chicken Council- yes, there is National Chicken Council- Americans eat more than 100 million pounds of chicken wings on Super Bowl Sunday alone. That's more than 1.25 billion individual wings. Other game foods include pizza, queso dip, chili, chips and salsa, cocktail meatballs, sub sandwiches, burgers, and hot dogs. This week's recipes are good additions to that

roundup.

Buffalo chicken meatballs

Ingredients:

Oil spray or non-stick spray 1 ¼ lb ground chicken $\frac{1}{4}$ cup panko crumbs

1 large egg

2 scallions chopped 1/3 cup finely minced celery

1/3 cup finely minced carrot 1 clove garlic crushed

Salt and pepper to taste 1/3 cup Franks Hot sauce

1/4 cup blue cheese dressing, optional

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Lightly spray a baking sheet with oil. In a large bowl, combine the ground chicken, panko crumbs, egg, scallion, celery, carrot and garlic. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Using clean hands mix until combined. Roll the mixture (1/8 cup each) into 26 round meatballs. Place the meatballs onto prepared baking sheet and bake until cooked through and golden, about 16 to 18 minutes. Place the meatballs in a bowl, add buffalo sauce and gently toss to coat. Serve with blue cheese dressing, if desired.

Slow cooker Rueben dip

Ingredients:

1 jar/can (14 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained

1 8 oz package cream cheese cubed 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese

1 3 oz package deli corned beef, chopped 3 Tablespoons prepared Thousand Island dressing Snack rye bread or crackers

Directions:

In a 1 ½ quart slow cooker, combine the first 5 ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 2-3 hours or until cheeses are melted. Stir to blend. Serve warm with bread or crackers. You can also heat this in the microwave on high for 1 minute intervals stirring and checking each minute until cheeses are melted.

Pizza balls

Ingredients:

1 pound ground Italian sausage

1 16 oz package Shredded mozzarella cheese

2 cups baking mix

1 chopped green pepper

yellow onion, chopped 1 cup pizza sauce, divided

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning or to taste

Salt and black pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease a large baking sheet. Mix the Italian sausage, shredded mozzarella, baking mix, bell pepper, yellow onion, 1/2 cup pizza sauce, garlic powder, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper together in a large mixing bowl until well combined. Roll the sausage mixture into 1 inch balls, arrange on prepared baking sheet. Bake pizza balls in the oven until lightly browned, about 23-25 minutes. Serve hot with pizza sauce for dipping.





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and the state's special education ombudsman

Levenson's recommendations included setting a higher bar for success for students with disabilities and adopting a "multi-pronged" approach to increasing the role general education plays in serving students with disabilities

Levenson wrote that while VDOE "may feel that they are already working on these recommendations ... how they work on them must be refined. Outside third-party support will likely be required to help

create a new normal way of helping guide, support, and pressure school systems. These recommendations call for adaptive, large-scale change, not minor tweaks to current practice."

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secondary roads.

Lipps told the county supervisors that the planning timeline is now until spring to survey and document of environmental and cultural resources. In spring or early summer 2024, a public review and public hearing on draft environmental documentation will be held.

In the summer of 2020 the focus will be on specific design work with final design around fall 2025.

The proposed trail has generated controversy and opposition from some citizens, including property owners close to the rail corridor

who have long since used the abandoned right-of-way for their own residential or agricultural purposes, or for access.

"In this proposal, bicycles, hikers, equestrians, cars, trucks, and farm equipment will all share the same road! It has never been abandoned in its everyday use. Over 16 miles are used for some form of vehicular traffic, 11 miles are actually declared state roads. It has been used this way for over 60 years and calling it abandoned is very misleading," a local group called DeRail the Trail has

railbed should be in the hands of landowners instead of for public use.

presented some Lipps statistics during his remarks to the county board about data gathered during the information assembly and analysis part of the planning process.

About 1.2 miles of this is currently state secondary road - Allegheny Circle, Old Railroad Ave., Mill Circle Lane

64 private landowners to join the section of railroad bed in Craig County

Four government agencies on land adjacent - the

The group believes the county school system, the Public Service Authority, the Economic Development Authority and the U.S. Forest Service

Twenty-two of the total 68

land owners adjoined it where it is now a state secondary road Twelve residents either cross

or use part of the drill bit for primary access Six farm roads cross or use

sections of the railbed

Fourteen homes are within 100 feet the edge of the state corridor. Four additional homes are immediately adjacent to the edge of the corridor.

The state owned corridor is a minimum of 100 feet wide in Craig County and up to 200 feet in one section

There are two railroad bridges in Craig County Barber's Creek in Mill

Along existing our one-mile trail there are 5 adjacent landowners, two homes immediately adjacent and three farm road crossings.

The county supervisors thanked Lipps for his presentation but made no additional comments about the trail proposal.

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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raine Taylor, agladypastor@msn.com. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Youth (ages 13-18) & Super Church (ages 4-12) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You can also watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. www.graceassemblycatawaba.org **GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH** 159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School

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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

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News from the 9th: Push me, pull you



Morgan Griffith

Representative

I am often asked by friends and constituents how things are going in Washington. I have to say I am doing my best, but sometimes I get frustrated. We know that there can be partisan gridlock that slows things down in Washington, but right now frustrating and nonsensical decisions are coming from the Biden Administration. The way they decide policy reminds me of the Doctor Dolittle character, the Pushmi-Pullyu, an animal with two heads at opposite ends of its body.

Currently, the Administration is trying to push billions and billions of taxpayer money out the door to fund

new-fangled energy technologies that are not fully developed, while at the same time closing a door on the natural gas industry that brings down costs for families and helps our national security

Recently I chaired a hearing in the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee, in which I questioned a Senior Advisor at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about the agency's new Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The fund was authorized by the so-called Inflation Reduction Act, which has \$27 billion for Green New Deal projects. (A recent report in the Daily Caller even says they are going to deem the playground for the wealthy, Martha's Vineyard, as "low income" to push EV charger subsidies.) According to the law, the agency must award all the funds by September 30th. That is a staggering amount in the next eight

While I did not vote for the Inflation Reduction Act and don't agree with many of the policies, the fund is set to hand out \$27 billion in taxpayer funds in a short amount of time and we must ensure there are proper protocols put in place to limit waste, fraud, and abuse of this money.

During the hearing, I asked our witness about the specific audit and debarment measures the EPA will use to ensure compliance by grantees, but also sub-grantees.

I also asked him to ensure that both grantees and sub-grantees will be responsive to this Oversight Subcommittee.

I asked this because unfortunately the federal government has run into issues in the past when funding and overseeing new types of energy and environment projects. prime example was when the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gave

loans to Solyndra from 2009 to 2011. Abuse by DOE and their failure to properly administer the program cost the American taxpayers an additional \$170 million. And pulling in the other direction, Biden recently announced that he would be instituting a ban on permits for new projects that export U.S. Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) to countries that do not have free trade agreements with the U.S., including all of Europe.

Unfortunately, limiting LNG exports will not only have negative effects here at home, but also internationally.

Blocking new LNG projects will damage future natural gas infrastructure and kill thousands of good paying American jobs. Before Biden's ban, a 2017 report by ICF International indicated that by 2040, the U.S. LNG industry was projected to support between 220,000 and 452,000

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Sen. Chris Head offers legislative update from Richmond



Chris Head **District 3**

Dear Friends,

The General Assembly continues to move along. Bills are passing out of the Senate and moving to the House. Some of the bills moving through the process will strengthen Virginia; others, however, could set the Commonwealth back. This week, I want to tell you about some noteworthy bills related to education and elections. **IMPROVING** VIRGINIA

SCHOOLS

I am committed to ensuring that

every Virginia student receives a worldclass education, including access to an affordable college degree or training for a career. This year, progress is being made toward that goal. One of the best moves toward

improving access to Virginia's public colleges and universities is a bill banning the use of "legacy" status in admissions decisions. Like many Republicans, I believe that decisions like these must be based strictly on merit. This bill passed the Senate unanimously and is waiting for action by the House of Delegates.

Another bill that recently passed the Senate will allow school boards to develop more effective policies to limit cell phone use in the classroom. While my colleagues and I recognize that allowing a child to carry a cell phone can help ensure their safety, phones can also be a significant distraction in the classroom. Most of my Senate colleagues share my view that school boards should be able to set clear rules about when a cell phone may or may not be used during regular school hours. An overwhelming bipartisan majority passed this bill out of the Senate, and it now awaits action in the House of Delegates. ENSURINĞ FAIR AND SECURE

ELECTIONS In a democracy like ours, few

things are more critical than ensuring citizens feel confident that their vote is counted and that the electoral process is honest and reliable. My Republican colleagues and

I are committed to fair and secure elections, ensuring only legal voters can vote. Republicans have put forward common-sense proposals like:

ensuring someone registering to vote has a valid Social Security number (SB

requiring a voter to show valid photo identification to be allowed to cast a ballot (SB 45);

mandating voting machines provide a printed receipt to voters so each voter can have a record of when and where they voted and how they cast their ballot (SB 303).

Democrats killed these and other reasonable ideas to ensure the security and validity of our elections. Despite this, I will continue to work for laws that keep our elections fair and honest. LEGISLATION

This week I had 4 more bills pass the Senate floor and head over to the

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legislation calling for the early release of Terry L.



District 37

To the constituents of

the 37th House District:

Week four of the

out of the House.

witness the deleterious effects social media can have on our children. A 6,500 12 to 15-year-olds in the U.S. determined that those who spent more than three hours a might be at heightened risk for mental health problems. Another 2019 study of more than 12,000 13 to 16-yearolds in England found that using social media more than three times a day predicted poor mental health and wellbeing in teens. Other studies have observed links between high levels of social media use and

symptoms. A 2016 study of more than 450 teens found that greater social media use, nighttime social media use, and emotional investment in social media — such as feeling upset when prevented from logging on — were each linked with a decline in sleep quality and higher levels of anxiety and depression.

Common sense measures to address social media use by children under the age of thirteen prohibited created common sense safeguards. The data continues to show that

something needs to be

In discussions on how to address violent crime in our society, the victim is often overlooked. The House is still considering legislation that could allow criminals of violent crimes yet another chance to get out of jail early. I have deep reservations about this legislation, known as "second look" My colleagues heard testimony in committee from victims of crime, as well as from their families. The heartache they expressed at the prospect of having to continually face the people who hurt them, and their loved ones, so deeply is difficult to put into words. I oppose and will vote against this legislation at every

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Del. Terry Austin offers legislative update from Richmond depression or anxiety



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2024 General Assembly has concluded, and the House of Delegates working through hundreds of bills as the Crossover deadline of February 13th quickly approaches. differences in how best to protect our children and victims of violent crime have become increasingly apparent in committee debate. Several bills that would have addressed the detrimental effects of social media on our children were defeated in committee. Meanwhile, perpetrators of violent crime is advancing, while a bill curtailing our right to self-protection passed We continue to

2019 study of more than day using social media

were unfortunately not considered beneficial by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. These bills would have addictive features on social media shown to children, required parental consent for social media use, and

opportunity.

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Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

The Library Board of Trustees will meet at the Craig County Library on Main Street in New Castle from 6-7 p.m.

Feb. 19

The New Castle Town Council will meet from 7-8 p.m. at the New Castle Town Hall at 339 Market Street in New Castle.

Feb. 20

Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a citizen comment period from 9-10:30 a.m. in the courthouse breakroom.

The Craig County Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building on Court Street in New Castle.

A CPMT meeting at CPMT - Department of Social Services on Court Street in New Castle will be at 1 p.m.

The Department of Social Services Board will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Court Street in New Castle.

Ongoing

Feeding southwest Virgnia will be offering

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

Booster Club of Craig Schools meet on the third Monday of each month in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. Community members are encouraged to attend and to join to support the kids of Craig County as they need the participation of more people.

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additional U.S. jobs. Additionally, the report projected the industry would add between \$50 billion and \$73 billion to the U.S. economy.

U.S. exports of LNG also help protect ours and other countries' national security interests.

After Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, U.S. companies increased their LNG exports so that European countries would not have to rely solely on Russia.

This was in an effort to not only restrict the revenue Russia would receive from their LNG exports, but also decrease the likelihood that Russia could destabilize the region should they want to retaliate against Europe for supporting Ukraine.

Recently, I met with a few members of Bulgaria's Parliament who talked about Bulgaria switching from Russian to U.S. LNG and how they were glad to have U.S. energy sources to rely on. So, on the one hand, the

Administration is pushing billions of dollars to implement new and untested technology, and on the other hand they are pulling the benefits of technology that helps here and abroad.

Not only that, but the Administration has also now adopted this push/ pull stance on foreign affairs. They have claimed to support Ukraine and previously advocated for exporting LNG in order to support Ukraine and the rest of Europe. Now they are stopping new permits, which will help Russia and hurt Ukraine.

How does any of this make sense?

It's time for the Biden Administration to stop these senseless decisions that push in one direction and pull in the other.

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SB 156 will assist in facilitating the Wells Fargo expansion in Roanoke County through post-performance grant funding after meeting metrics for capital investment and the creation of at least 1,100 new full-time jobs at the facility. SB 156 passed the Senate unanimously (40-0).

SB 132 will help expedite assessments of the Health Insurance Reform Commission (HIRC), by requiring that whenever the Chairman of the House Committee on Labor and Commerce or the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor requests that the Commission assess a legislative measure containing a mandated health insurance benefit or provider, the HIRC is to complete its assessment and submit a report for each such request within 24 months. SB 132 passed the Senate (39-1).

SB 135 will expand development opportunities for localities across the Commonwealth,

especially in Senate District 3, by allowing the Virginia Economic Development Authority to Partnership determine a site of at least 50 contiguous acres to be an eligible site if such site meets certain location, geographic, environmental, or unique opportunity factors. SB 135 passed the Senate unanimously

SB 413 is the result of the Code Commission's workgroup to addresses changes in local government public notices that help provide clarity and establish uniformity regarding the timing and frequency of their publication. SB 413 passed the Senate unanimously (40-0).

Several of my other bills have successfully reported from their respective committees and are on the Senate floor.

SB 145 clarifies in the Code of Virginia that a special conservator of the peace may possess simultaneous registration with Department of Criminal Justice Services as an armed security

officer pursuant, provided they meet the requirements for each licensure. This bill will help SCOPs improve their capability to respond to threats within their respective jurisdictions. SB 145 reported unanimously (15-0) from the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, and will be up for a floor vote on its 3rd reading on Monday next

SB 155 will strengthen workforce development in the healthcare space by adding four additional ex officio members to the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, directing changes to regulations regarding qualifications for nursing and qualified mental health professionals, establishing a work group to address health workforce shortages, and creating a program for health workforce development, along with the creation of the Virginia Health Care Career and Technical Training and Education Fund. SB 155 reported unanimously

Senate from both the Committee on Education and Health (15-0) and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations (14-0). This bill will be up for a floor vote on its 3rd reading on Monday next week.

More of my legislation will be heard in committee next week as we near Crossover on February 13th. You can follow my legislation as it makes its way through the General Assembly HERE and all 2024 bills introduced by members of the Senate of Virginia and the House of Delegates HERE.

CONSTITUENT VISITS Our office continues to welcome many visitors week after week, and Week 4 was no exception. I enjoyed speaking with constituents and advocates for agriculture, higher education, tourism, economic development, environmental healthcare, and much more! If you are in Richmond during session, please come by and see us in Room 619 in the General Assembly Building.

KEEP AN EYE ON THE **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

As always, I want to encourage you to watch the General Assembly session. Of course, you are always welcome to visit us in person in Richmond and view the proceedings from the gallery. You can also stream each day's session. Session typically begins at noon each weekday, although that time can vary based on the workload. You can check the schedule on the Legislative Services Calendar.

As we move into Week 5 on Monday, please let me know where you stand on legislation impacting you. You can email my office at senatorhead@ senate.virginia.gov or call us at (804) 698-7503.

I'll continue to be in touch next week with another update from the General Assembly. In the meantime, you can also follow me on Twitter @SenChrisHead or like my Facebook page to stay current with all the action in Richmond.

Have a great week!

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At the same time, HB2 passed out of the House this past week. This bill vaguely defines "weapons of war" as firearms that most law-abiding citizens already own and enacts a Class 1 misdemeanor for owning any such firearm manufactured after July 1, 2024. A firearm with a magazine of more than ten rounds is included in this definition. It also prohibits anyone under twenty-one years

old from legally possessing one of these firearms regardless of the date it was manufactured, effectively raising the age of legal ownership from the current age of eighteen. This bill does not address the mental health crisis we face in society and diminishes the ability for someone to protect themselves and their families. I voted against this piece of legislation and will continue to vote against the myriad of bills

that try to do the same.

As for my bills, I am pleased to report that four of them unanimously passed out of the House. These bills amend the bylaws of VA250 Commission, create a commemorative license plate for our nation's 250th anniversary, conform state code to federal regulations Commercial Driver Licenses, and create a more efficient process for abandoned

vehicle title searches in other states. My bills supporting the Virginia Horse Center, establishing a more objective automobile franchise buy/sell process, and providing clarity to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, have all unanimously passed out of committee and will make their way to the House floor this coming week.

I enjoyed meeting with constituents of the Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics this past week. We discussed how healthy eating habits and outdoor physical activity can improve physical and mental well-being. It is an honor to serve you in the Virginia House of Delegates. If I can be of assistance to you, or you would like to share your position on legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me at DelTAustin@House. Virginia.gov or 804-698-1037.

Koadwatch

Interstate 81

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

PACTS:

WORK ZONE SPEED: Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space

when following a vehicle. Narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, are present.

TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILD-WOOD ROAD: Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

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

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

during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening. The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 offramp intersection at Wildwood Road

and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected completion in early 2026.

Craig County

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPE-LINE - The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is February 2024.







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Debra Conner, Owner

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coincide with the Cherry Blossom Festival sponsored by the Town of Buchanan. The show is sponsored by the United Women in Faith at Trinity United Methodist Church in Buchanan, VA. We would love to have you join us and applications are being accepted and may be requested by contacting the United Women in Faith at: WashingtonStreetArtShow @gmail.com

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Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE

CSKS LLC, trading as 101 Corner, 1123 Fairfax St., Radford, VA 24141-5342

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Hardikkumar Patel, Owner Chirayu Patel, Owner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.in the City Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, to consider public comments regarding the following: Proposed amendment to Radford City Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 120.1-228 - Non-Conforming Signs. The proposed amendment will allow for the Consolidation; reconstruction of existing nonconforming off-premise sign structures. Additional information is available at www.radfordva.gov or the Community Development Dept. at (540)267-3188. 10 Robertson Street. Interested

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Josue Vazquez Quintanilla,

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular

meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024.

at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, voted to continue the public hearing of the following item.

Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map #'s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

This item was continued until the March 11, 2024, meeting of the Council of the City of Salem. This meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street.

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

Legals -Montgomery County

TOWN OF

BLACKSBURG -NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

will hold public hearings on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items: Ordinance 2038: An

Ordinance to Amend Town Code Sections 14-200, 14-201 and 14-202 Establishing a Civil Penalty for Certain Trash Violations The proposed ordinance will amend the Town Code to create a process to address loose trash or garbage in a timely manner. Ordinance 2040: An

Ordinance to Amend Town Code to Establish a New Section 17-315 to Prohibit Overcrowding in Buildings. This proposed ordinance

will incorporate the provisions of § 1001.3 of the Virginia Statewide Prevention Code regarding overcrowding into the Town Code. Violations will be a Class 1 misdemeanor Resolution authorizing Deed of Dedication for Meadowbrook Greenway

<u>Trail</u>

The proposed resolution will authorize the Mayor to sign a Deed of Dedication which will designate a portion of the Meadowbrook Greenway Trail as permanent open space. All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting

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Legals -Montgomery County that JACOB ANDRE

MCPHERSON A/K/A KOBI MAZUR appear at the abovenamedcourt and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 8, 2024. JANUARY 5, 2024 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. TIFFANY M. COUCH,

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Legals - Town of **Vinton**

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, **VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on

Tuesday, February 20. 2024, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning the action to officially list the Vinton Historic District on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places The Vinton Downtown

be eligible for a National Register listing at the local level of significance. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information to affected property owners and local officials about the meaning of a National Register

Historic District appears to

designation. Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607 Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at

Antonia Arias-Magallon Administrative Manager

(540) 983-0607.

The VA Dept of **Historic Resources** will conduct a public information hearing of the Town of Vinton, VA

on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm and will be held at Vinton Town Hall at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179. Public comment regarding

the proposal will be taken at the time of the hearing or can be sent to Director Julie Langan, Dept of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Ave, Richmond,

VA 23221.

This proposal has been recommended eligible for the Virginia Landmarks and National Registers. This proposal will be presented to the State Review Board and the

Board of Historic Resources on March 14, 2024. For additional information, contact Amanda Terrell at Amanda.Terrell@dhr.virgini a.gov or 804-482-8092.

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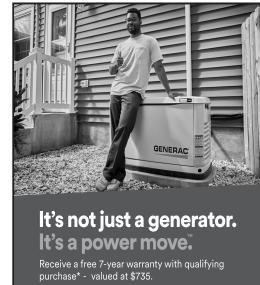


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Rocket boys defeat Bland on "Senior Night"

The Craig County boys will wrap up the strong Parry McCluer team. The Rockets basketball regular season Thursday with a non-district game against the Covington Boys' Home in Covington. The Rockets finished up the Pioneer District season with a game at Highland Monday, but results were too late for publication.

Craig made the long trip to Monterey with a 5-13 overall record and a 1-8 record in the Pioneer District after a busy stretch last week. The week began with a home game against Eastern Montgomery on Tuesday of last week and the visiting Mustangs took a 54-46 win. Craig was down at half but kept it close.

The Rockets had several chances late in the game to cut the lead or tie but couldn't pull it out in the end. "Down the stretch we missed a few

point blank layups and could not hit our free throws," said coach Ryan Frazier. "We played well enough to be in the game and have a shot at the end, we just didn't execute when it mattered most." Matthew Lucas led Craig in scoring

with 17, Hayden Reynolds had 10, Jaycob Wolfe and Luke Potter had seven each and Talon Ritter chipped in with five points. On Thursday in Buena Vista the

Rockets dropped a 90-56 game to a

surprised the Blues by jumping to an 18-15 advantage in the early going but Craig wasn't able to sustain a lead.

We were playing some really good basketball against one of the best teams in the district," said Frazier. "In the end they just had too much and were too deep for us to stay with them. I was proud of our effort and that we didn't quit, there were some good positive signs to take from this

Lucas finished with 18 points, Reynolds had 14 and Wolfe had 13 to lead the

On Saturday the Rockets hosted Bland County in a girls-boys doubleheader and took a 63-51 non-district win. It was "Senior Night" and a good send off for the Rocket seniors. Prior to the game each senior was honored and given a nice basketball with their picture and information on the ball.

We then got the game started and played a great team game that saw us get the win," said Frazier. "We had three guys in double figures, and all three made crucial free throws down the stretch to secure our win. Lucas finished with 23 points, Reynolds had 17 and

Wolfe scored 14.

"We were worried about their size giving us some problems, and after a few adjustments we handled that pretty well," said Frazier. "Seth Parsons also scored seven points for us and played a fantastic game. He causes havoc on defense and it was evident in the second half when he made two plays that really gave us momentum and helped put the game to bed.

"At the end of the third quarter, with a few seconds left, we score and Seth turns and steals the inbounds pass and lays it in and cuts it to a one-point game, 46-45. This was the turning point in my opinion. A few minutes later we're up a few points and they're rolling the ball to save some time. Seth sprints to half court and dives for the ball and we get possession.

"I was really happy for Seth, he works hard and has a big role in our team that some don't always see. Well, they got to see it front and center against Bland."

Luke Potter played some great defense on Bland's "go to" offensive player, holding him to 10 points.

"I couldn't be more proud of our guys from bouncing back after two losses and getting a hard earned win on Senior night," said Frazier. "Everyone contributed to a great team win."

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Matthew Lucas scores two of his 23 points in a win over the Bears.

Campbell participates in Special Olympics



Craig County senior Martin Campbell had a big weekend on the basketball floor. He was recognized on "Senior Night" Saturday with his parents, Scott and Tammy Campbell, as the high school Rockets defeated Bland County. Martin also played in the regional Special Olympics at Virginia Tech last weekend and 36 members of the Craig County basketball family went to support him "Martin is the blueprint for a great teammate, and supports his teammates through anything," said Craig coach Ryan Frazier. "It's evident how much Martin is loved and appreciated by his teammates and peers. He is a great person, and we are so happy to have him as part of our Rocket **Basketball Family.**"

Craig County girls look to gain some momentum for basketball post-season

The Craig County girls come into the week with a 5-10 record and hopes of winning a couple basketball games before the post-season begins.

The Rockets have three games to close out the regular season this week. They're at Highland County on Monday, then host Roanoke Valley Christian on Tuesday. The girls conclude the regular season with a makeup game against William Byrd in New Castle on Thursday night.

The girls dropped all three of their games last week, beginning with a 30-28 heart-breaker against Eastern Montgomery in Elliston on January 29. Two foul shots with less than a second on the clock decided the game after Craig let a three-point lead slip away.

With time running out the Mustangs hit one of two foul shots to cut the lead to two, 28-26, and when the second free throw attempt missed there was a scramble for the ball. East Mont came up with it and a long shot banked in to tie the game with 0.9 seconds on the clock.

A long discussion ensued as Craig coach Brock Jones was not awarded a time out he thought he was granted, and on the other side the East Mont coaches insisted the banked in shot was a three, which would have given the Mustangs a one point lead. Eventually it was ruled a two, but Craig coach Brock Jones was called for a technical foul during the discussion and the resulting free throws gave the host Mustangs a wild victory. East Mont, who had six girls in uniform, finished the game with four on the floor after one fouled out and another sprained her ankle in the fourth quarter.

"Physical game and a lot of fouls," said Jones. "We struggled shooting the ball. Shots just weren't going in.'

Kailyn Jones had six points, 13 rebounds and four blocks for the Rockets. Daileigh Donithan also had six points, Jenna Boitnotte had five points and five steals and Kallie Fisher had five points and three steals.

52-24 decision. The Blues are undefeated in Pioneer District play.

"We played well in the first half, only trailing by 11," said coach Jones. "We were in the game back and forth in the first half. Came out in the second half and the press hurt us. Few turnovers back and forth, but I felt like our girls were in the game the whole time minus the simple mistakes of youth that hurt us."

Donithan had eight points and three rebounds while Kailyn Jones had six points, 14 rebounds and three blocks. Brooklyn Cayton had four points and seven steals.

"She was a monster on the defensive end," said Jones of Cayton. "We just struggle as a team in general to shoot the ball from outside the paint. We are working hard on shot form and follow throughs and working on getting our shots off when needed. We focus too much on forcing the ball inside and should be settling for the open shots and let our bigs do the work on rebounding."

On Saturday afternoon the girls hosted Bland County and dropped their third game of the week, 56-35. Bland has a 6'4" center.

"We contained her pretty well, but Bland is a top three team in Region C," said Jones. "They're fairly good and shoot the mid-range game well."

Kailyn Jones had the job of guarding Bland's big girl and held her own in the paint, finishing with 13 points, 15 rebounds and six blocks. Donithan chipped in 11 points and four assists while Kallie Fisher had eight points, four steals and two assists.

"We played well as a team on the defensive end, they just hit their shots," said Jones.

The Rockets were looking to finish third in the district regular season with a win Monday night at Highland but results were too late for publication.

"Big improvement in my three years," said Jones. "We finished fifth my first year and last my second year. If we can win at Highland we have a shot to host a region game."



Kammie Fisher pulls down a rebound for the Rockets.

Rec. girls battle in New Castle



The Craig County Super Nuggets and Hot Shots battle in a youth league game at Craig County High School.