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Mountain Castles SWCD holds winter awards banquet

Mountain Castles Soil & Water Conservation District recognized four local farms with Clean Water Farm Awards at their winter awards banquet in Fincastle. Jeannette Kremer and Graylen Alley were the Craig County award winners. Ginny and Will Barkett and Greg and Barbara Teets were the Botetourt County winners.

"Due to several factors, we weren't able to recognize the 2022 Clean Water Farm Award winners last year, so it was great to recognize four very deserving farms on the same night," said Dan Naff, conservation technician for Mountain Castles SWCD. Each year, the conservation district recognizes farmers who have demonstrated a commitment to conservation through best management practices such as

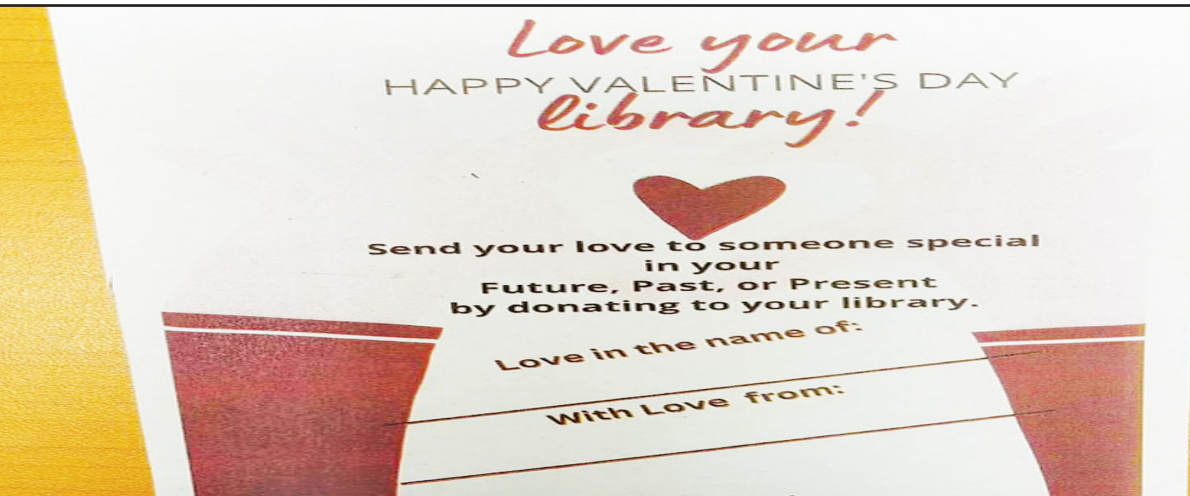
livestock stream exclusion, rotational grazing, and planting cover crops.

The district also premiered a new video highlighting local farmers. The video was directed by Jess Wiegandt, a graduate of Lord Botetourt HS. "We need to do a better job of storytelling instead of just bombarding people with facts," said Tim Miller, Mountain Castles district coordinator. For many producers, it's the next generation that motivates them to initiate conservation practices on the farm. "It's great to not only show what farmers are doing, but why they are doing it. We're thrilled with the way the film turned out," said Miller.

The link to the six-minute video can be found at <https://www.mountaincastles.org/>.



See SWCD, page 2 Alan and Jeanette Kremer accept their Clean Water Farm Award from Daniel Naff. COURTESY PHOTO



Pictured is the library form. COURTESY PHOTO

CCPL is going all out for Valentine's Day

February offers the Craig County Public Library a chance to show its love for the community and its patrons, so it has amped up the pink and red in the library this month.

"We hope you will add to our lovely library décor by declaring your love to the ones who have your heart this Valentine's Day!

A library donation of any amount can secure your

Valentine's card proclaiming your love for all to see," the library said.

Valentines are available during February at the library, The Emporium, the Craig County Registrar's Office, Pine Top Restaurant and Food Country. To learn more about this, check out the library column on page 4.

Craig Botetourt Electric Co-op office will be closed through March 8

The Craig Botetourt Electric Cooperative recently announced that its New Castle office will be temporarily closed from Feb. 12-March to undergo a much-needed renovation. To maintain a safe environment, the lobby will be closed until Friday, March 8, the coop said, when it hopes to reopen.

"If you require an in-person visit, please contact our Member Services department to schedule an appointment. During this period, the night drop slot will remain in ser-

vice," the coop said. "We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause."

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Jonathan Stanley introduced as extension agent

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Two new agents at the Craig County Virginia Cooperative extension office were introduced during the most recent meeting of the county board of supervisors.

Jonathan Stanley is the new agriculture and natural resource extension agent for Craig and Allegheny counties. Stanley grew up in Roanoke and attended Patrick Henry High School, spending many summers with relatives in far Southwest Virginia. He then attended Virginia Western Community College, studying agriculture. After Virginia Western he transferred to Morehead State University in Kentucky and earned a degree in general agriculture.

Stanley said in a statement that

he has long been fascinated by agriculture. "Throughout my time in university, I was heavily involved with the university farm, working with cattle, sheep, swine and horses, as well as harvesting hay. My background is largely focused on breeding stock production of beef cattle and hair sheep, along with genetics."

This past summer Stanley worked as a Virginia Cooperative Extension intern in the Dickinson County office. "This expense was instrumental in showing me the potential value of an agent. As someone who places a strong emphasis on community, I do not think there is a better resource suited to aid producers and local extension agents," he said.

The other agent was featured in a previous issue of The New Castle Record.



Stanley COURTESY PHOTO

In Virginia, new debates over who gets the final say on solar projects

Charlie Paullin
Virginia Mercury

As Virginia continues its efforts to decarbonize its electric grid by mid-century, lawmakers are grappling with whether the state or local governments should have the ultimate say over where — or whether — solar farms should be built.

Bills this session from Del. Rip Sullivan, D-Fairfax, and Sen. Creigh Deeds, D-Charlottesville, proposed giving state utility regulators the authority to override a local government's denial of a solar project. Another, from Sen. Schuyler VanValkenburg, D-Richmond, would prevent localities from passing ordinances that ban development of solar projects within their boundaries.

While the bills from Deeds and Sullivan have stalled, with legislators in both the House and Senate voting to delay their consideration until next year, VanValkenburg's proposal passed out of committee last week.

The proposals come as environmental groups and energy companies say Virginia must speed up its adoption of renewables to meet the mandates of the 2020 Virginia Clean Economy Act, which requires that Dominion Energy submit proposals to regulators for 3,000 megawatts of solar in its Virginia territory by the end of 2024.

"We don't have a single day to spare, let alone another year to punt on this issue," said Victoria Higgins, Virginia director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network.

But local governments argue the proposals unfairly usurp their authority on decisions that have immediate local impacts, such as the loss of agricultural and forested land.

Counties, said Joe Lerch, policy director for the Virginia Association of Counties, "should have the authority to decide with input of their landowners and their citizens and balancing those property rights of everybody."

State involvement in local land use decisions

Deeds' and Sullivan's legislation would have allowed the state greater involvement in land use approvals for particular solar, onshore wind and energy storage projects.

Currently, solar developers have to get approval from the county board of

supervisors for their projects. The bills would still have called for local review of projects over 50 megawatts in size, but they would have ordered local governments to make a decision on the application within 120 days of submission and would have let the developer seek approval through the State Corporation Commission if the application was denied but met criteria laid out in the law.

The Chesapeake Climate Action Network said data from the Solar Energy Industries Association shows the path for solar development needs to be smoothed: While almost 2,000 megawatts of solar were brought online in Virginia in both 2020 and 2021, the group says, those numbers fell to just

Mack Trucks to invest \$14.5M to expand operation

ROANOKE COUNTY- On Friday, Feb. 9, Governor Glenn Youngkin announced that Mack Trucks, part of Swedish-based Volvo Group and one of North America's leading producers of heavy-duty and medium-duty trucks, will invest \$14.5 million to expand its Roanoke County manufacturing operation. The company will build a new 70,000-square-foot production facility to increase capacity for its medium-duty truck line and an emerging medium-duty electric truck line. Virginia successfully competed with Pennsylvania for the project, which will create 51 new jobs.

The announcement was made at ValleyTech Park at 6450 Technology Drive in Salem.

"Mack Trucks' expansion further strengthens Virginia's manufacturing industry ecosystem, which is a core focus of the Commonwealth's economic development strategy," said Governor Glenn Youngkin. "We are proud that Mack Trucks' initial investment in a new Roanoke County operation four years ago has yielded a second major investment. This is truly another vote of confidence in Virginia by a global industry leader."

"We are proud to support Mack Trucks' continued growth in the Roanoke Region," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. "The Volvo Group and Mack are shaping the future of transportation sustainability and recognize that Virginia's best-in-class business climate, workforce, and logistics infrastructure are drivers for

success." "Mack is committed to making the industrial and product investments we need to be a North American market leader," said Stephen Roy, global president of Mack Trucks. "The expansion of the Roanoke Valley operations plant will help us grow in a strategic market segment and support our sustainability goals."

"We were thrilled to embrace the arrival of Mack Trucks in Roanoke County four years ago and are further delighted to celebrate this expansion initiative today," said Phil North, chair of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. "Their continued commitment to investing in our community not only bolsters our local economy but also underscores the growth potential of our region. I'm grateful for the exceptional efforts of our Economic Development team, led by Megan Baker, whose dedication brought this project to reality."

Roanoke County Administrator Richard Caywood added, "Today's announcement further demonstrates the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors' strategic vision to prioritize economic development and to make the necessary investments to compete in the national and global marketplace."

"Congratulations to Mack Trucks on this impressive expansion," said John Hull, executive director of the Roanoke Regional Partnership. "This impactful project further develops the region's rich automotive manufacturing cluster, which benefits from a supportive workforce development system as well as geo-



A Mack Truck is pictured in the Roanoke County facility.

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graphic advantages relative to customers and the overall automotive industry."

The economic impact of these additional 51 jobs created by this announcement is significant. According to an analysis by the Roanoke Regional Partnership, it is estimated that this increase in operations will add an annual economic impact of \$72 million, not just in Roanoke County, but throughout the region.

Mack Trucks is part of the Volvo Group, which the company said is driving prosperity through transport and infrastructure solutions, offering trucks, buses, construction equipment,

power solutions for marine and industrial applications, financing, and services that increase customer uptime and productivity. Founded in 1927, the Volvo Group is committed to shaping the future landscape of sustainable transport and infrastructure solutions. The Volvo Group is headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden, employs almost 100,000 people and serves customers in more than 190 markets. In 2020, net sales amounted to about \$36.8 billion.

-The Salem Times-Register

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Filmmakers Grace Eggleston and Jess Wiegandt prepare for a drone shot on Graylen Alley's farm.

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over 500 megawatts in both 2022 and 2023.

But Lerch said that shouldn't override local input.

"The crazy thing is it's for really large projects, it's the 50 megawatts and above," he said. "That's the one where localities, more than anything, would want to be able to see if it fits within their jurisdiction."

Dominion too opposed the legislation, saying it's on track to meet its 2024 solar goals and has successfully cooperated with numerous local governments.

"We have a longstanding track record of working cooperatively with cities and counties on local zoning issues and don't support taking that authority away from local governments," said Aaron Ruby, a spokesperson for the utility. "As far as I'm aware, we've never had a local zoning permit denied for utility-scale solar."

Sullivan said the bill was intended to get people's attention.

"It was meant to start that conversation as to how we make sure that we can get to where we want to go while trying to respect local control, but recognizing a state priority," he said.

Local bans VanValkenburg's legislation has sparked more conversation.

In its earliest form, the bill sought to prevent localities from adopting outright bans on solar projects by declaring they must be permitted as a special

use. An amended version introduced Thursday added a caveat: Bans would be allowed if a solar facility takes up more than 4% of the county's land. It also noted no local government would be required to approve an application or be prevented from requiring a developer to provide tree cover and stormwater management plans.

"It says that localities have to have a process in place," VanValkenburg said of the bill. "It says that it can be restrictive, it can be not restrictive."

Currently, Lunenburg and Clarke County have outright solar bans, while the counties of Henry, Mecklenburg, Pittsylvania, Isle of Wight and Nottingham impose various limits on the amount of land that can be used for solar.

Members of the energy industry say those restrictions are having a dampening effect on solar development in Virginia.

"What we're seeing [with] more and more of our developer clients is just looking elsewhere outside of Virginia," said Greg Habeeb, a former legislator and now partner at the lobbying and consulting firm Gentry Locke, during a recent meeting of the state's Solar Energy Development and Storage Authority.

Lerch, however, noted that counties in Virginia have approved roughly 250 solar projects that account for about 10 gigawatts of power.

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1. Revolutions per minute
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16. Lesotho capital
18. Copyreading
22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter
23. One's biological father
24. An aggregate of molecules
26. Equally
27. Khoikhoi people
28. Jump in figure skating
30. Lantern
31. TV network
34. Georges __, French

CLUES DOWN

1. Flower cluster
2. A form
3. Inner organ regions
4. Local law enforcement
5. A citizen of Senegal
6. Positively charged electrodes
7. Connects granules
8. Business practice
9. The Mount Rushmore State
12. Leader
13. Hindu queen
17. Proofreading mark
19. European country
20. Greek mythological nymph
21. Grandfather
25. Clears
29. Amount of time

CLUES DOWN

31. Mollusks
32. German municipality
33. Body part
35. City of Angels
38. Suffocate
41. Pleasing to the eye
43. Poplar trees (Spanish)
44. Ship officer
45. Individual investment account (abbr.)
46. Prefix meaning within
47. Ceased to live
49. Day by day
56. Not color
57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)

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Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon
Contributing
Writer

I must admit it, as a former Brownie and Girl Scout, I love Girl Scout Cookies. My favorite is the Trefoil cookie, but I can say that I have had a stash of Thin Mints in my freezer most years. Girl Scout cookie season helps to usher in Spring. Seeing Girl Scouts freezing outside Kroger, Food Lion, and Walmart just warms the heart and brings back memories. At six dollars a box (the price has increased this year) it is tough to risk the budget for a box. According to the Virginia Skyline council, every cookie purchase supports "Girl Scouts' ability to grow, learn, and thrive through all of life's adventures." All proceeds stay local to help fund the Girl Scouts in our area. And the Girl Scout cookie lineup this year contains all the old favorites. They've got Adventurefuls, Caramel Chocolate Chip, Samoas, Do-Si-Dos, Girl Scout S'mores, Lemonades, Lemon-Ups, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Toast-Yay!, Toffee-tastic, and Trefoils.

Girl Scout Cookies were originally home baked by girl members with moms volunteering as technical advisers. The sale of cookies to finance troop activities began as early as 1917, five years after Juliette Gordon Low started Girl Scouts in the United States. Now the cookies are baked by two bakeries, ABC Bakery and Little Brownie Bakery. The names used by each bakery change, such as Caramel deLites and Samoas, but the cookies are the same. Every Girl Scout cookie is kosher, and Halal certified. There are also four vegan varieties – Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Lemonades and Toast-Yay! Cookies. All girl scout cookies are free of high-fructose corn syrup, partially hydrogenated oil, and trans-fat. Two cookies are gluten-free, Caramel Chocolate Chip and Toffee-tastic.

Don't know a Girl Scout? Download the Cookie Finder app or visit girlscoutcookies.org and clicking the Find Cookies! search box. Just enter your zip code and a list of where the Girl Scouts will be set up appears.

This week's recipe is a cookie that tastes like



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the Trefoil. It does not require refrigeration before cutting like a standard shortbread cookie and has a crumbly melt in the mouth texture.

Copycat cookie recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup confectioners' sugar
- ¼ cup cornstarch

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Beat butter in a large bowl with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add flour, confectioners' sugar, and cornstarch; beat on low for 1 minute, then high for 3 to 4 minutes. Drop spoonfuls of dough 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in the preheated oven until edges are golden, 12 to 15 minutes. Cool on the baking sheets before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. One thing to keep in mind. They move off the pan easier when they are almost to completely cool. They tend to fall apart if moved before cool enough.

Love is in the air at the Craig County Public Library

Have you "checked out," all of the happenings at your local library for February? If not, then you, my dear friends are missing out!

Sure, our library is home to numerous books, DVDs, magazines, newspapers, computers, and printers, but we also offer several FREE programs. Our early literacy calendars geared for pre-readers and emerging readers help foster a love for learning and encourage children to become life-long readers. Our monthly calendars have daily activities for you and your child to complete such as singing a silly song, building a blanket fort, as well as stopping by your local library for a new book. When you pick up your early literacy calendar

don't forget your take-and-make craft to take home for your

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Michaela Crawford

little one. Our take-and-make crafts are also FREE and include most materials as well as directions for you and your child to make a craft together. Each craft is geared towards small children (1-8 years of age). Don't worry adults; the crafts are quick and simple!

This month you can swing by the library and pick up a blind date...with a book of course!

Our adult patrons can choose from several mystery library books lovingly wrapped in red and purple wrapping paper with a book bio so you know you are picking the right date for you. Be sure to share all of the wonderful dates you share with your blind date on our Facebook page!

February is our time to show our love for our community and our patrons, so we have amped up the pink and red in the library! We hope you will add to our lovely library décor by declaring your love to the ones who have your heart this Valentine's Day! A library donation of any amount can secure your Valentine's card proclaiming your love for all to see! Valentines' are available during February

at the Craig County Public Library, The Emporium, the Craig County Registrar's Office, Pine Top Restaurant, and Food Country.

For their continued support of our little library, we would like to extend our love and a giant thank you to Joanna Ryan (Registrar), Phil Spence (The Emporium), Carol Owens (Pine Top Restaurant), and Dave Stephens (Food Country). We would also like to thank Jane Henderson (and Luke) for all of the love, support, hard work, and dedication she shows not only to our library but also to our library board and staff.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

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"We think that this bill is a solution in search of a problem that doesn't exist," he said.

Sen. Travis Hackworth, R-Tazewell, argued local bans are an infringement on private property rights. If a farmer is struggling to make money through agricultural production and wants to lease their land for solar in order to bring in more income, a ban would

prohibit them from doing so, he pointed out.

"There is a thousand ways they can kill these projects," Hackworth said. "This just simply says they cannot say to a property owner in that county, 'We're not even looking at it.'"

Still, Sen. Bill Stanley, R-Bedford, expressed concerns about widespread development of solar in his

Southside district and the loss of local government power to decide how land is used.

"I believe everytime we dictate a one-size-fits-all answer for this area, this area loses," Stanley said.

The bill cleared the Democratic-controlled Senate Local Government Committee on a 9-6 vote, with Hackworth joining Democrats in support.

God's House Is Always Open

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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.

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

OPINION

News from the 9th: FDA's foreign drug inspection program



Morgan Griffith
Representative

I recently chaired a hearing in the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee, in which we examined the effectiveness, and shortcomings, of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) foreign drug inspection program.

Since 1955, the FDA has conducted international inspections on products regulated by the agency to ensure foreign facilities, laboratories, processing sites, etc. comply with U.S. law.

As according to the FDA, Americans should have confidence that products manufactured outside the U.S. meet

the same safety and quality standards as those manufactured domestically.

But, in the program's current state, this is far from the case. In fact, the FDA's lack of foreign inspections is alarming, and its consequences can be deadly.

The Subcommittee held a hearing on this subject in December 2019 in which we discussed a number of issues with the program. For example, all of the FDA's foreign inspections were pre-announced, giving foreign facilities 10-12 weeks advanced notification (U.S. facilities do not get advanced notification). And even with prior notification, the FDA found deficiencies during 66% of foreign inspections, including serious deficiencies in 16% of those inspections.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, challenges with the program only increased.

From March 2020 through February 2022, the program essentially

ceased functioning. For example, from March to October 1, 2020, the agency performed only three foreign inspections. In 2018 and 2019, the agency performed more than 600 inspections during that same time period.

Additionally, pre-announced in-person inspections were replaced by zoom calls.

Though zoom certainly has its benefits, what do inspectors miss when they aren't on site to see the interworkings of how a facility is being operated?

Over zoom they can not see if a rat skitters across the floor or if documents are being destroyed in a barrel out back.

Currently, I am most concerned by the FDA's lack of inspections in India and China, as these two countries comprise the majority of foreign manufacturing sites of generic drugs on the U.S. market.

In a recent analysis of data by

ProPublica, it was shown that the FDA only inspected three percent of Indian manufacturers in 2022, while in 2019 they inspected 45 percent.

As I mentioned above, this can lead to deadly consequences, as was seen in 2023, not with drugs but with eyedrops. Eyedrops produced in a plant in Tamil, India infected 81 people in the U.S. with a rare strain of extensively drug-resistant P. aeruginosa; three died and eight were blinded. The plant in which they were manufactured never received an inspection from the FDA.

With more and more of our drugs being made overseas, this lack of FDA oversight is unacceptable.

There have also been recurrent reports of data destruction and falsification by Indian and Chinese manufacturers, which is extremely alarming.

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Sen. Chris Head offers legislative update from Richmond



Chris Head
District 3

Dear Friends,

The pace of business at the General Assembly has reached a fever pitch as the 2024 session races to the deadline known as "crossover" which is on February 13, this year. This is the date when each chamber must have acted on all the legislation that was written by the members of that chamber. That means that all of the bills I have submitted for consideration must be either passed by the Senate, or defeated by a vote in

committee or on the Senate floor.

WHO IS THE REAL VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME?

This past week we learned that Senate Republicans and Senate Democrats do not agree about who is the victim of violent crimes like murder, rape, arson or robbery.

Senate Democrats proposed legislation (SB 427) to give over 2,500 of Virginia's most violent convicted felons the chance to get out of prison early. This bill would allow murderers and rapists who have been in prison more than 15 years to petition the Circuit Court that convicted them for an early release if the court finds that they are rehabilitated.

Putting aside the fact that "if you do the crime, you should do the time," SB 427 would force the victims of these crimes (or their families) to re-live the trauma they experienced in order to

make a victim's statement should they want to oppose the petition. Imagine you worked for years to heal from the trauma of a major violent crime only to find out a court is considering shortening your attacker's sentence, and the court needs to hear your side of the story as part of the process. All of that trauma is reopened. It is truly devastating.

Democrats voted to send this wildly misguided bill to the Senate floor with all Republicans in opposition. I plan to oppose this in the full Senate because it will make Virginians less safe and because the victims of violent crime deserve a Commonwealth that never reneges on the justice they were promised.

LEGISLATION

This week I had 4 additional bills pass the Senate floor and move over to the House for consideration.

SB 145 clarifies in the Code of Virginia that a special conservator of the peace may possess simultaneous registration with the 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 passed the Senate unanimously (40-0).

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 faculty and qualified mental health professionals, establishing a work group

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Del. Terry Austin offers legislative update from Richmond



Terry L. Austin
District 37

To the Constituents of the 37th House District:

Week five of the 2024 General Assembly has concluded, and the House of Delegates is working through hundreds of bills as Session approaches Crossover – the point where the House and Senate complete work on their respective legislation, and successful bills "crossover" to the other chamber. This was a difficult week, and not just because of the grueling schedule. Legislation that would allow some of the worst criminals in Virginia to

be released before serving their full sentences moved forward, while bills to extricate Virginia from California's unrealistic automobile standards failed to report out of committee.

This week, victims of violent crimes drove from all over Virginia to testify and ask House Democrats to withdraw HB834, which enables those convicted of the most serious offenses to have a "second look" at early release. Families pleaded for violent criminals to remain behind bars and prevent the need to repeatedly relive these traumatic experiences at "second look" hearings. Unfortunately, they were given a total of six minutes combined to tell the tragic stories of their loved ones. A mother whose son died in her arms sought just one

minute to talk and was turned away. The bill continues to advance, and Republicans will continue to highlight the significant impact of everyone affected.

Legislation passed by the Democrat majority in 2021 linked Virginia to California's emission standards and mandated that all new vehicles sold be electric by 2035. This aspirational piece of legislation has proven itself to be unrealistic and Republicans introduced two bills that would have eliminated, or at least delayed, its implementation. Unfortunately, they both died in committee. Numerous examples of impracticality abound. Only nine percent of new car sales in Virginia last year were EVs, and sales growth would need to increase at an exponential rate

for Virginia to meet this target in ten years. Consumers have made it clear that cost, limited driving range, and long charging times have not met expectations. Manufacturers are adjusting to this reality. Ford recently announced major cuts in EV production, a pause in \$12 billion of EV investment, and a halving of its electric F-150 production targets. General Motors declared a delay in plans to expand EV production in Michigan and is discontinuing its best-selling EV in 2023. Half of all Buick dealers across the country recently took a buyout rather than invest in the brand's all electric plans. Furthermore, the Commonwealth's charging infrastructure

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Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

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.

Feb. 21

A CPMT meeting at CPMT – Department

of Social Services on Court Street in New Castle will be at 1 p.m.

Feb. 22

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

Ongoing

Feeding southwest Virginia will be offering food twice a month on the second and third Wednesday of the month from 3-5 p.m. and 4-5 p.m., respectively. All community members

are welcome to purchase fresh produce and other canned and boxed items. EBT recipients receive 50% off their fruits and vegetables.

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

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The FDA attributes its challenges, specifically its low inspections rates, to not having enough investigators within the agency.

One idea I mentioned during our hearing, to help alleviate this problem, is to have preliminary inspectors within the agency, someone who might not meet the educational or training standards of a full-fledged inspector, but who can at least go into facilities and do cleanliness inspections.

These preliminary inspectors can be people who have just graduated college or those who have a desire to see different parts of the world. They can be paid a low-cost stipend while helping Americans receive safe medicines. After a few weeks' training they can begin preliminary inspections of foreign drug manufacturing sites. They can then report on how clean a facility is and whether they saw anything that looked amiss. This will

give the FDA information to prioritize full inspections, as a facility that doesn't have clean bathrooms and floors likely has other issues on the processing line.

Regular reviews by Congress on the current state and effectiveness of the foreign drug inspection program are essential to ensuring work is being done to improve the program, especially given the setbacks from COVID-19. I was very disappointed that the FDA did not send a witness to testify during

our most recent hearing, as Congress, and Americans, should hear directly from the agency on what steps they are taking to improve the program.

I will continue to provide oversight over the program and plan to have more hearings on the subject. If the FDA proves unwilling to work with the Subcommittee, I will move to other means within the Subcommittee's power to ensure they cooperate.

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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 passed the Senate unanimously (40-0).

SB 679 will help continue economic development opportunities in localities across the Commonwealth by providing that any enterprise zone in existence as of June 30, 2024, shall be extended for a period of four years

in addition to any renewal periods currently authorized by law. SB 679 passed the Senate unanimously (40-0).

SB 420 will expand non-legislative citizen membership on the Board of Visitors at Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, empowering the Board with greater oversight and meeting transparency. SB 420 passed the Senate unanimously (40-0).

Looking ahead to next week, February 13th marks Crossover Day where each chamber must complete

action on any remaining bills that were introduced in their respective chambers. Monday and Tuesday look to be long days on the floor as we debate and vote on the remaining Senate bills.

You can follow my legislation as it makes its way through the General Assembly and all 2024 bills introduced by members of the Senate of Virginia and the House of Delegate.

CONSTITUENT VISITS

It was another busy week of visitors to Room 619 in the General Assembly Building.

I enjoyed speaking with constituents and advocates for issues of tourism, campus safety, affordable housing, suicide prevention, healthcare, and support for small businesses—to name a few! If you are in Richmond during session, please come by and see us.

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 [HERE](#). 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 [HERE](#).

As we approach Week 6 on Monday leading to Crossover on Feb 13th, 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.

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is both inadequate for the EVs already on the road and biased toward higher income communities. Virginia has a little more than 1,400 charging stations, with the majority in Northern Virginia. Almost two-thirds of these stations are in census tracts above the median household income. The paucity of these stations elsewhere in the Commonwealth make predictable and timely road travel impracticable. Aspirational legislation

is not practical, and it has become increasingly apparent that electric vehicles are not realistic option for consumers, manufacturers, or the current state of our infrastructure.

As for my bills, I am pleased to report that HB191 and HB1425 passed out of the House unanimously, while HB843 passed out of the House 89-11. HB191 improves the predictability of the automobile dealer franchise sales by establishing objective measures for the

process. HB843 supports the equine industry by enabling the distribution of revenues generated by Historical Horse Racing machines. A portion of these revenues will be directed to support the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington and Virginia Tech's College of Veterinary Medicine. HB1425 exempts the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPR) from the Statewide Uniform Building Code, and the Fire Prevention Code Act. These code standards are

meant for occupied buildings, not bridges and tunnels, and VDOT has the same exemption for this reason. The purpose is to give VPR the clarity it needs as it advances critical rail infrastructure projects, including extending rail west to Bristol.

This week I had the pleasure of visiting with constituent Tammy Coffey on behalf of Donate Life Virginia, an organization that educates people on the benefit of being an organ donor. I also enjoyed

speaking with local members of the Asphalt Association and the Virginia Beer Wholesalers Association. 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.

Sincerely,
Delegate Terry L. Austin
37th House District

VDOT Roadwatch

Interstate 81

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 –

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

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

WORK ZONE SPEED: Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle. Narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, are present.

TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting

I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON EXIT 140: Drivers may experience 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 left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guard-rail and shoulder strengthening. The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected

completion in early 2026.

I-81 NB & SB BRIDGE REHAB OVER ROUTE 100 AT EXIT 98 - Beginning late March 2024, work will begin on I-81 rehabbing the northbound and southbound bridges over Route 100 at Exit 98. Lane and shoulder may be in place on Route 100 north and on I-81 northbound and southbound, 8 p.m. – 6 a.m. Flagging operations may also be in place on Route 100 north for up to eight-minute slow rolls. Both northbound and southbound on and off ramps at exit 98 for I-81 traffic will remain fully operational for the duration of this project. Estimated completion date is summer 2024.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been

switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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

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Events

For planning purposes: Please RSVP to Craig Valley Baptist Church if you are entering a chili. 540-864-5667, (if no answer, leave a message). The event is being held at the Grace Baptist Church 159 Old Railroad Ave. (SR696), New Castle, VA, (Near the Field Of Dreams).

General Information

WASHINGTON STREET ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW DATE CHANGE

The date for the juried Washington Street Arts and Crafts Show has changed to April 6, 2024. The show will now 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

Legals - City of Radford

Public Notice: CDBG Public Service Program COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

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The applications can also be picked up at Radford Administration Building, 10 Robertson St, Radford, VA, Monday through Friday between 8:30a.m. and 5:00p.m. For more information regarding the CDBG program, please visit <https://www.radfordva.gov/1261/HUD-Community-Development-Block-Grant>

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

TO: CITY OF SALEM REAL ESTATE OWNERS

The Board of Equalization for Real Estate Assessments in the City of Salem will meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room at City Hall located at 114 N. Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. The Board will continue its meeting from time to time thereafter, by adjournments, at and for such time or times, at the same place or such other place or places, as may be designated and deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish and complete its task of equalization of real estate assessments and to discharge the duties imposed by law upon the Board.

Said meeting will be adjourned on April 23, 2024, unless the powers of the Board are extended by order of the Circuit Court for

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the City of Salem. The purpose of the Board meeting is to equalize property assessments in the City and to hear and give consideration to all complaints of any inequalities in such assessment so that the burden of real estate taxation shall rest equally upon all owners.

At its meeting, the Board will hear and decide all inequality protest complaints, whether made by property owners, the City, or any taxpayer, on appeal to this Board by property owners. The Board may equalize any assessment by raising, or lowering assessments fixed by the Assessor, in proper cases, in order to make assessments uniform in the City as far as practicable. If you wish to discuss the assessment with the Board, call (540) 375-3058 for an appointment by February 23, 2024. The Assessor is required by law to prepare necessary papers for the Board and for the property owner who wants to appeal to the Board of Equalization. Information pertaining to the Assessor's valuations, along with forms for appeal to the Board of Equalization may be obtained from the Assessor's office by calling (540) 3753058, or online at www.salemva.gov.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SALEM Norman J. Beamer Kathy Fitzgerald Wendel Ingram Jr. David Prosser Janie Whitlow

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. J002260-06-00 CRAIG COMBINED COURT-JUVENILE Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MANNING, EMILEE ROSE

The object of this suit is to: terminate the residual parental rights of the parents, including the right of visitation, right to consent to adoption, the responsibility of support and all other rights and responsibilities remaining with the natural parents of the aforesaid child and to obtain the right to place said child for adoption. And, based on an affidavit filed herein, the court finds that there exists sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

It is ORDERED that the unknown father and any or all others who may be related to Emily Rose Manning, whose actual whereabouts are unknown, appear at the above-named Court on or before the 5th day of April, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. to do whatever is necessary to protect their interests.

We ask for this CRAIG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 177 Court Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127

February 8, 2024, Patty Taylor, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 **Case No. CL23002018-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MELISSA JANE MCPHERSON v. JACOB ANDRE MCPHERSON A/K/A KOBİ MAZUR The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JACOB ANDRE MCPHERSON A/K/A KOBİ MAZUR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 8, 2024. JANUARY 5, 2024 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

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Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent

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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@dh.virginia.gov or 804-482-8092.

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Pioneer District boys basketball tournament this week will determine region participants

The Craig County boys were in Elliston Monday night hoping to qualify for the Region 1C basketball tournament. The Rockets needed a win over host Eastern Montgomery in the opening round of the Pioneer tournament to make the regional.

If the Rockets won Monday they would play on the road against the district's top seed tonight, Wednesday, in the tournament semifinals. The top seed was also still to be determined at press time, as Narrows and Parry McCluer were playing at James River, a neutral site, on Monday to determine the top seed. The loser of that game will play the

winner of a Monday game between Bath County and Highland in tonight's other semifinal.

The district championship is Friday at the site of the top remaining seed. That will also be the site of a third place consolation game, and all four teams will advance to next week's Region 1C tournament. If the Rockets make the regional it would be the third year in a row.

"This is a goal we have had since the beginning of the season," said Craig coach Ryan Frazier. "The season hasn't gone how we would have liked it to go, but we can still reach that goal with a win."

Craig came into the tournament at 7-13 after splitting two games last week. The Rockets lost at Highland County on February 5th, 53-43. It was closer than the score indicates as Highland pulled away down the stretch when Craig was forced to foul.

"This was a tough one as we didn't play well enough to win, but still had several chances to take the game but we just couldn't do it," said Frazier. "We were hurt on the offensive glass, and gave up too many second chance points, and points in the paint."

Matthew Lucas led Craig with 17 points and Hayden Reynolds had 16.

On Thursday in Covington the Rockets took a 69-47 win over the Boys' Home team. Craig scored 28 points in the second quarter to race to a 44-20 halftime lead. The Rockets had seven players score, led by Reynolds with 20 and Lucas with 19. Jaycob Wolfe and Seth Parsons had seven each, Tristan Dooley and Talon Ritter had six each and Luke Potter had two points.

"This was a good last regular season game as we were able to control the game and we were able to get everyone involved and play a lot of minutes," said Frazier. "It was nice to see players that have worked hard all year get minutes."



Hayden Reynolds sinks a foul shot for the Rockets.



Talon Ritter brings the ball up the floor for the Rockets.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Craig County girls play at Narrows tonight in Pioneer hoops

The Craig County girls are the third seed in the Pioneer District basketball tournament and they'll play at Narrows tonight in a semifinal game. The Rockets have already clinched a spot in the Region 1C tournament, which will begin next week.

Tonight's winners will advance to the Pioneer championship on Friday at the site of the top remaining seed. A third place consolation game will also be held to determine the third and fourth seeds in the region coming out of the Pioneer District. Coming into the tournament Parry McCluer is the top seed followed by Narrows, Craig, Eastern Montgomery and Highland.

"We're locked into third in the district in the regular season, which is awesome for our team," said Craig coach Brock Jones. "If we beat Narrows we'll play for the Pioneer championship on Friday night and we'd be either one or two in the region."

Craig comes into Wednesday's game at 7-11 after winning two of three games last week. The Rockets opened the week with a 60-15 win over Highland in Monterey, racing to a 21-5 first quarter lead and a 35-8 advantage at the half.

"We jumped out to our best quarter in a long time," said coach Brock Jones. "Our press was dominating and the girls were moving well and reacting just as if you were to draw it up."

Kailyn Jones led Craig with 18 points, 16 rebounds, six blocks and six assists. Daileigh Donithan chipped in 11 points, hitting a trio of threes. Kallie Fisher had six points and six steals, Jenna Boitnette had six points and four assists and Brooklyn Cayton had seven steals.

A night later the girls beat Roanoke Valley Christian in New Castle, 51-17. The Rockets led 21-10 at intermission, then outscored RVC 30-7 in the second half.

"Again the press was our key and the pressure was on point," said Jones. "The girls really dug in deep and were getting after it on the defensive end. Very well pleased how we reacted and played for the back to back games. That's the defensive intensity we have been looking for all year long."

Jones led again with 19 points, 17 rebounds, four blocks and six steals. Cayton chipped in with six points and eight steals.

"Brooklyn has turned on her pesky defense that she showed a lot of signs of last year and it's really giving us the spark that we need," said coach Jones.

On Thursday the girls wrapped up the regular season with a non-district game against William Byrd and dropped a 58-27 decision to the Class 3 Terriers from Vinton.

"We were over-matched by their speed," said Jones. "They're long and athletic and it bothers us. Unlike the other two games, their half trap and pressure was the death of us in this game."

Craig trailed 20-2 at the end of the first quarter.

"We competed in three out of four quarters with them, and without the bad start it would have been a win for us as a team, showing we can compete with our youth against a much bigger school," said Jones. "Byrd has improved a lot and is going to make the region in 3A. This was a test game for us and was supposed to be played earlier in the year for tougher competition to prepare us for the district, but unfortunately due to snow it got moved to the end of the year."



Brooklyn Cayton studies a free throw.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Craig student shines in Special Olympics Basketball



Craig County senior Martin Campbell (#24) has been a special player for the Bulldogs #2 basketball team in recent Special Olympics games. On February 4th a large group of Craig friends (pictured) traveled to Blacksburg to watch Martin play at Virginia Tech. Last weekend Roanoke College was the site of Special Olympics and Martin's team took a 12-6 win.



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