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## Annual Community Church Chili Cook-Off Feb. 24

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

On cold winter days, there is nothing more satisfying than a bowl of steaming hot chili with a side of homemade cornbread.

Craig Valley Baptist Church and Grace Baptist are hosting the 6th Annual Church Community Chili Cook-Off to encourage the people to get their Crock-Pots out and start cooking.

This year's cookoff will be held at Grace Baptist Church, across the road from the Field of Dreams at 159 Old Railroad Avenue, on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 5-7 p.m.

This is a contest between churches; however community citizens are encouraged to attend to be judges and enjoy a free meal.

"Besides the competition, there will be a great free meal for people to enjoy," organizer Rich Martindell shared. "Anyone can come and eat chili and

participate in the voting. The only thing you need to bring is your appetite!"

There will be free hotdogs available, along with drinks and desserts. Also, cornbread and the usual chili sides will also be there.

The Church Chili Cook-off guidelines are:

Each church may enter up to five chilis for the competition

Each chili will be presented for tasting on tables in the competition area

Upon entering the competition area, everyone will be given a voting ticket

You will be able to taste the chilis at your own pace

Place your ticket in the container by the chili you judge as the best

The chili with the most tickets will be deemed the champion, and the next two in second and third place.

In the event of a tie, such as they had last year, a mini re-tasting will be held by those

present, with the chilis involved in the tie (with new vote tickets distributed).

The trophy will be presented at the end of the cookoff.

"The Championship Trophy Cup will go to the church of the winning chili cook-off chef, to be displayed until the next chili cook-off in 2024," Martindell shared. "There will also be individual trophies given to the top three chili cook-off chefs."

The church will have a new engraved plate made to put on the trophy and it will reside at the winning church until next year's Church Community Chili Cookoff.

Their hopes are to have many participants to enter this year in this fun and tasty event.

The competition will be held at the church on 171 Salem Avenue (on Route 311 across from The Park), in New Castle. Participants may enter the side door on the left side of the church.

To enter the contest, or to



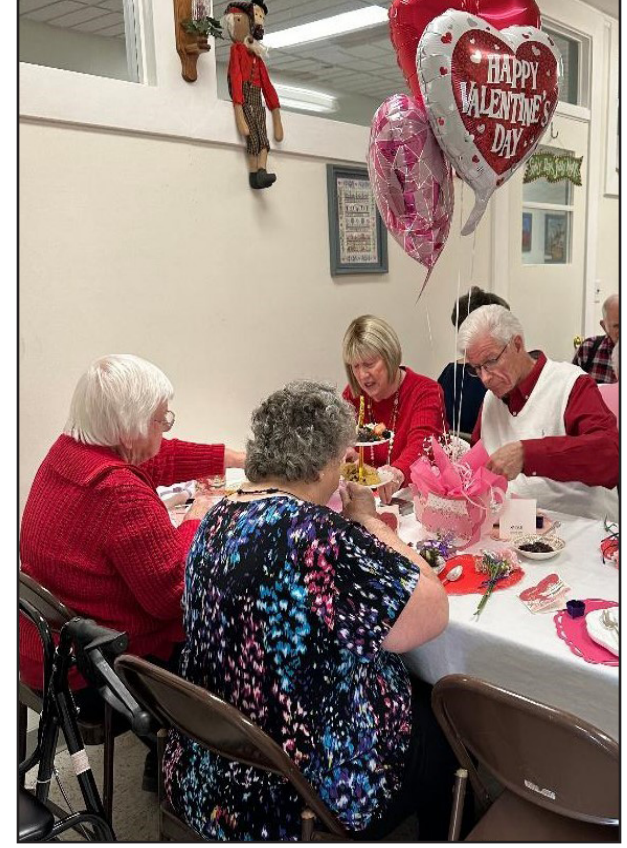
**Winners for 2023 Craig Valley Baptist/Grace Baptist Community Church Chili Cookoff each received a trophy for the top three places. The winning church will receive the beautiful large trophy with an engraved plaque until next year's cookoff.**

ask questions, call the church and leave a message at (540) 864-5667 or visit the website at <http://www.craigvalleybaptist.com>.

"The real goal of the cook-off is to encourage churches in the

area to do things together and have a good, spirited competition and Christian camaraderie," Martindell said. "As you know, there are some really good chili chefs in Craig County's churches."

## Residents of New Castle Commons entertained with Valentine's Tea



**Craig Valley Chapter, NSDAR entertained residents at the New Castle Commons with a Valentine's Tea. Attendees first heard the 1860s love story of the couple known professionally as Tom Thumb and Mrs. General Tom Thumb, then were served fresh-baked scones with clotted cream, cucumber sandwiches and a variety of fruit and sweets. Pictured is a place setting with flowers and favors, chocolate covered strawberries, and the tea party in full swing. This event is one of the community service projects done by the chapter. For information about DAR, please call Tina Crawford, Regent, 540-864-6216.**

## Virginia House of Delegates and Senate approve bills to advance development of small modular nuclear reactors

**Charlie Paullin**  
Virginia Mercury

Virginia's House and Senate have approved different versions of legislation that could help advance the deployment of small modular nuclear reactors in the state, despite environmental and ratepayer advocates' concerns about the costs utility customers could bear for the yet-to-be-used technology.

Legislation from Del. Israel O'Quinn, R-Washington, would allow Appalachian Power Company to recover early development costs for SMRs, including expenses related to "evaluation, design, engineering, environmental analysis and permitting, land option, and early site permitting." A similar bill from Sen. Dave Marsden, D-Fairfax, would apply to both Appalachian Power and Dominion Energy and allow certain additional costs, such as those related to federal licensing, to be recouped.

"It's all about getting to the head of the line and putting Virginia first in terms of the supply chain for these when they become reliable and a good source of energy," Marsden said during a committee hearing.

O'Quinn too said development needs to begin "sooner rather than later so that we can ... decide if it's actually feasible or not."

But while both measures gained enough support to clear the chambers ahead of the crossover deadline, not every lawmaker was on board. Sen. Travis Hackworth, R-Tazewell, said Tuesday he couldn't in "good conscience" vote for Marsden's because of potential rate increases it could produce.

Small modular reactors are, as the name implies, scaled-down versions of nuclear reactors that can be manufactured offsite and built at lower cost than conventional nuclear plants. Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin has been particularly enthusiastic about the technology, including it in his four-year energy plan as a way to provide around-the-clock energy to the grid and pushing for its development in Southwest Virginia.

Currently, about 30% of Virginia's electricity comes from nuclear power generated at Dominion's Lake Anna and Surry facilities. Nuclear is also a critical component of the decarbonization plan laid out in the 2020 Virginia Clean Economy Act, which requires the state's utilities to transition their non-nuclear energy use to renewables by midcentury.

However, while the VCEA allows the continued operation of Dominion's nuclear plants, it removed language in Virginia law that stated "planning and development" activities for new

nuclear facilities were in the public interest, a term used to favor approvals. Last year, Republican legislators attempted to make nuclear qualify as a renewable source under the law, but Democrats in the Senate rejected the proposal.

Both Appalachian Power and Dominion have expressed interest in using small modular reactors.

In hearings this session on O'Quinn and Marsden's bills, utility lobbyists have argued the proposals would let the companies conduct important preliminary work.

"We're only looking for the siting piece of it," said Larry Jackson, a lobbyist for Appalachian Power, during a committee hearing on O'Quinn's bill. "The reason we're doing that is the technologies with small modular reactors aren't quite mature enough yet. We wanted to go ahead and get this first piece out of the way before the technology has matured."

Both Jackson and Dominion lobbyist Bernard McNamee, a former member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, said spreading out costs over a longer period of time would also prevent customers from seeing a greater rate increase at the time a potential reactor is built.

"This is a reasonable process in order to smooth out the cost to customers," said McNamee.

While both O'Quinn and Marsden's bills would give the State Corporation Commission the ability to review any preliminary SMR costs the utilities ask to recover from customers, there are some differences between them. Marsden's would let the utilities recover the costs of federal approvals — expenses that can cost millions — and equipment, while O'Quinn's would not. Marsden's bill would also limit a utility to developing one SMR site, although more than one reactor could be located there.

The proposals are being supported by groups including the Virginia Manufacturers Association, which has pointed out Virginia companies like Lynchburg's BWXT are already involved in SMR development.

"This is a homegrown technology," said Brett Vassey, president and CEO of the association. "This is entirely a supply chain that we own, including the fuel."

But some environmental and ratepayer groups have argued any legislation should require the utilities to prove there is a need for an SMR and that it's a better option than alternative technologies, rather than just requiring the companies to demonstrate to regulators that their spending is "reasonable and prudent"

"When hundreds of millions of ratepayer money is at stake,

lawmakers should protect Virginians from footing the bill upfront for projects that may never power their homes," said Laura Gonzalez Guerrero, energy policy and regulatory manager at Clean Virginia, an organization started by Charlottesville millionaire Michael Bills to counter Dominion's influence in the General Assembly.

Critics also pointed to the high-profile failure of plans to expand the V.C. Summer conventional nuclear plant in South Carolina, which was never completed but left ratepayers on the hook for \$2 billion in costs, and argued the recent abandonment of a \$9.3 billion SMR project in Idaho shows the technology remains unproven.

Developing an SMR "is a risk," said Peter Anderson, director of state energy policy for nonprofit Appalachian Voices. "And we wonder why ratepayers should be the insurance policy for that process."

Language in both bills would allow state regulators to return the proceeds of any sale of a site acquired by a utility under the law for an SMR to ratepayers. Marsden's bill would not require a refund if the site was located on an existing nuclear site.

Discussion on the bills will now continue, as the Senate takes up O'Quinn's proposal and the House Marsden's.

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## Library installs computer systems

*New Castle Record Archives from 1994.*

A new computer research program at the Craig County High School library will allow students to watch and hear the beating of the human heart.

The efforts of the School Board and CCHS librarian, Kimberly Hendrick, to update the school's electronic information systems will bring state-of-the-art computer software and hardware to the library, making hardback encyclopedias and reader's guide indices obsolete.

"This is the so-called software of the year," Hendrick said. "We're going to multi-media with the rest of them."

Rather than spending hours searching through stacks of reference guides and periodicals to find information they need, students can pull up an article on a computer and print it out in minutes.

"That's what they like-you can just carry it out with you," Hendrick said. "If they're going to look up something, they'd much rather use the computer

than fish through the books."

The School Board allocated a \$5,000 stipend to Hendrick for use in updating the library's computer research equipment this year. After trying out a few different systems, she settled on the items at the top of her wish list: NewsBank, a system which stores newspaper and magazine articles from 12 to 18 months back; and the New Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, a compact disk which relays information on everything from nuclear fusion to the Beatles through a combination of color animation, sound and motion.

"You're supposed to be able to travel down the Amazon in it," said Hendrick.

By becoming familiar with this new technology in high school, Craig students who continue their education after graduation need not be overwhelmed by the computerized research systems they will find in college libraries.

Students will be able to locate atlases, histories, novels, poems, articles and more through a

computerized index.

"You can print out a whole map," Hendrick said. "There's not much in here we can't find."

The librarian said the cost of renting the compact disc hardware and software will come to \$2,000 yearly, which provides equipment and compact disc subscription. Each disc contains about 450 titles, and information is updated quarterly to give students access to the most recent topics in news, science, literature and more.

Top priority will be given to funding the computer system, with orders for most hardback reference books coming to a halt. Hendrick predicts the narrated animation and sophisticated graphics of the computerized encyclopedias will attract more student interest than the plain text has in the past.

"It will be a really good system," Hendrick said. "Why would you buy a hardback encyclopedia when you can get this?"

*-Prepared by Lisa King*

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FROM THE NCR ARCHIVES

## New census reveals a decrease in farms and farmland

WASHINGTON—According to the recently released 2022 Census of Agriculture data, Virginia is trending with the nation in terms of fewer farms and less farm acreage than in 2017, when the previous census was conducted.

In 2022 there were 38,995 farms in the commonwealth compared to 43,225 in 2017. Farm acreage was 7.3 million in 2022, down from almost 7.8 million in 2017.

In Virginia, the number of small and medium farms—those under 1,000 acres—all decreased in numbers. But farms from 1,000 to 5,000 or more acres increased slightly—from 1,340 in 2017 to 1,367 five years later.

Nationally, the number of farms and farm acreage also decreased from 2017 to 2022. According to the 2022 census, there were 141,733 fewer farms in 2022 than in 2017. The number of

farm acres fell to 880 million, a loss of more than 20 million acres in five years.

"The latest census numbers put in black and white the warnings our members have been expressing for years," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "Increased regulations, rising supply costs, lack of available labor and weather disasters have all squeezed farmers to the point that many of them find it impossible to remain economically sustainable."

"Family farms not only help drive the economy, they allow the rest of the nation the freedom to pursue their dreams without worrying about whether there will be enough food in their pantries."

Average farm production expenses, which include things like equipment, crop inputs, livestock, animal feed, labor and more, increased across the

nation and in Virginia as well.

The census also found that the average age of farmers continues to increase. In the commonwealth, the average age of a farmer in the 2012 Census of Agriculture findings was 57.2. Ten years later, it had increased to 59.2.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts the Census of Agriculture every five years. The data collected provides valuable insights into demographics, economics, land use and activities on U.S. farms and ranches.

In addition to tracking the number of farms and amount of farmland, the census tracks the value of agricultural products, the use of renewable energy-producing systems and characteristics of farm operators themselves.

"The Census of Agriculture provides

critical information for USDA in its work to ensure farms of all types and sizes have the support that they need," said Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "The data provides a very important snapshot of agriculture's production and economic health, and is useful in documenting trends that can help direct state and national public policy."

The first Census of Agriculture was conducted by the Census Bureau in 1840 in 26 states and the District of Columbia. In 1997, the agriculture census was transferred from the Census Bureau to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2022 census is the 30th in the series and the sixth conducted by NASS.

*-The New Castle Record*

## Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

### 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.

### Community event

The 6th Annual Church Community

Chili Cook-Off will be held at Grace Baptist church at 159 Old Railroad Avenue on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 5-7 p.m.

### 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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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Golf scores

5. Shock therapy

8. Ballplayer's tool

11. Quench one's thirst

13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)

14. Every one of two or more things

15. Member of Muslim people

16. Play

17. Type of cheese

18. Type of lounge chair

20. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician

21. Fellows

22. North, Central and South

25. In an early way

30. Foes

31. Georgia rockers

32. Cryptocurrency

33. Narrow path along a slope

38. Disallow

41. Joyousness

43. Inaccessible

45. Evoke emotions (abbr.)

47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)

50. Sword

55. Actor Idris

56. Affirmative (slang)

57. Afflicted

59. One point north of northeast

60. Born of

61. Arabic name

62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)

63. Extremity

64. Post

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Pacific Standard Time

2. Protruding ridge on nematodes

3. Indian king

4. Type of milk

5. One who brings home the bacon

6. More comprehensible

7. Connected with sense of touch

8. Red mineral

9. Breezed through

10. Therefore

12. Supplement with difficulty

14. Early kingdom of Syria

19. Satisfy

23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)

24. Brass instrument

25. Domesticated animal

26. Ribonucleic acid

27. Snake-like fish

28. Woman (French)

29. Economically-minded aircraft

34. When you hope to get somewhere

35. Tease

36. Actress Gretchen

37. Midway between northeast and east

39. Inoffensive

40. Yellowish cotton cloth

41. Consume

42. Does not tell the truth

44. Improved something

45. Spiritual leader

46. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician

47. Fix

48. Evergreen tree genus

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Major C. European river

54. Long, narrow strap

58. Male parent

# Recipe of the Week



**Shelly Koon**  
Contributing  
Writer

Chocolate brownies are a classic American treat. Chewy, fudgy, or cakey? Dark or milk chocolate? Middle or edge? Warm fresh from the oven or cool to the touch? There are as many brownie recipes as there are ways to enjoy them.

One of the theories about the origin of the first brownies comes from Chicago's Palmer Hotel in 1893. The World Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago that year, and the socialite and philanthropist Bertha Palmer was head of the Board of Lady Managers for the Exposition. She directed Palmer House pastry chefs to come up with a recipe for a dessert that would be easy to transport in boxed lunches sold at the Women's Pavilion. More specifically, she asked the hotel chefs to come up with something small that could be picked up and eaten without a fork. They were a hit in 1893 but brownie recipes first appeared in printed cookbooks in 1904.

Brownies often, but not always, have a glossy "skin" on their upper crust referred to as flint. You can add anything to brownies to give them a distinct flavor. Nuts, M&Ms, and dried fruit with Walnuts being the most popular add in. Frosting can also be used. A brownie variation made with brown sugar and vanilla rather than chocolate in the batter is called a blond brownie or blondie. Blondies have a much lighter and softer taste than brownies. More of a butterscotch flavor from the brown sugar. Slutty brownies have cookie dough and Oreo cookie layers. These

brownies are easy to overindulge in therefore they are sluttu.

One of the first desserts I made were brownies. I made them from a boxed mix, and they were cooked in the microwave. Microwaves were the new kitchen appliance in the 80's and a boxed mix included the pan to bake them in. It's easy to eat a whole pan of brownies so I tend to make one at a time in the microwave. This brownie comes out a little more like cake but topped with chocolate syrup and vanilla ice cream. It satisfies the most demanding sweet tooth. If a box mix doesn't suit you, I have included a recipe for made from scratch brownies. I am not picky, so I like both.

### MUG BROWNIE WITH BROWNIE MIX

1/2 cup unprepared brownie mix  
3 tablespoons water (can substitute coffee or milk)

Spray a large mug with baking spray (at least a 16 oz mug or a small bowl will work).

Combine the brownie mix and water in the mug and stir to combine, about 30 seconds with a fork.

Microwave on high 60 to 90 seconds. Depends on wattage, to avoid a chewy brownie start with 60 seconds and add 15 -30 seconds as needed.

Top with whipped cream, ice cream, Nutella, or chocolate chips. Strawberry ice cream is also good.



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### FUDGY BROWNIES

#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup cocoa or 2 squares (2 oz.) unsweetened baker's chocolate
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup roughly chopped walnuts or pecans

#### Directions:

Melt butter with the cocoa or

chocolate together in a heavy saucepan over medium low, whisking constantly till blended. Remove from heat and stir in the sugar. Whisk in the eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour, salt, and walnuts. Mix well. Pour into a well buttered 8-inch square baking pan. Bake at 325 degrees for about 40 minutes till a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool completely and cut into squares. These brownies are very fudgy and may be somewhat difficult to slice cleanly; cool completely and use a sharp knife and a spatula to help them loosen from the baking dish.

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

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

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

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN**  
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# OPINION

## News from the 9th: Zuckerbucks



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

Recently, the House Administration Committee, of which I am a member, held a hearing on the use of private funding in our elections. Specifically, we discussed the use of “Zuckerbucks” (the name commonly used for non-government money spent on administering elections) in the 2020 presidential election, which has been a source of

concern for many. As the country prepared for the 2020 election, state and local election offices faced unique challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Many were worried that traditional voting in person would lead to negative public health consequences. Months before the election, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg donated \$350 million to the Center for Technology and Civic Life (CTCL), started by former left-leaning organizers. According to Influencewatch.org, the CTCL is a Chicago-based center-left leaning organization. Another \$69.5 million was

given by Zuckerberg to a related organization, the Center for Election Innovation and Research. These organizations used the “Zuckerbucks” to give out grants to election officials in hundreds of counties and cities across 48 states. According to Zuckerberg and the CTCL, these funds were to be used by election offices to help with COVID-19 related challenges, like hiring more staff, buying more voting machinery, buying personal protective equipment to safely administer elections, etc. That was not the case. Instead, much of the money was used for “get out the vote”

efforts in areas that were more likely to vote Democrat. In fact, it’s been shown now that less than 1% of these funds were used to purchase personal protective equipment. One example at the hearing of where the money was spent was on the use of mobile voting trucks in Wisconsin. They were purchased with “Zuckerbucks” and driven around Democrat-likely jurisdictions to help people there register to vote and/or vote absentee. The data on the use of “Zuckerbucks” is alarming. Let’s first look at our home state of Virginia. As I pointed out during the hearing, Capital Research

Center data showed Democrat-likely counties in Virginia received about 90% of the “Zuckerbucks,” while Republican-likely jurisdictions received only 10%. Arlington County (in a D+26 Congressional District) alone received \$238,643 in funding, while the entire 9th District (R+23), encompassing 28 jurisdictions, received just \$78,053. This means 3 times as much money went to Arlington County. What’s also interesting is the percentage of “Zuckerbucks” that went to urban areas vs. rural areas in Virginia. As

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## Sen. Chris Head offers legislative update from Richmond



**Chris Head**  
District 3

Dear Friends,

The General Assembly has now passed the annual milestone known as Crossover. This is the date when all bills (except the budget) proposed by members

of the Senate must be passed or killed by the Senate. Those bills that pass then “cross over” to the House for that chamber’s consideration. LOTS OF BAD BILLS WENT OVER TO THE HOUSE. With Democrats in control of the Senate, a number of bills that I opposed were passed and sent to the House in the hours before Crossover that I opposed. These bills, if they become law, will limit Virginians’ constitutional

freedoms, undermine justice for murderers and rapists, and hurt small, family-owned businesses. Here are some of the bills that I opposed, but that still passed on party-line votes due to the Democratic majority. Democrats pushed through a bill (SB 1) in the Senate to raise the minimum wage by a whopping 25%. With inflation still high, this is going to make it even harder to bring rising prices under control. Worse, many small family businesses may not be able to afford such

a dramatic increase in payroll costs and the related increased employment taxes. I spoke out against SB 1 on the Senate floor. You can watch my full remarks here: Democrats repeatedly attacked the rights and freedoms of law-abiding Virginians, especially the right to own and bear firearms for personal safety, sporting activities, and hunting. While they passed many bills attacking your constitutional rights, one of the most egregious was a bill (SB 2) that would

have banned so many different guns that it would make most semi-automatic pistols illegal. Democrats also are working to reduce penalties for murderers, rapists, and other violent felons. They proposed (SB 427) allowing these “worst of the worst” criminals to apply to have a court review their sentence for early release after serving at least 15 years. Victims (or their families in the case of deceased victims) would have to

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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:\*

The General Assembly has passed the halfway mark known as “Crossover,” the point on the legislative calendar where each chamber completes work on its own bills except the state budget. In the House 1,547 bills were introduced and 734 passed. In the Senate 737 bills were

introduced and 452 passed. On Monday, the day before Crossover, the House considered more than 275 bills. This is possible because of the committee process. Out of fourteen House committees I serve on four: Appropriations, Transportation, General Laws, and Rules. Most members have a similar number of committee assignments, which my

Republican colleagues and I rely on each other to discuss the merits of bills that report out of our respective committees. Though not perfect, it is an efficient operation that allows us to do the work of the Commonwealth in 60 days. Unfortunately, bills that would have addressed the fentanyl crisis and protected our children from predators joined the list of good

legislation that died this Session. On average, five Virginians die every day in this Commonwealth from fentanyl overdose. Bills to increase penalties for those who distribute fentanyl, or manufacture counterfeit pills that contain the drug, did not even receive a hearing. Another bill would have banned anyone

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## A common cause minute: Not all men were created equal

Imagine yourself living in the 1770s. Virginia colonists around you whisper their dissatisfaction with King George III due to the treatment of the colonists in Massachusetts. If it can happen to them – it could happen to us. Soon you hear there is a Declaration of Independence which has been signed and delivered to the King! You are told it states “all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator certain inalienable rights...” However, you know you are excluded, as is every person who looks like you. You are one of the more than 500,000 enslaved African Americans living in the American colonies. Such was their cruel reality of life during Colonial times. As the Revolutionary War against the British raged on, George Washington, Commander of the Continental Army pleaded for more men to serve, demanding the colonies produce men to serve, including the enslaved. The British

Army was no less in need for able-bodied soldiers and promised any enslaved African American freedom if they joined their side. By 1777, a draft was initiated by the Continental Army to fill its quotas, including free Black men. Some owners of the enslaved also provided men as their substitute. While many of the enslaved were promised their freedom by their owners for their service, owners often failed to fulfill that promise. Nonetheless, it is estimated more than 7,000 African Americans served in the Continental Army. The majority of those who served were denied the military pension and land grants given to white soldiers. Because no pension or land warrant documents exist for those soldiers, evidence of their service is difficult to obtain. One individual born in Virginia defied the odds – James Armistead Lafayette. James was born to an enslaved mother either in Virginia

or North Carolina. He became the property of Colonel John Armistead of New Kent County, Virginia and later became the manservant of Armistead’s son, William. He was one of very few enslaved whose owner taught him to read and write. In spite of Royal Governor Lord Dunmore’s promise of freedom to slaves who joined his British forces, James volunteered for the Continental Army under General Marquis de Lafayette. He worked for Lafayette in a number of roles, but his most important was as a double agent against the British. James posed as a runaway slave and guided British troops through local roads. He would travel between camps and overheard officers speak openly of their battle plans and troop movement. His work was instrumental in helping the Continental and French armies defeat the British at Yorktown.

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the witness selected by the Democrats testified, administering elections in rural areas costs more per voter, as there is more ground to cover to ensure voters have reasonable access.

And yet, urban areas received more “Zuckerbucks” per voter than rural areas did.

Perhaps it is because urban areas tend to vote more Democratic than rural areas do?

According to one of our hearing’s witnesses, Mr. Scott Walter, nationwide the average number of Zuckerbucks spent in 2020 Trump jurisdictions was just 55 cents per capita. As opposed to 2020 Biden districts, where a whopping

\$3.75 was spent per capita.

Additionally, Democrat-likely jurisdictions in many of the 2020 battleground states received the lion’s share of grants given out by CTCL.

For example, Democrat-likely jurisdictions in Arizona received 75% of the Zuckerbucks awarded in that state; 83% in Pennsylvania; 86% in Michigan; 90% in Wisconsin; 94% in Georgia, and; 100% in Nevada.

While CTCL’s grants may not have been intended to benefit Democrats, it certainly did benefit them. As Mr. Walter said during the hearing, IRS policy states charities cannot have the effect, whether or not they had the

intention, of helping one party over another in an election.

The CTCL privately donated funds helped significantly more Democrat voters participate in the 2020 election than Republican voters.

This is just one reason why private funding should not be used to administer elections. Private entities should not have the power to affect our elections like this – using resources to assist certain voters over others.

Elections should only be funded using public funds, administered by governments who have strict guidelines for how they run elections, have oversight mechanisms in place, and are

beholden to the American people, not private interests.

Further, as I said in a subsequent hearing, if the government is going to give more money to run elections, we need to assure the formula is fair to rural jurisdictions.

Americans need to have faith that our elections are being administered in a fair and unpartisan way.

Thankfully, since the 2020 election, 27 states have banned or restricted election offices from using private funds, “Zuckerbucks,” to administer elections.

That’s why I am supporting a federal bill to stop “Zuckerbucks.”

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relieve the trauma of their initial crime as they faced the reality that the justice they assumed they received could be undone.

## SOME GOOD BILLS GOT THROUGH ALSO

Fortunately, it was not all bad news. Some good bills did get through the Senate and are going over to the House.

The Senate passed a bill (SB 28) to give school boards greater authority to set policies to control student cell phone use. Cell phones in the classroom are often huge distractions from learning. Virginia children need to be paying attention to what is going on in class, not looking at their phones. Now school boards can do more about it.

The Senate sent a bill (SB 39) to the House that would make it easier for next of kin and other family members to take in a minor who would otherwise be in the foster system. The bill would allow family members who step in to care for the child to receive the payments a foster family would. This will allow a child in crisis to live in more familiar surroundings and remain with family, rather than being housed by strangers. I’m proud to be one of the co-patrons of this

important legislation.

Other bills that passed the Senate cracked down on human trafficking (SB 384), established a task force to find ways to help law enforcement crack down on heroin and fentanyl (SB 367), and restored an annual sales tax holiday on the first weekend in August for school supplies, clothing, and other items (SB 116).

## LEGISLATION

My bills that passed the Senate are now making their way through the process on the House side. This week 5 of my bills saw notable action.

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 reported from the House Committee on Labor and Commerce unanimously (19-

0) and now heads to the House floor.

SB 133 will help physician assistants across the Commonwealth by allowing PAs who are employed by a hospital or employed in certain facilities operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or in Federally Qualified Health Centers designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to practice without a separate practice agreement if the credentialing and privileging requirements of the applicable facility include a practice arrangement. SB 133 successfully reported from the House Health Professions Subcommittee (8-0) and will next be heard by the full House Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 134 will help the Craig County Economic Development Authority continue to operate at full capacity by allowing the Craig County Board of Supervisors to appoint one of its members to its EDA. SB 134 reported from the House Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns (21-0) and heads to the House floor.

SB 413 is the result of the

Code Commission’s workgroup to address changes in local government public notices that help provide clarity and establish uniformity regarding the timing and frequency of their publication. SB 413 reported from the House Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns (20-1) and moves on to the House floor for consideration.

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 reported from the House Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns (21-0) and heads to the House floor.

## CONSTITUENT VISITS

Even in the days before and after Crossover, our office saw its share of visitors. I enjoyed speaking with those who came by on issues facing local government, the equine industry, and parental rights—to name only a few! If you are in Richmond during session, please come by and see us.

UP NEXT: THE BUDGET

The one bill that does not have to be acted on by Crossover is the Senate’s version of the proposed budget. Work on the budget is underway in the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee to finalize the chamber’s budget proposal. Per rules, the Senate version of the budget is scheduled for completion on Sunday, February 18, and will be voted on later that week. After that, there will be some procedural steps that need to be taken that will allow the House and the Senate to enter negotiations to finalize the budget that will be sent to the Governor.

## 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.

Week 7 of Session gets underway 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.

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convicted of offenses involving children, including kidnapping, trafficking, and physical abuse, from working or volunteering at schools.

It suffered a similar fate.

One of the biggest tasks undertaken each Session is passing the biennial budget. The legislature will use Governor Youngkin’s introduced budget from December as a starting point and will now begin the process of finalizing amendments. The Governor’s budget included \$1 billion in tax reform, and the largest K-12 budget in state history. The reality of the

General Assembly’s makeup means that the new document will likely look much different than the original. As a member of Appropriations, I will work to ensure that revenues are being appropriated responsibly and benefit our region. Improving Interstate 81 remains a top priority.

As for my bills, I am happy to report that all have passed out of the House and are now being considered in the Senate. These bills promote Virginia’s leadership role in the founding of our nation, increase the efficiency of GO Virginia, expand transportation options for K-12 students, conform Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDL) to federal regulations, enhance

Virginia’s ability to expand rail

capacity, and streamline processes for auto franchise dealers and the abandoned vehicle industry. Below is a summary of each, and I look forward to representing them in the Senate over the next two weeks.

The VA250 Commission was established to represent Virginia’s leadership role in the founding of our nation and the celebration of its 250th birthday in 2026. As Chairman I carried three bills related to these efforts. HB839 makes technical changes in line with previous statewide commemorations; HB840 creates a revenue sharing license plate celebrating

the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution; HJ84 is a Joint Resolution encouraging public institutions of higher education to display the VA250 logo on men’s and women’s athletic uniforms.

HB191 streamlines the sale process for auto franchise operations, creating objective measures for manufacturer approval and establishing a 60-day timeline for which approval can be granted. Many franchises are family-owned entities, and this bill creates objective measures that make the sale process easier for those that choose to sell their operations. HB237 adds the Secretary of Labor, a position created after the establishment of GO Virginia,

to the state board and reduces the local match so that funds to support these efforts can be more quickly deployed.

GO Virginia identifies and supports regional economic development opportunities. Successful projects include establishment of the Blue Ridge regional health sciences talent pipeline, the Alleghany Drone Zone, and numerous CTE workforce and continuing education training programs. HB842 expands the availability of alternative public school transportation options for localities that choose to do so, creating efficiencies, expanding options for parents, decreasing barriers for students, and addressing the chronic bus driver shortage we continue to experience. This will be a great tool for parents and for rural school systems to save money should it become law.

HB844 places into State Code federal regulations related to drug violations and CDL training. Failure to conform to State Code would result in lost federal funding for the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. This federal program provides financial assistance to states to reduce the number and severity of crashes and hazardous materials incidents involving commercial motor vehicles. HB845 creates efficiencies for the abandoned vehicle purchase process. Currently, DMV must contact

other jurisdictions to obtain lienholder and owner information for abandoned vehicles. This process often takes up to six months. This bill allows for third-party databases to be used, significantly reducing purchase times and costs for the salvage industry.

HB1452 provides an exemption to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority in the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) related to the construction and maintenance of bridges and tunnels. This exemption is currently granted to

VDOT and acknowledges that the USBC is not the most efficient tool by which to determine safety of these assets as they are constructed and maintained.

The upshot is shorter construction timelines without sacrificing safety protocols. Rail is crucial to taking vehicular traffic off our roads and this bill will help enable this effort. HB1505 seeks to level the playing field by preventing athletic organizations from limiting how Virginia’s institutions can choose to support their athletic programs and brings Virginia to parity with other states for recruitment and the use of Name Image and Likeness. As always, 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 DeltaAustin@House.Virginia.gov or 804-698-1037.

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James petitioned for emancipation in 1783. Although initially denied, James persisted and with the support of his owner, reapplied in 1786. This time General Lafayette’s personal testimonial as to James’s service earned him emancipation. James

added “Lafayette” as his surname to honor the French general. He never used the name Armistead. James acquired 40 acres in New Kent County and became a relatively wealthy farmer in the area. Once again, with Marquis de Lafayette’s assistance,

he applied for a pension for his war service and was awarded \$60 for present relief and a \$40 annual pension.

James Lafayette’s experience is much different from that of most African Americans of that time. It would

take almost 90 years and another war – this one between the states – to secure freedom for the enslaved and another century before their civil rights were restored. Today DAR chapters across America are working with American

citizens – including African Americans, to determine if their family has a link to service in the Revolutionary War. Do you have a Revolutionary War Patriot in your family history?

-Tina Grayford  
Chapter regent, Craig Valley

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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$111,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Book 0000 at Page 0167 as Instrument No. 0307051. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on March 29, 2024, at 2:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SECTION 1, KNOLLWOOD, MADE BY T.P. PARKER AND SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 76.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale.

The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser

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may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.com). Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 24011. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.com). VA-208643-6.

### Legals - City of Radford

#### Trustee's Sale

**133 Monroe Street, Radford, Virginia 24141**

(Parcel ID: 6-(9)-50)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 13, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$126,678.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Radford, Virginia in Instrument No. 201600345, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction on March 11, 2024 at 1:45pm in front of the building housing the City of Radford Circuit Court, 619 Second Street, Radford, VA 24141, the property designated as Lot 50 in Monroe Terrace Subdivision, as shown on a plat of Monroe Terrace Subdivision, which plat is of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 40, Page 1. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$13,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of [www.glasserlaw.com](http://www.glasserlaw.com), outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or M. Brennan Hutt d/b/a H&H Abstracting, and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 233421-01, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

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### Legals - Craig County

#### Trustee's Sale

**530 Ellett Road, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073**

(Parcel ID: 005695; Tax Map No.: 467-A 42)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 4, 2008, in the original principal amount of \$135,327.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia in Instrument No. 2008012070, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction on March 29, 2024, at 01:00 PM in front of the building housing the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, the property designated as Lot 4 of the Brown Ridinger & Gilliam Subdivision, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeast corner at a stake in line with Forest Avenue and running with said Avenue, S. 83 deg. W 90 feet to the corner of now or formerly S.E. Basham's lot; thence N. 8 deg. W 160 feet with the Basham line to the line of now or formerly Frank Ridinger, thence with Ridinger line N. 83 deg. E. 90 feet to a stake; thence a new line running with the land of now or formerly Maud D. Ridinger, S. 8 deg. E 160 feet to the point of beginning. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$13,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of [www.glasserlaw.com](http://www.glasserlaw.com), outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 233142-02, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

### Legals - Craig County

#### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104

Case No. JJ002260-06-00 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 KOBI MAZUR

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JACOB ANDRE MCPHERSON A/K/A KOBI 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

#### TRUSTEES SALE

#### PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN:

The Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia Containing 1.586 acres, more or less Commonly Known as: 3395 Radford Road, Christiansburg, Virginia IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERKS OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2008000295, DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2008, SAID DEED OF TRUST WAS MODIFIED BY MODIFICATION OF DEED OF TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2020, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 2020002980, AND BY SUBSTITUTION OF COLLATERAL AND RELEASE DATED MARCH 10, 2020, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 2020002979. DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT THEREIN SECURED AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING FOURTEEN (14) DAYS DUE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, IN FRONT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 55 EAST

### Legals - Montgomery County

MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

All that certain tracts or parcels of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and described as follows:

All of the 1.586 acres as shown on plat of survey entitled; Plat of Boundary Line Adjustment Between Tax Parcels 90-(A)-34A & 90-(A)-34E situated along Radford Road, U.S. Route 11 Near Plum Creek Riner Magisterial District Montgomery County, Virginia, dated June 28, 2016 prepared by Ralph O. Clements, L.S. for Gay and Neel, Inc. recorded in the Circuit Court Clerks Office of Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument Number 2016004742.

Tax Map No: 090-A 34A; Parcel No: 024574

More commonly known as: 3395 Radford Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073

SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, SETTLEMENT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SALE. A BIDDERS DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) MAY BE REQUIRED.

PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA

DATE OF SALE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M.

Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C. 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

#### ABC NOTICE

W P RISING INC., trading as Spicity, 210 Prices Fork Rd STE E, Montgomery County, Blacksburg, VA 24060-3300.

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

Shu Yuan Lin President/Owner.

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

### Legals - Roanoke County

#### ABC NOTICE

SAV ON SHOP LLC., trading as CATAWBA GROCERY, 5944 Catawba Valley Dr., Roanoke County, Catawba, VA 24070-2214.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store Beer and Wine Off-Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

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



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## Craig girls are in the Region 1C tournament

The Craig County girls are in the region basketball tournament for the first time since 2017. The Rockets qualified for the tournament with a third place finish in last week's Pioneer District tournament, their best since 2006 according to Craig coach Brock Jones.

"We finished third in the Pioneer and that appears to be the best finish in the district, tied multiple times, since the 2006 season," said Jones. "Huge win for our program when we start four sophomores and a freshman, and we'll have six juniors returning as well."

The Rockets were scheduled to play at Fort Chiswell on Tuesday night in the first round of the Region 1C tournament. Other first round games have Eastern Montgomery at George Wythe, Galax at Narrows and Bland at Parry McCluer, who is the top seed from the Pioneer District.

"Super Proud that we managed what we have so far," said Jones prior to the tournament. "Fort Chiswell is a really tough team, hopefully we can steal a win."

The Rockets were at Narrows in the Pioneer District tournament semifinals last week and the Green Wave was too much for the visiting Rockets as the home team rolled to a 74-23 win.

"Not a good game at all," said Jones. "We had 36 turnovers at halftime and we

couldn't string anything together. Pressure hurt us and it looked like we hadn't practiced or played basketball for a year. Tough loss, as we played them tough at home early in the season."

Kailyn Jones led Craig with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Jenna Boitnette, Morgan Underwood, Daileigh Donithan and Hayleigh Flowers all chipped in two points each.

That put Craig in the consolation game in Buena Vista against Eastern Montgomery and the Rockets pulled out a 44-36 win, avenging a prior two point loss to the Mustangs. Craig trailed 12-7 after the first quarter but bounced back by winning the second, 17-7, to take a 24-19 halftime lead.

"We played solid zone press most of the game and they just didn't have an answer for Kailyn inside," said coach Jones. "As we scouted and watched film we knew they were weak inside and that the game plan was to pound it inside."

Kailyn Jones finished with 27 points, 18 rebounds, six blocks and three steals. Donithan and Kallie Fisher chipped in six points each. Brooklyn Cayton had another big night defensively with nine steals.

Craig improved to 8-12 with the win. The Rockets would have to reach the region final to make the Class 1 state tournament.



Jenna Boitnette passes the ball for Craig.



Kammie Fisher brings the ball up the court.



Kallie Fisher sets up play. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Rocket boys finish one win away from trip to region

The Craig County boys' basketball team was one win away from a spot in the Region 1C tournament after losing a heart-breaker to Eastern Montgomery last week. The Rockets lost 50-48 in Elliston in the quarterfinal round of the Pioneer District tournament.

This game was about as close as you can get. The Rockets led 13-7 after the first quarter but were outscored 17-11 in the second as the Mustangs tied the game at 24-24 at intermission. East Mont led 35-34 after three quarters and had a three point lead late in the game when Craig's Hayden Reynolds nailed a three

to tie the score at 48-48. The Mustangs then won the game when a foul was called with about a second on the clock and they converted both shots for the win, ending Craig's season just short of making the regional for the third year in a row.

Parry McCluer ended up winning the tournament, defeating Narrows in the final, 74-61. Bath County beat East Mont in the consolation game, 63-57, and all four advanced to this week's Region 1C tournament.

The loss left the Rockets with a 5-15 record on the season.



Talon Ritter looks for an open teammate.



Matthew Lucas passes the ball against East Mont last week.



Tristan Dooley drives against the Mustangs.



Jaycob Wolfe pulls down a rebound for Craig.