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"The Voice of Craig County"

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Annual Hearts game brought out many times



The winners, Tommy Zimmerman, Tina Pierce, Emily Smith, Rosemary Stamper, Sharon Zimmerman, Bill Frazier and Jakob Hannah, took home candy boxes. Rosemary was the grand prize winner and Emily got the booby prize. The game started over 50 years ago in Ms. Layman's home. Missy Frazier has the original Hearts game that she had, as Ms. Layman gave it to her.

Virginia Western Nursing Program achieves 100% pass rate on NCLEX

ROANOKE — Virginia Western Community College announced last week that its Nursing Program has achieved a 100% pass rate of graduates sitting for the NCLEX-RN exam in 2023 on the first attempt.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), a not-for-profit organization, has developed and recently updated the NCLEX to assess nursing school graduates in the U.S. and Canada. Graduates must pass the National Council Licensure Examination to become registered nurses.

Forty Virginia Western graduates, all of whom received an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing in May 2023, sat for the NCLEX-RN exam last year between April 1 and Dec. 31. All passed on the first attempt, which is the first time in at least 10 years this has occurred.

The national average of graduates from associate degree programs passing the NCLEX-RN on first attempt was 87.75% in 2023.

"The point of the NCLEX is patient safety," said Lauren Hayward, Virginia Western's administrative officer for nursing. "It's to prevent people from entering practice who can't demonstrate clinical thinking or clinical

The 2023 cohort was the first to take the Next Generation NCLEX (NGN). Through research and review dating back to 2009, the NCSBN identified a critical need for clinical judgment in entry-level nursing. The NCSBN found that newly licensed nurses have been required to make progressively more complex decisions about patients, an increasing amount of whom are acutely ill.

The NGN format "has a different scoring plan," Hayward said. "It still has the same NCLEX-style questions. But it also has a huge focus on case study testing scenarios." The NGN test aims to measure clinical judgment, and questions are geared toward application of knowledge rather than simply memorization.

"NCSBN truly did a top-notch job getting us

trained for those changes. They resourced us for almost a decade, and they continue to update resources annually," Hayward said.

Interim Nursing Program Head Kathy Smith, an associate professor at Virginia Western, noted that long before the 2023 graduates sat for the NCLEX, they were accustomed to the new format. "We started experimenting with making changes to the structure and format of our tests, what it looked like, to make it look more like NGN style," Smith said. "So when the students went to NCLEX, it was like, 'Okay, I know this. I've seen this format before."

In 2022, Virginia Western's pass rate was 96.83% on the first attempt. Previous to that, however, pass rates slumped during the intense challenges of COVID, slipping below the bar of 80% passing on their first attempt in 2020 and 2021. Success in 2022 came after tireless efforts of faculty to perform curriculum review, scrutinize what concepts students struggled with in testing, and implement a coaching program to prepare each cohort for the NCLEX.

Even with the 100% success, Virginia Western's nursing faculty are constantly looking for more ways to support student learning. "We analyze every test after we give it for how our students scored on it, and that gives that gives us feedback every year," Smith said. Two nursing faculty members review every test. "So every faculty here is embedded in in the curriculum and the testing and the analysis of the testing.'

Hayward noted that clinical practice is constantly in change, and that the level of a nurse's responsibility has increased every year.

"We have so much respect for the students, people who are stepping up in this economy and in this profession at this time, and saying, 'I want to do this.' We're behind them," said Hayward. "We do all that we can from our side to help them focus on what's important. It's really inspiring. It's tremendous what the faculty do to help the students succeed."

-The Salem Times-Register



Virginia Western's 2023 Associate of Applied Science in Nursing graduates all passed the NCLEX-RN exam on the first attempt—a first in at least the last 10 years.

6th Annual Community Church Chili Cookoff held

Craig Valley Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church hosted the 6th Annual Community Church Chili Cookoff on Feb. 24. Four churches participated, with over 70 in attendance and 10 chili entries. The winners were 1st place—Brent Montgomery from Craig Valley Baptist, 2nd place—Steve Dufree from St John's and 3rd—Karen Walker from Craig Valley Baptist. Organizers reported that it was a fun event with good food, fellowship and music. See photos from event page 2.

Va. General Assembly oks

Graham Moomaw

Virginia Mercury After turnaround on what was thought to be a complex piece of legislation, both chambers of the Virginia General Assembly voted Friday to approve a bill repealing the state's ban

on slots-like skill games. The votes were a major victory for a large coalition of gas station and restaurant owners, who said the ban had deprived them of badly needed gambling revenue that they believe helped many small businesses survive the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explaining the final bill on the Senate floor, Sen. Aaron Rouse, D-Virginia Beach, described it as a compromise that leaves no one fully happy but still achieves the goal to "help small businesses and optimize revenue for the

commonwealth." The proposal passed the

Senate 31-9 and cleared

the House of Delegates by

bill legalizing skill games

a narrower vote of 49-43. The legislation now heads to Gov. Glenn Youngkin, whose office previously said he had "serious concerns" about the skill game pending legislation but has not yet weighed in on the final

version approved Friday. "This skill game bill will allow Virginia's small business owners, many of whom are firstgeneration Americans, to keep their doors open, their employees working, and continue contributing to the community, restaurant Rich Kelly, president of the pro-skill game Virginia Merchants and Amusements Coalition, said in a news release applauding Friday's votes. The legislation includes

a 25% tax rate on the machines' gross receipts, and would allow up to four gambling machines in business licensed by the Virginia Alcoholic

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

From the 1994 editions of the New Castle Record

Cooperation between businesses and schools in the Roanoke and New River Valleys could lead to increased learning and communication opportunities for, he said. local students.

A proposed fiber optic consortium between the valleys would be modeled after a similar program in Lee County, which used two-way, interactive video to merge classrooms that could be separated by hundreds or thousands of

The electronic village, so to speak, would link Craig, Botetourt, Roanoke, Giles, Pulaski, Montgomery, Floyd, and Franklin County classrooms, offering students in smaller school districts the chance to take classes not offered at their school via interactive video. The new technology would make education in Southwest Virginia more accessible and effective to all students, according to consortium planners.

"It's a very exciting project with a great deal of potential," said Tom Wilkerson, who works with new technologies at New River Community College.

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The equipment needed to bring interactive video classes to life would cost about \$65,000 per site, Wilkerson said. Planners hope federal grants could cover 80 percent of the cost, reducing the amount schools would have to pay to about \$12,000. Further, monthly

operating costs would be paid to local telephone companies for fiber optic

New Castle Telephone Company said they hope to have the fiber optic lines needed to connect Craig to other schools participating in the interactive video system in place within a year.

We're gonna be working with the schools as we implement fiber optics," said New Castle Telephone Manager Jerry Harms. "We will be meeting with them to see what their needs will be."

The fiber optic system will also make a global computer system available to participating schools.

"It's 24-hour access to the world,"

Internet and universal electronic mail would make it possible for Craig students to check the stock market in Japan or communicate directly with local or international politicians.

"If we can tie these two things together, they can have access to all of that as well."

The new technology should contribute greatly to destroying educational disparities in Virginia. "Through technology, we can break

down a lot of these barriers and fight disparity," Wilkerson said. Elementary and secondary schools in the region would be connected to

local colleges, including Virginia Tech, Virginia Western Community College, and Radford University. An electronic education and communication system is already in use in Blacksburg, mostly through Virginia Tech. The Blacksburg Electronic Village brings town residents and Tech-affiliated people instant information and communication through Internet and Gopher, a software

Free public access terminals are available at the public library, so participants need not own a personal computer, according to BEV director Andy Cohill. He said the Village hopes to see all schools in Montgomery County connected through fiber optics within three or four years, with help from BEV, Tech and Bell Atlantic.

In Craig, fiber optic line is already laid along a portion of Virginia 42. Pembroke Telephone Cooperative said they would be willing to work with area phone companies and schools to expand fiber optic capability in the region so electronic classrooms can become a

"That technology is readily available today," said Pembroke Co-op Manager Stanley Cumbee.

Congressman Rick Boucher has been instrumental in attaining grants for improved technology in schools in Southwest Virginia and is expected to be a major asset in the fight for federal funding for fiber optic linkups. The Appalachian Regional

Commission is awarding \$370,000 in grants to the Southwest Virginia Education and Training Network, Inc. to buy new video cameras, monitors and interface equipment for a network of electronic classrooms. It is not clear yet whether the proposed consortium of Roanoke and New River Valley

Fiber optics could link localschools

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FROM THE NCR ARCHIVES

schools will receive any funding from this program. -Prepared By Lisa King

Games page 1

Beverage and Control Authority and up to 10 machines in truck stops.

Skill games could be reactivated on July 1, according to the terms of the bill, under a licensing temporary system overseen by ABC that would then transition to a fuller regulatory structure under the Virginia Lottery in 2027. The measure does not

require voters to approve skill games in their communities through ballot referendums, a rule that was imposed on casinos and Rosie's gambling facilities tied to horse racing. Local governments also would not have the ability to ban skill games if they so

As the proposal passed the House, Del. Terry Kilgore, R-Scott, noted that local referendums weren't required for sports betting, which mostly takes place on digital apps. "We only

that where there was infrastructure that would need to be addressed in local communities such as roads and highways and things of that nature," Kilgore said, suggesting referendums were more about land use than gambling. The

Virginia Lottery, which didn't present infrastructure concerns, was approved via a statewide voter referendum in 1987. The bill's passage is

also a win for Pace-O-Matic, a prominent skill game company based in Georgia that mounted a vigorous lobbying effort to keep its machines legal and made substantial political donations to General Assembly leaders in both parties. In a letter to Youngkin

urging him to veto the bill, a group of Virginia pastors organized by a group called Faith Wins America said supporters of the bill were glossing over the reality that any extra money going to small business owners is coming right out of the pockets of other Virginians. "It's the wealthy out-of-

state corporations behind these machines who stand to benefit, preying on vulnerable communities and perpetuating cycles of poverty and despair," the faith group wrote. The Senate and House

had passed dramatically different versions of the legislation earlier in the session. In an unusually

small group of lawmakers appointed Wednesday evening to work out the differences in those bills finished that job in a little more than a day. That group included

short turnaround, the

Bill Stanley, R-Franklin, a lawyer who has worked closely with Pace-O-Matic but was assured by the state's ethics council that his ties to the company didn't create an impermissible conflict of interest. Stanley also has legal and business ties to Hermie Sadler, a Southside Virginia truck stop owner who hosts skill games and sued the state over the ban that took effect in 2021. The skill game bill that originally passed the Senate only allowed seven games at truck stops, but that number was bumped to 10 in the final version. That change drew

the notice of Del. Barry Knight, R-Virginia Beach, who said the bill "wasn't ready for prime time." "On the House version

you were allowed five

of these machines at a truck stop. In the Senate version, seven," Knight said. "This compromise now brings us to ten. That looks like it's

outside of the scope of a compromise." Knight also questioned

lawmakers could explain to their constituents that they left no ability for local decision-making. "Can you envision

yourself going back and someone asking you: 'You voted for this, why didn't you allow me to have input?"" Pro-skill game lawmakers said

bill struck a balance allowing between financialopportunities for business owners with the need to effectively regulate the machines, prevent underage play and mitigate the harms of gambling addiction. Del. Sam Rasoul,

D-Roanoke, said he didn't like the final bill but was voting for it because he saw an "equity issue" with small businesses being shut out of the state's emerging gambling market. He said the tax revenue shouldn't be the state's top concern given the broader impact gambling can have, particularly on young people.
"Vice taxes are not the

way to pay for the most important things in our society," Rasoul said.

The final bill doesn't include the player card system envisioned by the House that would've required players to verify their identity before accessing skill machines. However, it includes criminal penalties for any business that "knowingly' allows those under 21 to

play and some provisions

mitigate

meant to

gambling addiction. The bill calls for a 'voluntary exclusion program" allowing people with gambling problems to ban themselves from playing skill games. It's unclear how it would apply to the machines without any mechanism for verifying players'

people who asked to be excluded. The speed with which

the newly written bill was being put to a vote Friday drew opposition from at least one lawmaker in the Senate. Sen. David Suetterlein, R-Roanoke, said the body

identities and checking

them against the list of

should be given at least some time to read what it was about to vote on. "I don't know why we're doing conference reports on Friday when we have

a full docket of bills and

we also have judicial

"I think it makes sense that we allow these conference reports to be out here and us [to] be able to look at them instead of running so quickly.' The Senate agreed to a temporary delay

interviews,

Suetterlein said.

but moved forward with the Friday vote. In another sign

speed was a priority for the bill's backers, Del. Cliff Hayes, D-Chesapeake, lead sponsor of the legislation in House, was absent from the Capitol Friday and unable to vote on a major piece of legislation he's been working on.

Kilgore said Hayes had asked him to present the instead.

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he's

disappointed because he's worked so hard on this issue," Kilgore said. The governor will

now sign the bill, veto it or suggest amendments prior to the General Assembly's April 17 reconvened session.



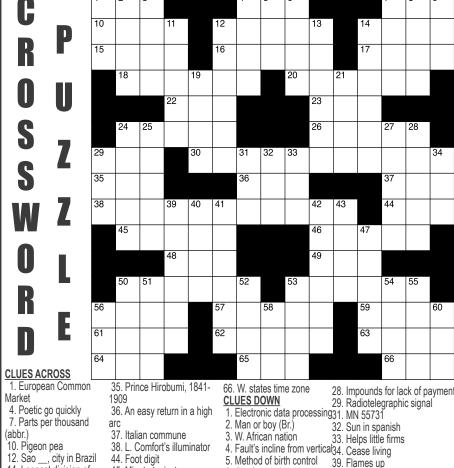
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Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

There is one day a year that I look forward to. I wake up before my alarm feeling well rested and ready to go. That is not happening this weekend. This weekend I will struggle to get up on time and be grumpy for at least two days. Daylight Saving Time begins every year on the second Sunday of March. At 2 am the time moves forward one hour. It happens at this time of day since most of us are at home sleeping, buses, and trains are not busy, and this causes the least amount of disruption. Time changes to save money on electricity started during World War I and in 1942 War Time (Daylight Saving Time) was in effect year-round until 1945 due to WWII. Until 2005 Daylight Saving Time was observed from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October. In 2007, President George W. Bush ordered it extended for four weeks; set to run from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday of November. Daylight saving time was originally started to use daylight more and save energy. Most people do not like Daylight Saving Time since it is hard to adjust to a new sleeping schedule. Most people are tired the days after a time change. In fact, the day after the time change is National Napping Day. Let's look on the bright side, Spring is practically here, and we get an extra hour of sunlight in the evenings. We have had enough of slow cooker comfort food and winter soups so here is a light, and simple recipe for spring. This dish is a "chickpea salad," but you can switch out chickpeas for your favorite canned beans: creamy cannellini beans, black beans, kidney beans are all great options. The leftovers pack well for a lunch option.

Coconut chicken with chickpea salad Ingredients:

For the chicken:

2 chicken breasts or 4-6 chicken tenders

½ cup unsweetened coconut flakes

1-2 tsp sweet paprika

1 egg

For the salad:

Salt and pepper

2 (15-oz.) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed

1 medium cucumber, chopped

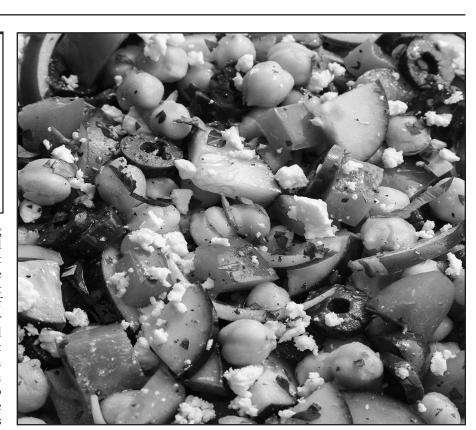
1 cup halved cherry tomatoes

1 bell pepper, chopped

1/2 red onion, thinly sliced

1/2 c. chopped kalamata olives

1/2 c. crumbled feta



Kosher salt Freshly ground black pepper

For the lemon-parsley vinaigrette 1/2 c. extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 c. white wine vinegar 1 tbsp. lemon juice 1 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley

1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Meanwhile, prepare coconut chicken by coating breasts in egg wash and then covering with a mixture of coconut flakes, sweet paprika, and salt and pepper. Place encrusted chicken on a sheet pan and bake in oven for 10-15 minutes or until starting to brown (165°F internal temp).

While the chicken bakes, assemble the salad by tossing together chickpeas, cucumber, bell pepper, red onion, olives, and feta. Season with salt and pepper. To make the vinaigrette, in a jar fitted with a lid, combine olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice, parsley and red pepper flakes. Close the jar and shake until emulsified, then season with salt and pepper. Dress salad with vinaigrette just before serving. Once the chicken has cooked, remove from oven, and let cool slightly before slicing and serving over top of the chickpea salad.

Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

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

Library Board of Trustees Meeting at Craig County Library at 6 p.m.

Town of New Castle Town Council Meeting at New Castle Town Hall at 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

March 19

Congressman Morgan Griffith Breakroom.
citizen comment period 9 am - 10:30 Planning Commission meeting am at Craig County Courthouse at Planning Commission at 7:00-Breakroom.

Planning Commission meeting at Planning Commission at 7:00-8:00p.m.

March 20

CPMTCPMT MEETING Department of Social Services at 1

Department of Social Services Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

April 4

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April 8

Library Board of Trustees Meeting at Craig County Library at 6 p.m.

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April 16

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April 17

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April 25

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May 2

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

May 13

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

at Craig County Library at 6 p.m.

Community Event

Rocket to the Rhythm at CCHS Community Sock Hop will be held Saturday, April 6, 6:00p.m-10:00 p.m at the high school gymnasium. Dinner begins at 6 p.m, and live band, 40 Years After, begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$7 Kids \$3 p.m.Admission: Adults \$7, Kids \$3.

Proceeds will benefit CCHC, After Prom, Junior Class and FFA.

Ongoing

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

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.

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11599 Cumberland Gap Road/Rt. 42, New Castle, 864-5242; church phone:544-7040 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Choir Tuesday 7:30p.m., Youth Outreach and Missions Program. Rev. San Kang.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH Duane Wente, Minister, Rt. 42, New Castle, 540-864-5692. Sunday:

Worship 10:00 a.m. CORNERSTONE CHURCH Pastor Don Brown, Corner of Salem and Wagner, New Castle, 580-

3228. Sunday Worship 10:30am (Children meet separately, Nursery provided). Bible Study - Wednesday 6p Teens - Wednesday 6p. Ministries: Men, Ladies, Young Adult, and Seniors. Times vary, call for details. CRAIG HEALING SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Pastor - Kenneth W. Davis, Jr., 6 Grannys Branch Road (Johns Creek),

New Castle, Phone: 864-6102. Sunday School at 10 am. Sunday Worship at 11 am every Sunday. Fellowship meal after Sunday Worship on second Sundays. Everyone is welcome! **CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST**

171 Salem Avenue, New Castle, 864-5667; Sunday School 10:00 a.m.,

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM, Bible Buddies at 6:30-8:00PM. Transportation provided - call the church. Hearing devices also available. www.craigvalleybaptist.com

CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP HWY 621, Pastor Roy Lee Law Jr., "Jay", 864-8984. Sunday School

10:00am; Worship 11:00am., Wednesday night Bible study 7pm, from

HWY 311, up HWY 621, 8 miles on left. CROSSROADS CHURCH 21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary Burch. 864-7520.

Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street & Boyd Ave., New Castle.

Church phone 864-5919. Sunday School 10:00AM, Sunday Worship

11:00AM and 6PM. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM, Youth Group

Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon. FIRST BAPTIST

7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.

GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Lo-

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

159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.

HEBRON UNITED METHODIST Pastor Chanmi Lee, 347-684-2607, Rt. 606, 1981 Caldwell Mt. Rd.,

New Castle, 540- 400-3419. Worship 11:15AM. LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School

10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. Newport, Duane Wente, Minister, 540-544-

7179. Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am, Children's Church 11:00am. Choir Practice, bi-weekly 7:00pm, Ladies

meeting first Monday of each month at 7:00pm. LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-525-7662. Sunday:

Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. **MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN** 4199 Craig Valley Drive, New Castle, Jonathan Lee, pastor, 864-6622.

Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Children's Church 9:15 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m. **NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH** "WHERE YOUR HEART CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE"

282 Salem Ave., New Castle; 864-5212; Pastor Bill Frazier. Sunday Service: 10 A.M.; Wednesday night Bible study at 6:00 P.M. for K-5; If you need a ride to church, please contact Calvin Duncan by 8 P.M. on Saturday at 864-5321; www.nc-cc.org.

NEW CANTERBURY PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP

Pastor John D. Abbott, Hwy 621 (10 miles), phone: 540-580-5837, Sunday Prayer 10:00-10:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Service 6:00 pm.

PAXTON CHAPEL

Pastor Kenny Davis, 17 Sage Brush Lane, New Castle; "Presenting God's Word Faithfully"; Sunday School 10:00 AM; Sunday Worship Service 11:15 AM; visit us on the web at www.paxtonchapelchurch. com; email at paxtonchapel@ yahoo.com.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

NEW CASTLE UNITED METHODIST

Rev. San Kang, 364 Main St., New Castle, Va. Sunday School 10AM, Worship 11AM; UMW 3rd Wednesday@1PM, Youth and other pro-

grams, Bible Studies. ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

CRAIG COUNTY COMMUNITY CHURCH -

'WELCOME HOME!' Sunday service 9-10:15am at the VFW building in New Castle. Casual

dress if you desire and contemporary praise and worship. If you don't have a 'home' church, please join us at ours with Pastor Gary Burch. Check us out on facebook or contact us at: craigcountycommunitychurch@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

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

News from the 9th: Rural health care & pharmacies



Griffith

Representative

Since coming to Congress, I have worked to find ways to protect and promote access to health care for rural Americans. One aspect of rural medicine have tried to help on a federal level is pharmacies. For many in rural areas, visiting pharmacies and interacting with pharmacists is one of the most important points of access

for health care in small towns and communities. Pharmacists are trusted members of the community, who help provide relief to those in need.

Pharmacies have faced some tough challenges. Not long ago, UnitedHealth Group (a health care group that operates Optum and United Healthcare platforms) was the victim of a cyberattack. This complicated prescription deliveries for six days as many pharmacies were unable to process Pharmacies prescriptions. have also faced challenges as this country continues to deal with chronic drug shortages, ranging from chemotherapy

drugs to antibiotics to ADHD medications. Though wanting to help, some pharmacies have been unable to dispense critical, life-saving medications.

Over the years, I have looked for ways on a federal level to assist pharmacies, while also helping Americans get better access to health care. Below is a summary of bills I recently introduced or co-sponsored that are related to pharmacies. H.R.5393 - Transparency

and Fairness for Pharmacies Act Pharmacists, including rural pharmacists, have been increasingly charged retroactive fees, known as Direct and

Indirect Remuneration (DIR)

sold it for \$1.03. You find out later that without telling you, the company changed the price several months after you sold the product and now has the right to come back and say, "Oh, we really should have charged you \$1.20." You have now lost 17 cents on the transaction. That's how DIR fees work. Believe it or not, this happens to pharmacists

fees, after prescriptions are filled.

These fees hurt, and sometimes

business. Imagine you bought

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routinely.

To make matters worse, a majority of these pharmacists say they receive no clear information

about when and why these DIR fees will be collected. Many also noted that DIR fees can total tens of thousands of dollars each month. In response to this, I introduced the Transparency and Fairness for Pharmacies Act, which takes steps to help rein in and bring more transparency to these DIR fees and all pharmacy fees by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs).

My bill would require the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to create standardized quality metrics for health plans and PBMs to use

when determining payments

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Sen. Chris Head offers legislative update from Richmond



Head **District 3**

Chris

Dear Friends,

As we finish the 8th week at the General Assembly this year, work is beginning to wrap up. By the time you read this, most, if not all, bills will have

been acted on in committee, and the last of the bills are being debated on the Senate and House floors. Conference committees are hashing out the differences between similar bills that passed the House and Senate to determine the final versions to be presented to both chambers. The final budget to be sent to the Governor is being negotiated.

A LOOK BACK AT THE **SESSION**

While the work of the General Assembly continues, many bills have already made it through the House and Senate—or have been defeated. Unfortunately, with Republicans in the minority in the House and Senate, Democrats have used their majority to push through some bills that will hurt Virginia families, limit freedom, and undermine the Commonwealth's economy. Here are some of the misguided bills that Democrats used their majorities to push through the General Assembly and send to the Governor for his review.

Democrats pushed through a bill (SB 1) to raise Virginia's minimum wage by about 20%, setting it at more than double what federal law requires. Wages have risen due to tight worker availability without government intervention. The market is working, and we need to let it continue.

Democrats aggressively continued their attacks on the 2nd Amendment with bills that would ban almost all semi-automatic pistols (SB 2), undermine reciprocity for lawabiding permit holders (HB 466), and fine law-abiding Virginians if they leave their firearm visible if it is locked in their car (SB 447).

Democrats pandered to a massive national far-left union, allowing them to decide what teacher pay is in Virginia (SB 104). I want to do everything possible to support teachers, so we have outstanding educators in our classrooms. Still, we cannot turn over control of

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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 eighth week of Session has concluded, leaving one more week for the General Assembly to complete its work for the 2024 Regular Session. This week's action was largely in committee, where I am pleased to report significant progress was made in fighting Virginia's deadly fentanyl epidemic. As you may recall, the House version of a bill banning the manufacture of fentanyllaced pills was recently killed. However, a Senate bill that would criminalize the use of pill presses to manufacture fake pills laced with fentanyl is still advancing through the body. My Republican colleagues and I pushed hard to get this bill a hearing, and I'm pleased to report that it was reported to

the floor on a unanimous vote from Appropriations and will likely be up for final passage on Monday. Our schools continue to deal with fentanyl overdoses as students may be told they're buying a friend's prescription medication, when in fact they're obtaining a fake pill with a deadly dose of fentanyl. Some students have needed CPR to be revived; others have not been so fortunate.

Also occurring during this time are bill conferences. This is where similar but nonidentical Senate and House bills that have passed out of each chamber are placed into conference committees. Delegates and senators then confer with one another to agree on a bill that can be presented and voted on by both chambers. One such

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Roanoke College Super Tuesday Poll

Virginians weighed in ahead of Super Tuesday; President Biden's ratings down, Donald Trump favored in the commonwealth's Republican primary, and the latest on November's general election.

The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College has been asking Virginians about the Super Tuesday primary and looking ahead to the November general election. IPOR also asked about public attitudes related to state and national politics, as well as opinions on public figures and organizations.

IPOR interviewed 705 adult residents of Virginia between Feb. 11 and Feb. 19, 2024, in a survey of public attitudes related to state and national politics, opinions on public figures and organizations, and election thoughts for Super Tuesday and the November general election. The survey has a weighted margin of error of 4.62%.

2024 Republican Nomination and Potential General Election Matchup

Roanoke **College Poll**

As Super Tuesday approached and Virginians cast their ballots in the Republican primary on March 5, the Roanoke College Poll continued to measure Virginians' opinions about the current race for the Republican presidential nomination, including who they would most prefer to be the Republican candidate for president in 2024. Among self-reported Republicans,

Donald Trump has a huge lead of 75% as their first choice to be the Republican nominee for president in November, followed by 15% for

Nikki Haley and 8% for someone else. Support for both candidates has increased since November as other candidates have dropped out of the race; Trump is up $\overline{24}\%$ and Haley is up 5%. When asked about their second choice for the nominee, 6% chose Trump, 25% picked Haley and 56% would prefei someone else.

We asked Virginians about their intention to vote in the Republican primary on Super Tuesday (March 5, 2024) and 56% of Virginians indicated that they were very or somewhat likely to vote. Of those likely voters, Trump holds an 8-point lead over Haley (51% to 43%). Among likely voters on Tuesday, Democrats prefer Haley (87%) over Trump (10%), Republicans choose Trump (80%) over Haley (18%) and the closeness of the race comes from independents who prefer Haley (54%) over Trump (44%).

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to pharmacies. H.R.5400 - Preventing Disruptions to Universal Service Funds Act. PBMs act as an intermediary between pharmacies, insurance companies, drug manufacturers, etc. whose purpose is to negotiate drug prices. We have seen that PBMs can manipulate drug prices through various ways to enhance their own profits, hurting Americans' bottom line and the pharmacies who deal with

I co-sponsored H.R. 5400, which would modernize Medicare and enhance PBM accountability by preventing them from discriminating against pharmacies

that are willing to contract with them, helping seniors seek care closer to home. This will ensure that PBMs do not provide unfair contracts to independent pharmacies where that independent pharmacy wouldn't accept the contract because the reimbursement rate for medications is so low their patients would lose access to that drug.

H.R.1770 - Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act

Pharmacies have the ability to provide a variety of services beyond just filling prescriptions. Currently, certain tests and vaccines administered by pharmacies are not reimbursable by Medicare.

I co-sponsored legislation, Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act, to establish a federal reimbursement mechanism pharmacists' services under Medicare and ensure patients can continue to access essential care and services provided by pharmacists. This will now allow for Virginia pharmacists to test and treat for strep, flu, and COVID-19 and get reimbursed by Medicare for it. H.R.5526 - Seniors' Access to Critical

Medications Act Many seniors living in the Ninth

physically able to travel to pick up their much-needed prescriptions, whether it be from pharmacies, doctor's offices, etc. I co-sponsored legislation, Seniors' Access to Critical Medications Act, that would allow for patients to have their

District and in other rural areas are not

caregivers/loved ones pick up the prescription on their behalf, making life easier for seniors. These bills are just some ways I am

currently helping pharmacies and rural Americans. I will continue to explore other ways to promote and protect access to health care.

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Democrats passed a bill to allow noncitizens to become police officers (and to even become police chiefs) (SB 69). Our senior public safety roles should be held

Virginia to a national labor union.

by citizens, especially in a period where Democrats in Washington have allowed a flood of criminals and gang members to enter through our Southern Border. Democrats have long sought to

undermine our efforts to protect innocent lives by drastically expanding the number of abortions in the Commonwealth, including in the third trimester. Now, they are pushing through so-called "right-to-die" legislation that will make Virginia a magnet for those seeking physician-assisted suicides (SB 280). I have tremendous empathy for anyone who is suffering from a terminal illness. Still, physician-assisted suicide demeans the value of human life, and Virginia should not be supporting these efforts. At the same time, the Democrats killed

common-sense bills that Republicans were pushing: Republicans pushed legislation

(SB 52) that would allow drug dealers knowingly selling laced fentanyl to be charged with murder in the case of an overdose and death. Democrats killed this bill in a radical soft-on-crime approach to reduce the prison sentences of murderers. Republicans pushed a bill (SB 3)

Virginians to follow vehicle standards set by an unelected board of California bureaucrats. Democrats voted the bill Republicans tried to crack down on picketing that seeks to intimidate judges, witnesses, jurors, and other participants in

to end the mandate that requires

blocked the bill in committee. The list of bad bills that passed and good bills that were killed due to the Democratic majority in the Senate and House goes on and on.

the judicial process (SB 223). Democrats

LEGISLATION

This week I had 5 more bills pass the House and now they head to the Governor's desk for action. 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. ŜB 134 passed the Senate (39-0-1) and passed the House 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 (40-0) and passed the House (99-0).

SB 154 will assist Virginians with their advance health care planning by streamlining existing processes on Virginia's Advance Health Care Directive Registry and by expanding the types of documents that are eligible to be included on the registry to now include any other document that supports

advance health care planning, including Durable Do Not Resuscitate Order or portable medical order forms. SB 154 passed the Senate (39-0) and passed the House (97-0). SB 156 will assist in facilitating the

Wells Fargo expansion in Roanoke

County through post-performance grant funding after meeting metrics for capital investment and the creation of at least 1,100 new full-time jobs at the facility. SB 156 passed the Senate (40-0) and passed the House (91-4). 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 (40-0) and passed the House (96-0).

CONSTITUENT VISITS

This week I enjoyed speaking with those who came by to visit on issues of higher education, housing, and preserving history-to name a few! If you are in Richmond during Session, please come by and see us.

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bill is the budget, which remains in conference. As one of six House conferees appointed by the Speaker, my colleagues and I are tasked with working alongside our Senate counterparts to craft a budget that can be passed out of the General Assembly and sent to the Governor. It is important to understand that with Democrats in the majority, the final product will not be completely aligned with Republican priorities. That being said, during this process I will work to ensure that the budget is one that takes into account a conservative approach to our priorities in the district and the As for my bills, all have completed

their respective journeys through the legislative process except for HB1505, which has been referred to Senate Finance and Appropriations. HB1505 seeks to level the playing field for Virginia's college sports by preventing athletic organizations from limiting how higher education institutions can choose to support their athletic programs. With other states allowing their universities more flexibility when it comes to recruiting, the Commonwealth has fallen behind and will continue to do so. This bill will codify policies that are currently giving our competitors an advantage for their sports programs, and I am hopeful that it reports out of committee and is voted upon favorably by the Senate.

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 DelTAustin@ House.Virginia.gov or 804-698-1037.

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Of the entire sample, 40% of Democrats, 84% of Republicans and 55% of independents selfidentified into the "likely voter" category. Looking ahead to

general election November and likely matchups for the presidency, President Joe Biden maintains a fourpoint lead over Trump (47% to 43%). If Haley were to be the Republican nominee, she would have a nine-point lead over Biden (49% to 40%).

Since we last asked in November, more Virginians would consider voting for an independent candidate in November, up 5% to 50% compared to 45% of Virginians considering an independent candidate three months ago. When asked about the most important issue Virginians consider when voting, jobs and the economy immigration (27%),(17%), inflation (13%) and abortion (9%) were reported. Approval,

Favorability, and Directions of Virginia and Nation

Virginians' approval of Gov. Glenn Youngkin remains approximately the same as our polls from May 2023, with 53% of Virginians approving of the way Youngkin is handling his job as governor. In that same period, Biden's job approval has decreased among Virginians, down nine points from an approval rating of 42% in May to 33% in this poll. In November, Biden's approval was at 37%, and this poll marks the first time that more than 60% of Virginians disapprove of the way Biden is handling the presidency.

The percentage of Virginians who believe things are generally on the wrong track in Virginia and the nation remains stable from our last poll, with 42% reporting that things are on the wrong track in Virginia and 73% reporting that things are on the wrong track in the nation. As for the legislatures at the national and state levels, 16% of Virginians approve of the way Congress is handling its job (up two points since November, but within the margin of error) while 49% approve of the way the Virginia General Assembly is handling its job. The approval rating for the General Assembly increased four points since November and is within the error margin of its approval one year ago (48%).

With the General Assembly considering that would potentially authorize and allow retail sale of cannabis in Virginia next year, the poll partnered with Biology Professor DB Poli, coordinator of the new Cannabis Studies Program at Roanoke College, to ask Virginians about their level of support regarding the possible laws. We found that 63% of Virginians strongly or somewhat support laws that would help small businesses compete pharmaceutical companies and existing medical cannabis dispensaries while only 15% somewhat or strongly oppose. A similar proportion (60%) strongly or somewhat support laws that would regulate education needs for dispensary workers in

Virginia with only 12%

indicating any level of opposition. Responses were largely non-partisan, with majority support among Democrats (68% and 62% for the two questions), Republicans (56% and 53%) and independents (70% and

We continue to ask

Virginians about their tavorability ratings for key political figures and found slight changes since the last Roanoke College Poll. Approximately 48% of Virginians report a favorable impression of Youngkin (down two points), while 41% report an unfavorable impression (up two points). At the national level, 35% of Virginians report a favorable impression of Biden, which is another four-point drop from our last poll in November. About a third (35%) of Virginians report a favorable view of Trump while 61% report an unfavorable view (up six points since November). For the first time, we asked Virginians about Nikki Haley, with 29% having a favorable view, 50% having an unfavorable view and 18% not knowing enough about her to indicate their favorability. We again asked Virginians about their impressions of the U.S. Supreme Court, 40% reporting a favorable view and 49% an unfavorable view of the court; this is relatively unchanged since

be substantial partisan gaps in Virginians' attitudes, including 42- and 47-point gaps in Youngkin's approval and favorability ratings, 55- and 60-point gaps

There continues to

November.

in Biden's approval and favorability ratings, and a 78-point gap in favorability Trump's rating. Since November, Democrats' job approval and favorability of Biden both fell eight points. These gaps also appear in Virginians' attitudes about the direction of the nation (30-point gap) and favorability rating of the U.S. Supreme Court (32-point gap). However, we found no partisan gaps in the favorability rating for Haley among parties (31%, 32% and 34%, respectively, among Democrats, Republicans and independents).

Analysis "Ahead of Super Tuesday, it's not too surprising that former president Trump is likely to win the commonwealth's Republican primary," said David Taylor, director of IPOR and professor of mathematics at Roanoke College. "Among that self-Virginians reported a likelihood of voting on Tuesday, Trump holds an eight-point lead over former ambassador Nikki Haley, but based on what we've seen in the past, I would expect actual voter turnout to be lower than what our poll found. Trump has a 62-point lead among Republicans and Haley has a 10-point lead among independents, so while a Trump victory is the likely outcome, Haley will capture several of Virginia's 48 delegates up for grabs." "Partisanship continues

to shape Virginians' views on national politics and, to a lesser degree, state politics. Governor Youngkin's job approval Republicans among remains high, but his approval among

Democrats has increased almost 10 points since November. We also found that both Democrats and Republicans agree that the commonwealth is generally heading in the right direction. Nationally, though, about 40% of Democrats and just about 10% of Republicans say the country is heading in the right direction. "What's interesting

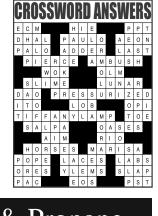
to look at is a snapshot four years ago relative to this month's poll. In 2020, about 40% of Virginians said that the country was heading in the right direction; now that figure has dropped to nearly 25%. When asked about the direction of Virginia, results today roughly mirror those at the same time four years ago. When our poll in 2020 asked about former president Trump's job approval, he had a 36% approval rating compared to incumbent Biden's approval now of 33%. His current approval is the lowest IPOR has seen since Biden took office, when his approval was 47% among Virginians." "What's changed?

Our state is generally considered either a swing state or one that leans a bit to the left. Biden's favorability rating of 35% now compared to 37% four years ago is relatively unchanged, but his unfavorability rating (61% now compared to 37% in 2020) has

nearly doubled nearly matches Trump's favorable/unfavorable ratings in 2020 and in this 2024 poll. Despite Virginia Republicans' strong desire for Trump to be the party's candidate in this November's general election, the Roanoke College Poll found that Trump leads Biden by tour points in November's race but Haley would lead Biden by nine points if she were the nominee."

Methodology

Interviewing for the Roanoke College Poll was conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, between Feb. 11 and Feb. 19, 2024. A total of 703 completed interviews came from random telephone calls to 425 Virginians, and 278 responses were drawn from a proprietary online panel of Virginians. Interviews conducted in English. Cellphones constituted 69% of the completed phone interviews.



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PUBLIC HEARING

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00pm in the City of Radford Council Chambers, 10 the public hearing is to receive public comments

Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. The purpose of concerning: Jones Builder, LLC seeking approval of a rezoning for .43 acres 402 West Rock Rd, Radford VA 24141 Portion of Tax Map # 12-(2)-SEC 2-8 and all of Tax Map # 12-(2)-SEC 2-9.10.11 & 12. The request is to rezone from (B-1) Limited Business to R-3, Single-Family Residential District (R-3) to allow the property owner to redevelop existing building into duplex and (1) Single Family Resident. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is low-medium residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is commercial corridor. Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Additional information on this request may be obtained in the Community Development Department, 10 Robertson Street, Radford VA 24141,

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The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing to receive comments regarding a request from the Jones Builder, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to develop an existing building into a duplex, 402 West Rock Rd, Radford VA 24141, Tax Map #'s 12-(2)-SEC 2-10,11 & 12. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is low-medium residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is commercial corridor The hearing will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M. E.S.T, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views on the proposed Special Use Permit. Written comments may be sent to 10 Robertson Street, Radford 24141; please allow adequate mailing time: Melissa Skelton, Community Development

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pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to

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VIRGINIA: Consider the request of E3MAG LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 744

Electric Road (Tax Map # 155 - 2 - 2.2) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District. 2. Consider the request of

Pinkesh R. Patel and Sonal P. Patel, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 1200 block Thompson

Memorial Drive (Tax Map # 20 - 2 - 4) from RSF Residential Single-

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PUBLIC HEARING The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2024-2025 budget on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem

Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Susan E. Young, Clerk of the Board, at 540-389-0130 by Monday, March 11, 2024 in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record.

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□ address their remarks to the Board, be brief $\hfill\Box$ provide a copy of their remarks for the record, and

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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

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**

Trustee's Sale

1990 Reesedale Road, Elliston, Virginia 24087

Tax Map No.: 057-26)

(Parcel ID: 022175;

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 29, 2015, in the original principal amount of \$106,837.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia in Instrument No. 150009429, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public

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Legals -**Montgomery County** at 3:00 pm in front of the

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Court, 55 E. Main Street,

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the property designated as

Lot 6, as shown on plat entitled "survey for Richard L. and Leilani F. Kaulback" showing Subdivision of 45.86 acre tract, Mt. Tabor District, Montgomery County, Virginia, which plat is dated June 18, 1979 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in plat book 9, page 197. 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 \$11,000,00 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 unsuccessfu 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, 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,

Order of

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6465, between 10:00 a.m. &

12:00 noon only.

Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. CL23000237-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. SHANE ANTHONY SMITH, ET AL., Respondent(s).

The object of this suit is to: enforce the lien of the complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 497-A 202 Account No. 020009

All those two certain lots or parcels of land lying about one-fourth of a mile east of the passenger station at Cambria, Montgomery County, Virginia: Lot No.1: Being all that certain lot or parcel of land conveyed to the said J.W. Britt by M. A. Helm and others by deed dated November 1, 1913, and recorded in Montgomery County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 63, Page 586; being described as lot 66 X 135 feet, be the same more or less, and to which deed reference is hereby made for a further description of the same

certain lot or parcel of land conveyed to the said J. W. Britt by M. A. Helm and wife by deed dated January 19, 1914, and recorded in

Lot No. 2: Being all that

Montgomery County Clerk's Office as Deed Book 63, Page 583 and is described as being 61 X 135 feet, be the same more or less, and to which deed reference is hereby made for a further description of the same, both of said lots adjoining each other, being on the south side of the road leading from the station via Happy Hollow, and on the west side of the Happy

Hollow Road, and runs back

to the lot, now or formerly

Legals -Montgomery County

owned by Charles Lynch, and is bounded on the west by the lot, now or formerly owned by Mary Russel, together with the buildings improvements thereon. and the appurtenances thereunto belonging And being the same real

property conveyed to Alice May Vaughan Brammer, Fannie Vaughan Carr. Sam Will Vaughan, Jr. John Blair Vaughan, Colonel Jabe Taft Vaughan, and James Curtis Douglas Vaughan from S. W. Vaughan and Ada L. Vaughan by deed dated and recorded on February 5. 1943 in the Montgomery County Clerk's Office as Deed Book 128, Page 389. And further being the same

property conveyed to Shane Anthony Smith from John B. Vaughan, as sole heir of John Blair Vaughan, deceased, by Quitclaim Deed dated December 18, 2013 and recorded December 23, 2013 in the Montgomery County Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 13011845.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions and

reservations of record which affect the property herein described IT APPEARING that an

Affidavit has been made

and filed stating that due

diligence has been used. without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: David W. Smith, whose last known address is 5352 Graysontown Road Radford, Virginia 24141; Ling Zhong, whose last known address is 1005 Robin Rd., Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, S. W. Vaughan aka Sam Willie Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Ada L. Vaughan (VSB No. 97065) who is believed to deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Alice May Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Fannie Vaughan Carr, who is believed to be deceased Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 and whose last known address is unknown; Sam TACS No. 496179 Will Vaughan, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Blair Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased

and whose last known address is unknown; Colonel Jabe Taft Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: James Curtis Douglas Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Henry Brammer aka James Randolph Robinson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Virginia Elizabeth Brammer,

who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Gloria Jean Carr Butts Hicks, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Thomas Carr, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Meta Hudgens Carr, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Denise

Carr, Whose last known address is unknown: Ada Mae Carr Nizer, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Melva James Nizer McNeill, whose last known address is 630 Colhoun St. NE. Christiansburg, Virginia

24073; Ludell Albert Nizer, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Emma Christine Carr Samuel, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; London Samuel,

who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Vivian Palmer Vaughan. who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Lorenza Vaughan, whose last known address is unknown; Bertha Mae McDaniel Vaughan, who is

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James Douglas Vaughan,

Legals -**Montgomery County** who is believed to be

deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Douglas Vaughan, Jr., whose last known address is 8626 Croaker Rd., Williamsburg, Virginia 23188; Colonel Jabe Taft Vaughan, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: John Willie Junius Vaughan, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John W.J.Vaughan, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Dorothy Elizabeth Lacy Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Tax Map No. 497-4202 Account No 020009 whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Respondent named herein

Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before March 29, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of The County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

are made parties

Entered on the 22nd day of February, 2024.

Mike Fleenor, Jr., Judge I Ask for This: John A Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffery A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Seth R. Konopasek, Esq.

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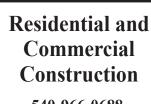
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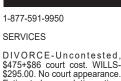
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Rockets have high hopes for baseball season

Daylight savings time begins this Sunday and a day later the light will shine on the 2024 edition of Craig County High School baseball. The Rockets will open the new season with a 5 pm game at Glenvar on Monday,

The Rockets graduated just three players from last year's 7-14 team and look to improve on that record. Corey Smith will begin his second year as head coach and he has a terrific assistant in Craig County's Jason Lucas, who coached many of these boys to successful seasons in recreation and travel ball.

Craig has some talent returning, including three players who were second team All-Pioneer District last year. Senior Matthew Lucas was second team at utility as

a junior and he'll be a pitcher and middle infielder for this year's team. Senior slugger Drew Duncan returns at first base, where he was second team all-district, and Jaycob Wolfe was second team as a sophomore. He'll be a solid portsider on the mound and a tough stick in the middle of the order.

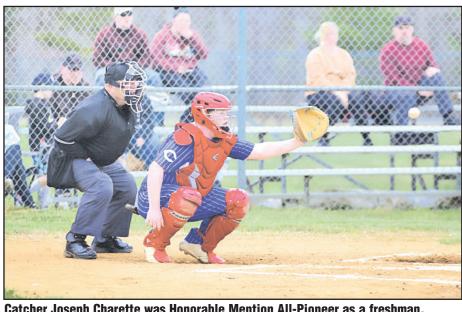
Senior Hayden Reynolds was Honorable Mention all-district last year and he returns as a middle infielder. Joseph Charette was also Honorable Mention as a freshman and he can catch, pitch and play corner infield.

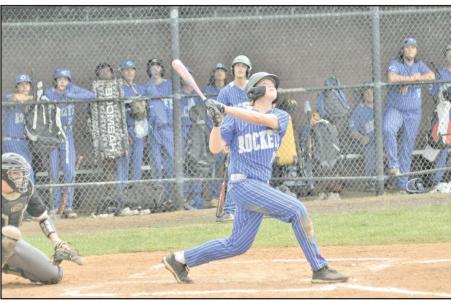
Seth Parsons is another senior and returning juniors include Cameron Huffman, Isaiah Wente and James Smith. Returning sophomores are Luke Potter and Hunter Sowers and freshman Kadin Authors is also on the varsity.

The Rockets will miss graduated all-district pitcher Zach Peters but Smith has a stable of arms to choose from with Lucas, Wolfe, Charette, Reynolds, Sowers and Wente all available to log time on the mound.

We have high expectations for our returning key players," said Lucas. "Our goal is to make it to the Region C tournament."

The Rockets barely missed making the region last year and a strong schedule should get them prepared for postseason play. After Monday's game with Glenvar, who always has a quality Class 2 program, the Rockets will take on William Byrd in Vinton next Wednesday, March 13. The Terriers are Class 3 and have one of the top programs in the Roanoke Valley at any level.

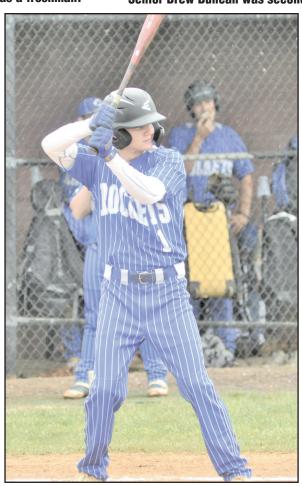




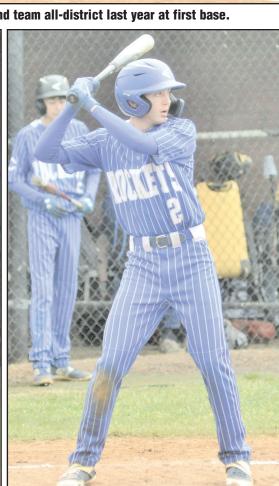
Senior Drew Duncan was second team all-district last year at first base.



Senior Hayden Reynolds was Honorable Mention All-District last year.



Returning senior Matthew Lucas was second team **All-Pioneer District last spring.**



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Jaycob Wolfe, a junior, was second team All-District as a sophomore.

Softball team opens Monday at Glenvar

The Craig County softball team will open the 2024 season on the road Monday with a game at Glenvar. The Rockets look to improve on last year's 8-10 season that ended with a loss to Auburn in the Region 1C tournament. Auburn went on to win the state championship for the fourth year in a row.

"I'm very excited for the upcoming season," said Craig coach Elaina WolfeCarper. "We've got a talented group of girls this year, and I anticipate that we will see the hard work they've been putting in pay off during our games."

WolfeCarper's main concern is replacing graduated workhorse pitcher Sara Jones. Sara was a first team All-Pioneer District pitcher last season and she could be counted on to give the Rockets quality innings every game. This year the duo of junior Nevaeh Hypes and sophomore Kammie Fisher will split time on the mound. Fisher was a second team All-District pitcher as a freshman and both girls saw some time on the mound last spring.

"Kammie and Neveah have both been putting in a lot of work in the off-season," said WolfeCarper.

Craig's three seniors are returning second team all-district catcher Lily Hutchison, firstbaseman Karly Potter and outfielder Randalyn Taylor. Potter and Taylor were both Honorable Mention all-district as juniors.

Our three seniors are outstanding leaders," said WolfeCarper.

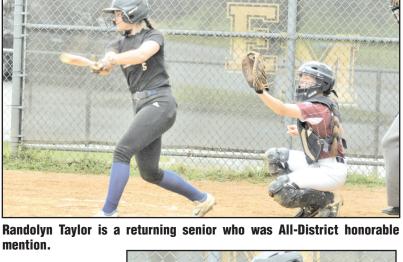
Other juniors on the team include Layla Dooley, Ashlyn Keen and Hayleigh Flowers. Sophomores are returning second team all-district secondbaseman Kallie Fisher, Cheyenne Bell, Jenna Boitnotte and Daileigh Donithan.

"I'm also very pleased to have a JV team this year, which goes such a long way to building a strong program," said WolfeCarper.



Senior

Hutchison returns behind the plate for after earning second team all-district



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second team All-Pioneer as freshmen.

Karly Potter is a senior firstbaseman for the Rockets who was All-Pioneer Honorable Mention.

Craig honors.