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# THE NEW CASTLE RECORD



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Students returned to the classroom on Monday, Aug. 12.

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## Craig County students had a few extra days of summer

**Bonnie Cranmer**  
Contributing writer

Craig County Public Schools kicked off the 2024-25 school year with a bang – or perhaps more accurately, a delayed start. After a storm postponed the initial opening day, students were eager to return to the classroom on Monday, Aug. 12.

"They were ready to come back," said Craig County High School Principal Susan

Stimeling. The school hallways quickly filled with the familiar hum of teenage life. A new chapter also began with Virginia's statewide cell phone policy. While some anticipated chaos, Stimeling said the school was prepared. "We were ready," she said. "Card games are available at lunch, and we're seeing kids talking to each other." The policy seems to have created a more engaged atmosphere, with

students less distracted by their devices.

To ensure all students have the tools they need to succeed, Craig County has expanded its support services. The Student Success Center, located to the right of the school entrance, is stocked with essential school supplies like notebooks, pens, pencils and crayons. It's like a one-stop shop for students to get their 'job' done.

Beyond academics,

the school is also focused on students' overall well-being. The Care Closet provides personal care items such as deodorant, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products. Students can discreetly pick up what they need. The closet also offers clothing in various sizes, though students should check in with the front office for assistance.

Thanks to the National School Lunch

and School Breakfast Programs, all Craig County students are eligible for free meals this year. "Students attending a participating school will be provided a nutritious meal for breakfast and lunch each day at no charge to the household," said Sherry Crowder, director of school nutrition. For those who miss the early breakfast, a second chance option is available at 10 a.m. for a small fee.

As the school year progresses, the Craig County community can look forward to a host of engaging and rousing events. From school-wide projects focused on participating at Fall Festival to thrilling Friday night football games, there's something for everyone. A palpable sense of excitement fills the air as students, faculty, and community members anticipate a fantastic year.

## Weather, wildlife affect local vendors at the farmers market

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Come down Main Street in New Castle on any Saturday for the farmers market and a nice hometown surprise. A variety of vendors fill the spots with tasty treats, plenty of information and loads of experience to share. The corner has filled in nicely with the addition of the mural wall, stating the obvious "Craig County, Your Next Adventure Awaits."

One of the vendors, Josh Thompson of Landis Legacy Farm, has been participating since the beginning of the market earlier this year. His Newport enterprise brings eggs, chickens, pork, and maple syrup to the market along with garden produce. Thompson has a collection of private customers in the area, and sells consistently at the New Castle market and in Giles County at the Narrows market. Thompson is expanding the work on fencing begun at his 200-acre property with funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He found, as many farmers do, that three strands only keep in some animals. Adding more strands in key areas makes for safer animals.

Sally Farrell is another vendor at the market, bringing eggs and lamb.



Casey Peters shares her cinnamon pecan buns and sourdough loaves.

PHOTO BY BONNIE CRANMER

Her farm produces eggs, replacement ewes, lambs, lamb meat and mutton. Farrell faced an unexpected challenge recently, with a fox in her chickens. She found that electric netting for protection over the flock has been very helpful.

Then, there's the sourdough. Lazywoods Homestead baker, Casey Peters, creates sourdough loaves in classic plain, Jalapeño Cheddar or Pepperoni Cheddar. Other offerings include sourdough pasta and delicious cinnamon pecan buns on occasion.

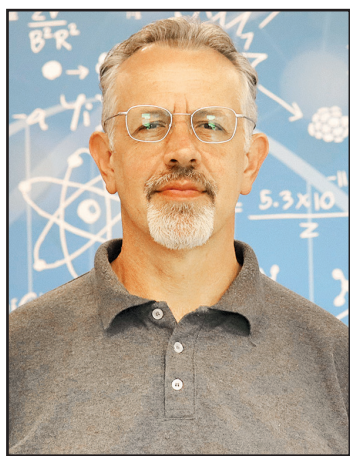
"We do not add preservatives to our breads, and under the best conditions they will begin to mold within a few days," Peters website states but the tasty goodies don't usually last that long. Peters and her husband both

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## Virginia Western awarded National Science Foundation grant focused on agricultural technology

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College has received a \$343,209 Advanced Technological Education (ATE) grant from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. government's independent science agency, according to a release from the college.

The three-year grant will fund the college's project, "Cross-Pollination Skillsets: Growing Mechatronics and Agricultural Collaborations for Producing Skilled Agricultural Technicians," which will test Virginia Western faculty members' ideas to improve



Berry



White

technician education. "We are very grateful to

receive this substantial grant from the National Science

Foundation," said Dr. Robert Sandel, Virginia Western's president. "Our faculty are always seeking innovative ways to equip our students to meet community needs, and this collaboration builds on that strength. Our state leaders have identified key workforce needs in the agricultural sector, and we are ready to help make Virginia a welcome destination for these employers."

The Cross-Pollination Skillsets project targets a state government priority for developing business opportunities through controlled environmental

agriculture (CEA), according to Dr. David Berry, assistant professor and Mechatronics Program head. As principal investigator, Berry will lead the new initiative with Dr. Mallory White, assistant professor of biology and Agriculture Program head, who is serving as co-principal investigator. The concept of the grant is to train the next level of technicians needed in the state's agriculture workforce.

Integral to the project's formation was the partnership with the project's Business and

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

# Heck of a program

*From the March 2, 27, 1994 edition of The New Castle Record*

Do you remember that song "Rock and Roll Heaven?" I know Kurt Cobain's mother does.

It's about all the rock singers who have died and the recurring theme is, "if there's a rock and roll heaven, you know they've got a heck of a band." One of the words was changes since we're a family newspaper.

Well, if there's a sports prison, you know they've got a heck of an athletic program. Welcome to the real world, O.J. Simpson.

This is one of the saddest stories I can remember. Two innocent people have been killed, and the prime suspect is a guy who is a hero to kids. Say it ain't so, O.J.

When I heard the news that O.J.'s ex-wife had been found slain, it never crows my mind that he might have been involved. Then, when evidence started turning up, I figured he was probably framed.

It just didn't make sense. Most people who commit murder have little to lose. O.J. had everything to lose. He had money, fame, good looks, and a successful post football career.

I guess love and jealousy can make you do strange things, but how irrational can a person be? O.J. could have had his pick of model and movie

start types.

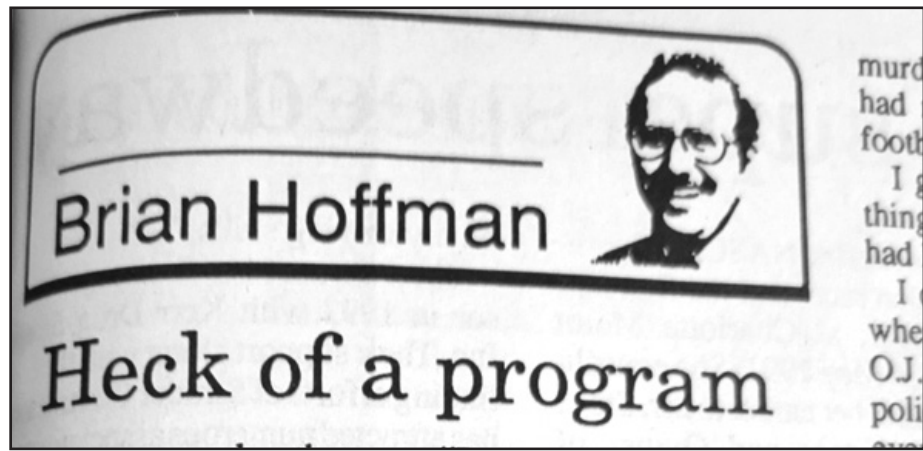
I couldn't believe what I was watching Friday night when NBC cut into the basketball game. I half expected O.J. to bolt out of that truck, put a shake move on a couple policemen, and dash free of their grasp. But of course, even in his prime he couldn't have out run a speeding bullet. At least not for more than 100 yards.

Now the NFL's all-time single season rushing leader is in jail charged with murder. A former heavyweight champion was just denied release for jail last week, and now I read where former Steelers' star Mel Blount is in trouble for stockpiling guns. Blount also shot a hay wagon, which isn't good but is better than stabbing your ex-wife.

I'm getting to the point where nothing surprises me anymore. I'm not there yet, because O.J. Simpson surprised me.

If Dale Murphy does something illegal, I don't even want to know. Don't stop the baseball season. The Cleveland Indians are in first place!

Wouldn't it just be the luck of the Indians to be in first place and the Major League Baseball Players' Association decides to strike? Can't you see the tribe on to and the rest of the season is wiped out?



FROM THE NCR ARCHIVES

At the beginning of the spring, I expected Cleveland to have a chance to contend under the new setup. They're in a weaker division than the old American League East, and there's that wild card deal to contend for.

But let's take a close look. After Sunday's results the Indians not only had the best record in the AL Central, but in the entire American league! They were a game and a half better than the Yankees, and none and half games up on Toronto, the two-time defending major league champs.

In fact, the only team that had a better record than Cleveland coming into this week was the Atlanta Braves. The Braves were playing .652 baseball and Cleveland was .615.

And that brings up an interesting point. Do you realize the best records in both the American and National Leagues belong to the two teams with nick names deemed offensive to Native Americans?

Could you see a Braves-Indians World Series? Actually, I am just hoping we see a World Series of any kind.

*Note: There was not a World Series in 1994 due to the MLB Player's Association strike. The cancellation marked the second time (and to date the last) a World Series was not played in a given season and the first since 1904.*

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

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work regular jobs, have children and are developing a farm business with the bakery, chickens, an apiary and small farm equipment rentals.

While this is a taste of what's

available at the Craig County Farmers Market, this is only the beginning. Supporting local agricultural business is essential to maintaining the rural character of the community. Knowing

your local farmers, and supporting their efforts, builds strength and resilience. Watch for more vendors and more opportunities to participate at market events in coming weeks.

The farmers market is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Be sure to pick up wildlife stickers and other items at the market to show your support for Craig County.



Josh Thompson of Landis Legacy Farm knows "farmers are incredible."



PHOTOS BY BONNIE CRANMER

Sally Farrell brings her knowledge of farming to the market.

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Industry Leadership Team (BILT). Contributing as members of the BILT are: Matthew Lohr, Virginia Secretary of Agriculture; Arturo Gomez Mazatan, Red Sun Farms; J. Scott Lowman, the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research; Gus Brennan, Greenswell Growers; Jared Heffron, Novenesis; Stefanie Manbeck, Cattlemen's Insurance Agency; Kate Stevens, James River High School - FFA advisor/agriculture teacher; and Walter Grigg, TORC Robotics.

"This project has been shaped by our community partners, and we are so grateful for their support," said Dean of STEM and Workforce Solutions Amy White. "Our faculty investigators were very open and flexible as we began the planning process, and so we were able to be very nimble to respond to the BILT's input."

Industry members outside the BILT also note the value of the project's synergies. "Integrating agriculture and technology into college curriculums is essential for businesses like MOVA Technologies Inc or Vegg Inc, which offer climate-smart ag-tech solutions," said Luke Allison, director of advancement and communications for MOVA Technologies, Inc. "The next generation of workers must be leaders in environmental stewardship while advancing technological progress. Higher education needs to ignite their imaginations, fostering a proactive approach to creating innovative solutions for challenges that have yet to arise."

Through teamwork with Shelley Lyons, Virginia Western's grant coordinator, and Dean Amy White, investigators Berry and White began preparing the grant proposal with mentoring and technical support from Mentor-Connect, which provides mentoring and technical resources to help two-year college faculty write competitive grant proposals. Mentor-Connect is an ATE project led by Florence-Darlington Technical College in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges. Virginia Western was one of 24 community colleges nationwide selected to participate in Mentor-Connect's year of training and mentoring sessions to prepare the grant application.

"Much of the credit for our winning proposal must go to the Mentor-Connect program. I was initially skeptical that the program would properly address our focus area. The focus on agriculture is just gaining momentum and I wasn't certain any mentor

would have experience with the subject matter," said Berry. "However, the mentors worked with us continually, pushing us to make progress even though we were swamped with other responsibilities. The result of this experience wasn't only a winning proposal; our internal team, our external network and our focus has been strengthened significantly."

Mallory White pointed to the need this project will fill. "This is new territory. However, our urban college is uniquely poised to instruct the community about hydroponics and controlled environmental agriculture," she said. "We have a strong science department, so it's important to take advantage of our existing programs, incorporate new courses, and think of the future to meet the growing need for more advanced agricultural techniques required to ensure more crops can be successfully and sustainably grown."

Students will be able to combine coursework from Mechatronics and Agriculture programs, plus new courses being developed, to receive an Associate of Applied Science in Technical Studies. Because these programs already existed, there is a much smoother on-ramp than the longer process of having a completely new program approved at the state level.

The NSF grant will aid staffing, course development and equipment to better target the focus on controlled environment agriculture. For example, the project is developing a course in vertical growing and hydroponics, which will include equipment that will also benefit the College's Horticulture Program as well. "We'll literally be able to cross-pollinate the mechatronics and ag fields - the mechatronics with the sensors and pH meters, giving students more practice with data analysis and the ag field through understanding the technology behind the hydroponics," Mallory White said. The program also plans outreach to benefit K-12 students.

Another mode of cross-pollination involves increasing gender diversity among the Mechatronics and Agriculture programs' current populations. The Mechatronics Program enrolls more male students, while female students comprise the majority of Agriculture Program enrollees. "One of our target outcomes is to create a more diverse population in the programs and have men and women explore ideas within this developing field of controlled environment agriculture," Berry said.

The ATE program focuses on the education of technicians who work in high-tech fields that drive the nation's economy. Because two-year community and technical colleges are the leading sources of technician education in the United States, faculty from these higher education institutions have had leadership roles in most ATE projects since the program began in 1993.

"We are thrilled to work within our community to support the growing field of agriculture and look forward to the outcomes of this valuable project. We strive to be good community partners, and this project is yet another way Virginia Western can be a leader in providing opportunity and resources to our students," said Dean Amy White.

Those interested in seeking this degree may contact Berry for more information by emailing [dberry@viriniawestern.edu](mailto:dberry@viriniawestern.edu). More information may be found at <https://ate.is/dberry>.

-The New Castle Record



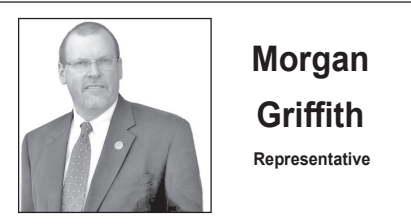
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The Virginia Western planning team visited Red Sun Farms in Dublin in April 2023 during the proposal planning process and observed the facility's hydroponic systems.



# OPINION

## News from the 9th: Our region, birthplace of soft drinks?



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

for a “surgeon” named Charles Taylor Pepper.

A 1996 article from the Virginian-Pilot noted that Pepper happened to mix mountain herbs, roots and seltzer into a fizzy brew and allowed Morrison to mass produce his beverages.

A coincidence that Morrison, who worked with Pepper to sell a soft drink, moved to Waco and founded his own drug store, and in that very store, a soda named “Dr Pepper” is conceived?

Local lore, as I’ve heard it, is that Morrison took one of Dr. Pepper’s formulas to Texas with him along with Dr. Pepper’s daughter. That is not the official company line, but that is what local storytellers have said.

While the soda’s origins are disputed, Charles Pepper’s gravesite remains a Wythe County attraction to this day. I have made multiple stops by it during my travels.

One county over, in Smyth County, the town of Marion is also connected to the creation of a popular soda, Mountain Dew.

The Hartman brothers, Barney and Ally, opened Hartman Beverage Company in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Hartmans allegedly explored different recipes for a lemon-lime soda, until they created Mountain Dew.

The term “Mountain Dew” can be traced to Appalachian slang for mountain-brewed moonshine. The

talented Stanley Brothers out of Dickenson County recorded the song “Mountain Dew.”

However, it is disputed who should get credit for the final recipe. At one time, the Hartman brothers joined forces with William “Billy” Jones, President and General Manager of Marion’s TIP Corporation. Ally Hartman became an investor in TIP at one point.

Some claim that Jones obtained the rights to Mountain Dew during this time!

Marion was one of three total sites in the country to begin marketing Mountain Dew, according to PepsiCo.

The Hartman brothers sold the beverage locally in Virginia and Tennessee until 1964, when PepsiCo purchased the brand and production rights. PepsiCo acquired TIP, making Jones a lot of money.

In fact, Steve Smith, CEO of Food City, has told me as a young man he saw a photocopy of the check when working for his father’s grocery stores.

One book by Dick Bridgforth documents the history of Mountain Dew and recognized Marion as having a hand in the beverage’s origins.

While the Hartman brothers receive credit for creating the soft drink, Marion town leaders have successfully pushed for a Virginia Historic Marker acknowledging Bill Jones and his contributions to the

founding of Mountain Dew. The marker will read “The Birthplace of Modern Mountain Dew.”

A unique beverage that also has ties to Southwest Virginia and Tennessee is one of my personal favorites.

Dr. Enuf, a vitamin-enriched concoction that tastes like a soda but produces the boost of an energy drink, was first bottled in 1949 by Tri-City Beverage Corporation in Johnson City, Tennessee. Because of Tri-City Beverage Corporation, also bottling Mountain Dew, Johnson City was one of the other early marketing sites for “the Dew.”

Unlike Hartman Beverage Company, Tri-City Beverage Corporation retains the rights to Dr. Enuf to this day.

While I typically drink the regular green version, they also have an herbal red version and diet versions.

Also, Pepsi Bottling Company’s plant in Wytheville bottles the popular sports-themed beverage, Gatorade.

There are other soft drinks with ties, but these are currently the most significant.

The rich history of the Ninth District’s contributions to the soft drink industry is well documented. And no one can argue that Dr Pepper and Mountain Dew have nationally become a part of America’s culture.

So in these hot days of August, have a chilled soft drink of your choice and remember you live in “America’s Soft Drink Capital.”

## Disease defenders – How epidemiology protects community health

The mission of the Epidemiology Division of the Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) is to monitor and investigate emerging communicable diseases, investigate outbreaks, and provide guidance to stop the further spread of communicable diseases for our community’s wellbeing. To put it more simply, epidemiologists are “disease defenders” who use data to

answer questions like: Who is getting sick and why? Where is the problem occurring? Why are some people more affected than others? How can we prevent more people from getting sick?

To optimally protect the public’s health,

**Dr. Cynthia Morrow**  
Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director

RCAHD epidemiology (epi) team, which includes professionals with advanced public health degrees as well as clinical nurses with epi training, investigated over 690 incidences of reportable diseases, excluding COVID-19 and sexually transmitted infections (STI).

Since 2020, the team has also included a dedicated group of COVID case investigators. The COVID team investigated and managed over 9,600 local cases in 2023, including 59

outbreaks. In addition, about 2000 STI were reported locally in 2023, including almost 100 reports of syphilis.

Much of the epi team’s work is behind the scenes, carefully following up on each new case reported by local healthcare providers, analyzing and investigating each disease as needed to protect our communities and prevent further spread. They also provide guidance on topics such as testing for communicable diseases or sharing best practices to protect additional people from getting sick after a diagnosis is made. Our team of

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# OBITUARY

## Elmore, Margaret Ann Brickey

Margaret Ann Brickey Elmore, 92 of Craig County, born May 9, 1932, in Roanoke, VA went to be with the Lord on August 11, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Omi Brickey; husband, Jackson G. Elmore; four brothers, Charles Brickey, Alvin Brickey, Jimmy Brickey, and Clarence Brickey.

She is survived by two sons, Gary Elmore and Randall Elmore (Lisa); grandchildren, Hillarie Wright (Jason), Michael Elmore, and Arianna Elmore; great-grandchildren, Lani Wright and Colee

Wright; sister, Mary Huffman; sister-in-law, Margaret Sue Brickey; six nieces and four nephews; one special



friend, Alex Ruble; and many other friends.

Margaret graduated from New Castle High School, Lewis-Gale

School of Nursing and University of Alabama. She held numerous positions during her nursing career and retired from Veterans Administration Hospital after 28 years of service. She was a long-time member of Mt. View Christian Church.

Funeral Services were held 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, 2024 at Mt. View Christian Church with Jonathan Lee officiating. Interment followed at the Brickey Cemetery. The family received friends 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024 at Paitsel Funeral Home.

## SACSCOC

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and that indicate whether it is successful in achieving its stated objectives.

The arduous reaffirmation process included a comprehensive review by the Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee, followed by the On-Site Reaffirmation Committee's visit in the fall of 2023. The committees were charged with reviewing Virginia Western's Compliance Certification, which demonstrated the college's judgment of the extent of its compliance with each of SACSCOC's Core Requirements and Standards.

As part of the reaffirmation process, each institution must also develop a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) focused on improving specific student learning outcomes and/or student successes. Virginia Western's QEP is "Stand Out. Move Forward," which focuses on preparing students for professional success. Through enhanced programming, the QEP will ensure Virginia Western graduates are prepared for workplace accountability and that they express professionalism in verbal and written communication.

"The reaffirmation

process is rigorous and comprehensive, evaluating all aspects of our institution to ensure we meet the highest standards of quality and integrity in higher education," said Dr. Jolene Hamm, associate vice president of institutional effectiveness at Virginia Western. "Virginia Western's success in this endeavor reflects an unwavering commitment to providing exceptional educational experiences and steadfast adherence to the values and principles that guide us."

-The Salem Times-Register

## Health

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Epi nurses investigate and manage cases of rabies exposures as well as cases of elevated lead levels in blood, a condition that is particularly concerning in children. There is also a team of experts dedicated to respond to cases of tuberculosis.

The epi team has been vital in helping to protect the community's health during several notable outbreaks in recent years. Working alongside our environmental health

team of restaurant inspectors, the epi team investigated the 2021 restaurant-associated outbreak of hepatitis A, where over 50 people were sickened. As the community continued to see a high number of community-acquired hepatitis A cases in 2022, the epi team helped identify common risk factors involved with the spread, noting a higher incidence among people who used injection

drugs.

The epi team has also been instrumental in monitoring an ongoing increase in cases of community-acquired invasive group A strep (iGAS) since 2022, and the rise of hospital associated infections both here and across the country. The team assists facilities such as nursing homes, long term care facilities and jails with best practices to prevent infections to protect staff

and vulnerable residents from outbreaks.

Recently this summer, the team has noted an uptick in local foodborne illnesses. While the increased number of salmonella and campylobacter infections do not all share a common source, investigations determined that some cases were linked to a nationwide recall of cucumbers in June, and other cases may be linked to consuming

unpasteurized eggs from backyard flocks. As always, washing hands and surfaces often is also key to everyday prevention.

Not all aspects of the job are spreadsheets and data, according to district Epidemiologist Hope White. She and the team also enjoy the satisfaction of direct contact with residents and opportunities to build trust, such as when she brought

books to share with the children of a newcomer family receiving follow-up care from the health department. The combination of RCHAHD staff efforts to build trust with residents and broader advances in epidemiology have contributed to the more than 20-year increase in life expectancy since the early 1900s and have helped to make the community a healthier place to live.

# VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81 INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 - The \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each

direction are expected to remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

**ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:**  
**TRAFFIC SWITCH:** During the nighttime hours of Friday, August 16 through the next morning on Saturday, August 17, traffic will be shifted towards the

median just past the southbound on-ramp at exit 140 through mile marker 138. Lane closures in place and delays possible. If weather impacts the shift, the traffic switch will be held Saturday, August 17 into the morning of Sunday, August 18.

**LANE CLOSURES** - Northbound and southbound possible for various work on the

project during nighttime hours.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1427, notice is hereby given that the Craig County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on September 5th, 2024 at 6 PM, or soon thereafter, in the Circuit Court Courtroom of the Craig County Courthouse at 303 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed adoption of an ordinance adding a new Article V - Food Booths to Chapter 10 - Businesses of the Craig County Code to exempt certain food booths at fairs from the provisions of Title 35.1 of the Virginia Code relating to state regulation of restaurants and instead having them subject to regulation by the county health officer.

A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance is on file for inspection during normal business hours in the Office of the County Administrator at 108 Court Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127. If you should need auxiliary aids or other assistance due to a disability, please contact the Office of the County Administrator at (540) 864-5010 at least five (5) days in advance of the public hearing.

**Craig County Public Schools**  
**2024-2025**  
**Special Education Advisory Committee**  
September 9, 2024  
November 18, 2024  
February 10, 2025  
March 10, 2025  
All meetings begin at 8:00 AM-9:00 AM and are held in the **Craig County School Board Office Conference Room**

## Craig County Public Schools Annual Public Notice Career and Technical Education

Craig County School Division's Department of Career and Technical Education offers a career and technical program to all students at the middle and high school levels. The program areas include Agriculture Education, Business and Information Technology, Family and Consumer Science and Computer Science. For more information about Career and Technical Education, call (540) 864-5191. Craig County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

- Title IX Coordinator, Heather Duncan, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance, 6 Alleghany Circle, New Castle, VA 24127, (540) 864-5191;
- Alternate Compliance Officer, Gerri Vandyke, Director of Student Services & Federal Programs, 6 Alleghany Circle, New Castle, VA 24127, (540) 864-5191, For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit: <http://wdcrocolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

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**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 Wentz, 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. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.

**ECKANKAR**  
Eckankar, The Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A light and sound service is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit [www.eck-va.org](http://www.eck-va.org) or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
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 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 Loraine Taylor, [agladypastor@msn.com](mailto: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.graceassemblycatawba.org](http://www.graceassemblycatawba.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 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.

**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](http://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](http://www.paxtonchapelchurch.com); email at [paxtonchapel@yahoo.com](mailto: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 studies - 7 p.m.

**NEW CASTLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Rev. San Kang, 364 Main St., New Castle, Va. Sunday School 10AM, Worship 11AM; UMW 3rd Wednesday@1PM, Youth and other programs, Bible Studies.

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
99 2nd Street, New Castle. Tel: 540-473-3691. Email: [StJohnnewcastle@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.sttfc.org](http://www.sttfc.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](mailto:advertise@mainstreetnewspapers.com)**



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**Yard Sale - City of Salem**  
**MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE**  
Friday, August 23-Saturday, August 24 8:00am - 2:00pm  
17 Valleydale Avenue, Salem, VA 24153  
Items include: Clothes, Furniture, Tools, Home Decor, Toys, Games & Miscellaneous

**Neighborhood Yard & Garage Sale**  
Friday August 23 & Saturday August 24 Woodmere Court Salem Time 8:00 am - 1 Pm  
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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. **CL24-183**  
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA, Petitioner, case No. CL24-183  
OSCAR R. MARTIN V. MRS. R.R. WEST VIRGINIA OLIVIER V. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FERDINAND RORER, DOE. HOUSTON, LOUIS A. SCHOLZ, HENRY SCHOLZ, M.M. ROGERS, HENRY SCHOLZ, JR., WILLIAM SCHOLZ, SUSIE S. WEAVER, LOUS A. SCHOLZ 11, WALTER A. SCHOLZ, JR., MARGARET SCHOLZ, JENNIFER SCHOLZ, JOHN SCHOLZ, BRENDA SCHOLZ, AND MARY SCHOLZ, ET AL.;

**Legals - Craig County**

JAMES MCPHERSON V. BESSIE DOSS; STEWART E. BOWE V. CRAIG CITY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY; WITHROW MARTIN LEE, ET AL. V. N.E. CALDWELL, ET AL.; STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER V. MAGGIE S. RENOLDS, ET AL.; HARRY W. KESSLER, JR. V. CLYDE M. ROACH, HENRY ROACH, JR., RONNIE NEWMAN, SHERRY PLASTERS, DEBBIE STUTLER, DANIEL NEWMAN, MERLE WOODS, NANCY CECIL, CHARLOTTE WOOD GORDON, ROBERT MURRAY, RUSSELL SMITH, IDA LEE SMITH, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT J. REYNOLDS; GROVER T. HUFFMAN, ADMINISTRATOR FOR B.W. CARPER, DECEASED V. VIOLET CLAPSADDLE, ET AL.; MARY B. LITTLE, ET AL V. WILBUR STAKES, ET AL.; JAMES L. PAITSEL, SR. AND SARAH B. GRAHAM, CO-EXECUTORS OF ELOISE G. CRAFT ESTATE V. D.F. HOUSTON; IN RE: ESTATE OF W.E. MILLS; EDITH HALL V. JOHN DEMPSEY ROACH, ET AL.; LESLIE ALBERT; CLARA ALFORD; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE BRITT M BROWN, ET AL.; J.E. BRYAN; FLORA BUGG; GEORGE BUGG; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LAW G. CARPER; CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; VIOLET CROWDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF J. DUDDING; EPPERLY V. LOONEY; EVELYN GOODWIN; ETHEL JENNINGS; ALBERTA JOHNSON; ERNEST JOHNSON; MARY MAE PEYTON; ESTATE OF MINERVA REYNOLDS; ROBERT SARVER; SUE STRINGFELLOW; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ADAM TAYLOR; D.B. TROUT; VIRGINIA HIGHWAY V. SIXEAS; PAMALA YOUNG, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendants.

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
The object of this suit is to disburse funds held by the General Receiver of the Circuit Court, which funds have been held by the General Receiver for more than one year and remain unclaimed. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be nonresidents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who hold an interest in the funds but are unknown, including the unknown heirs, successors and assigns of the individuals named herein and their predecessors in title, who have been made parties and given notice by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before October 7, 2024, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.  
Entered: 8/1/2024  
Sharon P. Oliver, Circuit Court Clerk, County of Craig, Virginia

I Ask For This: Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009 (540) 260-9011 (540) 260-0022 (facsimile)

**Legals - Botetourt County**

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. **CL24-270**  
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, A Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. CORA LANGHORNE, ET AL., Respondent(s).  
The object of this suit is to: enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of

**Legals - Botetourt County**

Botetourt Virginia, described as follows:  
Tax Map No. 106(3)5 Account No. 12734  
All that certain lot, or parcel of real property, lying and being situate in Botetourt County, Virginia, being located on or near Reservoir Road and being 18.25 acres, more or less, known as Tax Map Number 106(3)5.  
And being the real property conveyed to Percy Langhorne and Cora Langhorne, heirs at law of Houston Langhorne, from Sallie Johnson, Et Al by Deed dated April 18, 1956 and recorded on March 21, 1958 among the records of the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 132 at Page 288.  
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 the due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, That the last known address for the Respondents herein are as follows; Cora Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of parties unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties herein and all Parties unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before September 20, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the county of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.  
Entered on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.  
Tommy Moore, Clerk

I Ask For This: Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey 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. 91603) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Garrett w. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804)864-0080 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No: 924089

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. W220000278BOTETOURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090  
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ESTAE OF JOSEPH LARRY HENDERSON, DEC V.  
The object of this suit is to: show cause against payment and delivery of the estate to parties entitled. It is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in the Estate of Joseph Larry Henderson appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 4, 2024 at 2:00 pm. August 6, 2024 Leslieanne Smith, Deputy Clerk

**Order to Show Cause**

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH LARRY HENDERSON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION Will File#2200000278

It appearing that a report of the accounts of James A. McClure, *administrator* of the Estate of Joseph Larry Henderson, deceased, and the debts and demands against the estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on motion of the personal representative, it is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate of

**Legals - Botetourt County**

Joseph Larry Henderson show case, If any they can, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., before this Court at it's Courthouse at 205 North Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the estate to the parties entitled thereto under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without requiring refunding bonds.  
It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in The Fincastle Herald, a newspaper having general circulation in the County of Botetourt, Virginia.  
Enter August 6, 2024 Hon. Joel R. Branscom, Judge

I ask for the entry of this Order:  
Lenden A. Eakin (VSSB#23885) Ferris and Eakin, P.C. 22 Luck Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA 24011 Phone: 540-345-1000 Fax: 540-344-6608 Email: lenden@rvalaw.com

**Legals - City of Salem**

**Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,**

at its regular meeting on September 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

- 1.Consider amending Chapter 106 - Zoning, Article IV - Development Standards, Section 106-406.25 of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to storage containers.
- 2.Consider amending Chapter 106 - Zoning, Article II - District Regulations, Section 106-214 - Highway Business District, Section 106-214.2(B)(5) - permitted uses; Article III - Use and Design Standards, Section 106-310 - Commercial Uses, Section 106-310.25; Article VI - Definitions and Use Types, Section 106-600 - Definitions, Section 106-602.9 - Commercial Use Types, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, pertaining to retail sales, smoke shops.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

**Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem,**

at its regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, to amend the existing special exception permit to allow for a second elementary educational facility on the property located at 101 Corporate Boulevard (Tax Map # 117-2-1). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.  
EEO/AA Employer

**Legals - City of Salem**

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.  
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

**SEALED BID SALE SALE OF REAL ESTATE BENT MOUNTAIN ROAD (ROUTE 221) ROANOKE, VIRGINIA PMI 1001183**

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in the office of the Salem District Right of Way and Utilities Division located at 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, Virginia 24153, until, but no later than 12:00 PM (noon), on September 10, 2024, for the following property:

A lot that consists of 3.18 acres, more or less, land, zoned Low Density Residential, and identified as Tax Map # 086.19-02-01.01-0000. This parcel is rectangular in shape with a topography that is sloping to steep with vegetation of trees and grass over most of the parcel and bordered by residentially zoned parcels on three sides and Bent Mountain Road (Rote 221) to the East. The value placed on this parcel is \$ 47,700.00

Employees of VDOT, their immediate families or any person employed with the valuation and/or acquisition of this property are ineligible to bid.

The property is being sold "as is" with conveyance by deed without warranty. For further information and proposals, contact VDOT at the above address or call Amanda Newhouse at 540-387-5572 or email amanda.newhouse@vdot.virginia.gov.



**ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP**

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Salem Residency which includes the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt and Craig during the winter of 2024-2025. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a bonus payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season.  
Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.gov>.  
All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 2, 2024 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday - Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov  
EEO/AA Employer

**Legals - Montgomery County**

**ABC NOTICE**

SUNSHINE EATS, LLC trading as ADDY KATZ, 3165 N. Franklin Street, Christiansburg, VA. 24073.

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

RONALD J FRANK JR. 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.

**ABC NOTICE**

DIVYA19 LLC., trading as SANDSTONE MARKET, 2930 RADFORD RD, CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 24073.

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

SHREYA RANA, 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.

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. CL24001203-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* AMBER LEE, KANE GALLIMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR. It is ORDERED that KALEB WARREN GALLIMORE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 11, 2024. JULY 30, 2024, K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. CL24001130-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073  
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* CRAIG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES v. CARMEN COLLINI

The object of this suit is to: APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP. It is ORDERED that BROOKE COLLINI, SHADE COLLINI, CAYENNE COLLINI, TONI COLLINI, CHRISSTOPHER CUMBEE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2024 @ 10:00AM. JULY 22, 2024 TIFFANY COUCH, CLERK



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**Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

EXP-24-1-Exception Request for agricultural use in RR-1 Rural Residential 1 on a lot less than two (2) acres at 301 Royal Lane (Tax Map No.: 347-13 15, Parcel ID: 025581) by Anthony Grafsky (owner). This is a request for a special exception to Section 4101 (b) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow one (1) pig and two (2) goats on a lot less than two (2) acres in the RR-1 Rural Residential 1 zoning district at 301 Royal Lane.

Persons affected by or interested in the exception request may appear and present their views. After hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the exception, staff report and all related items may be found online at [www.blacksburg.gov/public](http://www.blacksburg.gov/public) hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

**Legals - City of Radford**

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. **CL24007300-00**  
RADFORD CIRCUIT COURT, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141  
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* THE CITY OF RADFORD v. HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF HOWARD WALKER, ET AL  
The object of this suit is to: NON PAYMENT OF REAL ESTAE TAXES.  
It is ORDERED that HEIRS AND DEVISEES ET AL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 5, 2024.  
AUGUST 5, 2024 Angel Turpin CDC Clerk

**Legals - City of Radford**

**Order of Publication**  
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
**Case No. JJ004782-06-00**  
RADFORD CITY J&DR- JUVENILE DIVISION  
619 2nd street, Radford, Virginia 24141.  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: MALDONADO, KERON J.  
The object of this suit is to: Approve a Foster Care Plan submitted by the Radford City Department of Social Services regarding the above-named child. And it appearing that diligence has been used to attempt to locate the putative father of the child, Antonio Maddox, but despite that diligence, Antonio Maddox's whereabouts remain unknown to the Department; and it also appearing that the whereabouts and identity if any alternative birth father are otherwise unknown  
It is ORDERED that ANTARIO MADDOX and/or the UNKNOWN FATHER of the above-named child, a child whose birth mother is Karina Maldonado, appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before SEPT. 10, 2024 at 8:30 am.

August 5, 2024  
RUBY STUMP,  
CLERK

**Order of Publication**  
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
**Case No. JJ004805-10-00**  
RADFORD CITY J&DR -

**Legals - City of Radford**

JUVENILE DIVISION  
619 2nd street, Radford, Virginia 24141.  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re DENNIS, LAWSON.  
The object of this suit is to: approve a Foster Care Service Plan submitted by the Radford City Department of Social Services regarding the child, Lawson George Dennis. And it appearing that diligence has been used to attempt to locate the putative father of the child, Austin Blake Hixon, but despite that diligence, Austin Blakes Hixon's whereabouts remain unknown to the Department; and it also appearing that the whereabouts and identity if any alternative birth father are otherwise unknown. It is ORDERED that the defendant AUSTIN BLAKE HIXON and/or the UNKNOWN FATHER of LAWSON GEORGE DENNIS, a child whose birth mother is Ashley Dennis, appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before Sept. 3, 2024 at 9:00 am.

AUGUST 5, 2024  
RUBY STUMP,  
CLERK

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of the following:

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

Joint Planning Commission and Town Council public hearings to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.  
The Planning Commission and Town Council will also hold a joint work session on September 3rd, at 5:15 p.m., prior to the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive comments concerning:

An ordinance amending Appendix B, Zoning, Article IV, District Regulations, Division 2, Multiple Purpose Districts, Section 4-5; Division 4, Planned Unit Development Districts, Section 4-11, and Division 5, Mixed-Use Development (MUD) District, Sec. 4-18 of the Vinton Town Code. The proposed amendment would require medical and dental clinic uses to obtain a special use permit in the R-B Residential-Business District, GB General Business District, CB Central Business District, M-1 Limited Industrial District, M-2 General Industrial District, PD Planned Unit Development District, and MUD Mixed-Use Development District, and it would require hospitals to obtain a special use permit in the GB General Business, M-1 Limited Industrial District, and M-2 General Industrial District.

Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment may

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

be examined in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179.  
Further information concerning this issue may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be present their views on this proposed amendment at the above public hearing.

Given under my hand this 6th day of August, 2024.  
Anita J. McMillan  
Planning and Zoning Director

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT.**  
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# SPORTS

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## Mitchell Field Gridiron in best shape ever

Last fall the first scheduled home game for the Craig County football team was postponed because the field was in poor condition. That won't be the case this year.

The Rockets are scheduled to open the season on Friday, August 30, at home against Bland County and the field is in the best shape ever. The new Bermuda grass surface has taken hold and the field is like a lush carpet.

"Last year coach (football assistant Jayke) Dowdy went to the school board and said we're getting kids hurt because of our field, and other teams don't like to play here," said Craig football coach Jimmy Fisher. "I never said anything because I didn't think they'd do anything, but they took his advice. Mr. Huff used to do fields like this."

School Superintendent Dwayne Huff took on the project and with



The Mitchell Field Bermuda grass gets a bath with the first home game just a week and a half away.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

help from Shane Gills and the maintenance staff they set out to get rid of the old grass and put in a new Bermuda turf field. The result speaks for itself as now the field has a sprinkler system and a plush gridiron that Craig fans are going to be impressed with when they

come out to Rocket games this year. The Mitchell Field surface is second to none as the Rockets prepare to open the season.

The first action on the new field will be this Friday when Craig plays host to Richwood High in a scrimmage.

## Rockets practicing for Fall Season

The Craig County football and volleyball teams have been practicing to get ready for the coming fall sports season. The first

Virginia High School League football and volleyball games are scheduled for the week of August 26.

The Rocket football

team had a scrimmage at Stonewall Jackson High School in Quicksburg, VA last Friday. The Rockets will have a home

scrimmage on Friday, August 23, at 6 pm against Richwood High of West Virginia, then open at home against Bland County

on August 30.

The volleyball team will open the season with a home-and-home against North Cross. The Rockets

will host the Raiders on Tuesday, August 27, for the opener and then play at North Cross for their second game on Thursday, August 29.



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