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# THE NEW CASTLE RECORD




## Voting begins with absentee ballots mailed on Friday

**Bonnie Cranmer**  
Contributing writer

This election season is about to get busy. There are several key dates and important information to know for Craig County voters. First, are you registered to vote? It's easy to check your voting status with a quick visit to the Department of Elections website. Complete the form and get your status update <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>. The voter registration deadline is Oct. 15.

Next, get to know the choices and issues on the ballot. Voting in Craig County will be for president and vice president, United States senator, United States representative and a proposed constitutional amendment.

The Virginia legislature is seeking to clarify and expand

the language currently being used.

Ballot question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended so that the tax exemption that is currently available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action is also available to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty?

In Virginia, usually all property is taxed, and the legislation details the existing exception for the primary residence of the surviving spouse of any soldier who has been killed in action. The proposed amendment is to "allow the surviving spouses of soldiers as determined by the U.S. Department of Defense who have died in the line of duty, including those who have been killed in action." More information is available from the Virginia Department of Elections

website at this address.

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formwarehouse/posters-and-publications/2024-Constitutional-Amendment-Brochure-ENG.pdf>

Early voting in person is available at the registrar's office at 155 Main Street in New Castle, beginning on Sept. 20. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Remember to bring your identification, driver's license or passport. Absentee ballots should be received next week and returned as soon as possible.

Are you interested in becoming a poll worker on Election Day? Craig County Registrar Joanna Ryan stated, "We will need 40-45 Poll Workers this election. It is anticipated to be a

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**GENERAL ELECTION**  
Tuesday, November 5, 2024  
POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

- President
- US Senator
- US Representative
- Proposed Constitutional Amendment

**IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES**

<b>September 20, 2024:</b>	Absentee and in-person early voting begins 8am - 4pm Monday - Friday (9/20/24 - 11/2/24) Voter Registration Office, 155 Main ST, New Castle, VA 24127
<b>October 14, 2024:</b>	Voter Registration Office closed due to holiday
<b>October 15, 2024:</b>	Voter Registration deadline Registration mail must be postmarked by this date
<b>October 25, 2024:</b>	Last day to accept absentee applications Application must be in Registrar's Office by 5pm
<b>October 26, 2024:</b>	(Saturday) Voter Registration Office is open 9am - 5pm for in-person early voting
<b>November 2, 2024:</b>	(Saturday) Voter Registration Office is open 9am - 5pm Final day of in-person early voting
<b>November 5, 2024:</b>	General Election. All polling places will be open 6am - 7pm All precincts and office have an Absentee Ballot Drop Off Station

**General Registrar Office**  
155 Main ST New Castle, VA 24127  
TELEPHONE: 540-864-6190 FAX: 540-864-5551  
vote@craigcountyva.gov  
<https://craigcountyva.gov/government/election-information/>  
Sample Ballots can be found on this website or in the Registrar Office.

**Joanna L. Ryan, Director of Elections & General Registrar**  
ALL times on this notice are Virginia Time.

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## Sunflowers bring vibrant colors to nearby fields



PHOTOS BY BONNIE CRANMER

Sunflowers open up in Buchanan at the Beaver Dam Sunflower Festival.

## Elected Official's Day held at Feeding SWVA



Rep. Morgan Griffith is pictured speaking at the event.

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SALEM - Feeding Southwest Virginia held an event on Friday, Sept. 13 at its 1025 Electric Road location in Salem to bring together local elected officials and community partners to celebrate the renovation of its Salem distribution site. As part of the event, elected officials volunteered at the center. Among those present was Rep. Morgan Griffith, who represents Virginia's 9th Congressional District.

September is Hunger Action Month when

the Feeding America Network launches a national public awareness campaign to shine a light on the problem that every community in America experiences hunger. In Southwest Virginia, one in seven individuals will experience food insecurity and one in five children will suffer from hunger.

The Feeding Southwest Virginia ribbon cutting event celebrated building updates, that had long been neglected, thanks to infrastructure funding provided over the past few years. Everything from a remodel of the

administration offices in Salem to new dock doors and new reach lifts, was celebrated.

For Feeding Southwest Virginia Food Bank, communication with elected officials is very important at this time as Congress will address the Farm Bill this year. The Farm Bill is at the heart of the mission of the Food Bank. The organization is asking Congress to double TEFAP funding and to increase other means of support to end hunger. The programs authorized by the Farm Bill help to bridge the gap for children, families and seniors facing food insecurity in SW

## Guthrie Insurance celebrates 10 years serving Craig residents

**Bonnie Cranmer**  
Contributing writer

When Angela Guthrie-Ponton left the corporate world, she knew there was a better way. After leaving with 10 years of experience and a year dealing with a non-compete agreement, she had the inspiration to start something to better serve her customers.

Guthrie-Ponton, as she's better known, has had the Guthrie Insurance Agency on

Main Street in New Castle for ten years and that's worth celebrating. Her company provides a variety of insurance types for home, auto and business. Guthrie-Ponton is a hometown girl, living in Craig and active in the community. Earlier in 2024, Guthrie-Ponton spearheaded the land use changes for farmers in Craig. She and a core group of citizens organized meetings, compiled research and held a petition campaign to reduce

the real estate tax on farmland. Decisions are yet to be made on the effort.

With the rise in costs of insurance, she has witnessed the changing times from a business and personal perspective. "With doing this over 20 years now, the biggest change has been in the last two years. The rate increases that the insurance industry have taken last year, this year and probably next year have had a huge impact that I have

never seen in all my years in this business," she explained. "It has been really hard for the customers and us having to explain this."

Guthrie Insurance has many different insurance carriers, which is the beauty of being an independent agency. "I am not stuck on just one carrier," Guthrie-Ponton stated. She and her staff are watching all renewals and the impact that the insured will take with the increases. Each policy is

reviewed to be proactive in quoting all carriers to see if there is any way possible to get lower premiums. "I don't see it easing up anytime soon."

To celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Guthrie Insurance, Guthrie-Ponton is throwing a party on Thursday, Sept. 26 at the farmers market on Main Street. Come out for the food, music, giveaways and fun from noon to 6

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

# Happy Homecoming Rockets Shock Glenvar

From the November 2, 1994 edition of The New Castle Record

There was a happy Homecoming in Craig County Friday night, as the Rockets stunned visiting Glenvar with a 6-0 win in football.

This was a major step for the Rockets. It evened their record at 4-4 and kept alive hopes of the first winning season since the new Craig County High School opened. It was also the first shutout by a Rockets defense in anyone's memory.

"No question this was a big win," said a soaked Rocket coach Greg Stick, who was doused by water from his happy players after the game. "We hadn't beaten a quality team since I've been here, and this was a quality team. Glenvar's a cut above."

The Rockets did it with defense, holding Glenvar rushing star Eric East to just 57 yards in 20 carries. East gained over 1,000 yards in the first seven games this year, and the 57 yards gained was his lowest of the year.

"Give Craig the credit," said Glenvar coach Brian hooker. "They played a good ballgame. We couldn't run against them."

The biggest play of the game came with about five minutes remaining. Glenvar had a fourth down and two on its own 29, and elected to go for the first down.

East took the ball for the 20th time that night, and was stopped flat in his tracks by Craig lineman James Huffman. The officials measured, but it wasn't close as Craig took over on downs.

Senior quarterback Robbie Huffman engineered the drive to paydirt, with Zachery Peters catching the winning score with 2:01 left on the board. Craig missed the extra point, but no one figured that would matter the way the Craig County defense was playing.

It almost did. Glenvar drew a penalty on the ensuing kickoff, but the Highlanders passed right down the field to the Rocket 18 with just under a minute remaining.

The Rocket defense came up big

again to preserve the win. Three plays failed, setting up another big fourth down for the highlanders. Quarterback Corey Willis threw into the back of the endzone. For a split second it appeared a Highlander was open, but Chris Blankenship jumped high to bat the ball away and preserve the victory.

After Robbie Huffman kneeled down to kill the final seconds, pandemonium erupted on the Craig side. Stick was doused with water, but he was feeling too good to get sick on this chilly night.

"We made the big plays when we needed to," he said. "They had more yardage than we did, but a lot of those yards came on that last drive, when we were giving them the short pass."

Craig finished with just 109 yards of total offense to Glenvar's 213, but that's not the story of the game. The Rockets put clamps on East, who is one of the most dangerous backs in the area and the district rushing leader.

For the first three quarters and a half the fans were wondering if anyone would score at all. Then Glenvar gambled on the fourth down, and the Rocket defense made them pay.

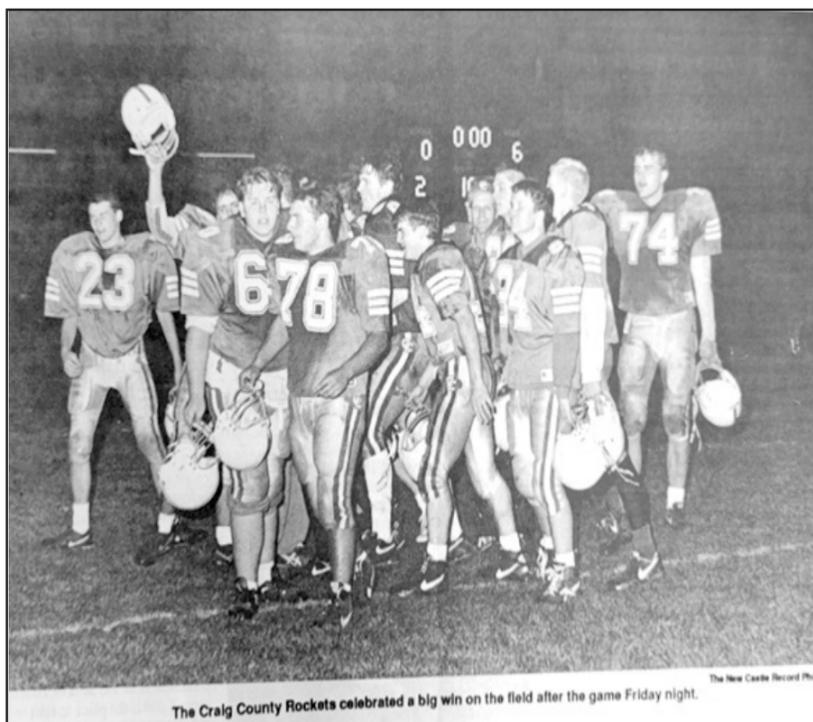
"If we play like that, we can pick up a couple more wins," said Stick. "We're playing a team this week that's a lot like Glenvar."

The Rockets will be traveling to Lord Botetourt Friday, where the Cavaliers have a tailback very similar to East. Wesley Cox, a transfer from James River, has gained 1,011 yards thus far and he's a workhorse. Last week against Wiliam Byrd he carried 19 times for 130 yards.

The Rockets finish up with Bland high School, and two wins would give Craig a 6-4 record. Some people thought Stick was nuts when talked about a winning season back in August, but it's now staring the Rockets in the face.

"If we can play like we did against Glenvar, we can do it," he said.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon



The Craig County Rockets celebrated a big win on the field after the game Friday night.

PIONEER DISTRICT Football Standings					
	District W-L	Overall W-L	Pts.	Pts. Against	Avg. Margin
Bath Co.	3-0	7-1	225	106	+15
Covington	2-1	3-5	118	145	-3
Glenvar	2-2	4-4	112	137	-3
Parry McCluer	2-2	2-6	112	150	-5
Craig County	2-3	4-4	154	154	Even
James River	0-3	2-6	167	209	-5

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS	
Craig Co. 6, Glenvar 0	Covington 21, Parry McCluer 7
James River 49, Shawsville 26	Buffalo Gap 31, Bath Co. 20

THIS WEEK'S GAMES	
Parry McCluer at Bath County	Covington at James River
Craig Co. at Lord Botetourt	Glenvar at Shawsville

FROM THE NRC ARCHIVES

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busy one!!" It's a long day, beginning around 5:30 a.m. to be ready to open at 6 a.m. The training provided by Virginia elections is comprehensive, available online and in person. "We have worked very hard the last few years building our pool of workers and I am very thankful we have so

many supporters." Ryan continued, "New poll workers complete online and in-person training. The Department of Elections has a great online program that gives an overview of laws and expectations. However, if someone cannot complete training

online then we are more than happy to offer extended in person and print out Department of Election training. Trainings can take about an hour each, depending on the individual and group size. We offer varying times for the in-person training; day, evening and weekend

hours." Dates to remember are Sept. 20 opens in person voting, available at Craig County Registrar's office, and voter registration deadline is Oct. 15. To become a poll worker for the November election, contact the registrar's office at 540.864.6190.

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p.m. September is Life Insurance Awareness Month and an excellent time to review all of your coverages. Take

the opportunity to meet Guthrie-Ponton and the Guthrie Insurance crew, along with some of the related businesses serving

Craig County. For more information contact Guthrie Insurance at 540.864.6688.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Guthrie Insurance Agency**

**CELEBRATION**

**September 26, 2024**

**12:00pm to 6:00pm**

Location

New Castle Farmers Market Lot Main St  
New Castle, VA

Join us in celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Food, Music, Free goodies and Raffles.

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Beef prices surge to record highs, but profits remain elusive for cattle farmers

ABINGDON — For the first time in history, the national average price for fresh beef moved above \$8 per pound, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service. Despite record prices and demand at the grocery store, cattle farmers still are vulnerable to market forces. A jump in interest

rates and increased input costs have led to record beef prices in the U.S., said Elijah Griles, host of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation's CattlePulse podcast. "We're seeing an upward trend in the cost of production for feeder cattle," he said. Parts of Virginia and the U.S. are still under moderate to severe drought conditions, affecting hay and forage

availability. Cow-calf producers are placing a higher percentage of female cattle on feed for slaughter, selling more brood cows and not retaining calves, which is subsequently reducing replacements. This results in cattle inventory contraction. ERS predicts beef demand will fall by a few pounds per capita in 2025. But until then, See Beef page 5

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# Recipe of the Week



**Shelly Koon**  
Contributing Writer

Fall is the time when I try to get the house in order for the colder weather. After a good cleaning, (mostly to make up for the times I skipped cleaning something this summer) I put out my fall décor; a wreath on the door, pumpkins on the table, and the fall welcome flag. I find the basket with scarves, gloves, hats and dog jackets. Clear out the entry way of shoes and summer clutter to make room for the winter clutter. I add blankets to the couch. Switch out my summer clothes with jackets and sweaters. Remake the bed with a warm comforter and get Betsy's fluffy winter bed out. I tidy up outside, storing the outdoor umbrellas, chairs, hoses and anything else that would not do well in the cold. When I lived in the Midwest, I always added a snow kit to my car in case of emergency and changed into snow tires each fall. I am glad that's not as much of a concern in Salem.

One thing I always do is go through my pantry and spice shelf. I get rid of anything I haven't used in a year or is out of date. I try to

cook out of my pantry and the freezer for a few weeks to make sure nothing goes out of date or gets wasted. This lets me make a list of what I need to restock for more cooking in the fall and winter. I stock up on pantry ingredients for chili, soups, and casseroles. I stock the freezer with frozen vegetables, and meats so I don't have to go out in bad weather or after dark. After going to work in the dark and getting home in the dark, the last thing I want to do is go to the grocery store.

Some one asked me what the first thing I cook in the fall is and I had to think about it. I decided that I always cook a pot of chili on the first cool day in fall. My chili uses pantry ingredients and changes from time to time. One time I will use black beans instead of kidney beans, the next I'll use Rotel tomatoes and chilis, the next I'll use plain tomatoes. I grew up eating peanut butter sandwiches dipped in my chili, smooth peanut butter on toasted white bread. The gloppiness of the peanut butter contrasts with the spicy

chili and the toasted bread just soaks up the right amount of soup. Some of my friends grew up eating chili with cinnamon rolls and the combination of sweet and savory is pretty perfect. Of course, white crackers or cornbread are other options. Some chili recipes even add peanut butter or cinnamon to the pot.

**Beef Chili**  
Ingredients  
1 medium yellow onion, diced  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
2 (about 15-ounce) cans kidney beans, rinsed and drained  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
3 tablespoons tomato paste  
2 pounds ground beef, preferably 80 to 85% lean  
2 teaspoons kosher salt, plus more as needed  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
2 tablespoons chili powder  
1 tablespoon ground cumin  
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder  
2 teaspoons dried oregano  
1 teaspoon paprika  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)  
1 (28-ounce) can fire-roasted crushed tomatoes  
1 (14.5-ounce) can low-sodium beef or chicken broth (scant 2 cups)  
1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar



**Instructions**  
Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a Dutch oven or large pot over medium heat until shimmering. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add 3 tablespoons tomato paste and stir to coat the onions. Cook, stirring occasionally until darkened in color, 2 to 3 minutes. Add 2 pounds ground beef, 2 teaspoons kosher salt, and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. Cook, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, until browned and cooked through, 6 to 8 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons chili powder, 1 tablespoon ground cumin, 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder, 2 teaspoons dried oregano, 1



COURTESY PHOTOS

teaspoon paprika, and 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper if using. Stir to coat the meat and cook for 1 minute more. Add the beans, 1 can fire-roasted crushed tomatoes, and 1 can low-sodium beef or chicken broth, and stir to combine. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally,

until the flavors meld and the mixture is slightly thickened, 30 to 40 minutes. Remove the pot from the heat. Add 1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar and stir to combine. Taste and season with more kosher salt as needed. Ladle into bowls and serve with toppings, a peanut butter sandwich, or a cinnamon roll.

## Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

**Oct. 3**  
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

**Oct. 8**  
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Oct. 15**  
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Nov. 7**  
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

**Nov. 12**  
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Dec. 5**  
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

**Dec. 10**  
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Dec. 17**  
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration

Building.  
**Jan. 2**  
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

**Jan. 7**  
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Jan.14**  
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

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

**Feb. 11**  
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Feb. 18**  
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

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

**Mar. 11**  
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration

Building.  
**Mar. 18**  
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Apr. 3**  
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

**Apr. 8**  
Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

**Ongoing**  
Craig County Genealogy Library open Fridays 1-4. p.m. 152 Main Street. 540-

864-7023  
Feeding Southwest Virginia will be offering food twice a month on the second and third Wednesday of the month from 3-5 p.m. and 4-5 p.m., respectively. All community members are welcome to purchase fresh produce and other canned and boxed items. EBT recipients receive 50% off their fruits and vegetables.  
Booster Club of Craig Schools meet on the third Monday of each month in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m.

*-The New Castle Record*

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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14. Expression of satisfaction  
15. Yankees' ace  
16. Belittled  
18. A baglike structure  
19. Utah Jazz coach Snyder  
20. Actress Tomei  
21. Explosive  
22. Formal for "on"  
23. Cruelties  
26. Country singer Brad  
30. Make very happy  
31. Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal  
32. Albanian currency  
33. Subatomic particle  
34. Type of salt  
39. 007's creator

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Crease  
2. "Honey" actress Jessica  
3. Broad volcanic crater  
4. Product safety watchdog  
5. Southern Colombian city  
6. Part of a church  
7. Perceptible by touch  
8. Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges  
9. Hairpiece  
10. Variety acts  
11. "Mystic River" actor Sean  
13. Remove salt  
17. Went out with  
24. Type of bread  
25. Popular Eagles song  
26. Philosophy degree  
27. Yes vote  
28. Passports and licenses are two  
29. No seats available

**CLUES ACROSS**  
35. Pounds per square inch  
36. A way to launch an attack on  
37. The lowest cardinal number  
38. Popular Miller beer  
40. Pokes holes in  
41. Closest to  
42. Folk singer DiFranco  
43. Rivne's former name  
44. Flat ruler  
45. Lacking the means to do something  
47. Cockatoo  
48. Dred Scott decision deliverer  
49. Explosion exclamation  
52. Canadian flyers  
53. Houston university  
54. At some prior time  
55. Red, swollen mark



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# OPINION

## News from the 9th: The SAVE Act



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

Executive Order 14019 to work with local partners to register voters and turn out votes.

While the administration will tell you they are just protecting the vote, the involvement of numerous federal agencies is unprecedented.

Further, if their efforts are innocent, why haven't they responded to House Republicans' requests for the details of their strategic get-out-the-vote plans?

West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner testified before a House Administration Committee hearing to discuss his efforts to protect West Virginia elections. His state has removed 400,000 names from their voter rolls and implemented voter ID requirements.

Because of the federal Motor Voter law, every person applying for a driver's license with their state's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) receives a voter registration application. The various states' DMVs don't check citizenship status before giving out the voter registration application.

Because they receive a registration form from a government agency, many non-citizens don't know they are not supposed to vote and apparently some of them register to vote.

The same thing is likely to happen with federal agencies registering people with whom they come in contact.

I believe that is why the federal government has never done this before.

As far as I know, the agencies are not checking to see if a person they

are dealing with is a citizen who is eligible to vote in federal elections before giving them voter registration forms.

From the non-citizen's view, the government encouraged them to register. Therefore, it must be legal to vote!

That is why we need the SAVE Act. The SAVE Act makes clear that non-citizens have no business voting in American elections.

Shouldn't U.S. states be required to use their authority to obtain proof-of-citizenship when registering people to vote in federal elections?

When non-citizens have the opportunity to register to vote, some will vote, diluting the voting power of actual American citizens.

Last year, in order to address non-citizen voting, I introduced the NO VOTE for Non-Citizens Act. If a locality wants non-citizens to vote in their local election, the bill would require separate voter rolls for local and federal elections.

This push to address non-citizen voting comes as a result of looking at weaknesses in American election administration and recent state actions cleaning voter rolls.

In August, Governor Youngkin made a critical step by issuing Executive Order 35. The order codified security procedures put into place during the Youngkin Administration, which included stringent ballot security, complete and thorough counting

machine testing, and best-in-the-nation voter list maintenance.

Following the Executive Order, the Youngkin Administration removed over 6,300 non-citizens from Virginia's voter rolls.

The integrity of our elections is also threatened by potential cheating via political entities.

The House Administration Committee, on which I serve, is investigating ActBlue, a website that raises campaign funds for Democratic candidates.

ActBlue collects campaign contributions from donors and then sends funds to various Democratic candidates and causes.

According to whistleblower allegations, ActBlue is potentially skirting campaign donation laws.

ActBlue allows donations through Paypal, Venmo, Google Pay, prepaid credit cards and gift cards. These contribution methods do not check or use card verification value, or CVV.

This failure makes manipulation and fraud by malicious actors easier.

In August, Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares sent a letter to ActBlue requesting more information on the platform's verification processes and procedures when assessing the legitimacy and accuracy of donor and contribution information.

As of the date of this writing, the AG's investigation into ActBlue is

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# What's happening at your local library?

Craig County has been abuzz lately with the back to school rush, sports practices and games, fundraisers, and farmer's markets. Our little library is working diligently to keep up with the New Castle hustle and bustle!

Craig County Public Library joined with Pine Top Restaurant, Lemon and Vale, and The Emporium to hopefully help ease the back to school transition for Craig County Public Schools staff. Every Monday in August the library held a drawing for staff members to win a gift card

### Library Corner

Michaela Crawford

generously donated by one of the above mentioned local businesses. The winners were excited to use their gift card and grateful for the local businesses willing to support their return to school.

Students and staff alike were also invited to visit the library's book barns any day during the month of August and choose 2 free books. In addition to the free books and our welcome back drawings, every student attending Craig County Public Schools received a free pass for skating, a game or laser tag, game tokens, or Fire House Skate and Play's play area. The passes were given to help students start the school year out on the right foot with a positive attitude and they also reminded students to utilize their local library throughout the school year.

Our library is also ecstatic to welcome back Craig County fall sports! Do you remember the days of fun-filled tailgate parties before the big game? We sure do and think it is well past time to bring those days back! Craig County Public Library is selling raffle tickets for a catered tailgate party for the raffle winner and 10 others of their choice for the upcoming 2024 CCHS Rockets Homecoming Football game on September 27th. The tailgate party will be catered by Pine Top Restaurant and Lemon and Vale Cakery. Items included with the party include 1 dozen hot dogs, 1 dozen hamburgers, potato/macaroni salad, baked beans, drinks, condiments, and dessert. Tickets are on sale now through Monday September 23rd with the winner to be announced the same day. You must be 18 years or older to purchase a raffle ticket. Prices are 1 ticket for \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Our Taste of Craig County raffle tickets are on sale as well for the same ticket price until the Craig County Fall Festival on October 12th.

September is shaping up to be just as busy as August! See our list of activities coming up this September and we hope you will join us for all of the upcoming fun!

Help us celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month! If you participate in one of the following your name will be added to our prize drawing for a \$25.00 gift card to Lemon and Vale to be drawn and announced on Monday September 30th.

Sign-up for a library card as a new library patron  
Pay any fines on your existing library account  
Return/replace any missing/lost/damaged items on your existing library account

If you do one of the three above listed items and become a Friends of the Library member your name will be added to the drawing twice!

September 14th is Observe the Moon night. Did you know the library has a telescope available for rental? In order to rent the library telescope you must:

Be an existing library patron with no fines or lost/missing/damaged items on your account  
Pay a \$50.00 refundable deposit

Finally, return the telescope with all parts, no damages, and on time to receive your deposit. (Telescope check-out is 7 days)

September 15th-September 21st Celebrate National Wilderness Month and Smokey the Bear's 80th Birthday (on August 9th) with our National Wilderness Reading Challenge. Stop by the library beginning Monday September 16th to pick up your reading challenge log. The reading challenge is available for all ages. Prize to be announced at a later date.

September 22nd-September 28th is Banned Book Week. Did you know Virginia is in the top five in the United States for challenging or banning books. Come to the library to see our banned books display with books such as Charlotte's Web, Harry Potter, Strega Nona, and Junie B. Jones and learn more about why books are banned or challenged.

Other Notable Days/Celebrations in September:

National Preparedness month: Are you prepared for a natural disaster or emergency?

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# OBITUARY

## Hannah, Genevieve Carlotta Foster

Genevieve Carlotta Foster Hannah, 82, affectionally known as "GIGI", of the Bradshaw area of Salem, was surrounded by her family when she went home to be with her Lord on September 12, 2024. She was born on June 28, 1942, to the late Virginia Paitsel and James Everett Foster.

Genevieve worked for Roanoke County Schools for approximately 25 years as a nutrition assistant.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Kenneth Ray Hannah; sister, Barbara Huffman; brother, Jimmy Foster; and stepbrother, James Paitsel, Sr.

Left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Debbie

Hannah; sons, Carl Hannah (Kathy) and Dale Hannah; grandchildren, Kenny



Wayne and Josh Kendall, Corey and April Hannah, Zachary and Jessica Hannah; 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Mildred Jeanette Huffman. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and close friends, including her neighbor, Joe Giles

who checked on her frequently while she was still at home.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Berkshire Health and Rehabilitation Center and Good Samaritan Hospice for their excellent care.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, at the Paitsel Funeral Home with Pastor Don Brown officiating. Interment will follow at the Crawford Cemetery, located at Crossroads Christian Church. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home

Paitsel Funeral Home in New Castle, VA is serving the Hannah family.

## Beef

prices are expected to climb even higher.

"Higher prices are helpful if a farmer is selling calves or getting out of the business," explained American Farm Bureau Federation economist Bernt Nelson in a recent Market Intel report. "But what about when they are trying to buy, expand or buy cattle to get started? While higher prices benefit the seller, they make things hard for the buyer."

Cow-calf farmer Chris Frazier, regional sales and lending manager with Farm Credit of the Virginias, said a recent dip in feed prices has helped Southwest

Virginia farmers contend with high interest rates and other inputs.

"Animals are selling for good money, which is a good thing with the high rates," he said. "People are making enough to offset those high interest rates, but they're not able to buy those additional 100 acres or piece of equipment, even though they are retaining that cash on hand."

Other cattle producers are waiting for interest rates to budge.

"To some extent, they are sitting on the sidelines with the expectation that hopefully interest rates

will decline in the future versus where they are at today," Frazier continued.

Griles asked Frazier if an immediate cut to the federal funds rate would help. "Or does it take a while for producers to see that trickle down and influence what is offered by lenders?" he asked.

Overall, it's a slow process, Frazier replied. Farmers should utilize price risk management tools in the meantime.

"Mentally...we're in a better place," he said. "We're more optimistic and seeing light at the end of the tunnel."

-Virginia Farm Bureau

## The Ninth

AG's investigation into ActBlue is ongoing. Our elections must

be secure in order to ensure fair outcomes and restore confidence

in U.S. elections. That is why I continue to support the SAVE Act.

## Library

9/19/24-Happy International Talk Like a Pirate Day: Check out the library's selection of pirate DVD's and books.

9/22/24-9/28/24-Tolkien Week: Celebrate Hobbits my precious with our Lord of the Rings

books and movies!

9/29/24-Happy Coffee Day: What pairs together better than a chilly fall morning, a book, and warm cup of coffee?

Don't forget to check out the library at the

beginning of each month for our calendar of events, teen take and make crafts, children's take and make crafts, puzzles, and early literacy calendars. All FREE! Remember your local library for any book or movie donations.

# VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81 WI-581 PAVING & PATCHING OPERATIONS WITH RAMP CLOSURES - Weather permitting, on Monday, September 9 and Tuesday, September 10, crews will perform paving and patching operations from mile marker 1 to 3 on I-581 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Lane closures will be in place and during this time, the on-ramp from Hershberger Road to I-581 will be closed. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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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 OCTOBER 3rd, 2024 at 6 PM, or soon thereafter in the Circuit Court Courtroom of the Craig County Courthouse at 182 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 amending Sections 38-305 and 38-307 of the Craig County Code to require accommodations providers who offer or furnish accommodations facilitated by accommodations intermediaries to file informational returns.

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 VA 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.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1427, notice is hereby given, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Craig, Virginia will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding a proposed Ordinance to Add and Amend Energy Ordinance to the Craig County Zoning Ordinance.

These changes will include the following:

- Sec. 58-3. Definitions. - Remove the term "active solar collector." - Add the terms:
  - Small-scale solar generator
  - Solar agricultural generator
  - Utility scale solar installation
- Sec. 58-258. Uses permitted by conditional use permit. - Add "solar agricultural generator".
- Sec. 58-263. Height regulations. - Removed "active solar collector" and replace with "small-scale solar generator".
- Sec. 58-293. Height regulations. - Removed "active solar collector" and replace with "small-scale solar generator".
- Sec. 58-327. Height regulations. - Removed "active solar collector" and replace with "small-scale solar generator".
- Sec. 58-357. Height regulations. - Removed "active solar collector" and replace with "small-scale solar generator".
- Sec. 58-419. Height regulations. - Removed "active solar collector" and replace with "small-scale solar generator".
- Sec. 58-476. Height regulations. - Removed "active solar collector" and replace with "small-scale solar generator".
- Sec. 58-502.5. Uses permitted by conditional use permit. - Add: "(5) Utility scale solar subject to supplemental regulations as defined in section 58- 600."
- Sec. 58-507. Height regulations. - Removed "active solar collector" and replace with "small-scale solar generator".
- Add Sec. 58-600. Solar energy systems. - Outlines supplemental regulations for the uses "small-scale solar generator," "solar agricultural generator," and "utility scale solar installation"

The public hearing will be held at the next scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting held on **October 3rd, 2024 at 6pm or soon thereafter at 182 Courthouse, on Main Street, New Castle, Virginia.** Anyone having questions regarding the above may contact the County Administrator's office (540) 864-5010, located at 108 Court Street, or mailed to P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127

### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**Order of Publication**  
 Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
 Case No. **CL24-231**  
 VIRGINIA:  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Plaintiff(s),  
 V.  
 ESTATE OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY Defendant(s).  
 Case No.: CL24-231  
 ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
 Petitioner, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC ("Commonwealth"), by counsel, and upon its Affidavit of Order of Publication requesting an Order of Publication, and IT APPEARING that the object of this suit is quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066 ("Subject Property"); and IT APPEARING that Wanda P. McKinney, the record owner of the Property, is

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deceased and no estate has been opened or List of Heirs or Real Estate Affidavit filed in the land records of this Court; and IT APPEARING that due diligence has been used to locate Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney or the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney ("McKinney Parties Unknown"); and IT APPEARING that the last known address for Wanda P. McKinney is 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and IT APPEARING that it is timely and appropriate that this Court enter an Order allowing for service upon the Defendants be completed pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 by Order of Publication in a newspaper with general circulation in and published in and approved by the Circuit Court for Botetourt, Virginia, and it is therefore,

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED THAT AN ORDER OF PUBLICATION, be and hereby is to be published in *The Fincastle Herald* once a week for four successive weeks in order to perfect service upon Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that all Defendants be placed on notice that a Petition is pending in the Circuit Court of Botetourt, Virginia, namely *Specialized Loan Servicing UC v. Estate of Wanda P. McKinney, et al.*, to quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that McKinney Parties Unknown must on or before the 18th day of October, 2024, make known to this Court any objection they may have to the Complaint, and claim any defenses to the pending action otherwise an order will be entered in favor of Plaintiff, and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court send notice of this service to Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney at the last known address of Wanda P. McKinney, 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that *The Fincastle Herald* shall file an affidavit of publication with the Clerk of this Court attesting to the dates of publication, attesting that the notice was published at least once a week for four successive weeks.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2024,  
 Joel R Branscom,  
 Judge of the Botetourt County Circuit Court

We ask for this: SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC  
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*Counsel for Plaintiff*

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**Order of Publication**  
 Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
 Case No. **CL17000170-01**

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY IN RE: MICHAEL L. CRAWFORD**  
**4356 Craig Valley Drive New Castle, Virginia 24127**  
*Respondent.*  
**CASE NO.:CL17000170-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of this suit is to appoint a guardian and conservator to care for the person and estate of the Respondent. 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 any and all unknown relatives

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who have any interest in this matter to appear at the above-named Court on or before the 12th day of November, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. to do whatever is necessary to protect their interests.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The New Castle Record, Salem, Virginia, and that a copy hereof be posted on the front door of the Courthouse.

**Certificate of Publication should be sent to this Court and billed to Mark C. Popovich, Esq., Counsel for Craig County Department of Social Services, whose mailing address is Guynn Waddell, P.C., 415 S. College Avenue, Salem, Virginia 24153.**

ENTERED THIS: 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024  
 Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS:  
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*Counsel for Craig DSS*

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3430 Craig Valley Dr, New Castle, VA 24127**

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$88,000.00 dated July 18, 2005 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Craig County on July 22, 2005 in Deed Book: 150 at Deed Page: 542, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Craig County, 182 Main Street, New Castle, VA 24127 on October 21, 2024 at 12:00 PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: All those certain tracts or parcels of land, with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in the County of Craig, Virginia and being more particularly described as being Tract No. 1 containing 1.40 acres +/-, Tract No. 2 containing 0.22 acres +/-, and the Alice Q. Lee House Tract containing 0.50 acre, as described on plats or maps prepared by John Max Hancock, Sr., C.L.S., recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 201 and in Deed Book 27, page 400. Tax ID: 86-A-12,86-A-10,86-A-11.

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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

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**Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 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 request relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. 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.

If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:

H. Robert Light  
 Clerk of Council

**NOTICE OF OCTOBER 15, 2024 MEETING DATE CHANGE**

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, has rescheduled their October 15, 2024 regular Council meeting date to October 7, 2024. The meeting on October 7, 2024,

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will be at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. Attached is Resolution 1482 as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1416.B.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
 H. Robert Light  
 Clerk of Salem City Council

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, September 9, 2024:

RESOLUTION 1482 WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Salem wishes to change the date of a regular Council meeting; and WHEREAS, section 15.2-1416 requires such change be made by resolution of the local governing body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, that Salem City Council's regular October 15, 2024 meeting is changed to October 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. Upon a call for an aye and a nay vote, The same stood as follows: H. Hunter Holliday- Aye William D. Jones - Absent Byron Randolph Foley - Aye James W. Wallace, III – Aye Renee F. Turk -Aye

ATTEST:  
 H. Robert Light  
 Clerk of Council  
 City of Salem, VA

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended to date, notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Salem will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., October 7, 2024, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, to receive views of citizens within the Salem School District regarding the appointment to fill the expiring terms ending 12/31/2024 of

two members on the City of Salem School Board. All candidates seeking appointment must submit a letter of interest and résumé to the Deputy Clerk of Council. Submissions are requested by noon on Friday, October 4, 2024, however in all cases must be submitted prior to the closing of this public hearing. Candidates may be interviewed individually by City Council.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
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**Legals - Montgomery County****Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
 Case No. **CL24000866-00**  
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* BREANNA VIVIAN ALLEN v. LAWRENCE THOR SEVY. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that LAWRENCE THOR SEVY appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 30, 2024. AUGUST 23, 2024 HONORABLE K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE  
 TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
 Case No. **CL24001328-00**  
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* STUART EVERT EARLY v. DONNA MARIE EARLY The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that DONNA MARIE EARLY appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before NOVEMBER 9, 2024.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
 Case No. **CL24001343-00**  
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* GAMALELDIN SHEPL ELKOTT v. TAMICA MAY WEST

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MAY WEST The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that TAMICA MAY WEST appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 30, 2024.

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Zoning Exception Request for Agricultural Use 301 Royal Lane (EXP-24-1): The exception request is to permit an agricultural use in the RR-1 zoning district on a lot that is less than two acres. The subject parcel is approximately one acre, and is located in the Farmview subdivision at the corner of Farmview Drive and Royal Lane. The applicant is requesting to keep one pig and two goats on the property as pets.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed item above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at [www.blacksburg.gov/public](http://www.blacksburg.gov/public) hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

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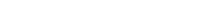
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Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201 Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

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## Tough loss for Rockets in West Virginia as visitors feel they got a bad deal

The Craig County football team fell to 2-1 with a 20-17 loss to Montcalm High in West Virginia last Friday night. It was a disappointing loss for the Rockets, who were looking to go 3-0 for the first time since the 2010 season.

"A 20-17 loss was not the expected outcome," said Craig coach Jim Fisher. "Montcalm had not looked great on film. They lost a close game in a week one upset, then they won big the next week but didn't play with a lot of energy. I think our kids and coaches, including me, were not expecting them to play as hard or as well as they did Friday. They shocked us somewhat."

The Rockets did not play up to the level they did in an opening week win over Bland County. The Rockets were coming off an open week after accepting a forfeit win over Auburn, who failed to field a team.

"We didn't play our best offensively," said Fisher. "We missed a lot of assignments and much of that was not Montcalm but it was just us attempting to block the wrong guy. When you don't block your assignment there are defenders in your backfield and nothing works. Our offensive woes kept the defense on the field way too much but they played pretty well except for a couple of blown assignments in the secondary. The defensive effort allowed us to stay in the ballgame."

Montcalm took the opening possession into the red zone but Craig's defense held and the Rockets took over on downs. Three plays later the Rockets were forced to punt and Craig's new rugby style punt scheme, with Carter Calfee punting, gets a green light to run if he thinks he can make the first down marker. It didn't work well the first time as he chose to run and Craig did not get the first down, setting up Montcalm for their first score.

The Generals chose to kick to Calfee and he made them pay as he returned the kickoff 85 yards for a TD. Isaac Lucas converted the PAT and the Rockets took a 7-6 lead, and that's how it stood at the half.

The Rockets moved the ball on their opening drive of the second half and had a first and goal at the four, but a holding call backed them up 10 yards and Craig ended up having to settle for a Lucas field goal and a 10-6 lead.

Montcalm then had a golden chance to score after a 66 yard gain gave them a first down inside of the Craig five. The Generals may have scored but the

Montcalm receiver took time to taunt Calfee, who tried to make a TD saving tackle but missed. That allowed Craig senior Jaycob Wolfe to make the TD saving tackle inside the five and Craig held on first and second down before the Montcalm quarterback took a big hit and the ball popped out. Senior cornerback Blake Wright grabbed the fumble out of the air and returned it 99 yards for a Rocket TD. Another Lucas kick and

Craig held a 17-6 lead.

The Generals scored next on a screen pass to close the gap to 17-12, as Craig's defense stopped the two-



Rockets huddle at a recent game.

point conversion try. Montcalm then attempted an onside kick and what looked like a Craig recovery turned out to be Montcalm's ball.

"We knew they would predominately use an onside kick if they scored," said Fisher. "We had our hands team on the field every kickoff. I was shocked when they kicked it deep to Calfee. We teach our players to lay out and protect the player getting the ball during an onside kick but we didn't do it. You have to do all the little things right to win the tight games. We didn't protect Dreydin Smith and the Montcalm player jumped on him and took the ball away."

"None of that should have mattered as Montcalm had jumped offside but that flag was one of many that did not get thrown. That onside kick mess really flipped the field position for the rest of the game. We were always deep in our own territory and the yellow was flying. There was at least one flag thrown every Craig possession the rest of the game."

After a couple more Craig punts and defensive stands by the Rocket defense it all came down to a fourth down run to decide the game. An egregious spot gave Montcalm the life they needed.

"The ref on our side told Coach Dowdy it was a bull--- spot but that he couldn't overturn it because it wasn't his call," said Fisher. "Film clearly showed the kids knee on the ground as his torso was stood up, but the line judge on the Montcalm side ended up giving him where he fell and extended the ball. At first, he marked it right but he must have changed his mind before he got out there because he kept walking in the direction of our goal line. I had already called for our 'Heavy Package' to run out the clock because I saw the initial spot."

Montcalm scored on the next play and Craig surrendered the lead they had held since the first quarter. The Rockets then failed to answer.

"We tried to throw the ball to get into field goal range," said Fisher. "On our first two pass plays there was obvious pass interference but no flags.

and Wolfe made, maybe, the throw of his life. It was in the air a long time and the Montcalm defender had to faceguard him because he was so out of position. Face guarding is legal in high school football but running into the receiver before the ball gets there is not. Again, no flag!"

Unfortunately, Wolfe was knocked out of the game on that play. Freshman quarterback Bradyn Dunbar had to step in to try and save the game.

"I felt like I was throwing him into the Lion's Den but he showed no emotion or nerves," said Fisher. "His first attempt could have maybe been a touchdown but our receiver and the defender both stopped running. I guess they didn't think he could throw it that far."

The next ball was deep and playable but Montcalm made the play, intercepting the ball to basically end the game.

"Super disappointed in the results of the football game," said Fisher. "I feel like for a large part of the game Montcalm played with more energy. I felt like the Montcalm coaches had their team better prepared than I had ours. They outplayed us in many phases of the game. It's my job to have our team mentally prepared as well as strategically prepared and I think I was outcoached in both phases. Those missed assignments on offense are ultimately on me, too, but our defense and special teams kept us in the ballgame and we should have won."

Fisher was not happy with the officiating from the West Virginia crew.

"In 25 years of coaching, I have seen a lot of officiating," he said. "For the most part it's been good, and when it wasn't good I never considered for a second that it was an integrity issue. It was just a bad call or a missed call."

"I left Montcalm feeling like it was a horrendously poor officiating crew. Watching film I felt victimized; for my players, coaches and fans. The ticky tack calls they made on us, we did not get in return. They made some very questionable holding calls on us,

and our kids would get thrown to the ground, have their jerseys pulled off their shoulder pads or spun all the way around and the same official would not call it. On their go ahead touchdown, defensive end Carter Price was absolutely mugged but no call. He would have hit the quarterback as he was throwing or have gotten a sack if he wasn't held."

Fisher was also disappointed by the atmosphere at the game.

"The worst part of the trip to West Virginia was how Craig County was treated by the hosts," he said. "What had always been a very respectful game has gotten dirty with a lot of trash talking, all by one team. It started when Craig first arrived and the team was walking the field. Walking the field is a time-honored tradition. When the visitors arrive they walk the field to familiarize themselves with the ground before they play on it. Someone broadcast over the PA system that 'I see dead people.' I am not 100 percent who it was but it was an adult in authority."

"Football players on floats from the Homecoming Parade used expletives to Craig cheerleaders with adults on the float with them. On the field we were cursed, kicked, punched and there were several blindsides hits after the play was obviously over. The referees even made a point of emphasis before the game that they would not tolerate any of that kind of behavior. I guess they just meant from us."

Craig is considering dropping the Generals, a long-time rival, from the schedule in future years.

"I have had several calls, texts, and personal conversations with parents, former players and fans that want to see us end the series with Montcalm because of the behavior and the officiating. Craig and Montcalm have been playing off and on since the 1990's. It has been two small schools getting a chance to play good clean football against an opponent with close to the same school enrollment. I think it's been a great series for both teams for over 30 years and I would hate to see it go away," said Fisher. "I'm going to talk to the head coach in a week or two to address my concerns moving forward. In West Virginia, the head coach gets to hand pick his officials. I'm going to ask that they pick some from out of his area moving forward. We are also going to talk about expectations of sportsmanship."

Through all this the Rockets were able to keep their composure.

"After the game, during the handshake, the Montcalm players asked us to

pray with them," said Fisher. "I was a little shocked, I'm not going to lie. I could tell that some of our kids were not in favor of the idea as they had just been cursed, kicked, punched, mocked and homered by the officiating crew. But you never pass up an opportunity to do the right thing."

The Rockets are off this weekend, returning September 27 to host Twin Valley at Mitchell Field in New Castle.

## Volleyball team opens district play

The Craig County volleyball team will open Pioneer District play this week when the Rockets host Eastern Montgomery on Tuesday.

Craig had a non-district game at Smith Mountain Christian Academy last week and lost in four games. The Rockets got off to a good start, winning the first game 25-17, but SMLCA rallied to take the next three, 25-14, 25-15 and 25-18.

"We opened strong and just couldn't finish," said coach Suzanne Crawford. "We will continue to work on passing and serve receive."

Jenna Boitnotte led the team with seven aces while adding six assists, four kills and six digs. Daileigh

Donithan had 11 digs, two kills and an ace.

"It was a very impressive game played by Daileigh and Jenna," said Crawford.

Layla Dooley had six kills, two blocks and three digs while Cheyanne Bell had two kills two blocks and an ace. Maggie Mays led the team with 11 assists and also had nine kills and a couple digs. Felicity Fisher had two aces, five digs, a kill and a block, Makenzie Lucas had a kill and a dig and Ashlyn Keen had a kill.

The Rockets are off for the rest of this week, returning to action next Tuesday, September 24, at Bath County.



Craig County coach Suzanne Crawford talks to the girls during a time out.

## Challenger Baseball has golf tournament at Botetourt County's Ashley Plantation

The Little League "Challenger" baseball program will put on a fund-raising golf tournament on Saturday, September 28, at the Ashley Plantation County Club.

Little League Challenger is a 501c non-profit division of Little League Baseball that provides boys and girls

ages 4 years of age and older, with mental and/or physical disabilities, the opportunity to experience the fun of playing baseball.

The golf tournament is used to raise much-needed funds for the teams and players. In addition to players the group is seeking help with donated items

to be auctioned off or used for the tournament like water, sodas and snacks or any giveaways to be included in the golf bags for the 250 golfers. Also, hole sponsorships are available at various prices.

A "flight shotgun start" will get the tournament underway at 1 pm on

September 28 and cost is \$90 per golfer or \$360 for a team. It will be a captain's choice tournament and many prizes will be offered. Also, each golfer receives special tournament complimentary gifts.

To sign up for this very special event please call 540-600-4653. Deadline for registration is Monday, September 23.