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Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

Curry

As I was rewatching a British sitcom, (“As time goes by” starring Judy Dench from the 90’s) I noted that they eat a lot. One thing they often do is order takeaway or take-out as we call it here in the states. Curry is a popular takeaway in Britain and because I am not very familiar with it, I decided I needed to try it, again. I have had curry before, but it was a very hot version, and the heat level made it hard for me to enjoy it. As I researched curry recipes to try, I asked our sports editor Brian if he liked curry. He said he was an okay player, (Stephen Curry is an American professional basketball player and point guard for the Golden State Warriors of the NBA). I think I need to specify what I am talking about when I ask Brian a question.

It's important to note that "curry" isn't a single spice, but rather a term for a dish or type of sauce that uses a blend of spices. Curry dishes typically feature a combination of vegetables and protein simmered in a flavorful gravy, either freshly prepared with a powder or spice paste or purchased as a ready-made mixture, often served over rice. It's heavily spiced and is never lacking in taste. Curry can be mild, or it can pack some serious heat, depending on your personal preference and tolerance for spicy food.

Curry, which is thought to have originated as

early as 2500 BCE in what is modern-day Pakistan, has since evolved into a truly global food, having traveled the world through colonization and immigration, slavery, indentured labor, trade and entrepreneurship. The British East India Company's expansion into India in the 17th and 18th centuries led to British officers and their families being exposed to Indian cuisine. Curry became a popular dish in Britain, with recipes appearing in cookbooks as early as 1747. The British, trying to recreate their favorite dishes back at home, began to experiment with Indian spices and ingredients, eventually creating dishes like chicken tikka masala and other curry-house staples. Curry powder is a British invention. While the specific spices vary, common ingredients include onion, ginger, and a blend of spices like coriander, turmeric, cumin, and chili. Some blends also incorporate garlic and cinnamon. What all curry powders share is a sweet warmth and pungency that adds depth to everything it touches.

Some studies suggest that consuming curry powder may have health benefits, such as improved circulation and lower cholesterol levels. In recent research Diabetes.co.uk, found out that a large amount of serotonin, known as the “happy hormone,” is released when people eat curry. The research shows about 95% of serotonin is released from the intestine, not from the brain, and bad intestinal environment can interfere with the release of serotonin.

Today, curry is everywhere, from chicken tikka masala in the UK to fiery green curry in Thailand, kare raisu in Japan and curry goat in Jamaica. This week's recipe is an easy to make mild curry.

Sweet Chicken Curry

1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts cut into 1-inch pieces

- 1 large green or red bell pepper cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large onion sliced
- 1 large tomato seeded and chopped
- ½ cup prepared mango chutney
- ¼ cup water
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 ½ teaspoons curry powder



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Hot cooked rice

Instructions

Place chicken, bell pepper and onion in slow cooker. Top with tomato. Mix chutney, water, cornstarch, and curry powder in a small bowl. Pour over chicken. Cover and cook on LOW 3 ½ to 4 ½ hours or until the chicken is tender and no longer pink. Serve over rice.

To make a vegetarian version add: 2 (15 oz)cans of chickpeas, rinsed and drained and 2 medium sweet potatoes, cut into ½ inch cubes to replace the chicken.

Brennan named 2025 Distinguished Alum at Virginia Western

ROANOKE — The Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation has named Michael Brennan, Ph.D., as recipient of the College’s 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 2006 by the Virginia Western Alumni Association and recognizes Virginia Western Community College alumni and former students who have attained extraordinary distinction in their professional field or life. The award is intended to showcase the diversity of Virginia Western graduates and their range of influence on our region.

Brennan is the Miami-based director of the National Hurricane Center for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). A graduate of Cave Spring High School, Brennan attended Virginia Western in 1995-96 and 1999.

Robin Reed, a longtime broadcaster at WDBJ7 and communications professor at Virginia Tech, was one of Brennan’s nominators for the award. Reed said Brennan was one of the first weather interns at the Roanoke-based station in the 1990s.

Brennan’s path to NOAA “was made possible by Virginia Western Community College,” Reed recalled. “The closest meteorology programs were in Pennsylvania and North Carolina, and the out-of-state tuition was a barrier. Michael was accepted at North Carolina State University and arranged a deferral for two years to attend Virginia Western – a more affordable option for his math and science courses.

“I cannot express enough how Virginia Western kept him motivated and on time for his transfer to NC State. He often told me how Virginia Western was his launching pad for success.”

As the National Hurricane Center Director, Brennan oversees tropical cyclone forecasts and warnings for the Atlantic and eastern North Pacific hurricane basins, and coordinates hazard information related to tropical cyclones for the United States and more than 20 other nations. Brennan

previously served as the Branch Chief of the Center’s Hurricane Specialist Unit and Science and Operations Officer at the National Weather Service’s Weather Prediction Center.

Brennan has presented at numerous scientific meetings, including conferences of the American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union and the National Weather Association, and often appears on television and other media.

Brennan received a bachelor’s in Meteorology (’99), and a master’s (’01) and doctorate (’05) in Atmospheric Sciences. Brennan’s current research interests include quantifying the impact of supplemental observations on model forecasts of tropical cyclone track and intensity.

“It is hard to understate the scope and importance of the role Brennan fills in the hurricane forecasting and warning system, not just for the United States but several nations with Atlantic or Pacific shorelines plus maritime interests. His responsibility is huge,” wrote nominator Kevin Myatt, weather journalist for Cardinal News and formerly a weather writer for The Roanoke Times and The Washington Post.

“The hurricane center’s accuracy has improved sharply under Brennan and his predecessors. Brennan definitely fulfills the criteria for consideration for the Distinguished Alumni Award at Virginia Western.”

Brennan expressed thanks for the award and Virginia Western’s impact on his career, including the transfer pathway to a four-year degree. “I’m glad to know that Virginia Western continues to offer opportunities to students from a variety of backgrounds in the Roanoke Valley and beyond to pursue their dreams,” he said.

Brennan was honored April 16, 2025, at the Educational Foundation’s annual Awards Ceremony and Reception in Whitman Theater. More than 180 student scholarship recipients were recognized at the event, which included the premiere of a short film, “A Voice for All Students: Virginia Western’s Student Ambassador Program.” It is viewable at <https://www.virginiawestern.edu/foundation/voice/>.

- Prior Virginia Western Community College Distinguished Alumni honorees:
- 2024 – Yolonda L. Weaver, D.D.S., (’94)
 - 2023 – Dr. Brenda L. Hale (’89) and Joe Gaither (’77)
 - 2022 – Elvir Berbic (’06) and P. Jason Peters
 - 2021 – Mary Catherine “Kate” Lawrence
 - 2020 – Tony Pearman (’10)
 - 2019 – Deborah L. Petrine (’76)
 - 2018 – Elizabeth Testerman (’06)
 - 2017 – Dr. Carol Swain (’78)
 - 2016 – Dr. Mary Loritsch (’74) and Chief Michael Crawley
 - 2015 – Debbie Yancey (’97)
 - 2014 – Chief Craig S. Harris (’00) and J. David Wine (’73)
 - 2013 – Cheryl Cunningham (’86)
 - 2012 – Anne Hogan (’76)
 - 2011 – Carolyn Webster (’81)
 - 2010 – Russell H. Ellis (’80)
 - 2009 – Shirl D. Lamanca (’75) and Dennis R. Cronk (’72)



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Michael Brennan, Ph.D., is the recipient of the College’s 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award.

2008 – Donna L. Mitchell (’81)

2007 – Dr. Kent A. Murphy and Charlotte C. Tyson (’84)

2006 – John B. Williamson III (’75)

-The Salem Times-Register

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batteries. The change of scenery and pace can reduce anxiety, improve mood, and boost creativity.

Consider the restorative power of nature. A weekend hike in the mountains, breathing in the fresh air and taking in panoramic views, can do wonders for stress levels. Similarly, spending a few days by the creek, listening to the soothing rhythm of the current, has a calming effect on the mind. These experiences provide opportunities for physical activity, which is crucial for both physical and mental health.

Go beyond the natural world, exploring the George Washington and Thomas Jefferson National Forest, including the Appalachian Trail. With substantial changes in the USDA management of Forest Service land, this may be a final season to find the forest in its present condition. Thousands of acres of

forest land has been targeted for logging recently, much of which is in Craig County. While tourism dollars will contribute to county revenue, it cannot offset the loss of natural beauty the forest land provides when large-scale logging is instituted.

While the decline in long-distance travel presents challenges, it also shines a light on the remarkable opportunities for convenient, affordable, and enjoyable short getaways right here in Craig County. Local escapes not only offer a wealth of diverse experiences but also provide significant benefits for our overall health and well-being, allowing travelers to return home feeling refreshed, rejuvenated, and with a renewed appreciation for the beauty and richness of home. Learn about the upcoming events scheduled in Craig County here <https://craigcountyva.gov/>

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Young team slugs it out

From the March 30, 1994 edition of The New Castle Record

The Craig County baseball team found the going rough in the first two games of the season. The Rockets hoped to get the jump on their opponents after a trip to Florida, but that wasn't the case in season opening losses to Narrows and Shawsville.

"We made a lot of mistakes, and those are the kinds of things I thought we'd taken care of in Florida," said Rocket coach Mark Baetz. "Fortunately, they were two non-district games, but I thought, man-for-man, we were better than both of those clubs."

Craig opened with a 16-6 loss at Narrows last Wednesday. The Rockets were cruising along with a 6-5 lead after four and a half innings, but disaster struck in the bottom of the fifth as the Green Wave scored 11

unearned runs.

The Rockets finished with none errors for the game and of the 16 runs scored by Narrows, only one was earned. James Fisher was the tough-luck loser for the Rockets, pitching four and a third innings and allowing none runs. Only one was earned, and the freshman gave up just six hits.

Dwain Sowers also got some work on the mound, but by that time the game was long lost. Sowers walked the first batter he faced, gave up a hit, then hit a batter and the parade continued.

Offensively the Rockets were hot at the top of the order. The top four players in the order had two hits apiece, Kristopher Peters, Kyle Crawford, Sowers, and Johnny Crawford. Sowers scorched a double into the wind and Johnny Crawford had four stolen bases in the game. Chris Blankenship has

the other hit.

On Friday at Shawsville the Rockets played better, but lost none the less, 7-4. Ben Boardwine went the distance fanning six and walking only two, but has a tough time with slugging Ben Basham of Shawsville. The Shawnee's best player had a single, double, triple, and three runs batted in.

"We let him beat us," said Baetz. "I'll take some of the blame for that. We should have walked him instead of letting him swing the bat."

The top of the Rocker order was hot again. Peters, Sowers, and Johnny Crawford had two hits each and Robby Huffman had one as Craig connected for seven hits.

The fifth inning proved to be the downfall for Craig this time, as Shawsville scored three runs with two outs. The defense was better, however.

"We played much better than we did against Narrows," said Baetz.

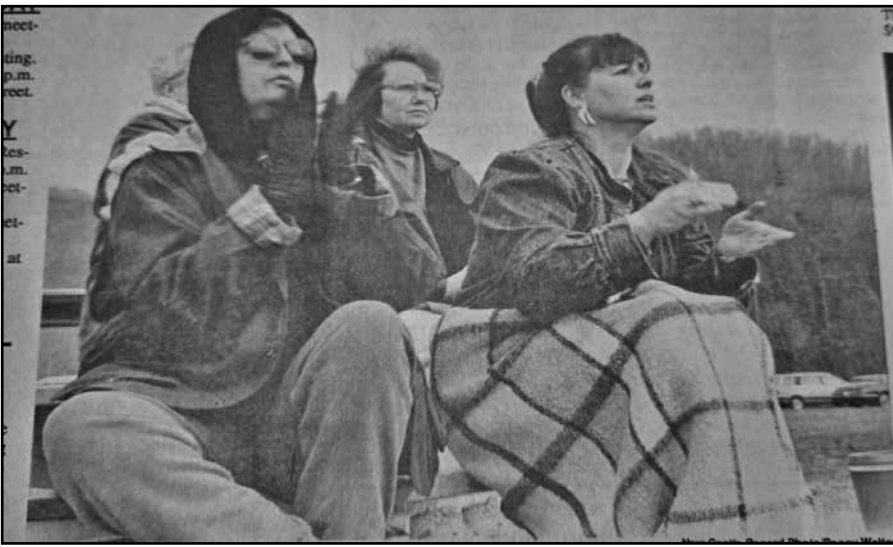
The Rockets got some bad news this week when James Fisher, a freshman, went on the shelf with a bad back. How long he'll be out isn't known, but he'll miss at least a couple turns in the rotation.

"That's a bad break, because we have high hopes for James," said Baetz. "He was throwing well in Florida and I was counting on him to be one of our starters."

Boardwine will get the nod when the Rockets travel to Bath County Friday for the pioneer District opener. A Tuesday game at Covington was rained out.

Next week Craig has its home opener Thursday, April 7, and a second straight home game against Shawsville April 8.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon



FROM THE NRC ARCHIVES

Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

May 1
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

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

May 20
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aug. 19
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

Sept. 4
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

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

Sept. 16
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

-The New Castle Record

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CLUES ACROSS

1. North American people

6. Chinese surname

10. Fit in at the last minute

14. "Very" in musical terminology

15. Underwater displays

17. Crosby's bandmates

19. Belong to he

20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)

21. Sequences of alternating turns

22. Genus of grasses

23. Satisfy

24. Petty quarrel

26. Made level

29. Ruler of Iran

31. Historical region of Syria

32. Food suitable for babies

34. Something to lend

35. Zone of oceanic trenches

37. Philippine island

38. Domesticated animal

39. Plant of the lily family

40. Bluish green

41. __ Tomei, actress

43. Without (French)

45. Lilly and Manning are two

46. Apply pressure to

47. Divide in half

49. Bad deed

50. Don't know when yet

53. Hollywood's greatest honor

57. Aiming to exhort

58. Faked

59. A way to pierce

60. Midway between north-east and east

61. Points

CLUES DOWN

1. Chop up

2. __ Spumante (Italian wine)

3. Egyptian goddess

4. Split pulses

5. Afflict

6. Type of area rug

7. Tide

8. Affirmative

9. Sudden change

10. One picked

11. Debauched man

12. Stiff bristles

13. Famous arena

16. Established rules and methods

18. Injection

22. Father

23. Protein-rich liquids

24. He delivers gifts

25. Advanced degree

27. Fencing swords

28. Chinese mountain range

29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

30. Precursor to hemoglobin

31. Much __ about nothing

33. Compound fabric (abbr.)

35. A way to act slowly on

36. Ottoman military commanders

37. Popular kids' network

39. Hard compound

42. Sympathize with

43. Northeast college

44. Blood group

46. Frosted

47. Turn away

48. Benefit

49. Dry or withered

50. Bangladeshi monetary unit

51. Reproduced

52. Contributes

53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)

54. Wear

55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)

56. Very small



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OPINION

Book Review: The Plinko Bounce by: Martin Clark

Andy Hughes has been an under-paid public defender in rural Patrick County, Virginia for over seventeen years; a career laden with the same petty crime cases committed by the same petty criminals. The repetition leads Hughes to finally quit, seeking his preference of a bigger, better law firm or perhaps a complete career change. However, he couldn't have picked the worst time to do so.

Library Corner

Alex White

Hughes' career decision falls in 2020, smack dab in the middle of the well-remembered pandemic. As they say when it rains it pours. Andy attempts to manage the new tension with his ex-wife and her husband, his son's increasingly distant and moody temperament, and a new romantic interest. Given all of life's lemons, Hughes chooses to accept one final case before his official resignation leaving him to once again defend in his opinion one of the lowest and most despicable men he's ever had the misfortune to represent, Damian Bullins.

Bullins is accused of murdering the wife of a well-to-do business man in their own home after she refuses to give him money and to complicate Hughes' defense, Bullins signed a confession to the crime with the arresting officers. Although it would appear Hughes has his work cut out for him the prosecution has many long hours ahead of them as well with no witnesses, no motive, and only circumstantial evidence.

However, much like the game Plinko, a series of events have made

it possible for Bullins to walk away a free man despite his admittance of the crime and history of violence. Will Bullins' luck run out or will he hit the jackpot avoiding a guilty verdict? Will Hughes' complicated opinion of Bullins allow him to fully meet his ethical duty defending Bullins to the best of his ability? Will the defense be enough for a non-guilty verdict given the signed confession? What will either verdict mean for Hughes and his family?


Martin Clark has created an exciting and fun legal thriller based on his own career as a Virginia circuit court judge. Despite being a legal drama, he never falls into the trap of over explaining legal jargon bogging down the plot and risking confusion for the reader during the court proceedings and case. He makes great use of the rural setting of Patrick County, Virginia by adding in local flavor and the communities realistic adaptations to the 2020 pandemic mandates. Clark truly created realistic and plausible characters, plot, setting, and suspense allowing the reader to easily imagine the shock to a small town from such a horrific crime and the following gossip that ensues.

If courtroom dramas, exciting twists and turns, and local culture intrigue you, then Martin Clark has you covered. If you find you truly enjoy Martin Clark and The Plinko Bounce check out his other books The Jezebel Remedy and The Substitution Order now available at the Craig County Public Library. Clark is also the author of The Many Aspects of Mobile Home Living, Plain Heathen Mischief, and The Legal Limit.

The Craig County Public Library Friends of the Library will host Martin Clark on Sunday, May 4th at 2pm in

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the Craig County High School auditorium. The event is free and registration can be completed via the following link: <https://fol.launchcart.store/product/p/303zzl0>. For more information about Martin Clark you can visit his website at <https://martinclark.com/>.

If you experience issues with registration please contact the Craig County Public Library during normal business hours at (540) 864-8978 or email craiglibrary@swva.net. Register to meet Martin Clark today!

Agriculture Literacy Week engages over 70,000 children

RICHMOND—More than 1,300 volunteers hit the road—with books in hand—to help thousands of children across the state understand the importance of agriculture. Those volunteers read Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom's Book of the Year, Indoor Farm,

Outdoor Farm by Lindsay H. Metcalf, to 77,000 children during AITC's annual Agriculture Literacy Week, March 17-21. They also donated 3,100 copies of the book to libraries in public and private schools and community clubs, as well as to public library systems.

"It's inspiring to see so many people take time out of their busy schedules to read to students," said Tammy Maxey, AITC executive director. "Not only is it great fun, but it's also a valuable learning experience for students. Reading these stories sparks their curiosity, and students ask questions and gain firsthand insight from a farmer or community leader."

In addition to reading aloud, many volunteers engaged children with hands-on educational activities, demonstrations and Q&As. Halifax County Farm Bureau insurance agents Chelsea Wooding and Holly Covington read to students at local elementary schools. After reading, they led energetic discussions, answered students' questions about farming, and helped them plant cucumber and zucchini seeds in planting kits. Throughout the remaining school year, students will water and nurture the plants as they grow. "Experiences like these plant seeds of understand-

ing," Wooding said. "Farm life might seem far away for a lot of children, but it plays a big role in their everyday lives. Giving kids a glimpse into where their food comes from, how it's grown and how it gets from farm to fork, will help them become more knowledgeable and appreciate the effort and commitment it takes to feed our communities."

Now in its 15th year, Agriculture Literacy Week is AITC's largest educational event. It provides a fun, interactive way to increase children's knowledge of farming and the importance of agriculture. Volunteer readers also included Virginia's first lady, Suzanne Youngkin; Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Matthew Lohr; Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Joseph Guthrie; members of Virginia's legislature; county Farm Bureau leaders; employees of VDACS and Farm Credit; and FFA and 4-H club members.

To learn more about Agriculture Literacy Week and how to support Virginia AITC, visit virginia.agclassroom.org.

-Virginia Farm Bureau

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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 out-

side 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:

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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.

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CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST
Pastor Scott Gabrielson, church phone 864-5667, 171 Salem Avenue, Food Pantry available (M,W,F) 9am-noon.

Sunday School 10am, Worship 11am, Mondays 6:30pm Men and Ladies Bible Study, Wednesday: Bible Buddies 6:30pm, Bible Study 7pm. craigvalleybaptist@gmail.com

CROSSROADS CHURCH
21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Kenny Davis. 864-7520. Sunday School - 9:30am, Sunday Worship - 10:30am.

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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, Rev. Dr. Loraine Taylor, agladypastor@msn.com. Sunday Service @ 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Adult Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. Youth (Ages 13-18) & Super Church (Ages 4-12) 7:00 p.m. Facebook Livestream each Sunday morning @ 10:30 a.m. www.ourvalley.org.

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hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

- **FLAGGING OPERATIONS:** Flagging operations possible on Route 635 and Route 619.
- **UNEVEN PAVEMENT:** Drivers may experience some uneven pavement and/or rough surface throughout the project.
- **TRAFFIC SHIFTS:** Drivers may experience periodic lane closures, narrow ramps or quick merges into traffic onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound or northbound exit ramps of exit 140 off of I-81. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.
- **TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD:** Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.
- **WORK ZONE SPEED:** Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle. Narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, are present.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 WIDENING FROM MILE MARKER 143 TO 151 – The I-81 widening project is underway with survey and preparation work. The expected completion for this project is summer

2031.

- **Belle Haven Road** – Drivers may see periodic daytime flagging operations in place.
- **LANE CLOSURES** - Periodic right and left lane closures in place during nighttime hours 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., on northbound and southbound I-81
- **RAMPS** - Ramps on I-81, northbound and southbound, may be narrowed at exit 150, 146 and 143.

I-81 NB & SB DECK OVERLAY AT PEAK CREEK MILE MARKER 95.7 - Repair work is underway on the northbound and southbound bridges on I-81 over Peak Creek near mile marker 95.7. This repair work will require nighttime single lane closures for the duration of the project. Lane closures may occur nightly from Sunday night through Friday mornings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. For the deck overlay process, lane closures may be in place between Sunday nights through Friday mornings. For the southbound lanes these will occur between the hours of 7pm and 10am, and for the northbound lanes between the hours of 6pm through 9am. Details on these closures will be listed below on a weekly basis. Estimated completion is Summer 2025.

- Deck work postponed due to cold weather.
- Alternating nighttime northbound and southbound left and right lane closures may or may not be in place from mile marker 96 to 94 during the hours of 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. while other work on the project continues.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the

New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Completion currently expected in fall 2025.

- **LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime left lane closures may be in place on I-81 northbound or southbound between mile marker 106 and 104 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.
- **ROUTE 605:** Alternating lane closures and flagging operations may be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for paving operations and work overhead on the bridge.
- **SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

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

INTERSTATE 581 I-581 PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, beginning August 18, crews will perform paving and patching operations. Lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound, Sunday through Thursday, during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY) I-77 PAVING & PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will perform paving and patching operations on Interstate I-77. Right, left and center lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound, Monday through Friday, during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-77 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will perform paving operations on Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

- Bridge deck overlays on I-77 from 8.78 miles north of the North Carolina line to 6.24 miles south of the intersection with Route 58 are underway. Lane closures will be in place underneath the bridge on Route 148. Expected completion date is scheduled for Fall 2025.

ROANOKE CITY ORANGE AVENUE OFF RAMP SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – Drivers can expect should closures and nighttime lane closures in the vicinity of the Orange Avenue off ramp on I-581 starting after the intersection of Burrell Street northwest and Gainsboro Road northwest and ending at the intersection of Williamson Road northeast.

Shoulder closures expected on Route 460 eastbound with right lane closures in place during nighttime hours. Delays are

possible.

ROANOKE COUNTY ROUTE 622 (BRADSHAW ROAD) CULVERT REPLACEMENT – On April 21, work is set to begin on a culvert replacement over Mason Creek on Route 622 (Bradshaw Road). The culvert is located about 6.8 miles from Route 311. A temporary signal will be installed starting Monday, April 28. The temporary signal will remain in place to control traffic around the clock to allow drivers to alternate using one open lane during the culvert replacement until sometime in August 2025. Drivers should expect delays in the area or seek alternate routes. Electronic message boards will be posted to alert motorists to the upcoming roadwork and traffic impacts.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURES IN ROANOKE AREA - Blue Ridge Parkway may be repairing roads in our area that require road closures and flagging operations and detours may be in place. Visit their website at www.nps.gov/blri/planyour-visit/roadclosures.htm for more information.

BOTETOURT COUNTY (UPDATED 425 ROUTE 622 EXTENDED CLOSURE - Starting Monday, March 31, a section of Route 622 (Dagger Springs Road) in the Eagle Rock area of Botetourt County will be closed for approximately four months. The closure starts a mile north of Route 612 (Blue Grass Trail) and extends about 1.2 miles to Tate Road. Drivers should follow detour signs. Work will include drainage improvements, culvert replacements and major slope work.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Supervisors on May 1st, 2025 at 6 pm, or soon thereafter will hold a joint meeting with The Planning Commission at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia, to consider the application For Lightshift Energy who is partnering with Craig Botetourt Electric Cooperative (CBEC) for a standalone Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at 585 Cumberland Ave, New Castle, VA 24127, Tax map #58-A-22. This parcel is zoned M-1, Industrial District, §58-502 Permitted Uses (5) and §58-504-(a) and (b) of the Craig County Code of Ordinances. The property is located off Cumberland Ave just past Wagner Street on left at you are leaving New Castle.

Public comment on the application may be submitted in writing to the County Administration Office no later than April 30th, 2025 by 12 pm at P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127, by calling 540-864-5010, or in person at the public hearing.

By Order of the Craig County Supervisors, in accordance with the Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2204

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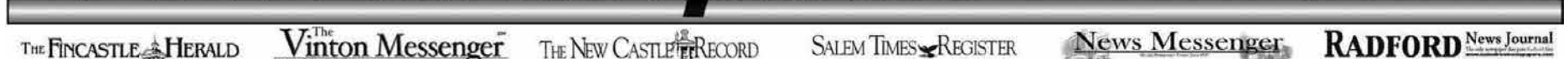
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Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025, 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:

1. Consider the request of Gwynn Properties, LLC, contract purchaser, to rezone the property located at 220 Brand Avenue (T/M# 74-2-8) from HBD Highway Business District with conditions to HBD Highway Business District. 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 is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

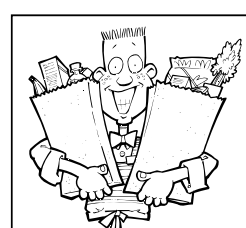
at its regular meeting on May 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Danny R. and Sonja S. Kane, property owners, to rezone the property located at 151 St. John Road (Tax Map #155-2-3) from HM Heavy Manufacturing to HBD Highway Business District.
2. Consider adopting resolution of recommendation regarding "Comprehensive Plan 2045" for the City of Salem. The plan addresses housing, redevelopment, open space, city government, transportation & infrastructure, land use, and other information used to outline the City's long-term vision and goals for development and growth.

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



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Legals - Bedford County

ABC NOTICE

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Hardik C. Patel, 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 or 800-552-3200.

Legals - Botetourt County

Trustee's Sale 344 LLOYD TOLLEY RD, NATURAL BRIDGE ST, VA 24579 Parcel ID: 113E100A00000030

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 4/29/2008, in the original principal amount of \$101,042.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Rockbridge County, Virginia on 4/30/2008, as Instrument No. 080001623, Loan Modification recorded on 12/20/2017 as Instrument No. 170003480, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on 6/30/2025 at 1:30 PM, Rockbridge County Circuit Court, 20 S Randolph St, Lexington, VA 24450, the property designated as 344 LLOYD TOLLEY RD, NATURAL BRIDGE ST, VA 24579. All that certain lot or parcel of land, with any and all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying, being and situated in:

Being that certain real estate, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, and the rights and appurtenances thereunto, belonging, situate in the Natural Bridge Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, Virginia, containing 0.42 acre, more or less, and being more particularly described on a survey of B.S. Clark, Jr., dated February 6, 1968, said plat being attached to a deed to Raymond V. Shanks from Helen Chiles Mason and husband recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County, Virginia, in Deed Book 301 at Page 574.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$10,104.20 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Vylla Solutions - Virginia, LLC, 283 Constitution Drive, Suite 102, Office B, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, File No. 25-33255, Tel: 888-313-1969



Legals - Botetourt County

Trustee's Sale 133 RIDGEVIEW CIRCL, ROANOKE, VA 24019 (Parcel ID: 13766/107E(1)BK5-9)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 7/18/2009, in the original principal amount of \$155,652.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Botetourt County, Virginia on 8/7/2009, as Instrument No. 090004397, Loan modification recorded on 4/3/2024 as Instrument No. 240000818, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on 7/10/2025 at 1:00 PM, Botetourt County Circuit Court, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090, the property designated as 133 RIDGEVIEW CIRCL, ROANOKE, VA 24019. All that certain lot or parcel of land, with any and all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying, being and situated in:

The Land situated in the County of Botetourt in the State of VA Lot 9, Block 5, according to the Revised Map of Section 4, Botetourt East, which map is recorded in Plat Book 8, page 74, in the Clerk's Office of the County of Botetourt, Virginia.

Being the same property conveyed to STEVIE W. SHIRES and BARBARA T. SHIRES, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, by deed dated March 20, 1991 of record in Deed Book 385, Page 730, in the Botetourt County Clerk's Office. Group Number: N/A Commonly known as: 133 Ridgeview Circl Roanoke, VA 24019

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$15,565.20 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Vylla Solutions - Virginia, LLC, 283 Constitution Drive, Suite 102, Office B, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, File No. 25-34358, Tel: 888-313-1969

Legals - Town of Vinton

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission of Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a work session to be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 5:15 p.m., or shortly thereafter. The purpose of the work session is to discuss Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and the Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update. The work session will be held in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Further information concerning this notice may be obtained by calling (540) 983-0605. NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 486 Waterworks Rd., Radford, Montgomery County Virginia, Tax Map #064-A-68 (Montgomery County, Virginia)

In execution of a deed of trust, from Bobby Ray Southern, dated July 24, 2008, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, as Instrument No. 08008179, (Craig P. Tiller, Esq., PLLC, having been appointed Substitute Trustee under instrument of record as Instrument No.025000961, in said Clerk's Office) due to default in payment of the debt secured, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction that certain tract of real estate known as 486 Waterworks Road, Radford, Virginia 24141, Montgomery County, Virginia, on the front steps of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia on the 12th day of May, 2025, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., the following described real estate situate in the Prices Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia:

All certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon, situate, lying and bin in the Prices Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, on Water Works Road, containing 2.1417 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of same dated October 15, 1992, prepared by W.A. Davis, CE/LS, referred to as "Plat prepared for Bobby Wayne Southern, et al".

Less and Except all that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon lying and being in the Prices Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and being all of Lot Two (2) containing 1.03 acres, conveyed to Allan K. Southern and Dreama J. Southern by Deed dated June 1, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 876, Page 361, and as shown on plat of survey of record in Deed Book 876, Page 363.

Included is a 2007 Manufactured Home: Make: Clayton VIN #HHC017033NCAB.

Sale subject to all conditions, restrictions, reservations and easements, if any of record and now applicable thereto.

Terms: Cash in full due on day of sale.

Trustee Craig P. Tiller, Esq., PLLC FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Craig P. Tiller, Esq., PLLC 15421 Forest Road, Suite D Forest, Virginia 24551 Telephone: 434-525-3335 Facsimile: 434-525-3302

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 Case No.CL25000550-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Kayla Dawn Comer, Stanley Hunter Early v. Commonwealth of Virginia,

The object of this suit is to: Name change of a minor It is ORDERED that Anthony Paul Early appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 26th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM. Entered March 17, 2025 Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 Case No.CL25000555-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Megan Alyssa Sawyers v. Elden Raul Gonzalez

Legals - Montgomery County

The object of this suit is to: Divorce It is ORDERED that Elden Raul Gonzalez appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 27, 2025 @ 9:00 AM. Entered March 25, 2025 Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, May 13, 2025

beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2069: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code Sections 18-109 and 24-306 and Add New Town Code Sections 18-109.1 and 24-306.1 Pertaining to Waiving Utility Availability Fees for Affordable Housing Developments. Ordinance 2069 will amend sections of the Town Code to permit the waiver of utility availability fees for certain affordable housing developments.

Ordinance 2076: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026; Adopting the Real Estate Tax Rate; and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year. The proposed ordinance authorizes the Town's 2025/2026 operating budget and maintains the existing tax rate. This is described in more detail in the stand-alone advertisement published in the Montgomery News Messenger on April 23, 2025.

Ordinance 2077: An Ordinance Amending Blacksburg Town Code Sections 18-400, 20-206, and 24-602 to Increase Fees for Water and Sewer Services and Solid Waste and Recycling Fees. The ordinance will increase the amounts of the referenced fees; the increases are described in more detail in stand-alone advertisements published in the Montgomery News Messenger April 23, 2025 and April 30, 2025.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items 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, 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 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).

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 295 NEWTOWN ROAD, SHAWSVILLE, VA 24162.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 2, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$139,200.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2007013212. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on May 19, 2025, at 1:30

Legals - Montgomery County

PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF NEWTOWN ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF SHAWSVILLE, SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF NEW PARCEL 2, CONTAINING 0.374 ACRES AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF C.B. SISSON AND R.D. SISSON BOUNDARY LINE REVISION AND LOT LINE VACATIONS, PREPARED BY C.S. CORRELL, LS. PLAN #P-1095, DATED APRIL 2, 1999 A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED HEREWITH IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 74, AND TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-375117-1.

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Rocket baseball team is at Highland Thursday

The Craig County baseball team will be looking to crack the win column Thursday when the Rockets head to Monterey to play Highland County in a Pioneer District game.

The Rockets were still winless after seven games after dropping two games in New Castle last week. Craig failed to get a hit in a 33-1 loss to Narrows in a game where Craig's best two pitchers and first string catcher were unavailable. The Rockets allowed 20 combined walks and had 15 fielding errors.

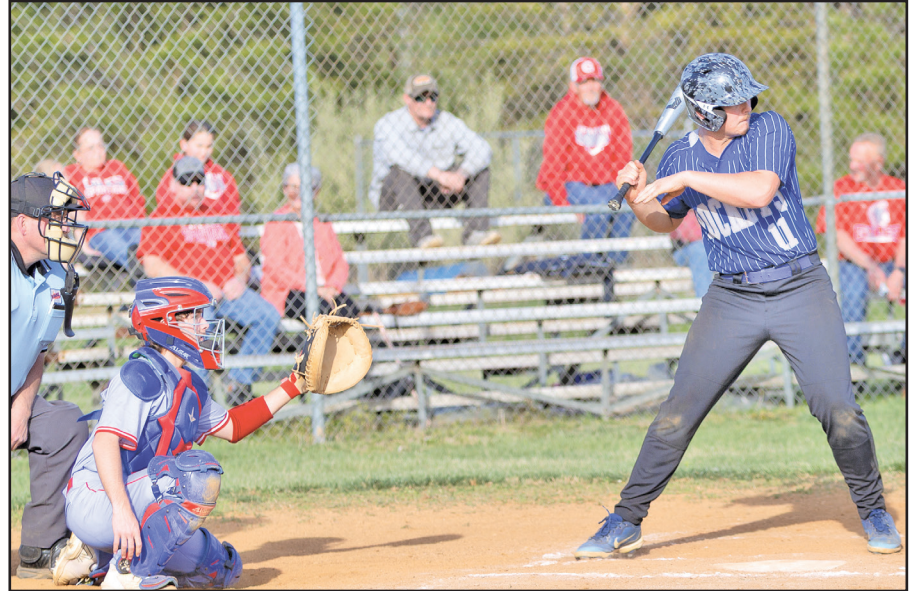
"Not an excuse," said coach Jaime

Mick. "An ugly showing all around."

On Thursday the Rockets hosted Giles and dropped an 11-1 game. Luke Potter had two hits and stole a base for Craig while Jaycob Wolfe had two hits and three stolen bases and also pitched two innings without allowing an earned run.

"Early walks dug us a hole too deep," said Mick.

Craig was scheduled to play at Eastern Montgomery on Tuesday before heading to Highland Thursday. Next Monday, April 28, they'll host Staunton River.



Above: Mason Huffman takes an inside pitch for a ball.
Top right: Josh Craft squares to bunt for the Rockets.
Right: Luke Potter slides safely into second.



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Rocket softball team picks up a win over Narrows

The Craig County softball team picked up a big win over Narrows last week as they split two Pioneer District games. The Rockets also dropped a game to Giles and comes into the week with a 2-3 record.

Last Tuesday at home the Rockets blasted Narrows, 16-6. The Green Wave scored two runs in the top of the first but the Rockets answered with three in the bottom of the inning to take the lead. Craig then scored three more in the second and five in the third for an 11-2 lead. Narrows scored four in the fourth but the Rockets put five more on the board in the fourth and shut out the Wave in the top of the fifth to win by slaughter rule.

"Our defense was much better and we hit well as a team," said Rocket coach Elaina Wolfe-Carper. "Annalese Zimmerman pitched against Narrows and did well."

Zimmerman went the distance to earn the win, allowing just five earned runs. She scattered seven hits and walked three.

Offensively, cleanup hitter Aleah Owens had a big game. She was four-for-four at the plate and scored four runs. Ashlyn Keen had three hits, including a double, and drove in four. Kallie Fisher also had

three hits and scored four times and Jenna Boitnotte and Annika Zimmerman had two hits each. Boitnotte had a double and three RBIs.

On Thursday the Rockets hosted Giles and things didn't go as well. The visiting Spartans scored 11 runs in the first inning and five in the second as Craig lost 17-1. Neveah Hypes pitched the first inning and Boitnotte pitched the second and of the 16 runs allowed only one was earned.

"Defense killed us against Giles," said WolfeCarper. "Both Nevaeh and Jenna pitched well, but we just weren't making plays behind them."

Boitnotte, Owens and Hypes had Craig's only hits in the game, with Nevaeh driving in Keen for the only run.

The Rockets were scheduled to be back on the diamond Tuesday at Eastern Montgomery, then they're back home next Tuesday, April 29, to host Bath County.

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Jenna Boitnotte takes the throw on a close play at first.



Kallie Fisher fires a ball in from the outfield.



Ashlyn Keen is set at first base for the Rockets.



Neveah Hypes pitches against Giles.

Rockets have first home soccer game this week

The Craig County soccer team was scheduled to open their home season on Tuesday with a game against Eastern Montgomery. The

Rockets come into the week at 0-2 after dropping a 6-0 decision at Narrows last week. Craig fell behind 2-0

at the half at Narrows but stayed close as Jadeon Huffman made 14 saves in goal. Caden Custer was in the cage for the second half and had seven saves.

"We had seven attempts on goal with Isaiah Nichols having three of the attempts," said coach

Crystal Hickson.

The Rockets will be back home next Monday, April 28, to host the Covington Boys' Home.

Track team is at Glenvar today

Glenvar's Highlander Stadium will be the site of a high school track meet today and the Craig County team will be competing. Action begins at 5 pm in Roanoke County.

In addition to the Rockets and the host Highlanders the meet will include teams from Patrick County, Floyd County, Radford, James River, Alleghany and Carroll County. It will be an all-district meet for the Three Rivers, as all the teams except Craig are Three River District members.

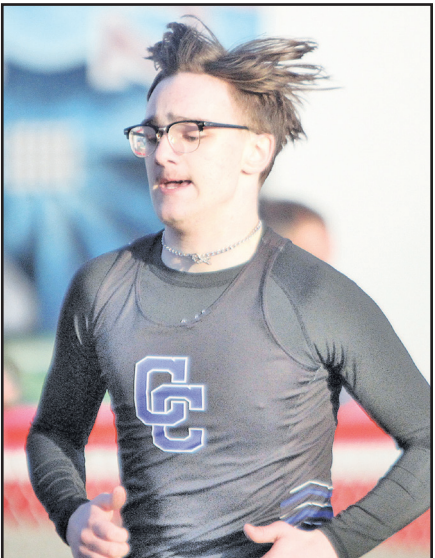
Last week the Rockets ran in a meet at Alleghany High and had some good performances, including seven top three finishes. Noah Paxton and Caleb Fields were one-two in the discus and Noah was also second in the shot. Bentley Smith was second in the high jump.

In the hurdle events the Rockets were strong as well. Robbie Eakin and Tristan Dooley were second and third in both the 110 high hurdles and 300 hurdles. Craig also had personal records from Carter Price, Jeremiah Fowler, Dylan Sarver and the 4x100

relay team.

"The future is bright for our Rockets," said coach Jayke Dowdy.

Craig will close out the season with an invitational at Giles on May 7th and the Graham Invitational on May 9th.



Wyatt Huffman runs in a spring event for the Rockets.



Caleb Fields competes in the discus.
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