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## RiverStreet challenges continue after changes

**Bonnie Cranmer**  
 Contributing writer

The purchase of TDS and Citizens service areas by RiverStreet has customers confused. Invoices from TDS covered April 13 - May 12. The RiverStreet invoices covered charges from May 7-June 6. "There are prorated credits for charges dated May 7-12 on the RiverStreet invoice to avoid double billing customers," stated Mike Meinel, VP of Marketing. "We will not be assessing late fees during the conversion process or non-pay notices during this time," he continued. Change always brings questions.

RiverStreet provides plan options at their website where individuals can enter their address and zip code to determine what's available at their location. Landline phones are essential in some areas of Craig County. The "unlimited" calling plan is available along with several options for internet services.

Residents in rural communities have less options than urban environments. Facing decisions on internet providers has been difficult for many reasons. Starlink has become popular with consumers in remote locations. It provides satellite-based service that comes with upfront equipment fees,

monthly fees plus a one-time demand surcharge. T-Mobile, HughesNet and Viasat are other providers of internet services in the area. Weather often impacts satellite communications, and security is another concern.

RiverStreet internet, which some customers had as either TDS or Citizens accounts, is delivered directly into homes through underground cables, allowing for fast, stable connections unaffected by weather. Upgrades to the underground network continue, as stated in the RiverStreet presentation to the Board of Supervisors earlier this year. "You'll enjoy unlimited data — perfect for gam-

ing, streaming, and working from home — with no overage charges, no equipment rental fees, free installation, and no contracts. Plus, we offer local support and technicians that live and work in the community," Meinel explained.

The call volumes are high and frustrating to customers. Riverstreet is addressing the issue and "appreciates your patience" during the conversion. Using the website at myRiverStreet.net to find the right plan for your location, and making the cost comparison to competitors can be a job in itself. Rural residents face this along with other challenges.

## Craig County students get into the James River

**Bonnie Cranmer**  
 Contributing writer

Summer is almost here, and Craig County students are ready. With the last days of school almost over, getting outside the classroom is an exciting end to the year. A grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation was submitted by Tim Miller of Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation and Michelle Poff, Craig County Extension and 4H. The grant was funded and resulted in Craig County Middle School students having wet and wonderful end-of-year educational experiences. "This was a partnership between Mountain Castles and 4-H. The purpose of the program was to provide Craig County teens with a meaningful watershed educational experience (MWEE)," Poff stated.

That experiential education continues with the 6th grade planned visit to Fenwick Mines this week. "The students will study stream quality indicators — macroinvertebrates, water chemistry, and physical features," Poff shared. The added benefit for Craig County students is getting familiar with the natural resources within the local community. Poff continued that "they will also do some orienteering exercises," helping students identify where they are while out in nature.

Continue through the summer with water education from the Charlottesville-based organization, Wild Virginia. Their Clean Water Advocates program provides free resources, a free online education program designed to equip and empower individuals, communities, and organizations to protect Virginia's water quality. Clean Water Advocates help the public understand how to participate in and influence these decisions in order to protect water resources for the benefit of all. Many residents may remember the information discovered about Craig County's water resources during the Mountain Valley Pipeline challenges. Knowing the value and importance of local and statewide water resources contributes to protecting everyone. Applications for the Clean Water Advocates program are due June 27 and more information is available from advocates@wildvirginia.org.



A grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is providing middle school students with a unique end-of-year educational experience.



Students in 7th and 8th grade recently visited the James River.



The day included a study of the James and its importance.

PHOTOS BY BONNIE CRANMER

## Ash tree program assists landowners and localities in preserving an icon of Virginia's landscapes

LOWESVILLE—A tiny invasive beetle brought the once-noble population of Virginia's loftiest hardwoods to its knees.

Since its 2008 identification in the U.S., the emerald ash borer has killed millions of ash trees across the U.S. and is likely now in every Virginia community.

Without protective measures, all native species of ash trees are nearly guaranteed to be infested and killed by the emerald ash borer, contributing to an ongoing loss of an ecological icon, plus billions

of dollars in property damage and threats to public safety.

Applications are now open for the Virginia Department of Forestry Emerald Ash Borer Cost-Share Program, which offers financial assistance for protecting ash trees from the emerald ash borer. Starting in 2018, the cost-share program, supported by Virginia invasive species funding, has reimbursed the costs for more than 2,400 ash treatments statewide. Landowners and organizations can apply for the program until June 13. Amanda Conrad, DOF for-

est health program coordinator, said ash trees are commonly found in yards and lining roads.

"Left untreated, these trees will become infected by emerald ash borer and die, posing a significant risk to public safety," she said.

Infested trees become brittle and prone to breakage, which could be dangerous if ash trees are growing near homes, roads, parks or utility structures.

Farmers and landowners also are impacted—by both property damage and loss of the beneficial species.

"I know a lot of farmers who had them fall on fences," said Mark Campbell, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation membership & field services director based in Nelson County. "Ash trees have a fair amount of limbs that will shatter and drop if the tree is standing dead. But I don't know of too many farms that have living ash trees around anymore."

The responsibility of preserving a beloved ash tree is up to the landowner or locality, he noted.

The best way to save ash trees is treatment with sys-

temic insecticides by a certified applicator, which protects the trees for up to two years. To help with costs, DOF offers 70% in cost-share for eligible landowners, nonprofits, educational institutions, homeowners associations and organizations, including municipalities. A DOF forester must first assess the trees prior to treatment.

Learn more and apply at [ow.ly/vEfB50VGezC](http://ow.ly/vEfB50VGezC) or find your forester on the DOF website at [dof.virginia.gov](http://dof.virginia.gov) for cost-share program details. -Virginia Farm Bureau

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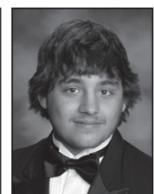
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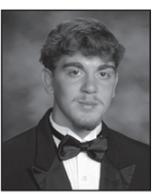
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# OPINION

## News from the 9th: Clawing back power one step at a time



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

The U.S. Constitution outlines the three branches of government.

The authority vested in Congress is derived from Article I.

The Constitution then addresses the Executive Branch in Article II: "The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America."

Next, Article III details Judicial Branch powers. The top authority within the Judicial Branch is the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Founding Fathers devised this system of government so each branch could serve as a balanced check on the other. They hoped this would prevent any branch from becoming too powerful.

They anticipated each branch would defend their prerogatives.

Congress, however, has had a worrisome trend.

Over time, Congress has steadily ceded its

responsibilities to and delegated more powers to the Executive Branch, headed by the president.

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., historian and special assistant to President Kennedy, documents this growth of presidential power and how it has shaped the modern presidency in his book, *The Imperial Presidency* (1973).

The problem has grown since Schlesinger, Jr., wrote his book.

This rise in presidential power, enabled by both parties, is in part due to Congressional acquiescence.

One pertinent example is the budget.

Recently, President Trump submitted his budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2026 to Congress.

Trump's proposal details funding level requests that strengthen the nation's military, fund our border security, preserve social security, address drug abuse and mental health and achieve American energy dominance.

The president's budget request simply serves as a roadmap for legislators. Because Congress controls the power of the purse and determines federal government expenditures,

they ultimately decide what gets into the federal budget and what does not.

But this budget process was not always like this. In fact, the president's role in submitting a budget request did not exist before 1921.

What happened in 1921? Congress passed a law authorizing the president to do so!

Because of Congress, presidents have more input in the budget process.

Another pertinent topic related to the rise of presidential power concerns U.S. trade policy.

President Trump's trade policies related to tariffs have garnered a lot of attention in his second term, prompting concerns that the White House exerts too much control over trade.

I have long held the belief that the Legislative Branch must claw back its trade powers from the Executive.

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution specifically grants Congress the power to "regulate Commerce" with foreign nations.

That is why I introduced measures since 2016 and again on January 3, 2025, to transplant the office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) from the Executive

Branch to Congress where it belongs.

My measure would better balance the scales of power between the branches of government, restore a key Constitutional function of Congress and allow Congress to exercise a more active role in shaping America's trade policies.

I have introduced this bill under three presidents and four presidential terms, not because of any president's actions, but because it is in keeping with the constitutional constructs established at the birth of the Republic.

Further, as part of the House Committee on Administration, I have seen measures to give Congress more power.

In 2023, President Biden fired former Architect of the Capitol J. Brett Blanton.

The Architect is responsible for operations and care of Capitol facilities, grounds and artworks. When you come to the U.S. Capitol, you will likely see some of the Architect's 2,000 employees.

After Biden's decision, Congress acted by passing The Architect of the Capitol Appointment Act of 2023.

Now, a Congressional panel controls the appointment,

reappointment, or dismissal of an Architect.

I believe a similar Congressional effort is needed to address the Librarian of Congress, Comptroller General and Government Publishing Office Director.

I am helping lead a Congressional effort to give Congress greater authority over these agencies because they are naturally a duty of Congress.

For example, the Librarian of Congress.

Words matter! It is the Library of Congress. It is not called the Library of the Judicial Branch or the Library of the Executive.

So authority over its operations should be under the supervision of Congress. That's just common sense, isn't it?

The Librarian of Congress manages the Library. The Library's resources are available and helpful to Members of Congress. Their main buildings are across the street from the Capitol, not the White House.

As a legislator, I will continue to defend Congress' prerogatives and support efforts to claw back our appropriate authority from the Executive Branch one step at a time.

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## Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

<b>June 5</b> Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.	<b>June 10</b> Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.	<b>June 17</b> Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.	<b>July 3</b> Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.	<b>July 8</b> Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.	<b>July 15</b> Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.	<b>Aug. 7</b> Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.	<b>Aug. 12</b> Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.	<b>Aug. 19</b> Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.	<b>Sept. 4</b> Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.	<b>Sept. 9</b> Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.	<b>Sept. 16</b> Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- One who regrets
- Time zone
- Subway dweller
- Bend in a river
- Alias
- Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
- Very (music)
- Zero
- Phil \_\_, former CIA
- Competitions
- Unwell
- Puts in place
- Gets rid of
- Allows light to pass through
- Climbed quickly
- We all have it
- There's a North & South
- Emaciation
- Supervises flying
- Very dark colors
- Unwanted
- Grants
- Three visited Jesus
- Wife of Amun
- Broadway actress Daisy
- A Spanish river
- (German)
- French opera composer
- Six (Spanish)
- Last letter
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- A curved shape
- Make a mistake
- Tall plant
- Cassava
- Talented
- Capital of Estonia
- Finger millet
- In a way, assists
- Men's fashion accessories
- Misery
- Skin disorder
- Selling at specially reduced prices
- Good friend
- Stationary portion of a generator
- Expression of disappointment
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Where birds fly
- Midway between north and northeast
- Chaotic states
- Comedic actress Gasteyer
- Kids' dining accessory
- Snakelike fish
- Midway between south and southeast
- Assign lifelike qualities to
- One who cites
- Midway between east and southeast
- North wind
- One or the other
- Cavalry sword
- Of the Hungarian language
- Life stories
- Flat tableland with steep edges
- Swiss river
- Plant that makes gum
- French cleric
- One point east of northeast
- Free from

**CLUES DOWN**

- Computer memory
- "Et \_\_": "And wife" (Latin)
- Ancient Syrian city
- College army

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# Recipe of the Week



**Shelly Koon**  
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Writer

## Happy Birthday Betsy!

It's Betsy's 4th birthday today! As most of you know Betsy is my shih tzu dog. She comes to work with me almost every day. She sits on my desk, greets everyone who comes in, and then demands attention. She has manners and I try to keep her barking to a minimum so we don't disturb our coworkers. All in all, Betsy is a pretty chill little dog.

The Shih Tzu, pronounced "sheet-su," is an ancient breed, with origins dating back to Tibet and China. These dogs were treasured by Chinese royalty, often depicted in ancient paintings and considered symbols of wealth and prosperity. The name "Shih Tzu" translates to "lion dog," reflecting the breed's



mane-like facial hair and noble demeanor. Betsy is a surprisingly down-to-earth for a dog with a royal legacy. She can be stubborn but once she decides to obey, she is very cooperative.

After the 1949 Communist revolution, all Shih Tzu in China were killed because of their association with wealth. At this time, Lady Brownrigg, an Englishwoman who had made her home in China, was fortunate to find a few of these dogs, which she then imported to England. Along with a few Shih Tzu salvaged by an English Officer on duty in China at that time, these made up the stock that was responsible for the continuation of the breed in England and Europe. Shih Tzu first made their way to the States after World War I, when soldiers returning from Europe and Australia brought a few back with them.

I am very fortunate that VA Media allows me to bring her with me to work. Dogs are known for their ability to relieve stress, and their presence in the office can lower cortisol levels (the hormone associated with stress) and blood pressure, according to a study by the University of California - Davis Health. Dogs can facilitate social interaction among employees, breaking down barriers and fostering a sense of community. Not only do the owners benefit from this, but also non-dog owners who share their work environment with the dogs of their colleagues and ultimately also the companies themselves. In general, people respond positively when a dog is present because it gives unspoken permission to be less formal in conversations and more trusting of each other. The dog encourages cooperative efforts and mental clarity which fosters productivity.

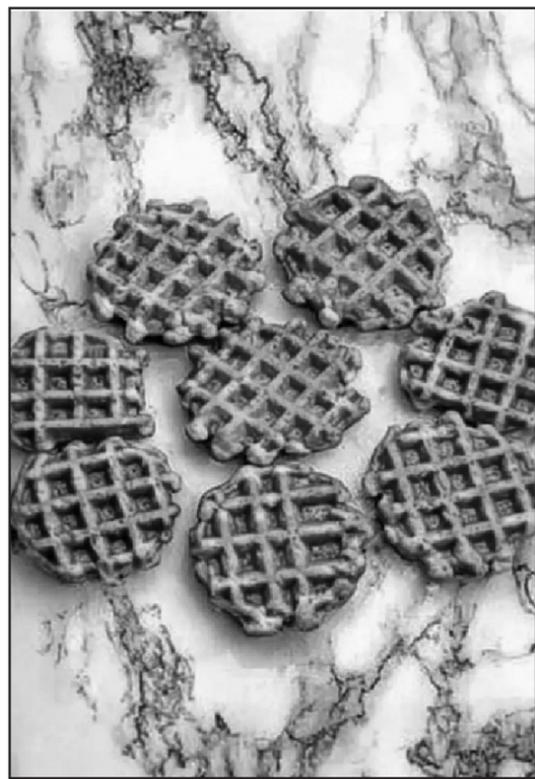
Betsy sometimes goes to day care at Canine Cottage Tiny Tails in Salem. They take good care of her and call her the hall monitor since she tends to sit, watch, and judge everyone there. When that happens, she is missed at work and our coworkers let me know this, loudly. Betsy is also known at the Pinnacle bank in Salem. She goes with me to make the weekly deposit and the tellers know her name but not mine.

Betsy is a picky eater. One day she will love something and the next day she turns up her nose at it. One of Betsy's favorite foods are waffles. I make these in a mini waffle maker. She likes a little Jif peanut butter spread on hers. Happy Birthday Betsy!

### Doggie Waffles

#### Ingredients:

- 1 ¾ cup oat flour
- ½ cup unsweetened applesauce (or substitute with pumpkin puree)
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil, melted
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- Optional Add-Ins:
- 1 tablespoon ground flaxseed (for added fiber and omega-3s)
- ¼ cup unsalted chicken broth (optional, for a



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savory twist) 1-2 tablespoons plain Greek yogurt (for extra + and protein)

A few blueberries, apple chunks, or a little shredded cheese are good adds too.

#### Directions

Turn on your waffle maker and let it heat up. If your waffle maker isn't non-stick, lightly spray it with non-stick spray or rub it with a little coconut oil. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the applesauce (or pumpkin puree), egg, melted coconut oil, and unsalted chicken broth (if using). Stir until everything is well combined and smooth. Add the oat flour, baking powder, and any optional add-ins like ground flaxseed or Greek yogurt. Stir the mixture until it forms a thick, smooth batter. If the batter seems too thick, you can add a little more chicken broth or water to thin it out slightly. Spoon a small amount of batter into the waffle maker (about 2-3 tablespoons, depending on the size of your waffle maker). Close the lid and cook the waffles for 3-5 minutes, or until they are golden brown and firm. Each waffle maker is different, so keep an eye on them as they cook. Once the waffles are cooked, carefully remove them with a spatula and let them cool on a wire rack. Make sure the waffles are completely cool before serving them to your dog. Serve the waffles as a treat or use them as a meal topper. You can store any leftover waffles in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to a week, or freeze them for longer storage. Just thaw them out before serving.

## Waiteville Memorial Day Dinner to be held on May 25

The Waiteville Community Center's annual Memorial Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 25, 2025. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the cost will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for children over 5, and children under 5 will be free. Both dine in and take away options are available. The menu will be a choice of ham or chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert and drink.

Those who plan to purchase over five take away meals should notify Shelby Jennings at 304-772-5503 or shelbyjennings1958@hotmail.com before the day of the event.

The WCC is selling Spring Raffle Tickets for a Taurus 38 Special pistol and a Ruger 308 rifle. Tickets are \$1 and available from WCC board members, at the Memorial Day Dinner, Farmers Day on June 7, the WCC Annual Meeting on Sept. 13,

Cooking Event on Oct. 11 and Painting Event on Nov. 8.

The Waiteville Community Center needs donations to continue restoration of the building. Donations can be dropped off at the Memorial Day Dinner or mailed to: Waiteville Community Center, C/O Shelby Jennings, 7644 Waiteville Road, Waiteville, WV 24984.

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One Virginia dairy cow is milked about three times a day and produces an average 8 gallons of milk. Within 48 hours of farm collection, that milk is processed, packaged and delivered to hundreds of stores throughout Virginia and surrounding states.

In Shenandoah County, a tanker arrives at French Brothers Dairy before dawn on alternating days. About 17,000 pounds of cold fluid

milk, or 2,000 gallons, is siphoned from a bulk tank into the refrigerated tanker.

"A large farm may have two pickups a day," said Eric Paulson, executive director of the Virginia State Dairy Farmers' Association. "A just-in-time system gets it to store shelves through a process that's been perfected over decades."

Processing plants hold milk in large, refrigerated milk silos before it's pasteurized, homogenized and packaged for distribution. Safe handling and inspections are overseen by Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Department of Agriculture

and Consumer Services officials. They evaluate samples for bacterial counts or traces of antibiotics.

Pasteurization is a simple process—heating milk to 161 degrees for 15 seconds and cooling it back down to kill any bacteria and extend the shelf life. Homogenization breaks milk fat into smaller molecules, improving texture, taste and product consistency.

The dairy industry offers an array of consumer choices beyond whole milk, 2%, 1% and skim, now including organic options and other fluid milk products devel-

oped with an A2 protein that may improve digestibility.

Paulson said the industry also has met a marketplace need for lactose-free milk.

"A soft-filtration process filters milk into base components that are put back together without the lactose," he explained. "It's still regular milk."

Many Virginians once owned dairy cows to sustain their families. By 1920, more than 13,700 Virginia farms engaged in commercial milk production, according to VSDA history. About 360 Virginia dairies are still in operation in 2025.

"We're producing more milk on fewer farms," Paulson said. "There's more concentration, and incredible gains in genetics and nutrition, which helps farmers be a lot more productive than they were over 50 years ago."

Though consumers are less connected to farm life, they are more curious about who produces their food, he added. The VSDA co-founded an online tool at whereismymilkfrom.com for consumers to track their milk sources with the code imprinted on cartons.

-Virginia Farm Bureau

## Firework Safety: Don't let your celebration fizzle out

RICHMOND—Fireworks are a beloved tradition during holidays, but before lighting that fuse, it's important to remember that things can quickly go from dazzling to disaster.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that firework injuries increased between 2008 and 2023, with most occurring around the Fourth of July. In 2023, fireworks were responsible for eight fatalities and an estimated 9,700 injuries nationwide, with 42% being burns.

Under the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, it's illegal to possess or use any firework that "explodes, rises

into the air or travels laterally, or fires projectiles into the air."

This includes fireworks like firecrackers, torpedoes, bottle rockets and Roman candles. Only fireworks that stay on the ground—pinwheels, fountains, Pharaoh's serpents, sparklers and whirlygigs—are permissible. For a list of legal fireworks and distributors, visit bit.ly/3FCcHFj.

Additionally, many local jurisdictions ban fireworks entirely, and fireworks are forbidden on federal lands. The Virginia Department of Forestry warns that anyone who sparks a wildfire can face steep fines, jail time and liability

for fire suppression and reclamation costs.

Todd Jones, a Virginia Fire Marshal Academy instructor, has seen firsthand what happens when fireworks aren't handled responsibly.

"An insured set off fireworks and put the used products in a trash can," recalled Jones, who also is senior claims investigator for Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. "It ignited the debris and burned the building."

Even innocent-looking fireworks are packing heat.

"Sparklers burn around 2,000 degrees, and it's a small thin wire that

could cause injury," Jones cautioned.

In 2023, sparklers accounted for 700 emergency room visits. The National Fire Protection Association reports sparklers cause nearly half of firework injuries among children under 5 years old.

Before lighting fireworks, monitor weather conditions and check for burn bans. If the ground is dry or it's a blustery day, it's best to reschedule.

"Be aware of your surroundings," advised Matt Nuckols, Virginia Farm Bureau Farm Safety Advisory

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

## Power line opponents meet with head of Appalachian Trail



**Pamela Underhill, head of the Appalachian Trail, was in Waiteville, W. Va. last week to meet with area residents and hear concerns about Appalachian Power Co.'s proposed high voltage powerline.**

FROM THE NCR ARCHIVES

From the May 18, 1994 edition of The New Castle Record

An official from the National Park Service is not enthused about the idea of a high voltage power line crossing the Appalachian Trail.

Pamela Underhill, who heads the AT for the Park Service, told a group of about 70 land owners from Virginia and West Virginia that the whole idea of the Appalachian Trail is to be a walkway through unspoiled, natural beauty, removed from industry and commerce. She said she is most reluctant to see another power line crossing visible from the trail.

If Appalachian power Co. builds a proposed 765-kilovolt power line from Oceana, W. Va., to Cloverdale, it will have to cross the AT.

A likely crossing point would be in western Craig County. The AT also crosses U.S. 220 within a mile of the Cloverdale substation.

Underhill spoke to land owners and opponents of the power line at a meeting in Waiteville, W. Va., last week.

She answered questions written and sent to her by the Border Conservancy, raising issues about statutory responsibility of the Appalachian Trail in consideration of the Appalachian application.

Underhill said the Park Service was involved early in the siting process, pushing for four crossing points at locations where the Trail was already degraded by highways and industry.

None of these crossing points was utilized in the route proposed by the team from Virginia Tech and West Virginia University which recommended a path for the line.

She said the environmental study included in Appalachian's application was "badly flawed." She said the Park Service is seeking to correct errors and omissions in that study with the Environmental Impact Statement now being prepared by

the U.S. Forest Service.

Mike Dawson of the local AT Club and Jim Hutchins of the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club accompanied Underhill to Waiteville.

Monroe County resident Kermit Porterfield thanked Underhill for coming to meet with concerned citizens.

"This proposed power line is the ruination of our community," Porterfield said. "You're the first government person to come and hear our concerns. We thank you for coming here tonight." --CPC

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

## OBITUARY

## Davis, Brenda Lee

Brenda Lee Davis was born on November 22, 1946, to the late William Henry Anderson and Goldie Louise Anderson, in Richmond, VA.

She was a member of Kingdom People Teaching Ministry of Salem, VA., under the leadership of Prophet Ronald L. Washington.

As one of many supervisors, she was employed with Hal-mode Apparels in New Castle, VA. for over twenty-five years. After retiring from there, she worked at Catawba Hospital for five years. After completing those two assignments in

the corporate field, she became a full-time health care provider for her husband (the apple of her eye), a full-time mother, grandma.

Those left to cherish



her memories are son, John Wayne Davis, Jr. (Christi); daughter, Stacie Denise Davis (aka:

Sally); grandson, Tanner Lyle Davis; three nephews, Peter Blakley, Randy Blakley (Doreen); and a special nephew, Harry Davis, Jr.; special friends, Pat Overby and Barbara Fridley; step-daughter, Arlene Scales; and a host of other family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Paitsel Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Crossroads Church Cemetery 21892 Craig Creek Rd New Castle, VA. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service 1-2 PM.

## Fireworks from page 5

Committee chair. "There might be grass pastures or valuable cropland like corn and wheat nearby that could quickly catch fire."

Fireworks also can impact nearby farms and livestock.

"Like dogs, livestock can be spooked by fireworks," Nuckols added. "Spooked livestock can create situations that can injure themselves or farmers working with them. They can run through fences, knock each other down or injure a farmer."

Before celebrating with

fireworks:

Consider attending public fireworks displays or using alternatives like party poppers, bubbles, silly string or glow sticks.

Know local fireworks laws, and only buy legal fireworks from licensed dealers.

Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.

Never allow young children to handle fireworks. Closely supervise older children.

Avoid drinking alcohol while lighting fireworks.

Never light fireworks indoors.

Keep a fire extinguisher and bucket of water or hose nearby.

Soak spent, unused and/or malfunctioning fireworks in water before discarding.

Light fireworks one at a time, then move quickly away.

Never try relighting or handling malfunctioning fireworks.

Never place any part of your body over a firework when lighting it.

Never point or throw fireworks, including sparklers, at anyone.

-Virginia Farm Bureau

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Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-5257662. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 The Board of Supervisors will hold a joint Public Hearing with the Craig County Planning Commission on **June 5th, 2025 at 6 pm**, or soon thereafter at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia, to consider the application of Mr. Jordan Labiosa, **“Conditional Use Permit”**. The permit would allow Mr. Labiosa to use his accessory building for a home office to conduct business. §58-287, (8) of the Craig County Code of Ordinances under Home Occupation as defined in §58-3, for review. This parcel is zoned RR, Rural Residential, New Castle, VA 24127, Tax map #47-2-22. The property contains 1.12 acres and is located in the Craig City District on the corner of Hunters Drive – Rt 694 and Rocky Hill Lane – Rt 695.  
 Public comment on the application may be submitted in writing to the County Administration Office, 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 Planning Commission, in accordance with Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2204**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Craig County Board of Supervisors on the proposed County Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). The Public Hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held **June 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter is heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office in the County Administration Building, New Castle, Virginia.

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And,

The Board of Supervisors will hold a joint Public Meeting with Planning Commission on **June 5th, 2025 at 6:00 pm**, or soon thereafter at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia, to consider the application of Mr. Robert Carper, **“Conditional Use Permit”**. The permit would allow Mr. Carper to hold a series of outdoor music venues at his restaurant, Carpers Bar & Grill at 5178 Craig Valley Drive, New Castle, VA §58-288, (8) of the Craig County Code of Ordinances under Uses Permitted by Conditional Use Permit, (8) and (16) for review. This parcel is zoned RR, Rural Residential, New Castle, VA 24127, Tax map #86-A-61, the property contains 2.75 acres. The property sits on 311, 4.7 miles south of New Castle.

Public comment on the application may be submitted in writing to the County Administration Office, 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 Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2204**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Supervisors will conduct two public hearings **June 5th, 2025 at 6 pm**, or soon thereafter at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia.

A. to consider the application of Corie Trivette/Country Campground for a **“Use Not Provided For”** permit. An approved permit will allow the property owners to conduct a Mud Run Event with camping, on June 21st, July 12th, August 2nd, and September 20th, 2025. Mr. Trivette is also asking for an extension of 3 years. This parcel is zoned RR, Rural Residential and is located at 202 Country Campground Road, New Castle, VA 24127, Tax map #87-A-5. The property contains 62.3 acres and is located in the Craig Creek District on the left side of State Route 311 approximately 4 miles south of the Town of New Castle in Craig County.

B. to consider the application of Mr. Matthew Graber, **“Conditional Use Permit”**. The permit would allow Mr. Graber to conduct commercial business making handmade furniture and cabinets, as long as there is no outside storage. §58-258, (8) of the Craig County Code of Ordinances. This parcel is zoned A-1, Agriculture, Limited District and is located on Midway Place and Cumberland Gap Road (route 42), New Castle, VA 24127, Tax map #95-4-10. The property contains 13.348 acres and is located in the Simmonsville District on the right side of State Route 42, between Bethel Church Road and View Point Drive.

Public comment on the application may be submitted by May 29th, 2025 by 12 pm in writing to the County Administration Office, P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127, by calling 540-864-5010, or in person at the public hearing.

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### Legals - Montgomery County

**Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless** (Verizon Wireless) proposes to install new antennas at centerline heights of 23 feet and 24 feet on a 17-foot building with an overall building height of 30.5 feet at the approx. vicinity of 560 Depot Street, Christiansburg, Montgomery County, VA 24073. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, McKayla Ordak, m.grasham@trileaf.com, 303 International Circle, Suite 150, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, 410-853-7128.

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Code Amendment request by Town of Christiansburg, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, Section 42-11 – Amendments to chapter (c) Notice and hearing. The request is to 1) remove the requirement for notices of public hearings to be published once a week for two successive weeks and 2) amend the advertising requirements to the first notice appearing no more than 28 days before and the second notice appearing no less than seven days before the date of the meeting referenced in the notice. The change would bring Town Code into alignment with Code of Virginia § 15.2-2204. (Advertisement of plans, ordinances, etc.; joint public hearings; written notice of certain amendments).

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Mary Frances Keith, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow a Single-Family or Two-Family Dwelling in the General Business District (B-3) on property located near the intersection of Boxwood Dr NW and Redwood Dr NW, identified as Tax Parcels 466-(1)-49, 50, 51, and 52; Parcel ID 013934, and consisting of approximately 0.480 acres. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Residential/Business) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

C. Conditional Use Permit request by Burch Properties, LLC, Property Owner, and David Beasley, Applicant, to allow for a Kennel in the General Business District (B-3) on property located at 1605 N. Franklin Street, identified as Tax Parcel 466-(A)-20C, Parcel ID 013214, and consisting of approximately 10.9 acres. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

D. Rezoning request by RN Investments Annex, LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, to rezone property located at 115 Farmview Rd NW, identified as Tax Parcels 466-((1))-60A-67A, Parcel ID 070719, consisting of approximately 9.050 acres, from General Business District (B-3) to General Industrial District (I-2). The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

### Legals - Montgomery County

**RESOLUTION SETTING PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Montgomery County Public Service Authority does hereby agree to set the following proposed preliminary schedule fixing and classifying rates, fees, and charges for water and sewer service:

**WATER RATE**  
Proposed 13.87% Increase  
From: \$14.42 to \$16.42 per 1,000 gallons

**SEWER RATE**  
Proposed 13.27% Increase  
From: \$10.55 to \$11.95 per 1,000 gallons

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Montgomery County Public Service Authority, that the Public Service Authority hereby authorizes the Director to advertise a public hearing in accordance with Section 15.2-5136G of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to be held on June 02, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Board Room, in order to receive citizen comments on the preliminary schedule fixing and classifying rates, fees and charges for water and sewer service.

### Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearings on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

RZN-25-2-Clydesview Planned Residential Development from R-5 Transitional Residential to PR Planned Residential at 103 Jefferson Street for Shah Development, LLC (owner).

Request to rezone to Planned Residential (PR) to permit the construction of ten (10) two-story single family detached homes. Each home will have 2 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms. There are 20 bedrooms proposed in 10 units with a maximum density of no greater than 15.3 units per acre (10 units) or 30.5 beds per acre (20 beds). Resident parking will be provided in the parking lot adjacent to the homes and accessed from Jefferson Street. Total parking spaces will be 20 spaces or 2 spaces per unit. The Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use designation is Medium Density Residential. This proposed development does not increase density above the Future Land Use (FLU).

RZN-25-3-801 North Main Street Rezoning Amendment to amend RZN-24-2 approved March 2025 to add the former Speedway Gas station at 825 North Main Street for LV Hokie GP, LLC (owner). A rezoning amendment request to amend RZN-24-2 (approved March 11, 2025) to PR Planned Residential which would permit the construction of an 8-story multifamily building with commercial on the ground floor and townhome-style multifamily buildings, with up to 869 bedrooms total. The property is located at 801 North Main Street and includes parcels on Kabrich Street, Winston Avenue, Progress Street and the former Speedway Gas Station at 825 North Main Street which was not included in the original rezoning request (RZN-24-2). There is a companion request (ROW-25-1) to vacate Town-owned alley and additional right-of-way. The Comprehensive Plan

### Legals - Montgomery County

Future Land Use designation is Commercial and Medium Density Residential. The request for 265 bedrooms per acre represents an increase in the density above the Future Land Use (FLU).

Persons affected by or interested in the rezoning and rezoning amendment requests may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the applications, staff report and all related items may 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. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

### Legals - 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. 25-33255, Tel: 888-313-1969

### 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 - City of Salem

### Notice is hereby given

to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on June 11, 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:

Consider the request of R & S Investments LLC, property owners, for the issuance of a special exception permit to allow a retail sales, smoke shop for the property located at 132 Electric Road (Tax Map #80-2-1).

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

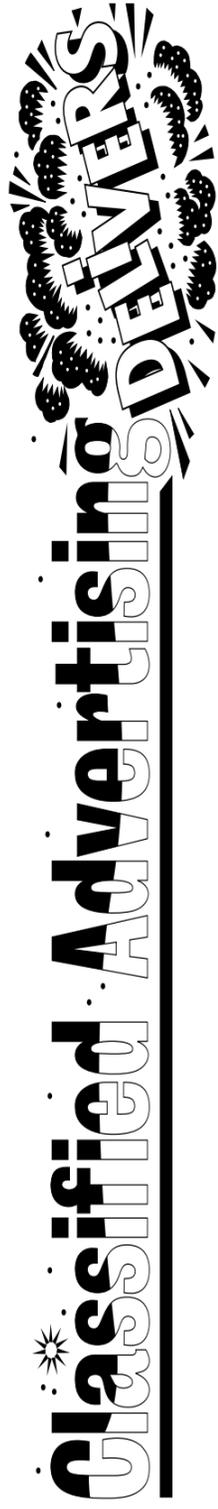
At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

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## Rocket football players working hard in the off-season

The Craig County football players are putting in the time and effort for a successful 2025 season. The Rockets are working hard in the weight room to compete against another tough schedule this fall.

"The boys have worked incredibly hard all off-season, showing up to school at 6:45 am three times a week all winter and spring," said Rocket assistant coach Jayke Dowdy. "We tested for 'Pound Clubs,' which is a way to see who the strongest athletes are in the school. They take their Squat, Bench, and Hang Clean max and those three add up to make it into the clubs, starting at 700 pounds total."

Craig had half a dozen boys make the combined 700 pound club and four make the 800 pound club. Peyton Fields maxed 900 and his brother Caleb is the only Craig player to make the "Half-Ton Club," totaling 1,000 pounds.

The Rockets will take off from lifting this week before returning for summer conditioning the day after Memorial Day, May 27.

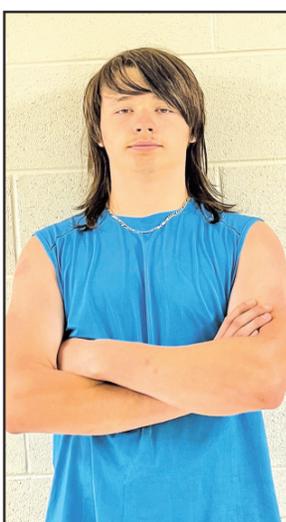
"We plan to keep the momentum rolling all summer and reap the benefits of their hard work this fall," said Dowdy. "The boys have bought into the weight room and the single wing, and live by our three word battle cry, 'Fear the Wing!!'."



Sophomore Carter Price, Junior newcomer Jerry Smith, Junior Carter Calfee, and Sophomore Noah Paxton made the 800lb club.



Junior Caleb Fields was the first Rocket to make the Half Ton Club.



Sophomore Peyton Fields made the 900lb club.



Freshman Blake Kendall, Freshman Dreydin Smith, Junior Tristan Dooley, Sophomore Brad Arthurs, Freshman Bradyn Dunbar, and Junior Isaiah Nichols made the 700lb club.

## Pioneer District tournaments scheduled for this week

Pioneer District tournaments for baseball, softball and soccer are scheduled for this week at home sites. All three Craig County teams were scheduled to travel on Monday of this week for opening round games but results were too late for publication.

The baseball team was scheduled to play at Bath County on Monday with the softball team headed to Eastern Montgomery. Craig's soccer team

was scheduled to play at Narrows. Monday's winners will advance to second round action today, Wednesday, at home sites.

The Pioneer District track meet, scheduled for Giles High School last Wednesday, was rained out and will not be made up. Craig athletes will compete in the Region 1C meet at Giles on Memorial Day, May 26.



Rocket baseball players show solidarity between innings.



Carter Calfee competes in the sprints at Giles.



Craig softball coach Elaina Wolfe-Carper talks to the girls.



Rocket soccer players join hands around coach Crystal Hickson.

## Correction



PHOTOS BY JIM AND REGINA DEVINNEY

Captions for two of the soccer photos in last week's edition were incorrect. They should have read; left, Craig's Noah Briery nails a goal kick and, right, Sean Cady controls the ball at Mitchell Field.