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## Craig Valley DAR marks Constitution Week with countywide outreach

The Craig Valley Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) led a series of activities in Craig County in recognition of Constitution Week, a national observance signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956.

The chapter partnered with Craig County Public Schools, local businesses and churches to promote awareness of the U.S. Constitution and the rights it guarantees to all Americans. "Our goal is to deepen appreciation for the Constitution and honor the men and women who secured our nation's freedoms," the chapter said in a statement.

Chapter members coordinated classroom programs, public displays and community engagement projects throughout the week. Highlights included:

- Three

Constitution Week items published in The New Castle Record

- Posters placed in nine locations across the county

- Four Constitution gift bags delivered to local pastors, with two others contacted

- One proclamation signed by the school superintendent and senior class president

- Thirty-nine Constitution bags distributed to K-12 teachers

- Three bell-ringing programs held on Constitution Day, Sept. 17

- Participation from 481 students in kindergarten through 12th grade

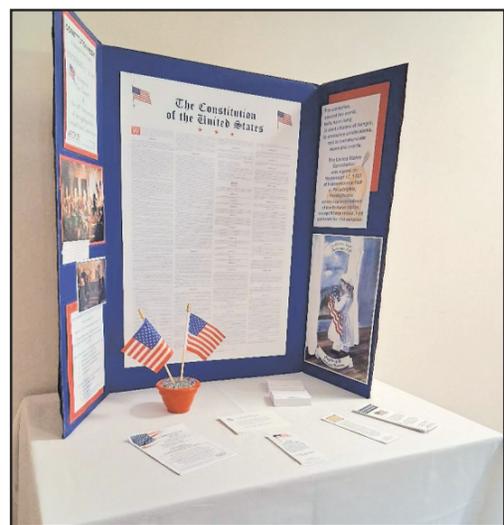
- 172 red and blue cowbells used during the programs

- One-minute bell ringing observed at each event

- Recitations of both the Preamble to the Constitution and the Pledge of Allegiance



One of three bell-ringing ceremonies in the Craig County High School auditorium



Display in Craig County Courthouse.

- 500 Constitution-themed stickers printed, with more than 480 handed out

- Two public displays set up at Craig County High School and the courthouse

- Six DAR members stationed in the school cafeteria on Sept. 16

- Five members in attendance at Constitution Day programs on Sept. 17

The Craig Valley Chapter said it plans to continue expanding its outreach next year.

-The New Castle Record



DAR member Lisa Ferguson showed handmade 18th century clothing to students.



Students rang cowbells for one minute, then received a sticker when their bell was returned to the back door.

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## Craig County Public Schools remind drivers to stop for school buses

**STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES - IT'S THE LAW!**



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"Safety First for Every Child. Every Day."

**Aila Boyd**  
aboyd@mainstreetnews-papers.com

Craig County Public Schools issued a reminder this week urging drivers to follow Virginia school bus safety laws to protect students traveling to and from school.

In a letter dated Sept. 23, Superintendent Jason A. Wheeler said student safety remains the division's top priority and called on all motorists to stay alert, particularly during morning and afternoon commute times.

"When a school bus is stopped with its red lights flashing and stop sign extended, all drivers must stop; this includes drivers

approaching from the front or behind," Wheeler wrote. "Failing to stop puts children and other drivers at serious risk."

Wheeler outlined several key reminders for drivers:

- Stop at least 20 feet from the bus when the stop sign arm is extended.
- Remain stopped until the bus lights are off and the stop sign is retracted.
- Use extra caution on rural routes and near bus stops where children may cross the road.
- Slow down and prepare to stop when yellow lights are flashing as the bus prepares to stop.

Wheeler thanked motorists for doing their part to keep students safe and emphasized that the responsibility is shared across the community.

"Our students and parents rely on every driver in our community to help protect our children as they travel to and from school," he said. "Together, we can make sure every child gets to school and home safely."

Craig County Public Schools serves students across one of the most rural regions in Western Virginia, where bus routes often span narrow and winding roads.

For more information, visit [craig.k12.va.us](http://craig.k12.va.us).

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## Students create art for "I Voted" stickers

**Bonnie Cranmer**  
Special to the New Castle Record

The election season is upon us, with early voting already underway. When school began this year, the Craig County Board of Elections invited students 12-18 to create an "I Voted" sticker to be handed out in the county during this election cycle. Entries were judged anonymously by the board members. "Thank you

to each student who participated in our first sticker contest. Each entry was unique and valued, it was a very difficult decision," shared Joanna Ryan, Craig County director of elections. "Extra special thank you to Sierra Frazier, Craig County High School art teacher." Ryan continued.

The winning design was from Isaiah Nichols, age 17. Ryan and other board members will

recognize Nichols and his winning submission at the October School Board meeting.

Voting in person in Craig County is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Registrar's office at 155 Main Street, across from the Old Hotel. Two Saturdays have also been added, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sample ballots can be reviewed here.

Absentee ballots can be requested by Oct. 24 and completed ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Volunteers to work at the polls are invited to register. To apply visit the online form at <https://apps.elections.virginia.gov/OnlineForms/OfficerofElection>. For more information visit [craigcountyva.gov/government/election-information](http://craigcountyva.gov/government/election-information) or call 540.864.6190 with questions.



The winning design by Isaiah Nichols. COURTESY IMAGE

# Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

<p><b>Oct. 2</b> Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Oct. 15</b> Morgan Griffith's office monthly meeting in the break room of the Craig County Courthouse. Third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Oct. 21</b> Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.</p> <p><b>Nov. 6</b> Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 11</b> Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.</p> <p><b>Nov. 18</b> Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 19</b> Morgan Griffith's office monthly meeting in the break room of the Craig County Courthouse. Third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 4</b> Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig</p>	<p>County Courthouse at 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 17</b> Morgan Griffith's office monthly meeting in the break room of the Craig County Courthouse. Third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.</p>
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-The New Castle Record

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

# Flooding damages middle school

By Meg Hibbert staff writer

From the January 14, 2004 edition of The New Castle Record

In true Craig County tradition, when adversity hit Monday in the form of broken pipes in the middle school, students and teachers in the elementary school made room for the older children to keep classes going for the day.

Coils that apparently froze and subsequently flooded one portion of the middle school caused school officials to tell middle school students to stay home for the day Tuesday. Meanwhile, officials

worked out a plan and spaces to house the older students for Wednesday and the rest of the week so school could go on uninterrupted. The problem and subsequent cleanup should be completed by Friday, the school superintendent said.

New Craig County School Superintendent Dr. Rose Martin on the job for only five weeks- was impressed by how well students, teachers and staff of the elementary and middle

schools worked together Monday.

"I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work with. They're level headed, and they put kids first," Dr. Martin said, explaining that some classrooms were reallocated to move the 167 middle school students into the elementary school with its 320 students.

"The students did a fantastic job of being flexible," the superintendent added.

Near-zero temperatures over the weekend apparently were not the culprits. Dr. Martin said. Coils didn't freeze and burst until Sunday night or early Monday morning when overnight temperatures were the warmest since snow fell and the mercury took a dive Friday.



PHOTO IMAGE FROM THE NRC ARCHIVES

"The problem was discovered first thing Monday morning," the superintendent said. "We had people here over the weekend and everything was fine."

Employees of Southern Air spent the better part of Monday at the school. Southern Air designed and installed heating and air conditioning systems when the middle school was added in 2002-2003 academic year. At least twice that first year students were sent home mid-day because of heating problems.

Dr. Martin said she did not know if this week's problem was related.

"Southern Air is evaluating and investigating to determine the problem,"

she explained. "It was only part of the middle school this time: there was water in four classrooms and a study area that had carpeting and our Xerox machine," she added.

Not knowing the extent of the problem with the heating system, school officials made the decision to move the entire middle school's students in order to free up the entire area for contractors, she said.

"It wasn't cold for the students and there was never any danger of electrical in water," Dr. Martin pointed out.

The decision to double up middle school students with the younger ones was made "so we didn't have to send kids home with no advance notification to parents," she said.

Last school year when there were HVAC problems, parents criticized school officials' decisions to close school after parents were at work and did not know their children were being sent home.

McCleary Elementary School Principal Shirley Woodall said having her students and teachers double up "wasn't a big sacrifice, really, just a little bit inconvenient."

She said even though no announcement was made to the public, "A few parents showed up to take their students home if we were going to close school. WE didn't,

and they didn't take their children."

Woodall said the elementary school accommodated the middle school students in special spaces such as the library, old cafeteria, art room, music room "and one of the kindergarten rooms for a combined classes for a little while."

It worked, officials said.

The elementary school principal said when middle school students arrived between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m., they were directed into the gym so staff could organize spaces and students.

Dr. Martin said when middle school students return Wednesday, some would have classes in the mobile unit outside.

Insurance agents were also at the middle school Monday looking at water damage and talking to Southern Air representatives, Dr. Martin said.

With a day off school, Friday Jan. 9, school officials are trying to keep students in school as much as possible.

When school opened for the year, two days had been built into the calendar for snow.

After that, days were whittled off spring break.

"We've missed five days and are into three days of sprig break already," Woodall said.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

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# Recipe of the Week



**Shelly Koon**  
Contributing  
Writer

The other day I helped a customer with his subscription and after he left, he returned later with a jar of honey. He said he is a bee keeper and only jars a small amount each year. I was honored to receive one of those jars.

My grandma Koon was a big believer in honey. She baked with honey and used it in her coffee every day. I have fond memories of eating honey with fried chicken and biscuits at her house. My grandma would slice apples very thin and add them to my peanut butter sandwiches and then drizzle them with honey. I thought this was really special. Her honey always had some of the comb in the jar. She got it from her neighbor who kept bees for his garden. He was your typical gruff Arkansas farmer who kept chickens, cows, and a pig for eating but he treated his bees like pets.

But have you ever wondered what honey is, exactly? According to the National Honey Board, the story of honey is older than history itself. An 8,000-year-old cave painting in Spain depicts honey harvesting, and we know it's been used for food, medicine and more by cultures all over the world since. But honey isn't about humans. It's the natural product made by bees—one of our planet's most important animals. Honey bees visit millions of blossoms in their lifetimes, making pollination of plants possible and collecting nectar to bring back to the hive.

Honey gets its sweetness from its chemical makeup. It's made up of two simple sugars called glucose and fructose, along with some minerals.

In other words, honey is essentially a natural liquid sugar. It's made by hardworking honeybees, who collect nectar from flowers and take it back to their hive, where they chew on it until it turns into honey. Then, they deposit the honey into tiny, waxy storage units called honeycombs and fan it with their wings to dry it out, a process that makes it stickier.

The color, flavor, and even aroma of honey differs, depending on the nectar

of flowers visited by the bees that made it. There are more than 300 unique types of honey available in the United States alone, each originating from a different floral source.

Honey shades range from nearly colorless to dark brown, while flavors go from subtle to bold; even the aroma of honey may be reminiscent of the flower. As a general rule, the flavor of light-colored honey is milder, and the flavor of darker-colored honey is stronger.

Cool, right?! But just because honey is all-natural doesn't mean we can eat as much of it as we want. While honey is best known as a natural sweetener, it has some surprising health benefits, too.

Honey has been used for centuries to help alleviate symptoms of the common cold, and now research confirms this approach for children ages one and older. According to the National Honey Board, honey offers an effective and natural alternative to over-the-counter cough medicine. Though time is the most important healer of a sore throat, a spoonful of honey can help relieve the irritation.

One tablespoon of honey has: 61 calories, 17 grams of carbs, no fat, trace amounts of fiber and protein. It contains small amounts of some nutrients, but most people typically don't consume enough honey for it to be a significant dietary source of vitamins and minerals.

However, remember that honey is a type of sugar, so consuming it will cause your blood sugar levels to rise. Eating large quantities of honey, especially consistently over a long period, can contribute to weight gain and increase your risk of diseases like type 2 diabetes or heart disease.

There is a historical precedent for the use of topical honey treatment for wound and burn healing. The practice is still common today. I know a Maltese dog that the vet used honey to treat its wounds from a German shepherd mauling. (Lola healed fine).

One particular kind of honey, manuka honey, can be used topically

(meaning that it's applied to the skin) to treat cuts and sores. But don't expect this to be a simple, inexpensive cure-all: Manuka honey is a pricey ingredient that can run you anywhere from \$30 to \$200. Manuka honey comes from the nectar and pollen of the Manuka bush in New Zealand.

The best honey doesn't come in a cute little plastic teddy bear. That kind of honey is processed and less beneficial than its counterparts. Local farm stands are your best bet for good raw honey.

There are many ways to use honey. Replace sugar with honey in baking. You need less honey to reach the same amount of sweetness as sugar. Instead of eating flavored yogurt, which comes with lots of added sugar, try sweetening plain Greek yogurt with a light drizzle of honey and add your own fruit.



## HONEY PUMPKIN TIRAMISU

YIELD: Makes 8 servings

### INGREDIENTS

For Coffee Sauce:

2 1/2 cups - coffee (brew strong)

1/4 cup - honey

1/2 cup - whole milk

For Filling:

2 T - confectioner's sugar

2 cups - heavy whipping cream

2 T - honey

16 oz. - Mascarpone cheese, room temperature

15 oz. - unseasoned pumpkin puree

1/4 cup - light brown sugar

1 tsp. - ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp. - ground ginger

1/2 tsp. - ground nutmeg

1 tsp. - orange zest

4 dozen - ladyfinger cookies

1/2 cup - unsweetened cocoa powder

### DIRECTIONS

For Coffee Sauce: Stir hot coffee, honey and milk together until honey melts. Let cool, set aside.

For Filling: Whip confectioner's

sugar and heavy whipping cream in a mixing bowl until stiff peaks form, set aside. In another mixing bowl, gently fold honey, Mascarpone cheese, pumpkin puree, brown sugar, spices and orange zest with a flexible spatula until well mixed and smooth. Gently fold the whipped cream mixture into the pumpkin mixture until smooth and set aside. Individually dip the ladyfinger cookies into the coffee sauce and layer them evenly in the bottom of a 9" x 13" pan. Spoon about a third of the filling over the cookies. Repeat layers two more times. Sift cocoa powder over the top. Refrigerate 6 hours (or overnight) and serve chilled. Individual servings can be made in a specialty glass; use the same layering technique.



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## HONEY COUGH SYRUP

### INGREDIENTS

zest of 2 lemons (approx. 1 1/2 T)

1/4 cup - ginger, peeled, sliced, or

1/2 tsp. of ground ginger

1 cup - water

1 cup - honey

1/2 cup - lemon juice

### DIRECTIONS

In a small saucepan, combine lemon zest, sliced ginger and 1 cup of water. Bring mixture to a boil, simmer for 5 minutes, then strain through into a heat-proof measuring cup. Rinse the saucepan out and pour in 1 cup of honey. On low heat, warm the honey, but do not allow it to boil. Add the strained lemon ginger water and the lemon juice. Stir the mixture until it combines to form a thick syrup. Pour into a clean jar with a lid. Note: This can be refrigerated for up to 2 months. For children ages 1 to 5, use 1/2 to 1 tsp. every 2 hours. For children ages 5 to 12, use 1 to 2 tsp. every 2 hours. For children 12 and older and adults, use 1 to 2 T every 4 hours. \*Remember, honey is recommended for children **after** the age of one.

# Homeowners can help preserve essential unsung garden heroes

ARLINGTON—Even unpleasant bugs have an important role to play.

While moths, flies, beetles and wasps may drive away picnic guests, they're as essential as butterflies, bumblebees and other ecological wonders. They help pollinate garden plants, devour pests, break down organic matter and nourish other essential wildlife.

"Insects are the primary drivers of our ecosystems," noted Elaine Mills, Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener and pollinator specialist. "If they aren't here, we won't be here."

Almost 75% of all flowering plants and one-third of all foods and beverages rely on moths and other essential pollinators, according to the nonprofit Pollinator Partnership.

There are around 400 species of moths in Virginia compared to about 170 butterfly species.

"But the caterpillar stage is the most critical for the foundation of the food web—96% of bird species rely on caterpillars to feed their young," Mills noted.

Flies are the second-most efficient pollinators behind native bees. While the adults transfer pollen

from foraging, the larvae feed on aphids in the garden.

Beetles were the first pollinators, and they keep alive Mesozoic-era species like magnolias and spicebush. These flightless bugs aren't the most efficient pollinators, but some species—like ladybugs and ground beetles—have a productive appetite for pest insects.

Wasps are the evolutionary ancestors of bees and

See **Garden Heroes** page 5

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# OPINION

## News from the 9th: Schumer shutdown gives Trump dozer



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

Threats of a government shutdown from Congressional Democrats, led by Senator Chuck Schumer, have grown as the Congress approaches the end of the fiscal year on September 30th.

And yet, Democrats are trying to blame Republicans for the looming Schumer shutdown!

Should Schumer cause a shutdown, President Trump has made a commitment to "take care" of the military and social security payments.

But government shutdowns can impact other things.

During one shutdown, President Obama closed the Blue Ridge Parkway and war memorials like the DC World War II Memorial on the National Mall!

So where do things stand?

House Republicans recently passed a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government open and funded through November 21.

Basically, a CR means the government sustains the same spending levels as enacted in the previous fiscal year.

I generally do not like the continued practice of Congress punting government funding deadlines to the

week before a holiday.

Some lawmakers, who want to spend time with their families for the holidays, may feel compelled to vote for a funding bill they would otherwise oppose.

But the House-passed CR is predominantly clean. No controversial partisan policy riders were attached.

If enacted into law, lawmakers can continue the regular process of passing annual appropriations bills. For these reasons, I supported the straightforward, short-term CR.

I participated in Rules Committee debate where it seemed the Democrats had little or no objections to the few policy items in the CR.

Rather, what they objected to was the CR did not go far enough to give them more spending and more permanent programs!

But House Democrats almost unanimously opposed the clean CR. And Senate Democrats are making it clear that the government must be funded on their partisan terms if there is to be an agreement.

Such proposals are not genuine, reasonable negotiating terms. President Trump and Republicans see through their demands.

It appears that Senator Schumer and the rest of Democratic leadership prefer to pick a fight with President Trump and shut down the government, even if it means:

1. laying off federal workers
2. temporarily shuttering some federal agencies
3. eliminating some non-

Congressionally authorized federal programs

Interestingly, the very same Democrats were singing a different tune just a year ago.

In September 2024, Senator Schumer remarked: "If the government shuts down, it will be average Americans who suffer most."

Other Democrats have made similar statements, one observing that: "End of the day, on this issue, again, no state in the country is more disproportionately hit than Virginia with a government shutdown."

So what changed?

I believe Congressional Democrats are feeling the heat right now from their base. According to a Semafor article, one poll shows seven in 10 Democrats support withholding votes unless Republicans make changes even if it risks a shutdown.

Congressional Democrats seem to be acting based off making political appeal to their base as opposed to making a good faith attempt to protect veterans, seniors and working families.

Many Congressional Democrats already voted to shut down the government earlier this year. This time, nearly all Senate Democrats seem to be unified in shutting it down.

If the Schumer shutdown takes effect, the Democrats will deliver President Trump and Russ Vought, Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), a tremendous amount of authority over federal

spending.

Previously this year, Schumer decried federal employee layoffs saying: Trump is taking a chainsaw to the federal government.

If Schumer shuts the government down, he will be giving Trump a bulldozer to bury segments of the federal government!

A recent OMB memo to federal agencies warns of Reduction in Force (RIF) plans.

The Administration can choose to lay off people who are not "essential" and order which federal agencies can continue operating.

That in turn will affect how states, blue and red, operate and help American communities.

Therefore, Democrats are handing Trump great power in the event of a shutdown.

Power they previously fought in the courts to prevent Trump from having, they are now handing to him on a silver platter!

I do not want a shutdown, and would encourage all Democrats, Democratic officeholders and Democratic candidates to join me in this position.

If Democrats want to get serious and remove their partisan attitudes, I believe a deal can be reached quickly so we can continue serving our constituents and working on the appropriations bills.

The clock is ticking. Republicans have voted to keep the government open. Will Democrats do the same? Stay tuned.

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### Guest religion column: *Who is, ... I Am?*

Have you ever wondered who Jesus claimed he was? After all, its been over 2000 years since His birth and the world has changed a lot since then.

Yet when you think about it, no person in history has had more influence on the world. Jesus has over 2 billion followers worldwide, more than any other religion.

Our country has been built on a set of rules and laws which follow a Judeo-Christian ethic, initially given by God to Moses as the Ten Commandments. When Moses asked God what His name was, in order to tell the people, "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And He said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you'" (Exodus 3:14).

This wasn't just a name but was a declaration of **God's eternal, self-existent nature.**

It also means... **I will be, who I will be.** God is never changing, He is in control, all sufficient one. Jesus simplified the Ten

Commandments for us this way... when He was asked which is the greatest command, the answer was a simple one.

Jesus said to him, "**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,** with all your soul, and with all your mind.' He followed that by saying, "And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-38 ESV)

In John's Gospel, Jesus gave us more information about who He is. I say "who he is" because He is still alive, having risen from the dead.

Whenever Jesus made an "I am" statement in which He claimed attributes of deity, **He was identifying Himself as God.** Each of these statements addresses a basic human need, a fundamental need that we each have.

- Here is what He said....
- 'I AM the bread of life' (John 6:35) - Nourishment,
  - 'I AM the light of the world' (John 8:12) means

guidance,

- 'I AM the gate/door' (John 10:9) means we have access to God,
- 'I AM the good shepherd' (John 10:11) indicates we have God's protection,
- 'I AM the resurrection and the life' (John 11:25) tells us we have hope for the future
- 'I AM the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6) gives us direction and purpose
- 'I AM the true vine' (John 15:1) - tells us we are connected to God

Jesus isn't just saying He can provide these things. He is not a used car dealer offering whitewall tires or air conditioning that works well. Jesus is saying that **HE IS THESE THINGS!**

Our solutions in life don't come from programs, or the government, or traditions.

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42. A polite address for a woman
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45. Swiss river
48. A banana has one
50. Afrikaans
52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
53. Agave
55. Journalist Tarbell
56. One-time tech leader
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58. Intestinal bacterium
63. Loose sheats around the spinal cord
65. Accompanies nook
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5. Becomes less intense
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7. Type of catfish
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9. Atomic #50
10. The Muse of lyric poetry
11. Brings back to life
13. Humorous critiques
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18. Wet dirt
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23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
24. High schoolers' test
27. Internet device
29. City in India
32. A place to rest
34. Chat responder
35. A way to move on
36. What consumers are given
39. Digital audiotape
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Church building
47. Georgia rockers
49. Surgeon's tool
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religious practices either. Our solutions in life come from a relationship with God's son Jesus Christ.

Each of these statements has an understanding of God that makes our relationship with Him more and more important, more valuable, more intense and more intimate.

As we begin to understand who Jesus is, we move from a relationship of knowing ABOUT Him to one of KNOWING HIM. It's similar to the difference of casual friends, versus your BFF.

When you know Jesus as your Savior and Lord (there is a difference) **Jesus is your Best Friend Forever!** And its not just you realizing that, **it is God saying it also.**

In Biblical language, a BFF is So, "friend" is someone who's not only near you, but for you.

Proverbs 18:24: "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

So here, "friend" is closer than many companions, **yet even more committed to you than a brother.** Abraham was called a FRIEND OF GOD. James 2:23 says,.... "And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: 'Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.' He was even called the friend of God." NLT

**Note the difference.** It does not say, Abraham believed in God. **It says Abraham believed God.**

Friends can be described as those who know and understand each other, like each other, have shared interests, want to spend time together, help and protect each other. Friendship is not fickle. Scripture says that "a friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17), bad times included.

Now the first statement we shared is when Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35)

Jesus doesn't just give bread; He IS the bread of life (John 6:35).

Charles Spurgeon once said, "Christ is the bread of life. The soul that feeds on Him shall never know hunger again. All other food leaves us empty, but Christ fills us forever."

As Jesus was teaching the crowds near the Sea of Galilee, huge crowds followed Him. They saw him do great miracles and heal the sick.

John wrote in 20: 30 Jesus performed **many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.** 31 **But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah,** the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

As Jesus climbed a hill with his disciples, He saw a large crowd of about 15,000 people around him. (men, women and children). It was time for a meal. Without bread we cannot survive very long. We have to eat.

Jesus is showing the crowd and us that He is the true bread of God.

The source of life. We need food, not just physical but spiritual also. The spiritual food we consume is the Word of God.

If you are not consuming the Word of God each day you are starving. You are weak, subject to attack, subject to sickness, subject to temptation, subject even to death.

When we are on our phone, or tablet, or the daily minutia of television, we are wasting our time. **It's not a sin, but it can become sinful.** Addictive. Stealing our time and energy from God.

Nothing really changes on TV. It's the same thing over and over again. Wars and rumors of wars. Governments fighting over money and power. News is not new.

We are filling our lives with rotgut. **Rotgut is a slang term** – it means the cheapest and vilest whiskey you can get. Moonshine made in old radiators is rotgut

It will make you sick, and eventually give you lead poisoning and kill you. So will the garbage we allow into our homes, our tablets and phones, TV and even junk food.

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit of God – we need to respect the temple. Our temple offerings – the things we allow inside – should be pleasing to God

In our Bible story today, **Jesus is filling their bellies with food.** Like lots of people, They are interested in Him **for what He can do for them.**

**For many people, Jesus has only become their Emergency Contact – their personal 911. They only call on Him to Fill their belly.** Or to make their life easier. Or when they are sick or facing a critical situation. Or when they want money.

In our story, the people did not see Him as their savior, they wanted to make Him their King. Their provider, and protector. Their motive was wrong. **Jesus did not come to become king of their tummy.**

Jesus corrects them. He says, **I am the bread of life.** John 6:

49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven so **that anyone may eat of it and not die.**

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he will live forever.

**The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh** (body / life.)"

The miracles were done to draw attention to the message of God. What does God need to do to get your attention. It's not too late today, but it may be too late tomorrow.

If we can be of any help to you, please contact Craig Valley Baptist Church, 540-864-5667. Our food pantry is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 AM – 12 Noon. Just stop by. God bless you.

- *Pastor Scott Gabrielson, Craig Valley Baptist Church*

# Garden Heroes from page 3

help pollinate when visiting flowers for nectar. Many are solitary and non-aggressive, but they all have benefits—helping control pests like the tobacco hornworm.

The larvae of yellow jackets serve as prey for various birds and mammals, and millipedes help break down organic matter in gardens.

A flourishing future depends on these unsung heroes, but their existence is threat-

ened by habitat loss, pesticide use and climate change. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Wildlife Action Plan identifies 60 pollinators that are considered a Virginia Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

Gardeners can help preserve essential moth populations by incorporating a variety of native plants to support caterpillars, including asters, birches, blueberry shrubs, cherry trees, sunflowers and willow trees. Oak trees act as host plants for over 500 species of caterpillars. Mills recommends nourishing nocturnal moths with pale or white, night-scented and tubular flowers like garden phlox, evening primrose and common yucca. Gardeners can support flies by growing red trillium, wild ginger, pawpaw or other plants with dark brown, purple or pale flowers.

Beetles prefer open flowers with white, cream or green coloring and a spicy, fruity or fetid fragrance—like sweet bay magnolia, Carolina allspice and Jack-in-the-pulpit.

Beneficial wasps are drawn to white or yellow flowers, including Common boneset, Virgin's Bower and rattlesnake master.

Mills encourages gardeners to buy untreated plants from a reputable nursery, and avoid

planting invasive species and using pesticides. Retain leaf litter for overwintering larvae, and leave dead trees or fallen logs for cavity nesters.

For more information on supporting unsung heroes, Mills recommends visiting [homegrownnationalpark.org](http://homegrownnationalpark.org) and [pollinatorsnativeplants.com](http://pollinatorsnativeplants.com). Watch Mills' recorded webinar on "Partnering with Pollinators" at [mgvn.org](http://mgvn.org).

- *Virginia Farm Bureau*

# VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81 (NEW Sept. 19) Interstate 81 bridge work at Exit 156 in Botetourt County – Bridge work is underway on northbound and southbound I-81 at Exit 156. Milling and paving the bridge deck will take place in both directions, beginning with the northbound side before moving to the southbound side. Drivers can expect lane closures on I-81 during nighttime hours. Slow-roll operations are expected periodically, and flagging operations will be used during barrier wall placement on Route 640 (Brighs Mill Road). Expected completion is fall 2026. (UPDATED Sept. 19)

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 I-81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of traffic in each direction are expected to remain open during the project, with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times. Drivers can expect the

following traffic impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

- Lane closures: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.
- Ramp closures: Exit 140 on- and off-ramps onto southbound I-81 in Salem may be closed. Watch message boards for updates.
- Flagging operations: Flagging operations possible on Route

635 and Route 619.

- Uneven pavement: Drivers may experience uneven pavement or rough surface conditions throughout the project.
- Traffic shifts: Drivers may encounter periodic lane closures,

narrow ramps or quick merges onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the

exit 140 ramps. Work is also underway on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.

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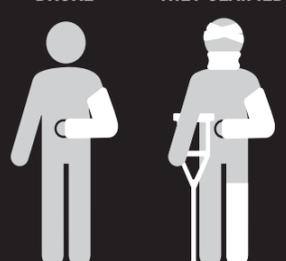
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Instrument No. 230000497, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on November 18, 2025, at 1:00 PM in front of the building housing the Craig County Circuit Court, 182 Main Street, New Castle, VA 24127, the property designated as containing 1.609 acres, and as more particularly shown on a plat of survey dated January 11, 1999, prepared by G. R. Bingham, land surveyor, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Craig, Virginia, in Deed Book 112, page 417. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.  
**TERMS:**  
CASH. A deposit of \$31,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 240486-01, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 AM & 12:00 noon only

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**TRUSTEE SALE OF 1131 2nd Street, Blue Ridge, VA 24064**

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated November 30, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$148,265.00, recorded as Inst. 170004619, assigned as Inst. 200000435, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the

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County of Botetourt on October 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., the property located at the above address and described as Lot 5, Block 7, Section 5, Blue Ridge Heights, County of Botetourt. **TERMS:** CASH. **PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE.** A deposit of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", balance due within 15 days from date of sale. No personal checks accepted. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, reservations and conditions, if any, of record, as well as inchoate liens and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at [dolanreid.com/foreclosure-sales](http://dolanreid.com/foreclosure-sales).  
**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** For Information Contact: DolanReid PLLC and G. Benny Moore, Substitute Trustee(s) 12610 Patrick Henry Dr., Ste. D, Newport News, VA 23602; (757) 320-0255

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 222 Cove Mountain Lane, Buchanan, VA 24066**

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated April 8, 2005 and recorded at April 13, 2005 in Instrument Number 050001945 in the Clerk's Office for the Botetourt County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$150,400.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the Botetourt County Circuit Court courthouse steps located at 1 W Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090-0219. October 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit: The following described property, lying and being in Buchanan Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, to-wit:

Parcel 54-19 Being all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land at diamond hill, containing according to the land books of Botetourt County, Virginia 1.88 acres, more or less, that was devised to Lewis Mathew Tolley by Oscar Elmer Tolley by his last will and testament probated November 23, 1970 and spread in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Will Book 19, page 40.

TOGETHER WITH that certain well and water right conveyed to Oscar Elmer Tolley (as Oscar E. Tolley) by Dovie L. Newcomb, widow by deed of easement dated August 24, 1970, and recorded in said Clerk's

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Office in deed book 191, page 741, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description said easement.

Parcel 54-20 BEGINNING at a point and a corner marked by an iron stake, thence south 75° 30' east 65 feet to a point and corner; thence 14° 30' west 100 feet to a point and a corner; thence north 75° 30' west 65 feet to a point and a corner; thence north 14° 30' east 100 feet to a point and a corner, the place of BEGINNING, and containing twelve one-hundredths (12/100) of an acre more or less. This Lot is 65 feet by 100 feet.

A map or plat of the above the above-described land hereby conveyed will be found in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 113, at page 399, to which map reference is here made for a further description of this property hereby conveyed, and which plat so recorded shall have the same force and effect as if made a part of this deed.

The property hereby sole and conveyed is subject to certain water rights in the well on the land hereby conveyed as contained in a certain contract and agreement made between made between the grantors herein [Edward L. Humphries and Ellie Lucille Humphries, his wife] and Oscar E. Tolley and Lewis Matthew Tolley, which instrument is dated January 5, 1957, and is recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 127, at page 222, to which instrument so recorded in said deed book in said Clerk's Office reference is here and now made for the for a complete description of the said water right, etc. to which the land hereby sold is subject.

TOGETHER WITH a right of way and easement 20 feet in width, for purpose of the ingress and egress to the property herein conveyed from State Secondary Route 622 (according to Botetourt County Tax Map Records), and as shown on plat dated November 14, 1953, and as more particularly described in the deed recorded with said plat, said deed being recorded in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 113, at page 397.

Parcel 54-21 Beginning at a point on the easterly right-of-way line of the N & W Railway; thence leaving said N & W, S. 67° 27' 33" E. 112.50 feet to a stake in a pathway; thence S. 24° 56' 29" W. 269.71 feet to a stake southwest of a pathway; thence along an old fence N. 61° 22' 10" W. 78.66 feet to a point on the said right-of-way line of the N & W Railway; thence with the latter, with a curve to the left with an arc of 262.46 feet and a chord bearing N. 17° 30' 36" E. 262.14 feet to the beginning, together with a right-of-way with ingress and egress to State Route #622, as shown on the survey thereof dated March 11, 1980 made by Charles R. McMurry, C.L.S.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

**TERMS OF SALE:** The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of

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sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.  
**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT**  
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party)  
4340 East West Highway, Suite 600  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-907-8000  
[www.rosenberg-assoc.com](http://www.rosenberg-assoc.com)

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 23133 BOTETOURT ROAD, EAGLE ROCK, VA 24085.**

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 3, 2023, in the original principal amount of \$245,422.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 230003152. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on October 30, 2025, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: PARCEL 1-BEGINNING AT A 16" MORE OR LESS MARKED PINE TREE ON A STEEP BLUFF 50', MORE OR LESS, NORTHWEST OF A PRIVATE ROAD LEADING TO PROPERTY OF RAYMOND THOMPSON; THENCE N. 51 DEG. 30' E. 120 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A STAKE; THENCE N. 56 DEG. 00' E. 94 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO AN IRON PIN SET IN HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SAID POINT BEING 30 FEET FROM CENTER LINE OF STATE ROUTE #220; THENCE N. 29 DEG. 00" W., MORE OR LESS, 90 FEET ALONG HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY LINE STATE ROUTE #220 TO AN IRON PIN SET 30 FEET FROM CENTER LINE OF HIGHWAY; THENCE S. 28 DEG. 30° W. 255 FEET TO A 16" MARKED PINE SET ON A STEEP BLUFF, THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHICH PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINS 0.44 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON PLAT DATED FEBRUARY 22, 1967, ENTITLED "PROPERTY TO BE CONVEYED TO JAMES H. & PHILLIS E. TINGLER, WEST IRON GATE, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA" RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 179, PAGE 301. LESS AND EXCEPTING THAT PARCEL CONVEYED TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA BY DEED DATED MAY 18, 2018, FROM PHYLLIS H. TINGLER (A/K/A PHYLLIS E. TINGLER), WIDOW, TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, RECORDED IN DEED INSTRUMENT NO. 180004619.

PARCEL 2- ALL OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LOCATED IN THE FINCASTLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AT LICK RUN, CONSISTING OF A TRACT OF 2 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING ON THE WEST SIDE OF U.S. HIGHWAY #220, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A STAKE ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 140, FEET SOUTHWARD FROM A RIGHT-OF-WAY CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION, FOLLOWING THE WEST LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY, A DISTANCE OF 750 FEET TO A POINT IN THE OLD DIVISION LINE BETWEEN J.W. GILLESPIE'S AND MRS. SHAFFER'S LAND; THENCE S/ 56 DEG. W. A DISTANCE OF 83 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE S. 50 DEG. W. A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE IN A GENERAL SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION, FOLLOWING THE TOE OF A HILL A DISTANCE OF 700 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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LESS AND EXCEPT A PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED TO HOLLIS G. & JEAN A. TINGLER IN BOOK 151 PAGE 532 RECORDED 4/24/1962. **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 Mortgagor or the Mortgagor'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.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.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: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.com). VA-378447-1.

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**ABC NOTICE**

BUFFALO AND MORE INC., trading as BUFFALO AND MORE INC., 4040 Riner Road, Montgomery County, Riner, VA 24149-2510

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Connie Joyce Hale, Owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,**

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the Board Room in the Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, in order to hear citizens comments on a proposed ordinance entitled "Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Division 5, Section 2-107 of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia Entitled Tax Exemption and Deferrals for Elderly and Disabled by Increasing the Net Combined Financial Worth and the Income Limits to be Eligible for Tax Relief".

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Angela M. Hill  
County Administrator

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**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CA25-10**

Salem City Circuit Court  
2 East Calhoun Street,  
Salem VA 24153  
Kelly Clinevell Hoffman,  
Joseph William Hoffman  
v. Colin Alexander Kanney

The object of this suit is to: **ADOPTION OF** Colin Alexander Kanney by paternal grandparents Kelly and Joseph Hoffman. It is ORDERED that Conor Stuart Samuel Kanney and Winter Faith Shufelt, whose locations are unknown, appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before November 6, 2025.

Entered September 8, 2025  
Chance Crawford,  
Clerk

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

at its regular meeting on October 15, 2025, at 6:30 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 Pillis Enterprises Inc., property owner, to rezone the property located at 522 South Market Street (Tax Map # 160 - 4 - 2) from RSF Residential Single Family District to HBD Highway Business District.

2. Consider an Energy Storage Project Siting Agreement between the City of Salem and Salem VA BESS 1 LLC proposing a 4-megawatt battery energy storage facility within the existing electric substation located at 407 Electric Road, Tax Map # 150 - 2 - 4. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments in the Planning Commission's review, per Code of Virginia 15.2-2232, of the proposed facility to confirm it is substantially in accord with the City of Salem Comprehensive Plan.

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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#### Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearings on Tuesday, October 7, 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 items:

A. AFD-25-1/ORD #2096- Withdrawal of approximately 3.18 acres of land from the Agricultural and Forestal District (AFD) at 701 Bishop Road. Request from James and Carol Burger to withdraw 3.18 acres of their total property in the Agricultural and Forestal District at 701 Bishop Road. A minor subdivision application (PLAT-24-12) for the creation of three (3) new parcels is currently under review by the Planning and Engineering Department.

B. CUP-25-2-Conditional Use Permit request for Automobile Dealership in GC General Commercial at 1711 North Main Street. Conditional Use Permit request by Walker AutoWorks LLC to allow an automobile dealership in the lower level of a building in GC General Commercial. The property will function as a warehouse to store antique vehicles from Japan for sale online. All vehicles will be stored out of public view with limited foot traffic and public hours of operation. The Future Land Use designation is Commercial.

C. CUP-25-3-Conditional Use Permit request for Dance Hall Use in DC Downtown Commercial

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at 130 Jackson Street NW. Conditional Use Permit request by Juan Huante and Carlos Sebastian (applicants) to permit Dance Hall use in DC Downtown Commercial. The request is to convert the property into a restaurant and bar with dance space and live entertainment. Restaurant/Bar is permitted by-right use in Downtown Commercial but the use of the property as a Dance Hall requires an approved conditional use permit. The Future Land Use designation is Downtown Commercial.

D. RZN-25-7/ORD #2094- Rezoning Request from GC General Commercial to PR Planned Residential for Mixed Use-Multi-Family and Commercial development at 702 University City Boulevard. The rezoning request includes construction of one six-story building with two floors of parking below four floors of residential units above. The proposed density is 194 bedrooms/acre. Affordable units are part of the unit mix with a minimum of 10% of the units meeting requirements for households earning between 50% - 80% AMI for a period of not less than 50 years. The Future Land Use designation is Commercial.

E. RZN-25-8/ORD #2095- Rezoning Request from RM-48 Medium Density Multiunit Residential to PR Planned Residential for the development of seven (7) 4-bedroom townhome units at 1709; 1711 Whipple Drive. The rezoning request consists of three parcels and includes two (2) multi-family dwellings and a single-family dwelling. The single-family dwelling is proposed to be demolished, but the multi-family units are not proposed to change. The applicant proposes 45 bedrooms per acre. The applicant is requesting an exception to Zoning

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Ordinance Section 5120 (d)(1) and Subdivision Ordinance Section 5-401(b) to eliminate the requirement for a 4-foot grass strip between the curb and sidewalk for approximately 40 linear feet to replace the existing driveway with the single-family dwelling and to match the existing sidewalk along Whipple Drive. The Future Lane Use designation is High Density Residential.

F. RZN-25-9/ORD #2090-Tech Terrace PRD Rezoning Request from RM-48 Medium Density Multiunit Residential to PR Planned Residential for the redevelopment of an existing apartment complex into one (1) seven-story apartment building at 305 & Webb Street and 800 Orchard Street. Rezoning request for the redevelopment of an existing student housing apartment complex into one (1) five-story apartment building constructed above a two-story parking deck. The proposed density is 274 bedrooms per acre. The applicant has requested an exception to Zoning Ordinance Section 4216(a)(3) because the front of the property is on Orchard Street but most primary uses front on Webb Street. The applicant is also requesting an exception to Zoning Ordinance Section 5120(d)(1) and Subdivision Ordinance Section 5-401(b) to eliminate the requirement for a 4-foot grass strip between the curb and the sidewalk. The Future Land Use designation is High Density Residential (305 Webb Street; 800 Orchard Street) and Commercial (309 Webb Street).

G. ZOA #60/ORD #2001-An amendment to amend the text of the Town's Zoning Ordinance to create a new Downtown Northwest zoning district for the area

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bounded by North Main Street, Turner Street and Prices Fork Road In 2019, the Town adopted the Downtown Strategic Plan which identified six sub districts for Downtown including the Downtown Northwest district bounded by North Main St., Prices Fork Rd., and Turner St. The proposed amendment will create a new floating zoning district applicable to the Downtown Northwest area. Creation of the new district does not change existing zoning and property owners would need to rezone to the new district through a public hearing process. The district includes an applicability criteria permitted use table, definitions specific to the new district, building dimensional standards, building design standards, site development standards and signage provisions. The district incorporates many new form-based zoning regulations, which have more specificity in building and site design requirements than typically found in traditional zoning districts.

Persons affected by or interested in the agricultural and forestal district withdrawal, conditional use permit requests, rezoning requests and zoning ordinance amendment may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the applications and any revisions or updates, staff reports 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

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participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning; Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

### Legals - City of Salem

#### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317.20-104  
**Case No. CL25000283-00 VIRGINIA:**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM GERTRUDE W. HARRIS, by her agent, E. WAYNE HARRIS, Plaintiff, v. GEORGE D. MANS, a/k/a GEORGE D. MANN, a/k/a GEORGE D. MANN, or his heirs, assigns, or devisees, et al., Defendants.**

**ORDER**  
 The object of this suit is the Plaintiff's request to quiet title of certain real estate located in the City of Salem, Virginia, namely, portions of that parcel of land described as follows:

A lot or parcel of land consisting of one and one-eighth acres of land, more or less, according to survey of S.A. Willson made October 25, 1890, the plat of which is herewith filed, said land was found to be 1.68 acres, said lot fronting on an alley and being that property more particularly described in Deed dated October 17, 1890, to Van Mans, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Roanoke County, Virginia, in Deed Book 2, Page 283.

The specific parcels of land that are the subject of this suit are commonly known as 700 North Stonewall Street, Salem, Virginia 24153, and identified by the City of Salem as Tax Map Nos. 471-2 and 47-1-3 (collectively, the "Subject Real Estate"). The Plaintiff

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having alleged in her Complaint that there are potentially unknown heirs, successors, and assigns of George D. Mans (a/k/a George D. Mann and George D. Mann), Reed Mans (a/k/a Reed Mann and Virginia Mann Jones), Virginia Mans (a/k/a Virginia Manns Jones and Virginia Mann Jones), Minor Mans (a/k/a Minor Mann and Minor Mans), and James Mans (a/k/a James Mann and James Manns) who may claim an interest in the Subject Real Estate, it is hereby **ORDERED** that any such person who claims an interest in the Subject Real Estate must appear on or before October 10, 2025, by contacting the Clerk of this Court or the Counsel for the Plaintiff at the telephone number set forth below, and do whatever is necessary to protect his or her interests in said real estate. It is further **ORDERED** that this Order of Publication be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Salem Times-Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem. Entered: 9/25/2025

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# SPORTS

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## Rockets hold on to beat Twin Springs in a shootout, start season 4-0 for the first time in school history



Coach Jim Fisher and the team celebrate after defeating Twin Springs.



Caleb Cregger(#4) and Tristan Dooley(#1) combine on a tackle.

The Craig County football team is making history. The Rockets are 4-0 for the first time ever after defeating a strong Twin Springs team in New Castle last week, 35-28.

This week the Rockets hope to make it five in a row. Prior this season the best starts the Rockets have had were in 1983, '84 and 2005 when they opened 4-1. Craig has never had an undefeated regular season and the best record for a full 10 game season was in 1984 when New Castle High was 8-2 under coach Charlie Darling.

This year's team, under New Castle native Jim Fisher, is threatening that record. The Rockets host winless Stonewall Jackson of Quicksburg this Friday night at Mitchell Field. The Generals are 0-5 and have lost to two Pioneer District teams, 36-0 to Bath County and 37-6 to Parry McCluer. This Friday is a "pink out" night for Breast Cancer Awareness.

"The crowds have been getting bigger and louder, and we would love to see that continue this week," said Fisher. "The Generals are another spread team with some quick backs. Hopefully, we can get to 5-0 this Friday."

While Stonewall Jackson has struggled, Twin Springs came to New Castle on a three game winning streak with 167 points scored in their past three games. Fisher expected a shootout, and he got one.

"It was a fantastic game," he said. "We knew we were going to have trouble stopping them and we knew they were going to have trouble stopping us. It played out just like that. Many members of the crowd thought it was the best game they had seen on Mitchell Field. For me, it was comparative to a couple of wins when I played, and to the 2005 Bath County game that won us our first district title in football. It was an exciting night and a well-earned victory."

Craig trailed briefly, for the first time in 2025, in the second quarter at 14-7.



Bentley Smith makes a sure tackle in the open field.

"The momentum was with the Titans but a play on the sideline that resulted in two penalties against the hometown team really motivated our players," said Fisher.

Craig was able to score twice in the second quarter, the last time with only seconds remaining in the half.

"Caleb Cregger made a great adjustment and great catch on a 15 yard, first half TD," said Fisher. "There was defensive pass interference on the play but Cregger wasn't going to be denied."

The second half was much like the first, back and forth with explosive plays. Craig scored with less than four minutes to go and then had to hold on defensively for the win. Cregger made another huge catch on fourth and long to keep the game winning drive alive. He caught the ball in double coverage and probably saved the game for the Rockets. A few plays later Carter Calfee punched it in from three yards out for what proved to be the winning score.

The defense stepped up to stop the last Twin Springs drive. The Rockets were able to get more pressure on the quarterback and stop some inside veer runs that were working earlier in the game. However, Twin Springs connected on some amazing plays to keep the last drive alive.



Carter Calfee(#16) picks up yards for the Rockets.

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"The kids gave the credit for this win to the fans," said Fisher. "The crowd was so loud that Twin Springs had to use their final two timeouts prematurely just to get their plays called. Twin Springs called their plays at the line of scrimmage, yelling them in from the sideline. Our fans were so loud that the Titans players couldn't hear the call. I am really, really glad they were out of timeouts."

Statistically senior fullback Carter Calfee led the Rockets with 111 yards and three touchdowns on 23 carries. Senior wingback Jerry Smith added 92 yards and a touchdown on nine carries, junior tailback Noah Paxton carried the ball 22 times for 87 yards and was two-for-five passing for 45 yards and a touchdown. Junior wide receiver Caleb Cregger had two huge catches for 45 yards and a TD. Cregger was also five-for-five on extra point kicks.

Defensively, the Rockets were led by Paxton with 10.5 tackles and a tackle for loss and Calfee with seven tackles

and a tackle for a loss, Senior outside linebacker Tristan Dooley had six tackles and two tackles for losses. Cregger had seven tackles, sophomore cornerback Bentley Smith added four tackles, junior linebacker Marcus Donithan had four tackles and a huge interception and he also recovered an onside kick.

"Marcus' interception was absolutely huge," said Fisher. "Every possession was critical and that pick could have been the difference in the game."

Craig finished with 335 yards of total offense and didn't punt once the whole game. Still, the visiting Twin Springs team kept pace before Craig held on for a signature win.

"It came down to the last possession," said Fisher. "We were fortunate there wasn't another 30 seconds on the clock."



Craig cheerleaders and students show their spirit Friday night.

## Craig volleyball team is at Highland Thursday

The Craig County girls will be heading to Monterey Thursday for a Pioneer District volleyball match against Highland County. The Rams come into the week at 3-3 but they're yet to win a district match.

The Rockets are 2-9 overall coming into the week and also looking for their first district win. Last week Craig dropped Pioneer matches to Parry McCluer, at home, and at Bath County.

Against Parry McCluer the visiting Blues took a three-set win, 25-18, 25-18 and 25-19. Emily Smith led Craig with three kills, five blocks and 15 digs. Cheyanne Bell had two kills and three blocks, Annalese Zimmerman had two kills and 13 digs and Jenna Boitnotte had a pair of aces and five assists.

Last Thursday in Bath the Rockets lost to the host to the host Chargers 25-19, 25-13

and 25-20. Bell and Smith had three kills each and Emily had 20 digs in this one while Cheyanne had four blocks. Zimmerman had five kills and Makenzie Lucas had three aces. Natalie Fisher had a strong all-around game as well.

"Both district games last were tough to lose," said coach Suzanne Crawford. "However, with each game the girls are improving. Passing and blocking have been our main focus in practice. Natalie Fisher had a great game against Bath and Makenzie Lucas stepped up in the back row defensively. Emily Smith and Annalese Zimmerman played great defensively and offensively for both games. They are doing so well I just want them to get a win."

The Rockets were hoping to pick up a non-district win on Monday with a trip to Roanoke Valley Christian School in



Craig students support the Rocket volleyball team at a recent match.

Roanoke but results were too late for publication. Next week the girls are at Narrows Tuesday

and at Elliston on Thursday, October 9, to take on Eastern Montgomery.



Natalie Fisher(left) and Cheyanne Bell go up for a block.



Mckenzie Lucas is ready to receive the ball.



Craig coaches Logan Peters and Suzanne Crawford talk to the team during a timeout.

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