Hog purchase turns into business for Pulaski couple

By LINDA WILLIAMS
The Patriot

What started out five years ago, as a whole hog purchase for their freezer, has now become a viable business for Pulaski County residents Rickie and Angie Crandall and their 18-year-old son, Warren.

Their farm, Stump Ridge Hog Farm is located on top of a mountain just off Case Knife Road in Pulaski. The 133-acre farm is home to 19 Heritage breed hogs that are being raised by the Crandall’s for meat processing.

“This all started when me, my dad Leo Crandall and a neighbor, Butch Fulks decided we wanted pigs to raise for meat. We went after three pigs and came home with five,” said Rickie with a big smile.

The farm’s first pigs were purchased locally from a farm in Dublin.

“I enjoyed raising them and decided to buy more pigs,” said Rickie. Rickie’s dad and Angie were on board with the idea as well. “Me and dad really enjoyed raising pigs together, but Dad has had some health issues lately and isn’t able to help out like he used to.

“We raise Heritage breed pigs,” said Rickie. Heritage breeds are prized for juiciness, flavor and tenderness. The meat is pinkish to slightly red in color and marbled.

“Our boar (male) is Tamsworth and Hampshire and weighs close to 1,000 pounds,” said Rickie. Their sow (female) is Duroc and Yorkshire, weighs approximately 800 pounds and is 2 1/2 years old. It will soon be replaced with a younger sow for breeding. The younger sow is Old Spot and Duroc.

“We are expecting a litter of piglets in 2 and half months,” said Angie. According to Rickie, the gestation period for a litter of piglets is 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days.

“We built that farm to keep our hogs in during the winter,” says Angie as she points over the hill to a neatly kept red barn. The barn also serves as a farrowing barn where the boar and sow make

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Linda Williams photo
Angie Crandall and Rickie Crandall, owners and operators of Stump Ridge Hog Farm in Pulaski.
McAuliffe vetoes bill to defund Planned Parenthood

By Saralouise Martin

Capital News Service

RICHMOND - Gov. Terry McAuliffe backed Planned Parenthood on Tuesday, vetoing legislation that sought to starving funding the women's health providers such as Planned Parenthood and other groups that perform abortions in Virginia.

In this veto statement, McAuliffe, in Bill 250, "would harm tens of thousands of women and infants who rely on Planned Parenthood for health care, including reproductive health care provided by Planned Parenthood for women."

"Pro-life activists lined the steps of the Governor’s Mansion bearing signs reading “All Lives Matter” and “Say No to Planned Parenthood for Women.”

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When “that will never happen to me” happens.

“Tebow bill” vetoed - again

By Amy Lee

Capital News Service

RICHMOND - Gov. Terry McAuliffe on Monday vetoed a so-called Tebow bill that would have allowed home-schooling students to participate in high school sports.

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Registered Nurses and parent educators work hand in hand with parents, preparing them to be their children’s first and most important teacher. Since it began in Roanoke in the early 90’s, more than 38,000 babies and infants have benefited from CHIP services. In 2016, Virginia New River Valley provided comprehensive home visiting services to 165 low-income families with 276 children up to age 6 and pregnant women. The CHIP team provides families with parenting education and support to help promote parental involvement and strengthen each family’s ability to move toward self-sufficiency and to provide a stable environment for their children grow up healthy, safe, ready to learn and ready to succeed.

CHIP goes to the General Assembly for Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill

On February 15, 2017, CHIP staff, board members and clients, including mothers, fathers, and children, met with delegates, senators and legisla-

See CHIP photo

Parents Rebecca Walker & Kyle Young, with 2-year-old Lucy, visit with Delegate Nick Rush during CHIP Advocacy Day at the VA General Assembly.

For more information contact Angie Nicholas, CHIP of HR Coordinator, 540.394.3255, angie@nrcaea.org

parents and the women of our common-wealth,” said Paulette McElwain, president and CEO of the Virginia League for Planned Parenthood. She said McAuliffe "understands how vitally impor-

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baby piglets. The family built the barn using lumber they milled themselves from their property. The upper level houses the corn mill and feed. The hogs are kept in the bottom of the feed barn during the cold months in spacious, high-gauge steel wire pens. The floors are kept clean daily by spraying water and squeegeeing waste to the outside. “Pigs are actually very clean and social animals,” said Rickie. “They use a corner of their pen as a bathroom. They don’t just use the bathroom anywhere,” added Angie.

In the summer the hogs are put in large free-range lots to dig in the dirt and wallow in the mud baths that are provided. “A happy hog is a tender meat hog. A stressed-out hog is a tough meat hog,” said Rickie with a grin.

The hogs are fed milled corn and Big Spring Mill Pork Maker pellets. “We buy our whole kernel corn from the Walls Dairy Farm out of Blacksburg, and our pellets from Big Spring Mill out of Elliston. The same people who make Virginia’s Best Flour,” offered Rickie. The kernel corn is milled on-site and mixed proportionately with pellets before feeding.

“We do not add antibiotics, growth hormones or use weight retention compounds. These are corn-fed hogs. They are raised as humanely and naturally as possible,” said Rickie.

“We feed our hogs from the ground,” said Rickie. “We don’t feed from troughs. They are so large they would easily destroy them,” offered Angie. “But really, you raise a better hog if they compete for food,” said Rickie.

“We work closely with our veterinarian, Dr. Larry Taylor from the Wythe County Animal Clinic. He is one of the few vets in the area that will come to a farm that only raises hogs,” said Rickie.

“Our eighteen-year-old son, Warren gets up early every morning without being told and feeds before school,” said Rickie. Rickie works a 40-hour work week at Fortive in Radford and leaves early for work. “He is a good kid,” says Rickie. “This isn’t what he wants to do full time, but he enjoys it.”

Stump Ridge Farm hogs are processed by Washington County Meat Packing in Bristol. The plant is USDA certified and has an USDA agent on hand at their processing plant.

Hogs arrive live at the processing plant. They are inspected, euthanized, tested for disease and hung for a day. If they pass all testing they are worked up and wrapped.

“Our hogs have never failed a USDA inspection,” said Angie proudly.

All meat comes frozen from the processor and is placed in industrial size freezers on the farm. Stump Ridge Farm products include sausage, ground pork, pork chops, boneless sliced tenderloin, uncured bacon (Rickie has a quick cure method he would be glad to share), ham steaks, roasts, ribs, country style ribs, back bones, brats (Sweet, Italian, Polish sausage, Hot, Italian, Braunschweig or Chorizo), and fat for a dollar per pound for hunters to add to deer sausage for instance.

Stump Ridge Farm pork is sold locally at Terry Joe Bryson’s Store in Draper; Puckett’s General Store in Hiwassee; Pine Glade Buildings in Dublin (sausage only) and Jim’s Grocery Store in Little Creek. Half hog and whole hog orders, and specialty orders must be placed through the farm.

And yes, the Crandalls also sell directly to the public. You may place an order by phone by calling 540-616-7866 and then arrange to meet at the farm or another location for pick up. Stump Ridge Farm also sells their products year-round at the Salem and Roanoke Farmer’s Markets, and seasonally at the Pulaski, Rural Retreat, Wythe County and Radford Farmers Markets.

Stump Ridge Hog Farm is located at 3051 Bryant Lane, Pulaski.

The Crandalls also have a grown son, James who is a graduate student at the University of Kentucky School of Law. The family attends Parrot United Methodist Church.

A sample of the milled corn that is feed to the hogs along with pork maker pellets.
progress" in their academic curricula for two years before you can reapply to play in the school's sports teams. They would also like to have a process of same-immunization status not being a barrier to playing on a sports team.

In addition, under HHB 1578, sign-testimonials to the school district that had the right to decide whether schools would be able to offer square dancing. It was the group's hope that schools would welcome its high school sports programs to include square dancing. This is an unusual measure that amounted to a major critique of the system even more.

- February 13, 2017 - Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Work Session - Pulaski County Information Technology and EOC Training

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JESSIE W. SPENCER, SR.

JESSIE W. SPENCER, SR., 77, of Brookmont Rd., Pulaski, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 18, 2017. He was Poppy Wayne to his grandchildren, Riley and Addison, of Arlington, Virginia.

Surviving are a sister Agnes Vickie of Pulaski, S tacey C. Perry W. Gray and his wife, Ann Gray of West Unity , Ohio; three sons, Dan Daniel (Danny) Gray of Roanoke and his wife Terri; David (Buddy) Gray of Knifley , Kentucky. His father, Issac J. Gray of Roanoke, passed away on March 16, 1962; in Pulaski.  He was Poppy Wayne to his grandchildren, Riley and Addison, of Arlington, Virginia.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Ruby G. Sims Spencer; his brother Rob and sister in law Janie Walter; his daughter Abby Gray and one great-grandchild to be here in March.

Daniel was a member of the Moose and a member of the Masonic Pythagoras Lodge #239 in Pulaski.

For women's rights advocates, "It won't stand for it," said Anna Sarver, executive director of the Family Foundation. "If there's one initiative that we stand behind, it is the Parental Bodily Autonomy Act, and we are glad that Gov. McAuliffe agrees."
Obamacare: One Sick Law

Obamacare is failing the American people and their families. The American people want it stopped and fixed, not more of the same.

Our healthcare system is a failure, and we are seeing insurance companies flee Obamacare, leaving even less choice and leaving families unable to afford coverage. I am asking every local insurer that has yet to announce a departure to do just that.

When Humana announced its departure from the Obamacare marketplace, they cited “narrow signups” as a reason. After Humana’s departure, Aetna CEO called the law a “death spiral” and stated that “it’s not going to get any better; it’s getting worse.”

From the beginning, the healthcare law was flawed. To keep Obamacare running this long, the Obama Administration had to repeatedly rework parts of the plan, trying to compensate for problems that were poorly written and flowed in design. They even hid those redesigned efforts from government oversight.

Here you have ever seen a “do-over”? Have you ever seen a group of people in government try to back in time and make one small adjustment? The answer is no! That’s why (except One) probably has left this job at the end of the year. I am not here to say that we are all perfect or are always right. In fact, any family can lead to big consequences and even ruin lives. Even President Obama is capable of making mistakes. TakeCare, attention.

We have yet to see a cure to this broken system. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office. You can call my office and be assured that you will have a person who cares about your health and is willing to take the time to listen. I am committed to improvement America’s ailing healthcare system.

You feel for those suffering the most before that gets to be made. In small adjustments. I would expect that every uninsured family’s health.

I am here to work, not to work. I am here to lead and to fight for the people of Colorado and Southwest Virginia.

I stand with the people of the 9th District. We must stop this failure. We must stop and fix what has not worked.

We need a new healthcare law that focuses on choice and responsibility. We need a new healthcare law that is affordable and will lower premiums.

I am calling on other local health insurance companies to declare that they will no longer participate in 2018.

I am calling for comprehensive tax reform. We need a fair and simple tax code to help create jobs and grow our economy.

I am calling for a strong national defense. We must remain the world’s leader in protecting our freedom and our way of life.

I am calling for a strong and independent judiciary. We must ensure that our courts remain independent and impartial.

Finally, I am calling for a balanced budget. Federal spending must be brought under control and paid for with hard work, not borrowed money.

Of course, you have a big decision to make, a reaction to a time of trial, a moment of reckoning. This explosion and immeasurable loss in 1986 of the Challenger Space Shuttle was estimated to be $5.5 billion, inflation adjusted, it would be $165.6 billion.

The next step of the process will be to gauge the interest of the localities. Various state and federal agencies will be interested in the plan than the entire state.

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American Legion to have breakfast.

American Legion Post #87 will have breakfast on Sunday, February 26th. Everyone is invited to partake in coffee, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy. There will be fried chicken for those who want it. It will be served from 7 am to 11 am. Call 765-725-4909 for more information. P.O. Box 21, Luray, VA 22835

March 6

Count Pulaski Chapter of the DAR to meet

The Count Pulaski Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 6, at the Radcliffe Transportation Museum in Pulaski. Betty Kirkner will be the speaker/program director. For more information contact Regent Carol Smith at champ@bellsouth.net or (540) 980-5217.

March 7

Learn to Square Dance

Free Western square dance lessons will be offered at the New River Squires on March 6 and March 13 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Church. Come for our Square Dance Open House and try this fun exercise dance form. Rules of contact information can be found at www.newrivervalley.org or carol@newrivervalley.org or (276) 382-4531. The New River Squires is located at 1018 East Main St., Pulaski. For more information, please call 540-951-0091 or ntempleton@verizon.net.

March 8

PC Extension Service to host Apple Gardening Workshop

The Pulaski County Extension Service will be hosting an Apple Gardening Workshop on March 8 at 6 p.m. If you are interested in participating please contact the Pulaski Extension Office at 540-768-7741 by March 20, 2017.

March 10

New River County School of 1970 planning 47th Reunion

The Pulaski High School Class of 1970 is planning their 47th Reunion. Please contact Debbi Harrell (Director) at 540-994-6006 or 540-768-7741 for more information.

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March 30

Pulaski Daily Bread in need of bread.

Daily Bread is in need of servers on several different days, so if you can spare a few hours a week you may contact Debbs Harrell (Director) at 540-768-7741 or go to 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Family Support Group for the Losses in Our Lives

Pulaski 2 sessions are available each month. Times are from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. transportation to be provided. Call 980-5233.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group at VHR Valley Harvest Ministries in Pulaski. A Christian-based support group for people who are working through hurts, habits and hang-ups. The support group is open to anyone. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. Please call 980-5233 for more information on schedule and times.

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What would you do if someone began to push you against your will? Would you ever draw near to the Lord and tell Him, "I want you to be spiritually strong, or to yield to temptation?"

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FOR SALE:
McAuliffe vetoes two concealed weapons bills

By MeganCorsano CapitalNewsService

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The first bill, HB 1582, members of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors to travel with the superintendent to tour Wilson Middle School in August County, VA at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

The participating school board members and superintendent will then travel to Gloucester County to tour Page Middle School at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

For additional information, please contact Mrs. Brenda Crawford, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, at 540-994-2519.

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State lawmakers pass law celebrity

By TylerWoodall CapitalNewsService

RICHMOND - Laser hair removal in Virginia would have to be done under the supervision of a doctor or other health professional, according to a bill signed into law Monday by the governor.

HB 2119, sponsored by Del. Mark Keam, D-Vienna, would require that a hair removal treatment be performed by a medical doctor, physician assistant or nurse practitioner – or a "properly trained person" working under one of those professionals.

Virginia and New York are the only states that allow people who aren't health professionals to perform laser hair removal.

Thirty states require at least some supervision by a physician during the treatment.

The push for regulation in Virginia began in 2016 when a constituent came to Keam with a horror story about a hair removal treatment performed by a spa employee who turned out to be a janitor.

Keam’s bill passed the House of Delegates, 90-7, on Feb. 3 and the Senate, 25-15, on Monday. It now goes to Gov. Terry McAuliffe for his signature. If approved, the law would take effect July 1.

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STATE LAWMAKERS PASS LAW REGULATING LASER HAIR REMOVAL

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Shayne Graham: I remember Saturday, Nov. 28, 1992

Former Cougar, Hokie and NFL kicker Shayne Graham on the Graham during a Cougar game this past season.

It you step by the field house, check out the plaque of the 1992 state title team. Shayne was a little kid.

He was standing beside Dobbs on the sidewalk. He simply said, “Shayne can do this.” It was a 22-yard field goal, not the longest in the world, but it was into the teeth of a torn wind, punting all the way to 40 miles per hour, and it was from an angle on the left hash. He hit it, dead center, never a doubt, right down the sideline, and Pulaski County went nuts.

I remember the afterglow—very, very satisfying story, and one that Pulaski County should be very proud of.

At all levels, Shayne kicked field goals in his career, high school, college, and pro. Those that were, but always the one I will remember him the best for was in 1992. He was just a tucked little face in a pile of Packers. That was one time he kicked nothing, red hair, and he ran like a gazelle.

It was the state semi-final in Virginia AAA, District 6. Pulaski County was playing Robinson Secondary, the largest school in the state, for a berth in the state championship.

It was cold, very windy, and against the breaks had gone against the Cougars, but down the field they came. A couple of crucial scores to Eric Webb in the backfield, a couple of extra points. Shayne kicked 26 field goals this season. He was perfect.

You can win by kicking the piñata. His longest was 54 yards against Anderson. Ironically, the only time I ever remember him missing a kick in Dobson Stadium was four years ago during an alumni game, but it wasn’t because he couldn’t hold a good snap, and it wasn’t at the same time, but in no surprise, Shayne didn’t complain. Just pointed it out and said, “I should also be mentioned that Shayne was the kicker during a period of time when the Cougars football program was functioning at its highest level. The Cougars scored a lot of touchdowns. During normal times, Graham might have kicked 50 field goals for PCS. The teams during Graham’s time were worse than CALLAHAN, page A14.

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Earnhardt, a three-time DAYTONA 500 winner, qualified second for Sunday’s race, a mere .008 second behind Chase Elliott. In 34 total starts at “The House of Speed,” he has six wins, 13 top-fives and 19 top-10s.

Sunday’s race marks the sixth time an Earnhardt will follow a pole-winning Elliott on the starting grid. NASCAR Hall of Farmer Dale Earnhardt (Dale’s father) started second to fellow NASCAR Hall of Farmer Bill Elliott (Chase’s father) in five Monster NASCAR Cup series races, the last in 1995 at Phoenix.

Earnhardt leads active drivers with four runner-up finishes in the DAYTONA 500.

Hamlin Hoping For DAYTONA 500 Repeat

Denny Hamlin provided one of the most dramatic victories in the history of the DAYTONA 500 last season when he passed Martin Truex Jr. to take the checkered flag by the race’s closest-ever margin of victory (.010 seconds).

The No. 11 Toyota driver will attempt to become only the third driver to win back-to-back DAYTONA 500s: Richard Petty (1973-74), Dale Earnhardt (1990-91), and Cale Yarborough (1983-84) and Sterling Marlin (1994-95).

Chasing History: Jimmie Johnson Launches Drive For Eighth Title

Jimmie Johnson joined two veins of stock car racing last season when he used NASCAR Hall of Famers Dale Earnhardt and Richard Petty with his seventh Monster NASCAR Cup Series championship.

Now, hellbent to pass them as he goes for his right title. The 41-year-old Californian has shown no signs of slowing down. He’s won at least four races for the last five seasons and multiple races in all of his 15 titles Monster NASCAR Cup Series campaigns.

For his career, he has 80 wins, 218 top-five and 330 top-10 finishes.

Past Monster NASCAR Cup Series Champions Chase First DAYTONA 500 Win

Last season, three-time Monster NASCAR Cup Series champion Tony Stewart retired with every title you could think of—except DAYTONA 500 winner.

This year, three Monster NASCAR Cup Series drivers are in the mix for the first time.

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Hokies go to 4-0 in baseball with win over Marshall

Virginia Tech’s baseball team celebrates beating Marshall in Blacksburg, 7-0.

BLACKSBURG - Connor Coward threw six scoreless innings and Sam Fragale knocked in another two runs to help the Virginia Tech baseball team to a 7-0 victory over Marshall in nonconference action at English Field at Union Park.

With the win, the Hokies improve to 4-0 on the season, their first 4-0 start since the 2013 season and their second straight home-opening shutout—they blanked ETSU 1-0 last year.

Marshall falls to 1-3.

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“Hichristian” and “Dakota” appear to be part of the word “Virginia,” but it is not clear how it fits in the context.

Virginia Tech guard Seth Allen drained a 3-pointer with 3.8 seconds left to play to carry the Hokies to a 71-70 victory over Clemson in an ACC game played Tuesday night at Virginia Tech Carilion Court.

Zach LeDay scored 19 points to lead the Hokies (19-8, 8-7 ACC), who also beat the Tigers by a point on Jan. 22. Tech won for the third time in four games and moved to 14-1 at home this season.

In addition, the Hokies continued their penchant for winning close games, moving to 7-3 this season in games decided by five points or less.

"The line is obviously very thin, maybe almost invisible for the most part," Virginia Tech coach Buzz Williams said. "The value of every possession on both ends is monumental. With the complexion of our roster the way it is … whatever the adjective is in the thesaurus above monumental, that's what it is for us."

"Incredibly grateful and thankful — because it could easily be the other way."

Clemson (14-13, 4-11) trailed by as many as seven in the second half, but took a 70-68 lead when Marcquise Reed hit a baseline jumper with 21.6 seconds left. Out of a timeout, Allen missed a layup with 10 seconds left, and LeDay got the rebound, but the ball was knocked out of his hands and went out of bounds off Clemson.

With no timeouts left, Williams called for a play that the Hokies ran earlier in the game. Justin Robinson threw the ball in to Allen, who used a LeDay screen and buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

"There was no 'first' option," Allen said. "The first option was the play on the other side, and that didn't work (when Allen missed the layup). Then it went out of bounds. I was supposed to pass it to him, but then it's like, 'you go on the block.' We just passed it in.

Allen finished with eight points, scoring most of the first half on the bench after picking up his second foul with a little more than 10 minutes left in the half. Jemin Batts added 12 points, hitting four 3-pointers on an evening when the Hokies hit 13 — their third straight game in which they’ve hit at least 10.

"I don’t know," Williams said when asked if his team was getting better. "I mean this with all sincerity. I’m just trying to manage all that’s going on. Those guys are, they understand what’s going on. They want to do right. How long can we practice? What do we need to practice? Three games last week in seven days, two of them on the road. We haven’t been in a great rhythm but, as best we can, we’ve been trying to stay in a routine relative to the schedule.

"I do hope that all of our teams improve after Valentine’s Day because I think that’s what good teams do. I don’t know if we’re a good team, but I think we’re good at fighting. I think we’re good at caring for one another. I think we’re good at playing at a one-star level.

"I don’t know."
Virginia reservoirs ranked for largemouth bass fishing

From Va. Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries

DOF aquatic biologists spend considerable effort and resources to manage, enhance, and protect largemouth bass populations in Virginia’s public fishing reservoirs, lakes, and ponds. Most of these reservoirs are managed, enhanced, and protected largemouth bass populations in Virginia’s public fishing reservoirs, lakes, and ponds. Most of these reservoirs are

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