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Report to the Craig County Board of Supervisors July 2, 2026

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Swann Compressor Station

Thanks to the work of POWHR (Protect our Water Heritage and Rights) and the 2022 Elliston-Lafayette household study, conducted by Virginia Tech researchers, the Virginia Air quality permit for the compressor station has been paused. This is good news in that the entire process has screeched to a halt until MVP submits a new application. The details are attached below including a cover letter from POWHR to FERC and the recent Roanoke Times article.
How this affects Craig County remains to be seen but we now have documentation from FERC that Alternate site 1 is unsuitable. The application process and environmental review would have to start over before selecting a new location (i.e. an alternate site) for their desired compressor station.

Hanging Rock Raptor Observatory Report

Preserve Craig will sponsor a fundraising event for the Hanging Rock Observatory in September. The access road has been built for bringing in building materials. Friends of Monroe is accepting donations for the project so consider giving in the name of your favorite ornithologist!

Dark Sky Community

Harry Kessler met with the Town of New Castle this month to answer any questions about becoming a Dark Sky Community. Preserve Craig will purchase a light meter for recording our skies. We are in the process of researching flexible ordinances that might be applicable to our community.

Artivism

The Artivism Tapestry is finished and will be displayed first in Lenny McDonald's office. Look for it around town as a reminder to keep our skies dark.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Marge Lewter