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Sergeant Tim Wright, Sheriff Matt Ward, Accreditation Manager Deputy William Bentley, and VLEPSC Program Manager Todd Clingenpeel stand with BCSO's certificate of recognition for its fifth VLEPSC re-accreditation last week in Daleville.

Sheriff's Office earns fifth VLEPSC re-accreditation

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The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office received its fifth re-accreditation award last Thursday at the County Administration Building in Daleville. The county played host to the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) meeting. Botetourt County Sheriff Matt Ward is currently one of the state's 12 commissioners.

Executive board members consisting of six active sheriffs and six chiefs of police establish professional standards and administer the accreditation process by which Virginia agencies

are systematically measured, evaluated, and updated. The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) manages the day-to-day operations for the commission.

The Sheriff's Office was reviewed through an evaluation of over 189 files consisting of thousands of comprehensive standards and best practices the agency was required to meet. In addition to file reviews, personal interviews were conducted with various staff members, reflecting all ranks levels and assignments. The assessment resulted in 100% compliance with all program standards under the

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HFI Holiday Home Tour this Saturday

The Town of Fincastle will really be rockin' this weekend with the continuation of the beautifully decorated Tinsel Trail, and with Historic Fincastle, Inc. presenting its Holiday Home Tour & Artists/Crafters Marketplace on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Marketplace opens at 9:30 where visitors can shop and then purchase their tickets to visit the four homes whose doors will open at 10. Some tickets will also be available for sale at the homes on display.

Veterans of the HFI Home Tour, take heart! The homes this year are basically brand new to the event:

"Oakland": This beautiful early 19th century farmhouse,

furnished with many antiques, has a lovely, long driveway leading to the home. It has had three owners since the early 1800s: McFerrins, Muses, and the current owner, Jim Lambert.

"324 Madine Way": Built in 1919, this craftsman bungalow is the home of new residents to town, Sharon and David Lloyd. Since moving here from Boston, the Lloyds have spent many hours refurbishing this wonderful example of the craftsman style homes that were built in Fincastle during the period around 1920.

"Meadow View": This brick ranch home overlooks beautiful meadows and views of the majestic Shenandoah Valley. Built circa 1991, it is now a showcase for the

regional antiques collected by the owners, Karen and Alan Pannick over the past 40+ years.

"Rustic Lodge": This is the home that some loyal, long-time attendees may recognize. However, after not having been on the December tours for many years, and with new owners, you will truly be visiting a new home. Documents show that Rustic Lodge dates back to 1779, and is now the home of Cheryl and Gary Radliff.

HFI Artists and Crafters Marketplace: Once again, this free, indoor Marketplace will be open from 9:30 until 3 for holiday shoppers. It is held in the gym/auditorium of the Fincastle Baptist Church and will showcase

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324 Madine Way



Meadow View

PHOTOS COURTESY OF HFI

Breckinridge students present art to JDR Court



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Breckinridge students Leya Crawford, Emma DeVillo, and Kensie Kaufman (front) presented artwork to the staff of Botetourt County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court last week. Their artwork is currently displayed in the atrium of the courthouse.

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County Board approves budget amendment on broadband expansion

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing about an amendment to the FY24 budget for the second Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) county/Lumos broadband project during the December meeting in Daleville last Tuesday. For the last couple of years, the county and Lumos have partnered to bring residents the fastest fiber optic internet to hard-to-reach homes and small businesses.

The board approved the proposed amendment to the FY24 county budget for an appropriation from the County Undesignated General Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,965,206.70 to Economic

Development Authority (EDA) Transfers.

Lumos Senior Director of Market Development John Spielman, along with engineering team members Dan McCallister and Shandie Bradshaw, gave a presentation highlighting "internet built for the future."

Spielman shared photos of Lumos leadership with county leadership from previous meetings and activities throughout the year. He commended County Communications Director Tiffany Bradbury for creating a library of stakeholder engagement tools that better

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Images from the 2023 Fincastle Christmas Parade



The Town of Fincastle held their annual Christmas Parade last Saturday.



Santa and Mrs. Claus make their way down Main Street.

PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

The Town of Fincastle held the annual Christmas Parade last Saturday. Floats representing numerous county organizations, businesses, churches and schools

rolled along the streets of Fincastle spreading holiday cheer.

This year's parade featured floats and fun provided by

Grand Marshal Joan Boothe, Botetourt County Sheriff

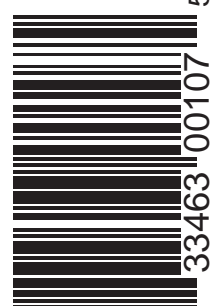
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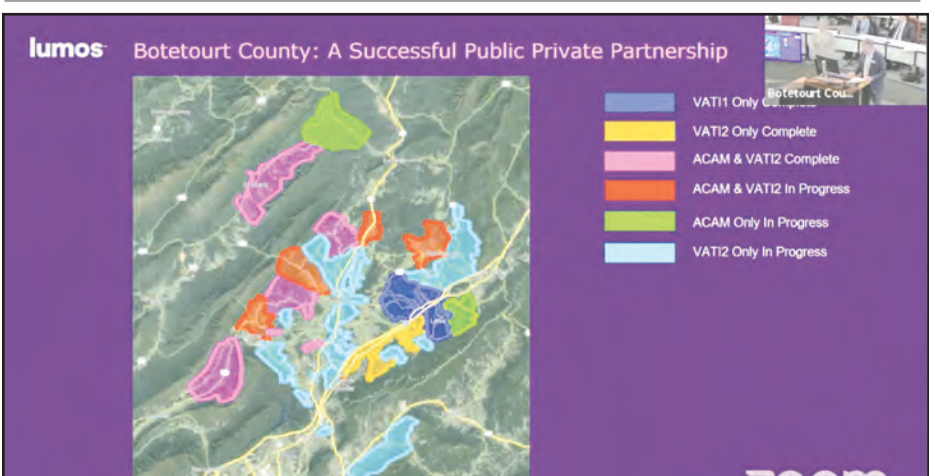


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Broadband

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Lumos provided a map of current grant-funded broadband projects at the supervisors meeting. The service provider has brought fiber to 1,239 grant-funded homes since 2021 with a remaining 2,173 homes to reach as the projects still progress.

educate residents about the fiber projects and what it will do for the area.

“(The library tools) really help keep residents informed,” Spielman noted. “Everyone wants broadband built yesterday, but the more we’re able to communicate on the status of projects, the more we cut down on some of those inquiries. We’ve noticed a dropped in inquiries so we know these tools are working.”

Lumos worked with the county to leverage the Alternative Connect America Cost Model (ACAM) and VATI funding over the last few years. The service provider has brought fiber to 1,239 grant-funded homes with a remaining 2,173 homes to reach as the projects still progress.

In 2021, the county received the first portion of VATI funding thanks to more than \$29.6 million in grants. That grant funding supported five projects that will connect more than 11,700 households, businesses, and anchor institutions to broadband service once completed, and leveraged over \$34 million in private and local investments.

According to the county, per an agreement dated Nov. 1, 2022, between the Virginia Department of Housing and Development (DHCD) and Botetourt County (Grantee), the county was awarded by the DHCD a grant amount of \$3,084,796.00 through the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) within the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. As part of the agreement, Botetourt will partner with Lumos Networks for a

broadband construction project to provide access to broadband services to expand and improve these services to citizens. In particular, internet provided to 1,901 serviceable units including 43 businesses in the towns of Buchanan, Fincastle, and Troutville as well as areas within the county.

Last Tuesday’s meeting agenda item pertained to the third invoice received from Lumos totaling \$3,332,721.00. Based on the budgeted allocation of product costs pertaining to this invoice, \$854,637.30 would be provided by the VATI grant and \$1,110,569.40 would be provided by the county contribution (both figures exclude a 10% retainage factor). Since both the VATI grant and the county contribution will be passed through from the county to the EDA and then to Lumos, this required an amendment to the FY2023-2024 county budget in the amount of \$1,965,206.70.

It should be noted that the entire amount of the county contribution (\$2,602,514.00) for this broadband project will be completely covered by the utilization of Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds received by the county.

Board Chair Mac Scothorn thanked Spielman and his team’s efforts while they continue working on complete the county’s broadband expansion.

For more from last week’s Board of Supervisors meeting, visit the county’s YouTube page at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQi3_qjpMS4.

Parade

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Floyd Ward School of Dance entertained the parade attendees.



First Bank brought out the Christmas cheer with its decorative float.



PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

Botetourt 4-H Honey Bee Club is buzzing about the holiday season.

Color Guard, Attic Productions, Lord Botetourt Marching Band, Fincastle Baptist Church, First Bank, James River Marching Band, James River Booster Club, Premier Home Medical, 4-H Honey Bee Club, Floyd Ward School of Dance, Robin Thompson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Fincastle Fire & Rescue, Brent Hershey State Farm, Buchanan Fire & Rescue, Troutville Fire & Rescue, Botetourt 4-H Robotics, Harmony Equestrian Center, Star City Corvettes, Lord Botetourt FFA, Breezkrest Farm, Old Jail Gifts, Sink’s Septic Tank Services, and First 1X Coffee.

Winners in the December 2 Fincastle Christmas Parade were:

- Non-Religious
 - 1st place - First Bank
 - 2nd place - 4-H Honey Bees Club
 - 3rd place - Breezkrest Farm
 - 4th place - Floyd Ward School of Dance

- Religious
 - 1st place – (tie) Fincastle Baptist Church and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

- Fincastle Herald staff report

HIGHLAND Santa

Santa Noel is **NOW BOOKING** for private home visits and commercial appearances.

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Holiday Home Tour

4 local homes open for you to tour - 10 am - 4 pm
Tickets Available at the Marketplace
Cost: \$20 per person (\$15 per HFI Member)

MARKETPLACE

Free Art & Craft Show Held at Fincastle Baptist Church
7330 Roanoke Road - 9:30 am - 3 pm

Saturday, December 9th

Presenting Sponsor

Bank of Botetourt

Tinsel Trail shimmers and sparkles in Fincastle

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The Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce held the fourth annual Tinsel Trail kickoff in partnership with First Bank last Friday night in Fincastle. Several Christmas trees are currently on display in front of the county courthouse, Chamber offices, and along Wysong Park. Local businesses and organizations gathered last week decorating their respective Tannenbaums for county residents to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

Chamber President David Williams rang in the holiday festivities by thanking the crowd who gathered for the kickoff event and spoke of the history involved in the establishment of Fincastle. He also recognized First Bank for being the event’s primary sponsor for the fourth year in a row.

“Botetourt and Fincastle are just amazing,” Williams noted. “Being a history buff, there is so much going on here... There are so many neat things going on, so enjoy your time, wander about, and get to know a little bit about the town and our area. Merry Christmas!”

The Tinsel Trail’s decorated trees remain on display throughout the month of December.



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

The Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce kicked off the fourth annual Tinsel Trail presented by First Bank in Fincastle last weekend.

Botetourt County History

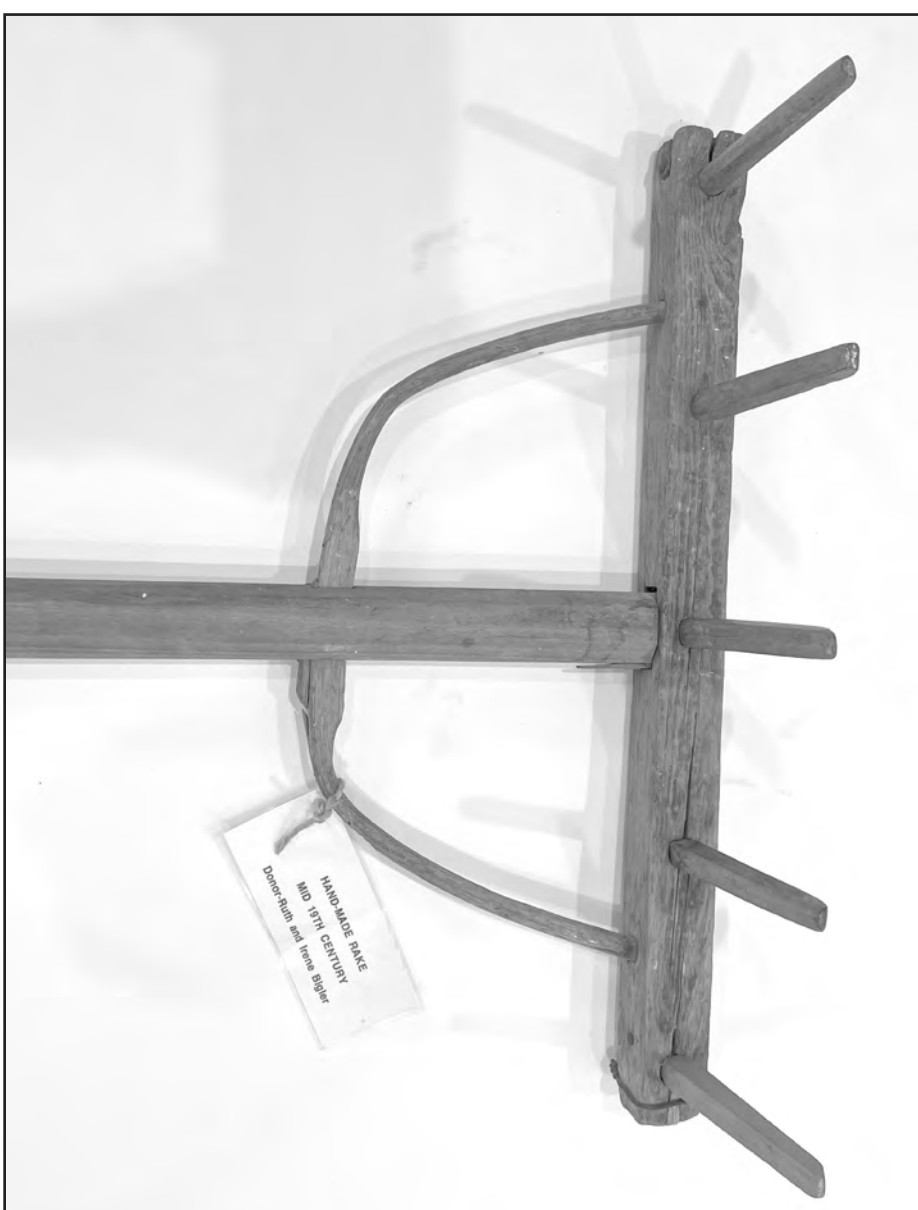


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Having punch and punch cups like these were important when entertaining family and friends in the past. They are also popular today. Peggy Bolton Wise donated 12 of these cut glass punch cups to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture. They belonged to Pearl Bowyer Stevens, who was the longtime secretary of Fincastle Baptist Church when it was on Main Street in Fincastle. Her son, Garland Stevens, was the curator of the Botetourt County Museum for many years when it was located behind the Botetourt Courthouse.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN RIDDLE

The Craig Creek Christmas Star is once again shining bright off of Craig Creek Road toward Roaring Run.

Craig Creek Christmas Star shines again

Everyone is invited to come and see Botetourt's own star, in the Craigs Creek valley, again this year.

Located two miles off Route 220 at Eagle Rock, it can be seen driving up Craig Creek Road toward Roaring Run. The 15-foot-wide frame structure is located half way up the ridge above the valley. The tradition was started by John Riddle, on his property in the 1960s, and is continued by Kevin Riddle today.

Originally, the metal frame was mounted on a fixed pole, and one had to use a ladder to maintain the wiring and bulbs during the lighting season. It was originally Kevin's job to climb the

ladder, 25 feet up in the air, and change the bulbs while his father held the ladder down below.

Several years ago, Kevin reconditioned the entire apparatus by designing and building a hinged type mounting base to make maintenance easier. The pattern of 50 individual bulbs was also changed to LEDs to make them brighter.

The Christmas Star will be illuminated throughout the season until New Year's Eve to remind all of the meaning of the season. Everyone is invited to come out to see and enjoy it.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Celtic Christmas music by Kinnfolk and Appalachian Piping Academy this Saturday

"A Celtic Christmas" featuring local Irish music group Kinnfolk along with special guests Appalachian Piping Academy will take place on Saturday, December 9 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville. The festive evening celebrating the Christmas season begins at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Kinnfolk, noted for their lively Irish jigs and reels as well as Celtic-inspired Christmas tunes,

will fill the church with the joyful sounds and joining them as special guests will be the pipers and drummers of the Appalachian Piping Academy. The academy trains students of all ages in the rich tradition of bagpiping and takes part in many of the area parades.

Tickets are \$20 and free for children under 5. All proceeds from the concert will go to support The Agape Center in its efforts

to aid families in need in the Roanoke area and the ministry programs at St. Mark's.

For more details and ticket information, visit the ticketing page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/736884440197> or the event page on Facebook at <https://fb.me/e/1uz9OIIqw>.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Christmas Barbies on display at Botetourt Museum of History & Culture



You know it's the holiday season when Christmas Barbies are on display by the Botetourt County Historical Society! There are Barbie and Ken dolls from the 1960s, an original dollhouse, boxed originals, books, posters, and even a Barbie Cadillac that can be used for a photo op!

Barbara Millicent Roberts, who would become known as the worldwide pop culture symbol: Barbie, was "born" in 1959 during New York's Toy Fair in her iconic black-and-white striped swimsuit. Ken would follow shortly after, debuting in 1961.

Barbie has gone on to have over 250 careers, including: astronaut, pilot, doctor, and firefighter to name a few, beginning during a time when women were starting to yearn for fulfillment and success outside of the home.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BCHS

Mattel would release Barbie's friend, Christie, the first Black doll in 1968. Finally, in 1980, the first Black and Hispanic Barbies would be unveiled, with Asian Barbie following in 1981.

Barbie has become an icon to children around the world and is a wonderful source of nostalgia for many. BCHS welcomes families to the museum

this holiday season to share in this festive, fun display!

There is a Barbie dollhouse and dolls also on view that's hands-on friendly!

Learn about your family and culture at the museum - what would nostalgia be without our love of history?

- Botetourt County Historical Society

Congressman Cline staff in Fincastle December 26

A member of Congressman Ben Cline's staff will hold mobile office hours at the Fincastle Library, 11 Academy Street, on Tuesday, December 26, from 3-4:30 p.m. The staff member will be available to meet with citizens to assist with problems they might have with a federal agency and hear their views on current issues before Congress.

- Office of Congressman Ben Cline

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Portraying the Cratchit family in "A Christmas Carol" are (at left) Katherine Lawson, Tim Habla, and Rory Grant. Wendy Claunch (center) is Scrooge; and clown characters who help tell the classic story are Katie Miner, Kaiya Hoagland, and Preston Pauley. The actors all play multiple roles as the story unfolds.

'A Christmas Carol' opens Thursday at Attic

Attic Productions' holiday show is an adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic story, "A Christmas Carol" by Doris Baizley. This show will be presented at Attic's D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, December 7-10 and 14-17. Thursday and Friday shows begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30.

A talented group of actors will present this inventive adaptation of the classic Dickens story. As a company of

traveling actors, they must improvise with limited supplies and props as a magical world of make-believe unfolds. All of the classic elements of the story are included.

Adult tickets are \$15, students and groups of 10 or more are \$12 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. A \$2 convenience fee per ticket will be added if paying with a card.

Tickets may be purchased on the Attic Productions website by visiting www.atticproductions.info. For questions or assistance

with purchasing tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001. Volunteers are staffing the box office Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Leave a message at other times and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

This show is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service. Partial funding support comes from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

- Attic Productions

Botetourt Retired Educators will meet Dec. 11

The Botetourt Retired Educators will meet on Monday, December 11, at the Catawba Masonic Lodge at 14 Academy Street in Fincastle. It is located directly beside the Family Life Center of Fincastle United Methodist Church. The group had originally planned to meet at the church, but there is a heating problem at the Family Life Center. The women of the church will be preparing the meal at a cost of \$17 per person. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting

starting at 11. If you are planning to eat, please let Susan Martin (540-473-2636 or susanmartin730@gmail.com) know by Sunday, December 3.

All retired educators living in the area are welcome to attend. Dues (\$35) may be paid at any meeting. This meeting will be the final one for collecting scholarship money for the 2023 scholarships. Members will be celebrating the holiday with music by students from the Botetourt Music Academy. New members are always welcome.

- Botetourt Retired Educators

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week Meet Duke



Duke is a young tri-color Beagle from RCACP. He's very playful and a runner, so he will need plenty of exercise. He is neutered, up to date on vaccines and heartworm negative.

The LAP Shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

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UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Card Making for EMS

We're #BOCOGrateful for our Botetourt County Emergency Services! Drop by any library branch this month to fill out a holiday card, and we'll deliver all of them weekly to EMS.

Win fun prizes and enjoy social time with this popular game. Offered in partnership with Valley Medicare Solutions and Botetourt County Parks & Recreation.

Music & Cookies in the Library

Sat, Dec 9, 11am, Buchanan
Mon, Dec 11, 3pm, Eagle Rock
Wed, Dec 13, 10am, Blue Ridge

Enjoy holiday music and decorate cookies.

Eclectic Readers

Thu, Dec 7, 6:30-7:30pm, Fincastle - "The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue" by V.E. Schwab
Wed, Dec 13, 10:30-11:30am, Fincastle - "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Setterfield

Iron Furnaces of Botetourt

Thu, Dec 7, 6:30pm, Blue Ridge
Tue, Dec 12, 4pm, Fincastle

Join Ed McCoy to learn about the iron furnaces built to process ore from the late 1700s into the early 1900s, how they contributed to Botetourt's development, and where they are today.

Little Explorers

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am, Fincastle

Toddlers explore the world around them through educational and soft play toys while parents and caregivers get grown-up social time.

Outdoor Book Club

Tue, Dec 12, 11:30am-1pm, Troutville Town Park

Join a leisurely 20-minute group walk around Troutville Town Park, then discuss what you're reading and share book recommendations over warm (or cool) beverages at One Love Coffee across the street (group discount provided).

Youth Chess Club

Tuesdays, 4-5:30pm, Eagle Rock
Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm, Blue Ridge

Learn the basics of chess while expanding your critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Offered in partnership with Botetourt County Parks & Recreation. Call 540-928-2900 to register.

Senior Bingo

Thu, Dec 14, 1-2pm, Fincastle

Holiday Hours

All library branches will close at noon on Friday, December 22, and will reopen for normal hours on Tuesday, December 26.

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for November 28-December 3:

- Steven R. Fowler, 29, of Salem, possession of Schedule drugs, possession of a firearm with drugs, possession of a concealed weapon, November 28
- Dustin J. Reid, 34, of Roanoke, drunk in public, November 29
- Isreal Martinez-Loredo, 27, of Roanoke, reckless driving, no operator's license, December 1
- Darrel W. Carroll, 53, of Troutville, drunk in public, December 1
- Bernice G. McCarty, 59, of Fincastle, inhaling drugs or chemicals, December 3
- John A. McCarty, 59, of Fincastle, domestic assault, December 3

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CLUES ACROSS

- Chop up
- Ones who utilize
- Sings with closed lips
- South American hummingbird
- Serves as a coxswain
- Liquor distilled from coconut or rice
- Spur
- Senile
- Tanzanian people
- Cruel
- Boxing's "GOAT"
- Yokels
- London soccer team
- Chinese chess piece
- Supervises flying
- 007's creator
- Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- A spider makes one
- Liquefied natural gas
- Opaque gem
- Brazilian palm
- Periodical (slang)

CLUES DOWN

- Not low
- Small water buffalo
- A mark left behind
- Archaic form of have
- Fiddler crabs
- Popular Hyundai sedan
- Deport
- Making over
- Midway between south and southeast
- Arabic masculine name
- Type of acid
- Popular 1980s Cher film
- Outdoor enthusiasts' tools
- Chinese city
- "Star Wars" character Solo
- The bill in a restaurant
- Old, ugly witch
- Burn with a hot liquid
- To claim or demand
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- Involuntary muscular contraction
- Pea stems (British)

CLUES ACROSS

- Double or multiple fold
- No longer is
- Lakers' crosstown rivals (abbr.)
- S. American plant cultivated in Peru
- Cloth or fabric
- Flanks
- Disfigure
- Angry
- Baltic coast peninsula
- Large, flightless birds
- Plants of the lily family
- Medieval Norwegian language
- Polio vaccine developer
- Not soft
- Exchange rate
- Voice (Italian)
- Baseball's Ruth
- Famed guitarist
- Clapton
- Take a chance
- Wife
- Elaborate handshake

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(2023) This live-action Christmas musical adventure for the entire family weaves classic Christmas melodies with humor, faith, and new pop songs in a re-telling of the greatest story ever told, the story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus.
(1 hr 38 min)

Fri. & Sat. Dec. 8 & 9
7 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 10
3 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 14
7 p.m.

Purchase gift certificates at the concession stand.

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Spectators invited to 4-H fundraising bird dog fun field trial Saturday and Sunday

The public has an opportunity to watch local pointing bird dogs do what they love during this weekend's Botetourt 4-H Shoot-To-Retrieve Fun Field Trial at Juniper Valley Shooting Preserve, Troutville. Adult pointing dogs will compete on Saturday, Dec. 9 and dogs under 2 years old will compete on Sunday, Dec. 10. Various breeds of bird dogs and their

handlers will run in the judged trial that will be held on part of an eight-acre field that is established as pollinator/quail habitat. Spectators will be able to watch the dogs/handlers from a gallery area a safe distance from the field. The dogs/handlers will be judged on a simple system that includes points, shooting and retrieving on three released quail during

20-minute hunt sessions for each dog. There is no fee for spectators, who are welcome throughout the day. The first dog/handler goes in the field at 8:30 a.m. each day. Breakfast and lunch will be available, and there will be a silent auction during the event. The event is a fundraiser for the Botetourt

4-H Shooting Education and Hunting Skills Club and is sponsored in cooperation with the Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Joel Hoeffner-Mossy Oaks Properties Land and Realty. The private shooting preserve is located

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Artwork from page 1

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Students Leya Crawford, Kensie Kaufman, and Emma DeVillo from Breckinridge Elementary presented finished artwork featuring landscapes of

Botetourt to Judge Paul Tucker at the Botetourt County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court last Thursday. The students brainstormed to create a list of their ideas of Botetourt County landscapes, sketched their ideas, and then practiced. After

visualizing their ideas, the students then chose their colors and imagery for their final projects. Judge Tucker commended the students' color selection and process in developing three lovely pictures. Breckinridge Principal Wyatt Turner and School Counselor

Ashley Albright were on hand representing the school along with the students who provided the artwork. The art project was an idea Tucker had after seeing student artwork adorning the wall of the Roanoke City JDR Court and thought a

similar motif would brighten up the JDR court in Fincastle. A sign on the wall displaying the student artwork notes, "Collectively and individually, these exhibits showcase talented and imaginative young people of whom Botetourt County should be justifiably proud."



Judge Paul Tucker thanks the Breckinridge students for submitting their artwork to the courthouse.



Breckinridge students (left to right) Leya Crawford, Emma DeVillo, and Kensie Kaufman show their finished artwork of landscapes of Botetourt County.

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Botetourt Worship Directory

ANGLICAN
Orchard Hills Church - 6032 Cloverdale Rd. next to Read Mountain Fire Station. Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays. Home group Bible studies available throughout the week. Pastor Scott McLucas, 977-6800. To find out more about Orchard Hills Church go to the website at www.orchardhillschurch.org.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

Troutville Assembly of God, 118 Conner Lane, P.O. Box 728, Troutville, VA 24175, Pastor Dennis Carroll, 540-960-1224, Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Everyone welcome.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Botetourt Church of God of Prophecy - (formerly Flatwoods COGOP & Fincastle COGOP), Roanoke & Academy Streets, Fincastle, Va 24090, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship 11.00 AM, Sun. Evening 6:30 PM, Wed. Evening 7:00 PM, Pastor Peggy Brown, 540-992-3696.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST
Colonial Baptist Church - 221 Hillcrest St., Blue Ridge, VA 24064. Phone 540-977-5683. Senior Pastor Joel A. Wegner; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships; 10:30 a.m. Worship (Nursery, Tots' & Children's Church) - broadcast on Facebook Live; One Sunday evening worship per month at 6 p.m. Wednesday schedule during the school year: 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Studies; 6:45 p.m. WOL Teens, 7 p.m. WOL Gopher Buddies & Olympians (Age 3-Grade 6), 7 p.m. MERGE (College Age). E-mail: office@cbcblueridge.org; website: www.cbcblueridge.org; On Facebook, Instagram, YouTube

Crossroads Baptist Church - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M.

Faith Baptist Church- 4258 Botetourt Rd., 4 miles N. of Fincastle; Dr. John W. Reynolds, pastor- teacher, 473-2325, jwr56fbc@yahoo.com. Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. fincastlefaith.com.

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church- Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., Pastor. 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. 540-556-3504. Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00a.m.

New Hope Baptist Church- 2315 Blue Ridge Blvd. (US 460), 977-6610, Pastor David McNeill; Sunday School, 9:45AM; Worship, 10:45AM, 7PM; Wed., Bible Study 7PM; Kings Kids, 7PM; Daycare and Preschool, Mon-Fri. 6:30AM-6PM.

Valley View Baptist Church- 17471 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Daniel Boone, 254-2760 (church), 254-2570 (H). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM, Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM; Wednesday: Prayer and Youth Ministries, 7 PM, Word Of Life youth ministry for 4 year olds-12th grade Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST
Bonsack Baptist Church - 4845 Cloverdale Rd. (Alt. 220) Dr. Chris Cadenhead, 977-5701, Sunday School, 8:30a.m. and 11a.m.; Worship 9:45a.m.; Wed. Bible study, 6 p.m.

Buchanan Baptist Church - 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all

ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site - buchananbaptist.com; Phone - 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

Daleville Baptist Church- Corner of Valley Rd. and Orchard Dr., 992-1570; Senior Pastor Wes Belcher; Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Youth 6:30 p.m., Children (age 4-5th grade) 6:45 p.m., Bible study & prayer 7:00 p.m.

Fincastle Baptist Church- Located at 7330 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, Rt. 220, 1 mile south of Fincastle, 540-473-2861; www.fincastlebaptist.org; Sr. Pastor Kevin B. Cummings. Sunday Mornings, we offer a dual Bible Study/Worship Service at both 9:00 am and 10:45 am. On Wednesday evenings, we offer events for the entire family: Kids Club (3 years-5th grade) 6:15-7:30 pm; Middle School Ignite (Grades 6-8) 6:15-7:15 pm; Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm; Ignite High School Group (Grades 9-12) 7:45-8:45 pm; and childcare (birth-36 months).

Forest Grove Baptist Church- 693 Mt. Moriah Rd. (Rt. 681), Eagle Rock, Rev. Jerry Marsh, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:35 a.m., Wed., Bible Study 7 p.m.

Glade Creek Baptist Church - 3148 Webster Road, Blue Ridge, Virginia 24064. Pastor Steve McChesney. Phone 540-977-1686 or 540-798-7462. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m., to include Children's Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

Mill Creek Baptist Church -11475 Lee Hwy., Fincastle, 992-3474. Danny Quirin, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday night activities begin at 6pm: Bible study, children and youth activities, choir and handbell rehearsals follow. office@millcreekbc.com

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church - 4930 Country Club Road (corner of Country Club & Haymakertown Roads), 540-992-5556. Pastor Danny Barham. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Worship can also be viewed online at the PHBC Facebook page or on Youtube (PHBCtube). Other activities and schedules can be found at www.phbcweb.com.

Springwood Baptist Church -88 Copps Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email pmike09@outlook.com. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday night bible study will be held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Troutville Baptist Church -P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, Pastor Dr. Jeff Ritchey. Sunday School 9:45 AM; Worship 11 AM. Wednesday: Adult Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30PM; Youth & Children Activities 6:30PM.

Zion Hill Baptist Church- Intersection of Zion Hill Road and Old Fincastle Road. Pastor Donald Goforth (540) 884-2285. Sunday School -10 AM Worship 11AM. Youth Activities (grades 6-12) and Kingdom Kids (preschool-grade 5) Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Cloverdale Church of the Brethren- 4708 Read Mtn. Rd., 992-1060; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wed. (Sept.-May), Family Dinner, 6 p.m., Bible study, 6:45 p.m. Preschool, after-school care & summer day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna Burkhart, preschool

TRUST THE TRUTH

Read 2 Timothy 1:1 through 4:22

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Greek word orthotomeo, translated here as "correctly handles," is rendered "rightly dividing" in other versions.

It carries the idea of cutting straight like a surgeon and getting to the heart of the matter. Paul's letters to Timothy emphasize sound doctrine, which must be taught in the churches so believers will be established in the truth. Is false teaching being advocated? Stand firm on God's truth. Do unbelievers mock our Christian life? Stand firm on God's truth.

We are all to be students of God's Word—diligently studying it, faithfully putting it into practice in our daily lives, and effectively sharing it. We should never be ashamed to be identified with Christ, nor do we want to be embarrassed by our lack of preparation for witnessing.

We need to be ready with knowledge of the truth and guided by God's Spirit in sharing it with others.

Thought for Today: Train in the truth and trust its teaching. Quicklook: 2 Timothy 2:7-15

director.

Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren- 2565 Buffalo Rd., 10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Michael Tabor, (540) 309-7595.

Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, 3732 Breckinridge Mill Road, Fincastle Virginia 24090, Pastor Dr. David A. Tozar, Worship service 11:00am every Sunday, Potluck Luncheon every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Troutville Church of the Brethren - 5133 Lee Hwy., 992-1571; Terry R. Johnson, Pastor; Don Obenshain, Choir Director. Sunday Morning Services: Sunday School, 10 am; Worship Service, 11 am. Sunday Night Meetings: Rainbows, 5:30 pm; Christ Seekers, 6:00 pm. Wednesday Night Meetings: Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Choir practice, 7:00 pm. Family Fellowship Time will be held each 3rd Sunday of the month. Handicap Accessible. Our email address is: Troutvillecob@hotmail.com.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dale Ridge Church of Christ - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW Roanoke, 24019; office: 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Ladies class - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Visit our new web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net, it's updated each week from local, national and international sources with news of interest to Christians. Take a video tour of our facilities. Read articles taken from the word of God that apply to our lives today. View a new sermon each week. Dale Ridge is reaching out to the Roanoke/Botetourt area with the good news of Jesus Christ. Come join our plea to return to the Bible. We believe in the inspired Word of God

which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe in the Holy Spirit is a gift, given to every Christian when we respond to the Gospel as taught in the context of Acts 2 and emphasized in verse 38. We believe Jesus is the only means of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Is this your time to make a choice? (John 16:13) Have you been looking for a church family that's led by the Holy Spirit into all truth? (John 13:35) You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. Follow the advice of Philip when he told Nathanael about Jesus in (John 1:46) "Come and See."

ECKANKAR
Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

EPISCOPAL
St. Mark's Episcopal Church -111 S. Roanoke St., Fincastle. P.O. Box 277 Fincastle, VA 24090. The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector. 473-2370. Worship in the sanctuary and by Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00am, with Adult Education on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:50am. Evening Prayer is Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm by Zoom. Brown Bag Bible Study on Thursdays at 12 noon in the Ministry Center and by Zoom. Links for Zoom can be found on our website, www.stmarksfincastle.org.

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) - 9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at osroanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888. Mailing address PO Box 916, Blue Ridge, VA 24064.

Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church- 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (in person or parking lot, tune car radio to 88.9 FM). The Rev. Chuck Miller, 540-589-7553. Facebook, <http://www.wheatlandlutheran.org>; teemwheatland@gmail.com

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Grace Bible Church of Botetourt - 148 Amsterdam Rd. (beside the south lane of 220 in Amsterdam, 1.5 miles north of LBHS). Sunday worship, 10 a.m. Pastor Jay Robinette - 855-4620.

Mt. Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock at intersection of Rt. 43 and 688; pastor, Richard Ronk; phone # (540) 884-3653; Sunday School at 10:00 A.M., Worship at 11:00 A.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M., 4th Woodland Rd. Troutville, VA. Corner of Blacksburg/Country Club Rds., 3.5 miles W. of Fincastle; 992-1008. Sunday School, 10AM; Worship, 11AM, Wed. Prayer Meeting 7PM (Call for more information).

PRESBYTERIAN
Buchanan Presbyterian Church - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. AA meetings are held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org

Fincastle Presbyterian Church - 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The Reverend David Dickerson is the minister with the Worship Service held from 10:30 - 11:30 Sunday mornings. Services are now being held in the sanctuary with no restrictions...unvaccinated individuals are still requested to wear their masks. The service will also be live-streamed via Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastlepresbyterianchurch>). New members are welcome to join our hand bell and vocal choirs. (No musical experience is required...just a desire to worship the Lord and to have fun!) The church is handicapped accessible. For more information: fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com or (540)473-2042.

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church - 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Rev. Emily B. Hook, pastor, 804-516-6552. Sunday School at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Morning Worship & Praise at 11a.m. each Sunday. Communion once each quarter.

Virginia Presbyterian Church - 918 Pico Road Buchanan, 24066. Worship 9:30 a.m. (nursery provided), Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Church of the Transfiguration- 7624 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, VA 24090; Fr. Paul Lagco. 473-2656. Saturday Mass at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8:30am; Christian formation after Mass on Sunday.

UNITED METHODIST
Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church- 3936 Beaver Dam Road, just off Springwood Road, Springwood. Rev. Morris A. Bennett. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. followed by Worship, 10 a.m.

Eagle Rock United Methodist Church - 14565 Church St. Eagle Rock 10:15 AM; Glen Wilton UMC, Main St. Glen Wilton, 9:00 AM; Shiloh UMC, Shiloh Rd, Eagle Rock, 11:15 AM. Pastor Ray Sandifer (540) 525-0258.

Fincastle United Methodist Church - Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. In person services Sunday, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, 136 S. Church St., Fincastle. Pastor Reverend Jim Bollinger, office, 473-3001. E-mail: office@fincastleumc.org.
St. Mark's United Methodist Church - 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Pastor Samuel Plymale, 992-3030. Worship Times: Praise and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship often with presence of the choir--this service is live streamed and celebrates Communion on the first Sunday. Children and Youth Ministries meet for Sunday School at 10Am each Sunday! Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday 4 to 6pm unless we are doing a special monthly mission. Frogs and Tadpoles Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!
Trinity United Methodist Church - 19637 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Doug Mitchell, 254-2475 (O). Sunday School, 9:45AM, worship 10:30 AM.

CHURCH NEWS

Springwood Baptist Church events

The Wednesday night live discussion at Springwood Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. on December 6 will be "Why doesn't God answer my prayers?" and/or "Does God answer my prayer?"

The schedule for Christmas Eve is:

No Sunday School; 9:30 a.m. – Coffee and donuts in fellowship hall; 10 a.m.– Worship for all; 5:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service

The church is located at 88 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan.

Christmas Bazaar December 9 at Trinity UMC

United Women in Faith invites everyone to their Christmas Bazaar on December 9 from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Narthex of Trinity United Methodist Church at 19637 Main Street, Buchanan.

In addition to free hot chocolate, coffee and hot cider, a variety of home baked goods and items will be for sale.

A silent auction of specialty themed gift boxes will also be available for last-minute shopping. Winning bidders will be announced at 3 p.m. for purchase and pick up.

Cloverdale Thrift Store open Saturdays

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store has fall and winter clothes for the entire family, and lots of

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OBITUARIES

Alford, Charles Ellis

A man who served others, Charles Ellis "Charlie" Alford, 94, of Daleville, passed away at The Glebe Monday, November 20, 2023 following a long illness.

Charlie was born in Norlina, N.C., August 2, 1929 and lived in Botetourt County for more than 25 years. He was the son of the late Charles H. and Louise Bobbitt Alford.

Charlie served in The United States Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Philippine Sea. He was employed by Unisys Corporation, enjoyed and was an accomplished wood turner, and was a long-time member of Unity of Roanoke.

In addition to his parents, Charlie was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy Helms Alford; and his brother, Gilbert "Gil" Alford. Sometime following the death of Dorothy, he met someone who brought joy to his heart and life,



Libby Carswell, and they became life partners. Charlie is survived by Libby and his brother, Lewis Alford of Wilmington, N.C.

A celebration of a life well lived with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 6 at Rader Funeral Home, 630 Roanoke Road, Daleville with Pastor Gerri McDaniel officiating. A private burial was conducted at Old Dominion Memorial Gardens. Friends will be received one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice, 2408 Electric Road, Roanoke, 24018; or to The Glebe Benevolence Fund, c/o The Glebe Retirement Community, 200 The Glebe Boulevard, Daleville, 24083.

Online condolences may be made and service live stream may be found at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Charles-Alford.

Juba, Stephen Lee

Stephen Lee Juba, Sr., 74, of Buchanan, passed away Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Juba, Jr., and parents, Steve and Thelma Juba.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Karen Juba; daughter, Carol Ann Juba; sons and daughter-in-law, Brian Juba, Nicholas and Chalee Juba; grandchildren, Jessica, Griffen, Brandon, Laci, and Gage; brother and sister-



in-law, Roger and Marlene Juba, numerous nieces and nephews including special niece, Sara Alexander.

The family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday, December 4, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Those wishing to send a condolence please do so at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-884-2276 or 540-254-3000.

Kozlowski, Edward P.

LTC Edward P. Kozlowski, USA, Ret., 86, of Fincastle, passed away Friday, November 17, 2023 at Lewis Gale Medical Center following a long illness.

Edward was born in Deerfield, Mass., November 15, 1937 and was the son of the late Paul J. (Harriet E. Skawski) Kozlowski, Jr. He had lived in Fincastle since 1980.

Edward served as an Intelligence Officer for The United States Army retiring from Fort Meade, Maryland in 1980. Edward served with distinction, receiving: Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star medal, Vietnam Campaign medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one Silver Star and two Bronze Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm (Unit Citation), four Overseas Bars, Meritorious Unit Citation, and Parachute Badge.

After retirement from the Army, he and his wife Mary opened the Cake and Deli Shoppe in Daleville and were known for the best subs and eclairs in the area. Edward served as a bailiff for Botetourt County Sheriff's Office for 12 years. His passion for people led him to start the Greeters program at Fincastle Baptist Church; he started the church library; photographed baptisms, and was a member of Fincastle Baptist Church for 25 years. Edward was an avid beekeeper, loved his blueberry bushes and irises. He collected and had volumes of various law enforcement and military patches. Edward was



fluent in seven languages.

He was encouraged to go on a blind date and met Mary Lynn White. After two more dates, she introduced him to her two children and said, "We're a package." Without hesitation, he asked her on another date and following their ninth date, they became a family and their "knight in shining armor" took them on their adventures around the world.

In addition to his parents, Edward was preceded in death by his loving wife of 44 years, Mary Lynn White Kozlowski; and granddaughter, Krystin Kozlowski. He is survived by his son, Alan Kozlowski of Tennessee; daughter, Lisa (David) Blessard of Fincastle; grandchildren Scott (Heather) Blessard, and David (Britney) Kozlowski; great-grandchildren, Bellamy and Isley Blessard.

A celebration of a life well lived with full military honors was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 2 at Fincastle Baptist Church with Pastor Kevin Cumming officiating. The family received friends following the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fincastle Baptist Church Building Fund, 7330 Roanoke Road Fincastle, 24090; or to Gideons Botetourt Camp, P.O. Box 135, Daleville, 24083.

Online condolences may be offered to Edward's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Edward-Kozlowski.

Crawford, Preston Lee

Preston Lee Crawford, "PawPaw," 78, of Eagle Rock, went to be with the Lord on Monday, November 27, 2023.

Preston was born on January 25, 1945 in Botetourt County. He enjoyed hunting, camping and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob "JB" and Nettie Crawford; grandson, Dustin Byrd; brother-in-law, David Alexander; and sister-in-law, Phyllis Alexander.

He is survived by his daughter, Christy (Patch) Robinette of Bluefield, W.Va.; and son, Justin (Rebekah) Crawford of Eagle Rock; grandchildren, Justin Michael (Ashley), Jacob (Taylor), Brittany (Shanah) and Adam Crawford; great-grandchildren, Leya and Lexus Crawford, Callen



and Colten Byrd, Connor, Adaline Davis; brothers, Jessie (Mildred) and James "Ed" (Janice) Crawford; mother of his children, Ima Jean (Shields) Compton; sisters-in-law, Doris "Sis" (Carroll) Johnson and Teresa Alexander; brothers-in-law, Lee (Etta) and Clayton Alexander; many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends and family from 6-8 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2023 at Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Saturday, December 2, at the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Interment was in Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Eagle Rock. Condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.

Davenport, Maurice Tremayne

Maurice Tremayne Davenport, 51, of Cove Road, Roanoke, died Sunday, November 26, 2023 in Roanoke.

He was born May 18, 1972 in Clifton Forge to Marie Annette Davenport and the late Anthony Jerome Eggleston. He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Roanoke. Maurice was an outstanding basketball player for James River High School.

He is survived by his mother, Marie Annette Davenport of Roanoke; a daughter, Tiara Davenport of Las Vegas; a stepdaughter, Michele Thornton of Richmond; a son, Maurice Tremayne Davenport, Jr.,

of Las Vegas; his girlfriend, Kia Hughes of Roanoke; a sister, Rebecca Richmond of Lexington; two uncles, Curtis Davenport of Gala and the Rev. Kevin Williamson, III of Maryland; one sister; one brother; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 5, at 11 a.m. at Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Gala, with the Rev. Clay Dawson officiating. Interment was in Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends an hour prior to the service. Nicely Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Drewry, Judy Hepler

Judy Landis Hepler Drewry, 78, of Fincastle, rose to her heavenly home on Monday, November 27, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Tom" Drewry; parents, Earl and Sylvia Landis; sister, Norma Zehrung, and brothers, Guy and Ammond Landis.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Honey Hepler, Kevin and Crystal Hepler; grandchildren, Derek (Chelsea) Hepler, Ryan (Mandy) Hepler, Racheal Hepler, Kyle (Lindley) Hepler; great-grandchildren, Mia and Miles Hepler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The beach was her happy place, where she loved searching for shells, sand dollars, and shark teeth. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with and spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her



hobbies were gardening, baking, and making crafts. She loved traveling and going on adventures with her loving husband, Tom.

She retired from the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher with almost 30 years of service. She was a member of Fincastle Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, December 1, 2023 at Fincastle Baptist Church with Pastor Kevin Cummings officiating. Interment was in Godwin Cemetery. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, November 30, in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. The family wishes memorial contributions be made to Fincastle Baptist Church. Those wishing to send a condolence please do so at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.

Wells, Nancy Gibson

Nancy Carrol Gibson Wells, 82, of Daleville, was a loving wife her brothers, Charles Gibson Jr. Jerry Gibson, and Ronny Gibson.

Nancy was a retired employee of Norfolk Southern Corporation where she worked 25 years after attending National Business College. Nancy loved spending time with her family and friends and was a huge lover of sports, especially her beloved UNC Tarheels. Nancy always had a strong faith and gave so much of her time and energy over

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband Toby; her brother, Dale Gibson; sons, Kevin and Kelly; daughters-in-law, Susan and Stephanie; and grandchildren, Sam, Hank, and Tyler.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Charles and Mildred Gibson;



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Christmas Choir Cantata
Sunday, December 17th
During 10am Worship Service
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Sunday, December 24th
Morning Worship at 10am
9pm Candlelight Service
including communion
and a Festival of Lessons & Carols

Fincastle United Methodist Church
137 S. Church Street, Fincastle

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Christmas decorations and gifts. Sweaters are only \$1.50. The store is in need of women's tops and children's clothes. The store is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Special services at Pleasant Hill Baptist

Pleasant Hill Baptist will also be hosting the Christmas Celebration and Nativity Service on Sunday, December 10 at 11 a.m. The children and youth will perform with the PHBC Choir and Handbell Choirs.

On Monday, December 18, PHBC will be hosting the FLOURISH Homeschool Christmas Concert at

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her lifetime helping others. She always had a hot, delicious meal ready for anyone who was hungry and a place to stay for anyone who was weary. True to her faith, she was an active member of Enon Baptist Church for almost 50 years.

Nancy was active as a volunteer in the Botetourt T&C Women's Club and for many years she led the North Roanoke Athletic Recreation League and the Northside High School Booster Club. Nancy was a true "doer" who was always there to help her friends, church, and community while asking little in return. Even more, she loved and supported

6:30 p.m. Pleasant Hill Baptist will be holding a Christmas caroling event on Wednesday, December 20 as groups head out to local nursing homes to share some Christmas joy! Please meet at PHBC at 5:15 p.m.

Christmas hymn sing at Troutville Brethren

Pastor Terry Johnson invites everyone to Troutville Church of the Brethren on Christmas Eve at 11 a.m. for a hymn sing of only Christmas songs. Then at 5:30 p.m. the church will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service. The church is located at 5133 Lee Highway in Troutville.

her family dearly and nothing brought her more joy than knowing that her children and grandchildren were safe and happy

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2023, at Enon Baptist Church at 7971 Williamson Road by Pastor Glenn Giles with interment in Old Dominion Memorial

Gardens. The family received friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at Oakey's East Chapel, 5188 Cloverdale Road.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorials be made to St. Jude Cancer Research or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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at 485 Juniper Valley Lane, Troutville. For more information about the trial, to enter a dog, and/or to get a flyer with details about the field trial, call Ed McCoy at 540-339-0622 or email botetourt4Hshooting@gmail.com.

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Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:
Head Count Not Reported

Cow/Calf Pairs: \$1,200.00-2,325.00
Head Cows: \$1,190.00-1,945.00
Head Bulls: \$1,025.00-1,150.00

Graded Steers
500-599: \$193.00-199.00
600-699: \$171.00-179.00
700-799: \$185.50

Graded Bulls
400-499: \$202.00
500-599: \$190.00
600-699: \$144.00

Graded Heifers
400-499: \$197.00-213.00
500-599: \$189.00-194.00
600-699: \$171.00

Kill Cows: \$ 54.00-98.00
Kill Bulls: \$109.00-114.00

PUBLIC WORKS/ UTILITIES WORKER TOWN OF BUCHANAN

The Town of Buchanan has immediate opening for a Public Works position. Full time with excellent benefits. Position includes work in electrical, plumbing and carpentry, general property maintenance, water and sewer, and snow removal. Manual labor required. Must possess valid Virginia Drivers License. Heavy equipment/ backhoe experience a plus. Training available. Starting wage depending upon skill and experience. Go to www.townofbuchananva.gov for applications or pick up at Town Hall at 19753 Main Street, Buchanan, Va. Applications may be dropped off at Town Hall or emailed to townmanager@buchanan-va.gov. Position open until filled.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on December 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below. Information may be viewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and is available online at: <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter> by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section.

Valley District: Beahm Family LLC (Stonegate Properties, contractual purchaser) requests to rezone 0.6 acres in Botetourt County and 1.3 acres in Roanoke County that is in Botetourt's zoning jurisdiction, totaling 1.9 acres from Agricultural (A-1) to Residential (R-3), with possible proffered conditions. These properties are located between 7816 Sanderson Drive and Stonegate Drive and identified as a portion of tax parcel 107-1A and a portion of Roanoke County tax parcel 028.01-01-21.01-0000.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by December 14, 2023. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on December 19, 2023.

Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator

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Oakland



Rustic Lodge

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approximately 45 vendors. While not a truly "juried show," the chairperson of the event makes certain that there are a wide variety of vendors rather than large numbers of the same type of products. Make Saturday, December 9, a day of fun and beauty in Fincastle!

- Historic Fincastle Inc.

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process for accreditation by VLEPSC. The commission's goals include the following: increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth through the delivery of services; promoting cooperation among all components in the criminal justice system; ensuring the appropriate level of training for law enforcement personnel; promoting public confidence in law enforcement; and to promote the professionalism of law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"This re-accreditation reaffirms our commitment to the community we serve. It's a testament to the hard work of our deputies and staff who strive to deliver efficient and professional services daily," said Sheriff Matt Ward.

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PUBLIC NOTICE BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live. Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. December 14, 2023 at: <https://forms.gle/9vZoPXyxZR8bgEoQ6>

or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at salbert@bcps.k12.va.us.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the request listed below. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will make a final decision on the request. Complete information for the following item may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and is available online at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section.

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C. Nicole Pendleton, AICP, CZA, CFM
Director of Community Development

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on December 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia. The public hearing is for:

Consideration of an amendment to Botetourt County's FY 23-24 budget to appropriate additional FY24 funding received from the State. This includes \$632,243.00 that will be appropriated to the School Division operating fund and \$1,185,245.00 to be appropriated to the School Division self-sustaining fund, with the latter specifically earmarked by the State (All-In-Virginia Initiative).

The total amount of the budget amendment is \$1,817,488.00, which is funded by Commonwealth of Virginia monies.

Any interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing to comment on the proposed Budget amendment. The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors intends to take action on the Budget amendment after the public hearing is concluded.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by December 14, 2023. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on December 19, 2023.

For further information, please contact Anthony Zerrilla at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 540-928-02102.

Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on December 19, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia. The public hearing is for:

Consideration of an amendment to Botetourt County's FY 23-24 budget to cover certain FY24 contracted costs associated with the County Public Safety Radio System Replacement Project. These are costs that will be incurred through June 30, 2024 and will relate to contract execution and equipment that will be delivered during this time-frame. The current figure being used for costs to be expended through June 30, 2024 is \$10,080,276.48. Based upon a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors on November 28, 2023, the County has declared the intent and reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for expenses related to this project as part of the permanent financing obligation that will be in place at a later point in 2024.

The total budget amendment included for consideration regarding this public hearing is \$10,080,276.48.

Any interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing to comment on the proposed Budget amendment. The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors intends to act on the Budget amendment after the public hearing is concluded.

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For further information, please contact Anthony Zerrilla at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 540-928-2102.

Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator



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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 50 BERRY RIDGE RD, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 17, 2020, in the original principal amount of \$173,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200000244. 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 January 12, 2024, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE BUCHANAN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING 3.00 ACRES, BY SURVEY, WITH METES AND BOUNDS AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY CHRISTOPHER N. MCMURRY, L.S., DATED AUGUST 28, 2008, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 45, PAGE 35. 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwswales.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,

Legals - Botetourt County

LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwswales.com. VA-365831-1.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 366 Bridge Street N, Buchanan, VA 24066

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$53,680.00 dated December 1, 2015 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on December 14, 2015 as Instrument Number: 1504503, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090 on January 2, 2024 at 10:00 AM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SURVEY OF HEARTHLAND SUBDIVISION, PREPARED BY CHARLES R. MCMURRY, C.L.S., DAIED JULY 3, 1991, OF RECORD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 14, AT PAGE 73. Tax ID: 22559. TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$5,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 23-008417) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orland PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orland.com The Vendor auction.com will be used in conjunction with this Sale. Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

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Legals - City of Salem

DIVORCE NOTICE

Granville County Civil Court in Granville County, NC will be hearing a plea for the decree of divorce for which suit is pending and as filed by Larissa L. Peluso-Fleming of 4010 Pastor Lane, Wake Forest, NC 27587 (petitioner/wife) versus Andrew Taylor McDonald of 1619 Valhalla Court, Salem, VA 24513 (defendant/husband) The defendant must enter a defense to such pleading within 30 days after the date of receipt of divorce filing as delivered by the Roanoke County Sheriff's Department. Should the defendant fail to make a defense within that time period, the plaintiff shall apply to the court for relief.

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Legals - City of Salem

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

at its regular meeting on December 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of E2ST John, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 68 St. John Road (Tax Map # 155-2-2.1) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.

2. Consider the request of Poindexter SW Florida, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 2105-2121 Apperson Drive (Tax Map # 281-1-2.2) from BCD Business Commerce District to HBD Highway Business District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Deputy Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, December 12, 2023

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

Ordinance 2032: An Ordinance Vacating a Public Utility Easement on Land Located at 215 Cork Drive. The proposed ordinance request is to release the Town's interest in a Public Utility easement located at 215 Cork Drive.

Ordinance 2034: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code Section 18-401 Pertaining to the Surcharge for Certain Industrial Wastes.

The proposed ordinance establishes a surcharge to be imposed on industrial sewers for discharges of BOD and TSS in excess of the levels contained in normal wastewater under the terms of an approved Discharge Permit.

Ordinance 2039: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code Sections 22-221 and 22-222 Pertaining to Tax Exemptions for Elderly and Disabled by Increasing Income and Asset Limits. The proposed ordinance will increase the eligibility limits for income and net worth for elderly or disabled persons. This will align with recent changes to Montgomery County's income and net worth limits.

Ordinance 2042: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate an Additional \$194,000 of the Virginia Department of Health Lead Inventory Grant Funds to the Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund. The Town has received an additional \$194,000 from the Virginia Department of Health Lead Inventory Project and these funds must be accepted and appropriated to the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget of the Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund.

Legals - Montgomery County

Ordinance 2043: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate \$76,680 of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funds from the Department of Energy to the General Capital Improvement Fund.

Ordinance 2043 will accept and appropriate \$76,680 of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds from the Department of Energy to the General Capital Improvement Fund.

Ordinance 2044: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate \$406,038 in VDOT Primary Extension Paving Funding and \$168,750 in VDOT Primary Extension ADA Funding to the General Capital Improvement Fund.

All persons affected by or interested in these ordinances above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

Legals - Roanoke County

LEGAL NOTICE

Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Seeking Applicants to Fill Vinton District Vacancy

The Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County is searching for candidates to fill the vacancy in the Vinton Magisterial District as the result of P. Jason Peters' election to the Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue.

The person appointed shall be a qualified voter of the Vinton Magisterial District and hold office until a special election in November of 2024.

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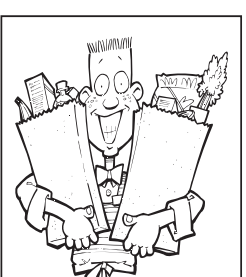
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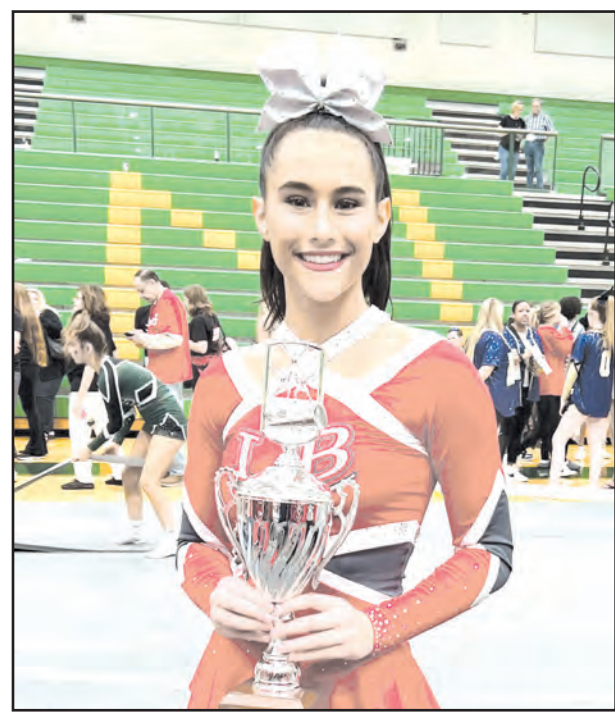
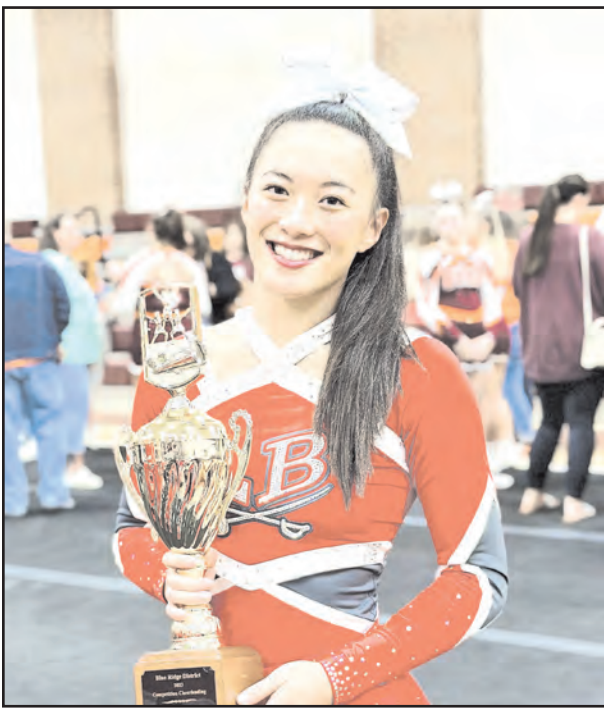
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Cavaliers put three on All-State cheer team



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The Virginia High School League Class 3 All-State competition cheerleading team was released last week and Lord Botetourt was well-represented. Senior Emily Hanson (left) of LB was named to the 20-person first team and two Cavaliers were named to the second team, seniors Kelli Reed (center) and Laila Alam (right). Raegan Shively of Cave Spring was named the Class 3 State Cheerleader of the Year and Knights coach Jen Koll was named Coach of the Year.



Caitlin Canada brings it up the court.

James River girls will be in Christiansburg for hoops tonight

The James River girls will have a rematch with Class 3 Christiansburg on the road tonight after dropping their season opener to the Blue Demons in Springwood last week. The Knights split their first two games to open the season.

Last week at home the Knights fell to the visiting Demons, 60-41. Christiansburg led 34-25 at the half and pulled away after intermission.

“Christiansburg is a solid team,” said River coach Ryan Firebaugh. “They have a lot of weapons, we just couldn’t get a stop. We would get them into situations where they would turn the ball over and we would go down and capitalize on that turnover. Then they would come back and get a bucket. It was a very even game, we just got to eliminate our mistakes and we will be fine.”

Caitlin Canada had

a double-double to lead River with 13 points and a dozen rebounds. Kelsi Maydian had 13 points with a couple three-pointers and Jalen Thompson had five points and eight rebounds.

On Thursday, River bounced back with an exciting 59-54 win over Bassett in double overtime, also in Springwood.

“I was very proud of my girls,” said Firebaugh. “They didn’t give up.”

River was down by six with 1:30 left in regulation and battled back to get it within two points with nine seconds left. Firebaugh then took a time out and drew up a play with two options, one for the win and one for the tie. Bassett covered the option for the win, but Hontesty Liming hit the two-point bucket to send the game into overtime.

Both teams scored five points in the first overtime period to continue the game, as Audrey Benson

hit the tying bucket. In the second overtime River scored five and held the Bengals to a single point to pull out the win.

“In the second overtime, we sealed the game at the foul line,” said Firebaugh. “Keira Crawford came up big for us at that charity stripe. These girls never gave up, they believed in each other the whole game and played well! These girls have tremendous grit and determination.”

Canada had a big game with 20 points, 12 rebounds and five steals. Thompson had a dozen points and 13 rebound to go with four steals. Benson and Maydian had eight points each. Liming had seven rebounds and four steals.

On Friday the Knights were in Martinsville where they won their second in a row, 61-44. Now 2-1, the girls will return the trip to Bassett on Friday after tonight’s game at Christiansburg, and next Monday they go to Waynesboro.



Sierra Davis grabs a rebound.



Kelsi Maydian looks for a driving lane.

PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY

Lord Botetourt girls off to hot start in basketball



Botetourt’s Gracie Hufford splits the defense and drives to the hoop.

The Lord Botetourt girls basketball team got a season with high hopes off to a great start last week, winning three games in convincing fashion. LB beat Patrick Henry, Jefferson Forest and Cave Spring in a span of four days.

“It was a great week where we saw contribution from everyone on the roster,” said coach Renee Favaro. “Any time you can open up with a 3-0 week, it’s a nice start to the season. We shot the ball exceptionally well and I hope we can continue to do that and makes ourselves tough to guard in any defense.”

Botetourt opened the season at Class 5 Patrick Henry and took a 53-43 win behind a career-high 18 points by Gracie Hufford. Taylor Orange had 11 and Madilyn Winterton had 10 points, nine rebounds, five assists and five steals. LB held the Patriots to four points in the third quarter.

“This was a big win for us against one of the best teams in the Roanoke Valley,” said Favaro. “Their point guard is already signed D1 with Murray State and they have some other players on D1 coaches’ radar as well. Our defense and effort made a huge difference in this game.”

The girls were on the road again Thursday in Forest and took a 75-48 win over Class 4 Jefferson Forest. Ainsley Anderson led the team with 15 points and five assists, Orange had 14 points and Winterton added 10. Grayson Alfano hit three threes and all 11 girls on the team scored as the Cavs shot 52 percent as a team.

On Friday the girls had their home opener against Cave Spring and took a 74-31 win. Again, all 11 Cavaliers made the scoresheet led by Winterton with 15, and she also had six steals and four assists. Hufford had 10 points and Anderson dished out eight assists.

The Cavaliers had a Tuesday game at Blacksburg this week but results



Taylor Orange puts up a shot against PH.



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

Ainsley Anderson of LB brings the ball up in last week’s win over Patrick Henry.

were too late for publication. This Saturday they host Abingdon with a 5 p.m. tip-off scheduled.

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Botetourt boys open basketball season with two wins

The Lord Botetourt boys basketball team got the season off to a good start with two wins last week. The Cavaliers won a road game at Blacksburg then won their home opener against Alleghany.

Against Blacksburg the Cavaliers took a 74-66 win. LB used a 20-10 second quarter to jump to an 11-point halftime lead. Blacksburg cut the lead to seven in the third quarter but the Cavaliers finished strong for the win over a solid Class 4 team of Bruins.

“Ethan Ikenberry really sparked us with some hot shooting,” said LB coach Andrew Hart. “We put four guys in double figures and we played well. We had some first-game mistakes as expected, but I was proud of our effort.”

Brayden Wells led the Cavaliers with 18 points, shooting six-for-11 from the field. Evan Bannwart had 15

and both Ikenberry and Blake Lovern had 14 each in a balanced LB attack. Carson Edwards had 10 rebounds and five assists to lead the team in both categories.

On Thursday the Cavaliers had their home opener and took a 76-65 win over visiting Alleghany. Wells was eight-for-14 from the floor and scored a team high 19 in this one as Botetourt put four in double figures again. Lovern and Daniel Kidd had 11 points each and Conner Dowdy had 10. Edwards had 10 rebounds and Lovern had five assists.

“It took a total team effort,” said Hart. “A lot of players stepped up and made big and small plays throughout the game. It was great to get a win at home.”

The Cavaliers were scheduled to host Blacksburg on Tuesday of this week and Friday they go to Floyd.



Lord Botetourt's Evan Bannwart found success from the 3-point arc on the way to scoring 15 points against Blacksburg.



Lord Botetourt's Brayden Wells helped lead the Cavaliers to a 74-66 win at Blacksburg with a game-high 18 points.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Carson Edwards grabs a rebound for Lord Botetourt against Blacksburg.

River boys basketball will host Bath County tonight

The James River boys basketball team will continue a busy early season schedule with a home game against Bath County tonight, December 6. It will be the fifth game for the Knights in eight days.

River opened the season last Wednesday with a 50-15 loss to Parry McCluer in Buena Vista. Trey Taylor and Ryder Ward had five points each to lead River, who trailed just 11-8 after the first quarter before the Blues pulled away.

Last weekend, River participated in the Riverheads Invitational at Riverheads High School in Staunton, splitting two games. The Knights played Rappahannock County on Friday and lost 53-39. Taylor had 14 points, all in the first half, as River jumped to a 26-22 lead at intermission. Rappahannock then came out in the third quarter with a variation of a diamond-and-one on Trey and outscored the Knights

31-17 in the second half.

On Saturday, River played Bath County and won a close one, 57-55. Taylor had 17 points, Ben Lawson had 14 points and five rebounds and Matthew Alderson had a dozen points, nine boards and four assists. Josiah Clark hit the game-winning basket off an assist by Taylor with 1.3 seconds on the clock.

“With a lot of games early on we are finding out a lot about ourselves,” said coach

Ethan Humphries. “We aren't a very good team right now as we are turning it over almost as much as we shoot with a lot of those turnovers being unforced. Until we cut our turnovers down by 50 percent the scoreboard and the win-loss column means next to nothing. Our guys are showing the maturity needed for improvement which is the biggest sign of competing. They are taking hard coaching and showing up to work every

day at practice. It's a learning process that comes with some bumps in the road. We are still figuring out how to play varsity basketball.”

The Knights were scheduled to host Parry McCluer in a rematch on Tuesday of this week and this Friday Riverheads comes to Springwood for River's third home game of the week. Next Monday the homestand continues as River plays host to Waynesboro.

LB wrestlers open season in Hornet Quad

The Lord Botetourt wrestlers were in Fishersville last weekend for the “Hornet Quad” at Wilson Memorial High School and the Cavaliers went up against some strong competition to open the season.

LB dropped the first match to defending Class 2 state champion Strasburg High, 52-24. The Cavs then won their second match against host Wilson Memorial, 54-30, and took the third match against Western Albemarle, 48-20.

“The match against Strasburg is a great measuring stick, first thing in the season,” said first year LB head coach Paul Craft. “It lets us know where we're at against an elite program. We also got good looks at Class 3 Wilson Memorial

and Class 3 Western Albemarle, so we know what to expect if we run into them in the state tournament. We still have three starters out due to the weight control program but we should have them in the lineup this Friday as we kickoff the two day Titan Toughman.”

Individually, 157-pound junior Cooper Roberts, 165-pound senior TJ Piluso, 190-pound sophomore Aaden Thomas and sophomore heavyweight Gabe Glenn all went 3-0 on the day. LB's “Unsung Hero” from Saturday was Ty Hensley, a junior at 215.

“Ty weighed in at 187 pounds but we bumped him to 215,” said Craft. “He never complained once. He knew it was best for our team. He

had some success on Saturday. The kid is a workhorse in practice.”

This weekend the Cavaliers will wrestle in the annual Titan Toughman tournament at Hidden Valley High School. It begins at 2 p.m. Friday and picks back up at 10 a.m. Saturday to conclusion.

“Since the season started we have really pushed conditioning and wrestling aggressively,” said Craft. “It was apparent to anyone watching that we were in better shape than our opponents. Not the wrestling shape we want to be in yet but we're on our way. We're not as aggressive yet as I'd like us to be, but it's a good start. There was a lot of blood time on Saturday and we weren't on the receiving end of it.”

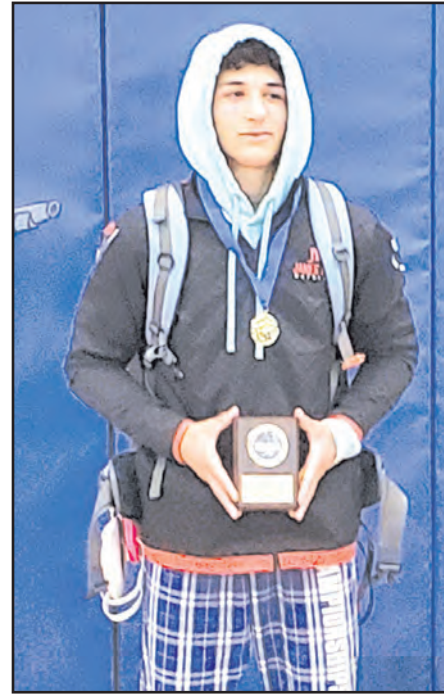
James River wrestlers take 5th in Blues Invitational

The James River wrestlers finished in fifth place despite covering just eight weight classes in the Blues Invitational tournament at Parry McCluer High School last weekend.

River wrestlers won three classes, including the 120-pound class where junior Brayden Forbes was named the Outstanding Lightweight Wrestler in the tournament. Also winning their weight classes were junior Xaiden Wynn at 106 and sophomore Nate Stewart at 138.

Sophomore Jayden Alston took a second place at 190 for the Knights. Third places went to freshmen Caiden Martin at 106 and Efraim Echavarria at 144. Sophomores Silas Whitson and Xander Carlough took fourth at 106 and 126.

Brookville was the team winner among 10 schools competing. Buffalo Gap was second, followed by host Parry McCluer, Amherst County and James River.



Brayden Forbes

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The Knights had been scheduled to wrestle in the Appomattox tournament this weekend but that has been cancelled. Georgia Miller, River's lone female on the team, will wrestle in a tournament in Louisa County.

“Georgia put in some work over the summer and is eager to compete and see the results,” said River coach Bobby Stewart. “She has grown a love for the sport and we can see it.”

Swimmers open season with big meet

The Lord Botetourt and James River swimmers opened the winter season when they participated in the traditional season opening Southwest Virginia High School Invitational at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center last Saturday.

The big meet included 29 girls teams and 23 boys teams. The Science Hill girls from Tennessee were team winners with LB ninth and James

River 18th. Science Hill also won the boys meet.

“It was a great first meet,” said Botetourt coach Ashley Safarit. “We had a few PR's and most swimmers were within just a second or so of their best times from last year.”

Highlights for LB included a first place finish for Layne Jones in the girls 100 Back in a time of 58.46.

Layne also took second place in the 200 Free in a time of 1:58.52.

Julia Misicko, swimming in a high school meet for the first time, placed seventh in the 100 Free and eighth in the 50 Free. Olivia Nicely was ninth in the 100 Free with a personal best time. Botetourt's 200 Medley Relay team of Jones, Anna Harris, Nicely and Misicko was sixth with a time of

2:05.14.

For James River, Walker Wilson placed fourth in the 50 Free with a time of 24:39.

Tonight, Wednesday, the Cavaliers will be back in the water with a meet at the Franklin County YMCA. Next Tuesday, December 12, LB is at Jefferson Forest and River swims at Christiansburg.

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