



## BCPS recognize 2023-24 Teachers of the Year



BCPS Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ, Jane Wolfe – Division Teacher of the Year (Central Academy), and Central Academy Principal Jordan Pinkard



Heather Breeden (Greenfield Elementary)



Samantha Galanes (James River)



Elizabeth Hipes (Eagle Rock Elementary)



Jennifer King (Buchanan Elementary)



Kristy Muddiman (Lord Botetourt)



Angela Murphy (Colonial Elementary)

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Botetourt County Public Schools recognized the 2023-24 Teachers of the Year during last week's School Board meeting in Fincastle. Superintendent Jonathan Russ congratulated this year's recipients before the teachers received their recognitions. BCPS held a banquet on Dec. 2 at the Virginia Railways Station event venue for this school year's Teachers of the Year.



Anne Swandby (Breckinridge Elementary)



Danielle Tolley (Cloverdale Elementary)



Tracey White (Read Mountain)



Megan Young (Troutville Elementary)



Chris Zalewski (Botetourt Technical Education Center)

This year's BCPS 2023-24 Teachers of the Year: Anne Swandby (Breckinridge Elementary), Jennifer King

(Buchanan Elementary), Danielle Tolley (Cloverdale Elementary), Angela Murphy (Colonial Elementary), Elizabeth

Hipes (Eagle Rock Elementary), Heather Breeden (Greenfield Elementary), Megan Young (Troutville

Elementary), Jane Wolfe (Central Academy), Tracey White (Read Mountain), Chris Zalewski (Botetourt

Technical Education Center), Samantha Galanes (James River), and Kristy Muddiman (Lord Botetourt).

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## Fincastle Town Council approves zoning recommendation



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Fincastle Town Council met last Thursday night at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room for the monthly meeting where council approved authorizing an advertisement for an upcoming public hearing about a recommendation from the town's Planning Commission for text amendments to the town's zoning ordinance. A joint public hearing on this matter will take place at council's January meeting.

Planning Commission representative Scott Critzer has continued to work with the town on updating Fincastle's zoning ordinances. Last Thursday, Critzer presented a recommendation to hold a hearing about a proposed text amendment to the Commercial/Trade zoning classifications in the Mixed Use expansion district. This proposed amendment would allow for a ground floor residence as a use by Special Exception. Critzer explained that this would be enacted on a case-by-case basis based on individual circumstances, if approved in January. This amendment would not in any way change anyone's zoning classification or any allowable uses within that classification.

"There may be situations where this use may be the best available option," Critzer explained to council. "In order for it to be considered, it must be included in

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PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

DQ's newest location at 180 Town Center Street in Daleville.

## Daleville DQ holds grand opening

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There was enthusiasm and a wintery chill in the air Tuesday morning as a large crowd joined the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce, local community leaders, and organizations welcoming cold treats and good eats at Dairy Queen's newest location in Daleville. Owners Harry and Khushbu Patel thanked everyone for attending the ribbon-cutting. They shared that the Daleville DQ was a dream over three years ago and are thrilled to see it come to fruition. Chamber President David Williams shared his

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## Bidding on NJAHS artwork ends Jan. 5



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCPS

Bidding on CAMS Junior Art Honor Society's "Freedom" ends on Jan. 5. The sale will benefit the society's chapter fund.

The Central Academy Middle School (CAMS) chapter of the National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS) created this large-scale 40 x 60-inch canvas painting with an incorporated collage entitled, "Freedom." The wood frame was made by Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC) students. The NJAHS chapter is selling this

original artwork to raise money for their chapter fund.

Bidding began on Monday, Nov. 13 and will end on Friday, Jan. 5. The minimum bid is \$800 and the highest bidder wins. For more information, or to place a bid, contact Courtney May at cmay@bcps.k12.va.us or by calling (540) 473-8333.

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## Altec holds Innovation Challenge between county high schools

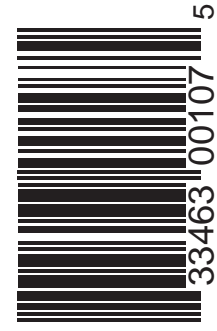
Altec held their first Innovation Challenge competition between the three high school level schools in Botetourt County: BTEC, James River and Lord Botetourt. The competition instructed the three teams to develop a project to benefit the local community and the winner would receive a \$10,000 award that

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BCPS

BTEC teacher Kurtis Kennedy, BTEC student Bryan Nida, BTEC student DJ Tolliver, and BCPS Valley District representative Tim Davidick



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# Botetourt County History



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“The Collectible Barbie Doll – An Illustrated Guide to Her Dreamy World” is on display for all to see in the Botetourt Museum through the end of January. It was written by Janine Fennick. The past, present and future Barbie exhibit is on loan by Botetourt County Historical Society board members. In 1959, when the first Barbie doll was introduced, it cost \$3. Children saved their allowance for months to buy one. In 1962, Barbie bought her first Dream House. It wasn't until 1974, when the Equal Credit Opportunity Act passed, that women were granted the right to open a bank account on their own. Barbie has held numerous occupations and has worn the latest fashions of the day. She represents every American culture and race. The recent Barbie movie is being seen all over the world.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

# Heinlein named new President of Buchanan Lions Club



Pat Jasper turning the gavel over to Tim Heinlein.

Lion Pat Jasper handed the gavel of leadership over to Lion Tim Heinlein on Tuesday, November 14, at the regular Lions Club meeting. Lion Pat has served in the capacity of president of the Buchanan Lions for approximately seven years and is stepping on to focus on other things. She is still a Lions Club member, but will focus on other Lion and community challenges.

Tim Heinlein moved to Buchanan in June 2022, having been a Lion before in the small mountain town of Julian, Calif., and served in several leadership capacities there, including president. He became an active member of the Buchanan Lions and is pleased to step into the challenge of moving forward with the Buchanan Lions.

-Buchanan Lions Club



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Lion Pat Jasper receiving thank you gifts for years of service as club president from Lion Shantelle Crouch, treasurer.



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# FHS Class of '59 grads meet for Christmas



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Members of the Fincastle High School Class of 1959 gathered at North Star Restaurant in Buchanan for a Christmas lunch on December 1. From left are: seated, Doris Hall, Corrine Wood, and Rosalie Goad; standing, Douglas Duffy, Angela Coon, Peggy Wood, John David Lucas, and Lynwood Cox. Not pictured, Patricia Duffy.

- Submitted by Bonnie Cox



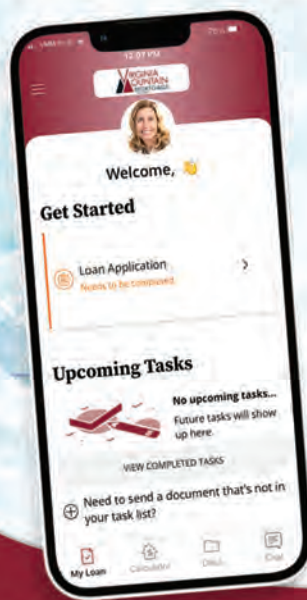
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# Affordable health screenings coming to Troutville

Residents living in and around the Troutville can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Troutville Church of the Brethren will host this community event on February 5, 2024. The site is located at 5133 Lee Highway in Troutville.

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# School Board approves FY25-29 CIP, receives year-end financial report

The Botetourt County School Board unanimously approved the FY 2025-29 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) during last week's regular meeting at the Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) Administration Offices in Fincastle.

The financial department annually presents a balanced five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for consideration to the School Board as part of the budget development process. Projects proposed include a combination of funding from Botetourt County (local funding), use of capital reserve funding, and state and federal grants where available. Projects identified in the CIP address maintenance needs and safety/security issues for facilities throughout the division and are evaluated by BCPS administration staff annually.

The first year of funding is appropriated as part of the upcoming fiscal year budget and remaining years are included for planning purposes. Funding in future years may be adjusted as priorities, project costs, and funding sources are subject to change. Long-term financial planning for maintenance and infrastructure allows for the most efficient use of BCPS facilities. If local funding is not available from Botetourt County, projects proposed will be postponed until funding can be made available or the project scope will be reevaluated.

The proposed plan conforms to the Strategic Plan adopted by the School Board for 2022-2027, specifically the commitment to Every Learning Environment. It helps lay the

groundwork for an investment in BCPS technology, infrastructure, and facilities that prepares for the future. This plan also incorporates recommendations from the safety and security evaluation performed in 2023.

"The evolution of this document is improving with time," Valley District representative Tim Davidick said. "In certain years we're worried about security; in other years we're worried about health. All of that has something to do with our facilities. I'm very happy to see that we're getting more attention brought to (the improvement plan)."

The CIP requests revised in October total \$39,250,000 in expenditures across FY 2025-2029.

BCPS also released the year-end financial results at the regular meeting.

The school division saw a surplus of over \$2 million from their allotted \$60,230,904 for FY 2023. Financial Director Brandon Lee pointed out that a \$2,006,878 School Construction Grant awarded to the division, with a little over \$1.8 million left over at year's end, is what helped generate the surplus. Lee stated that the division is "pretty close" to where the division needs to be in terms of what BCPS budgeted for the year.

To review this year's CIP and year-end financial results, visit the December meeting's agenda packet at <https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/bcps/Board.nsf/Public>.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thanks for support after losing home to fire

Dear beloved community, we are profoundly grateful for the outpouring of support, kindness, and generosity that has surrounded us since the devastating fire took our home. Your donations of money, time, food, and, most importantly, love and prayers have been a lifeline during this challenging time. In the face of tragedy, the strength of our community has shone brightly, and we find solace in the warmth of your compassion. Your selflessness has been a beacon of hope, reminding us that we are not alone. As we navigate the uncertain road ahead, we take comfort in the collective spirit that binds us together. The churches, businesses, organizations and individual contributions have not only

provided practical assistance but have also instilled in us a renewed faith in humanity. Though the path forward is unclear, we trust that, with your continued support and the grace of the Lord, we will find our way. Your love has been a source of strength, and for that, we are eternally grateful. If anyone knows someone that has the ability and equipment to help with tearing down and hauling off the rest of our house, please let me know, 540-394-5450. Thank you in advance because I believe that the Lord is already working on someone's heart on this. Also if you could keep an eye out for a trailer for sale reasonably priced that can be moved I'd be extremely grateful.

Mellonie Davis & Family  
Buchanan



## UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

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

**Fincastle Library closed January 2-20**  
The Fincastle branch will be closed temporarily for renovations. Thank you for your patience as we make improvements to our facility!

**Little Explorers**  
Tuesdays 10:30am, Fincastle  
Toddlers explore the world around them through educational and soft play toys while parents and caregivers get grown-up social time.

**StoryTime**  
Wednesdays, 10:30am & 2:30pm, Eagle Rock  
Wednesdays, 6pm, Fincastle  
Thursdays, 10:30am, Blue Ridge & Fincastle  
Fridays, 10:30am, Buchanan  
Enjoy books, songs, and tactile activities that build literacy, motor, and social skills. Best for preschoolers.

**STEM Club**  
Tue, Dec 26, 4pm, Blue Ridge  
Tue, Jan 2, 3:30pm, Buchanan  
Learn the scientific method and engineering design process with hands-on projects. Best for ages 6-11. Call 540-928-2900 to register.

**Garden Club**  
Wed, Jan 3, 11am, Eagle Rock  
Dig into all aspects of gardening with guidance from local experts and/

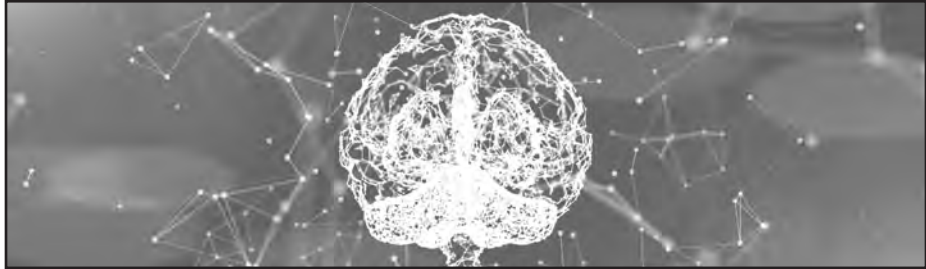
or hands-on projects. January project - Teacup Birdfeeders.

**Outdoor Book Club**  
Tue, Jan 9, 11:30am, 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).

**Eclectic Readers**  
Wed, Jan 3, 12pm, Buchanan  
Theme is "What Matters Most." Choose a title from a list of recommendations.  
Thu, Jan 4, 6:30pm, Pie Shoppe (Fincastle)  
Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir  
Wed, Jan 10, 10:30am, Pie Shoppe (Fincastle)  
The Book of Speculation by Erika Swyler  
Discuss books and authors with fellow readers while enjoying coffee and social connection.

**Murder Hole Cave**  
Sat, Jan 6, 11am, Buchanan  
Learn about the history and science of Murder Hole Cave, a local natural formation, as well as caves' importance, safety, and conservation. Start with a short documentary, then enjoy a Q&A session with Marian McConnell, property owner, educator, and spelunking guide. Copies of McConnell's book Murder Hole: Catawba Murder Hole Cave will be available for purchase and author signing.  
Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

# AARP Fraud Alert: AI for good AND bad



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The holidays are a time when the friends and family of all ages gather together, share updates on their lives and recount cherished memories. One thing to add to that list this year: a conversation on how to stay safe from fraud. We know that scammers target people of all ages. Last year 40% of all scams reported to the Federal Trade Commission were from people under the age of 40, and victims over the age of 60 lose the most money to scams on average. So we are all vulnerable to these criminals, and we could all use a little help and guidance. Here are

some fraud topics to talk about with your family this holiday season. What is a question, story or phrase that no one other than your close family would know? Scams targeting parents and grandparents are only becoming more believable with the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI), but no matter how realistic a voice may sound it won't know this private memory or password. Passwords are another critical topic. We all have so many passwords that it's hard to keep straight. This leads many to choose simple passwords or use

the same one repeatedly. A quick chat about how you choose and protect your passwords could save someone you love a lot of money. Lastly, be willing to share. Too many victims of fraud suffer in silence because they are ashamed to admit what happened to them. The truth is that scammers are sophisticated criminals and for victims to share their story is the best way to protect others and get the support they need. Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam. Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

-AARP

## League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week



**Meet Dusty**  
Little Dusty came from RCACP. He's an adorable little pup who loves to run and play! Dusty is neutered and up to date on age appropriate vaccines. This little guy is a ball of joy and would love to find an active forever home.

Christmas Wish List: Purina One (red bag) dog food, Purina One (blue bag) cat food, Top Job, Mr. Clean, bleach, paper towels, laundry detergent, quality canned cat and dog food, cat and dog treats, dog pooper scoopers, and cat litter. 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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## ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for December 12-17:  
• Matthew R. Elliott, 35, of Knoxville, Tenn., driving under the

influence, December 12  
• John M. Guill, 40, of Daleville, domestic assault, December 12  
• Angelia D. Jackson, 37, of Concord, eluding law enforcement, December 15  
• Kiante D. Farmer, 25, of Lynchburg, possession of a firearm by a felon, December 15

• Evan W. Motley, 31, of Troutville, domestic assault, attempted strangulation of another, December 17  
• Daniel J. MacCall, 27, of Charlotte, N.C., driving under the influence, refusing breath test, obstruction of justice, reckless driving, December 17

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**Friday, Dec. 22 7:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 23 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Dec. 24 CLOSED**  
**Thursday, Dec. 28 7:00 p.m.**

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From left, Pam Stump, Marsha Campbell, David Morris, Art Pendleton, Dennis Harris, Patricia Morris, Barbara Harris, Susannah Pendleton, and Fran Johnson are pictured with some of the items donated (not pictured, Kerry Campbell).

## Eastern Star members replenish Blessings Box

Botetourt Chapter 135, Order of the Eastern Star in Fincastle collected items during November to support the Blessing Box mission at Fincastle United Methodist Church. The Blessing Box is supplied daily with food and other basic necessities, and the contents are available to anyone, anytime. Chapter members brought items that are always popular, and also donated gloves,

hats, and fleece blankets for distribution through the church's clothing closet ministry.

The Eastern Star is a fraternal and charitable organization which meets monthly at Catawba Lodge on Academy Street in Fincastle.

- Botetourt Chapter 135, Order of the Eastern Star

## Opioid Abatement Authority awards grant to Botetourt to support opioid abatement planning and services

A committee of the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) voted on December 4 to award more than \$470,000 in grants to 10 Virginia cities and counties, including Botetourt, for opioid abatement and remediation efforts.

Nine of the 10 awards will support planning efforts for the recipient localities to identify community-specific needs, gaps, and possible solutions to the opioid crisis.

Senator Todd Pillion, chairman of the OAA, said, "we encourage localities to carefully evaluate how to best use their opioid settlement funds at the local level, and the OAA's planning grants are an important tool to help them do exactly that. Recipients are required as a condition of the grant to publish the resulting plan, and to use that plan to explain and justify future OAA grant applications. "We are talking about opioid settlements coming to Virginia every year for 18 years, and so we recommend communities have a road map in place for how it will use those funds to save lives," said Pillion.

Five localities were provided planning grants of \$50,000 each: Botetourt, Patrick, and Warren Counties, and the cities of Colonial Heights and Salem. The counties of Prince Edward, Buckingham, and Cumberland were jointly provided a planning grant for \$50,000 that will be administered by

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Buchanan Food Pantry open this Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, December 23 from 9-11 a.m. Volunteers from the Presbyterian Church will distribute food curbside. There will be meat, bread, eggs, milk and various staples. Anyone in need is welcome. The church is located at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

## Special services at St. Mark's UMC

The St. Mark's United Methodist Church Chancel Choir will present a Christmas musical, "Were You There on That Christmas Night?" by Lloyd Larson on Sunday, Dec. 24, at the 10 a.m. worship service. The public is most welcome to attend! The church is located at 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, across Roanoke Road from Daleville Kroger. A nursery will be provided. Additional Christmas events at the church are as follows, and the public is welcome to attend all:

- Combined worship services at 10 a.m. for month of December

- Blue Christmas Service, Dec. 21, 7 p.m., for those who are having a hard time this Christmas due to various life circumstances

- Christmas Eve services, 10 a.m., 5 p.m., 11p.m.
- Drive-Through Christmas Lights, Friday, Saturday, and Christmas Eve, 5:30-9 p.m.

## Springwood Baptist Church events

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.

## Cloverdale Thrift Store open Saturdays

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

Friday, December 22, the PreK and Elementary Children's Christmas Party will be held from 1-3 p.m. at PHBC. All are welcome to this fun event.

PHBC will be holding a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 5 p.m. All are invited to these and any services at Pleasant Hill.

## 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.

# OBITUARIES

## Ferguson, Carolyn Dudley

Carolyn Dudley Ferguson, 93, of Buchanan, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 9, 2023.

Born August 27, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Darwin and Ruth Fitch Dudley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elwood Radcliffe Ferguson; sister, Malen D. Barger and her husband, Fred; her brother, Edwin F. Dudley and his wife, Lois.



She also taught many children in her hometown of Buchanan to play the piano, instilling the qualities of pride and perseverance that could be found while earning a new skill. She was a faithful member of the Buchanan Baptist Church.

Carolyn was happiest at home surrounded by her ever growing family. Often the peaceful center of a room full of joy and laughter, she loved to share stories, songs, and the occasional joke followed by a small smile. She found great happiness spending time on her porch watching flowers, birds and other animals to come to life in the Spring.

We give many thanks to the staff at Richfield The Oaks Campus and the doctors and nurses of Carilion Roanoke Memorial 8 Mountain for their loving care.

The family requests that those wishing to honor Carolyn's memory consider a donation to Special Olympics Virginia, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the Buchanan Baptist Church.

Memorial services will be held in the Spring; however, those wishing to send a condolence please do so at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com).

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Charles Watts; sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Michelle Ferguson and Brian and Michelle Ferguson; grandchildren, Brent Watts and wife, Vicky, Jason Watts and wife, Michelle, Melissa Ferguson and husband, Jason, Erica Ferguson and special friend, Billy Murphy, Adam Ferguson and special friend, Chelsea Hutton, Jonathan Ferguson, and Madelyn Ferguson; great-grandchildren, Victoria Watts, Brooks Ferguson, McKenna Watts, Chase Ferguson, Charlie Watts, and Travis Watts; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carolyn was a talented pianist who shared her love of music with the community. For many years, you would find her playing on Sunday mornings at Arcadia Baptist Church.

Saturday, December 16, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral with his grandson, Pastor Matt King, officiating. Interment

was in Fairview Cemetery. Those wishing to send a condolence please do so at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com).

## Moseley, John Kevin

John Kevin Moseley, 56, of Buchanan, passed away Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gene Sr., and Clara Moseley; brother, William "Bill" Moseley; and brother-in-law, Steve Crawford.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Karen Sue Moseley; daughters, Katherine Marie Moseley and Charles Tuck, Kaitlyne Sue Moseley; grandchildren, Kevin James Blanton, Klara Sue Blanton, James Karter Stout, and Charles Tuck, Jr.; sisters and brother-in-law, Elizabeth Crawford, Crystal and Bret



Bolton; brother, Gene Moseley, Jr.; "brother," Billy Trail; sister-in-law, Debbie Moseley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 12 noon Saturday, December 16, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m.

Friday, December 15, at Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan. Those wishing to send a condolence please do so at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com).

## Rock, Denton Hollis, Jr.

Denton Hollis Rock Jr., 70, of Covington, died Sunday, December 17, 2023, at his residence. He was the husband of the late Nana Rock.

Mr. Rock was born November 22, 1953 in Alleghany County, the son of the late Denton Hollis Rock Sr. and Helen Deffinbaugh Rock. During his working career, he was employed as a laborer and masonry helper in the construction field. Denton attended First Christian Church.

Mr. Rock is survived by two daughters, Christine Hatcher and husband, Mark, of Roanoke and Katie Ann Rock of Clifton Forge; three grandchildren, Zev, Teddy and Eric; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Larry Eugene Rock of Covington and William H. "Billy" Rock of Covington;

three sisters, Joan Ward of Newport News, Tana Angle of Eagle Rock and Donna Rock White of Covington; and a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to

his wife, Mr. Rock was preceded in death by a brother, Dennis Keith Rock.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

## Goodbar, Frederick Allen

Frederick "Freddie" Allen Goodbar, 69, of Roanoke passed away Saturday, December 16, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Bessie Goodbar, and brother, Ralph Eugene Goodbar.



He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Amanda Goodbar; daughters, Amber Goodbar and Aubrey Goodbar; grandchildren, Mackenzie Goodbar, Kendall Painter, and Braylon Painter; brothers and sisters-in-law, Danny and Marilyn Goodbar, Jerry and Christine

Goodbar; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Maynard Nuchols; mother-in-law, Brenda Dudley; one niece and numerous nephews; and pet companion, Charlie.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, December 23, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Those wishing to send a condolence, please do so at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.

## King, Bobby Lee

Bobby Lee King, 75, of Buchanan, passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Joyce King; and brother-in-law, Johnny Dudley.



He is survived by his wife of almost 14 years, Rebecca King; son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Mary King; daughter and son-in-law, Sheri and Robby Mason; step-daughters, Nancy and Clarissa Harvey;

King, Ally Jones, and Gabby Mason; great-grandchildren,

Matthew, Jr., Nathaniel, Sarah, Annabelle, Elijah, and Felicity King; sister, Brenda Dudley; brothers and sisters-in-law, Tommy and Nancy King, Mike and Teresa King, Marty King, and Joey King; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held from 2-3 p.m. with services at 3 p.m.

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# Henderson and Wickline re-elected to Mountain Castles SWCD board

Jeff Henderson and Preston Wickline were re-elected in November to represent Botetourt County on the Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors. Both have served on the board for 15 years.

"It's hard to put a value on the experience that Jeff and Preston bring to the board, both as farmers and as soil and water directors," said Tim Miller, district coordinator for Mountain Castles SWCD. "We rely on their expertise and their knowledge of how we got here as a district. We need their vision for where we can go in the future."

With almost \$2 million in funding available to farmers in the current program year, expanding the number of farms in Botetourt County that implement conservation practices is vital to achieve

the water quality goals of the district.

"We rely on our directors to participate in conservation programs and to encourage their peers to do the same," said Miller. Last year the district spent over \$650,000 on conservation projects in Botetourt and Craig which help make our local streams and rivers cleaner.

Andrew Keffer and Jason Williams, elected directors from Craig County, and Walter Nelson, an appointed director from Botetourt County, also serve on the Mountain Castles board. Michael Beahm, Jeff Muncey, and Tom and Tara Williamson serve as associate directors.

In addition to agricultural programs, Mountain Castles SWCD has programs available to homeowners, including the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program and



Jeff Henderson (left) and Preston Wickline were recently recognized for serving on the Mountain Castles SWCD board of directors for 15 years.

the Tinker & Glade Creek Residential Septic Program. Visit [www.mountaincastles.org](http://www.mountaincastles.org) for more information. - Mountain Castles SWCD

## Tuesday Morning Club celebrates Christmas

The Tuesday Morning Club met at Troutville Church of Brethren on December 12 with 14 members and three guests attending for a Christmas lunch, party and games. The lunch was catered by Rita Goodbar. Members presented Ruby Taylor, club president, with a gift thanking her for all she has done for the group. The December project was preparing food baskets for two families. The January project will be donations to Soup for Seniors. Members have fun at the meetings but also do a project every month that they hope will help someone in need. The next meeting will be on the second Tuesday in January at the church. Pictured are (from left): front, Linda Harris, Priscilla Hedrick, Faye Kessler, Nancy Waddell, and Dot Hillard; back, Nancy Goad, Cheryl Wood, Barrie Knox, Gale Webb, Ruby Taylor, Rita Bruffey, Pam Obenchain, Mary Furr, and Barbara Harris.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TUESDAY MORNING CLUB

- Tuesday Morning Club

## Challenge

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would fund the project. The Altec Innovation Challenge invited local high school students to team up and address a

real-world problem with innovation that benefits their local community. Teams then got to hone their presentation skills by

sharing their solution.

The Botetourt County School Board recognized the students who participated in the competition last Tuesday. A representative from Altec explained the challenge is a competition that started eight years ago in Birmingham, Ala. Each year, local high schoolers are challenged to develop ways to help the community. This is the first year Altec's Botetourt location participated.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

## Quilters make Christmas stockings for veterans

The Quilty Pleasures quilting group at the Eagle Rock Library made and filled 24 Christmas stockings for local veterans, assisted by the Ladies Aid of Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
for  
**March 5, 2024 Presidential Primaries**

**The Democratic and Republican parties have chosen to use the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary as their method of nomination for the office of President of the United States. Each party primary is a separate election with a separate ballot being held simultaneously. Voters may only vote in one primary and will be asked which primary they wish to participate in when checking in.**

**In-Person Early Voting Dates:** Friday, January 19, 2024 – Saturday, March 2, 2024 @ 5:00 pm. All qualified, registered voters are eligible to vote early during this time

**Location:** Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office  
2 East Main Street, Fincastle (corner of Roanoke & Main Streets)

**Hours:** Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (Closed Monday, February 19, 2024, in observance of Presidents Day)

**Saturday Hours:** Saturday, February 24, 2024, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Saturday, March 2, 2024, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (Final day of early voting)

**Deadline to register or update registration:** Monday, February 12, 2024  
5:00 pm for in-person registrations; 11:59 pm for online registrations

**Deadline to request a Vote By Mail ballot:** Friday, February 23, 2024 at 5:00 pm

**NOTE:** Vote By Mail ballot is the same ballot used for Early Voting and at polling locations on Election Day

**Vote By Mail Drop Locations:**

- Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office  
2 East Main Street, Fincastle (corner of Roanoke & Main Streets)
- Dropbox for marked Vote By Mail ballots located in vestibule of office entrance
- Voters may personally deliver their marked ballot to the Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office during regular business hours. (Hand-delivered ballots can only be accepted from voter ballot issued to. All others must go in drop box or need to be mailed.)
- All polling locations on Election Day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 6:00 am – 7:00 pm

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## Fincastle

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the 'use by special exception' before a property owner can apply for it by use."

Critzer noted that the town has several property owners who have property that could be affected by this text amendment. Currently in the Mixed-Use district, the town allows for residences above and below ground-level, only. This amendment, if approved next month, could allow for property owners to have a ground-level residence.

In other town news, council gave an update on Big Spring Park. The town is currently in the process of building new gates that will be constructed by a local Boy Scout troop. Town Manager Melanie McFadyen updated the ongoing CDBG planning grant process noting

that the town recently contacted the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) on who the town should bring in as a consultant.

Mayor Mary Bess Smith read a resolution for a new town credit card which was approved by council. Treasurer Bill Gaul was named as program coordinator with Smith acting as record-keeper for the card.

Additionally, the town has received the "welcome" banners to be placed around town. The town is currently working out scheduling when they will place the signs.

For more from Town Council, visit [townoffincastle.org](http://townoffincastle.org).

**BOTETOURT COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

**HOURS FOR GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES**

December 22, 2023	CLOSE AT NOON
December 25, 2023	CLOSED
January 1, 2024	CLOSED

**HOURS FOR LIBRARIES**

December 22, 2023	CLOSE AT NOON
December 23, 2023	CLOSED
December 25, 2023	CLOSED
December 30, 2023	CLOSED
January 1, 2024	CLOSED

**HOURS FOR THE LANDFILL STATION**

December 22, 2023	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
December 23, 2023	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
December 25, 2023	CLOSED
January 1, 2024	CLOSED

## Opioid Grant

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Prince Edward. In each case the recipient localities committed to provide a 10 percent match.

About Opioid Settlements and the OAA: Virginia expects to receive a total of approximately \$1.1 billion from litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies that were alleged to have contributed to the opioid crisis. Payments from these settlements and bankruptcies began in

2022 and are expected to conclude by 2041.

The OAA was established by the General Assembly in 2021 to oversee the distribution of 55% of Virginia's total settlement funds. Of the remainder, 30% is distributed directly to cities and counties, and the remaining 15% to the Commonwealth. The use of funds is restricted by court orders and state statute, with the restrictions aiming for the funds to be used for opioid abatement efforts.

For more information contact [info@voaa.us](mailto:info@voaa.us).

-OAA

**Stockyard Report**

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

**Hogs:** \$ 83.00-86.00  
**Graded Steers**  
400-499: \$234.00  
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500-599: \$206.00

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### Help Wanted - General

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### Legals - Botetourt County

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF EUNICE FRYE WEAVER, DECEASED**

**NOTICE**  
Having been requested to do so by L. Dale Weaver, executor of the estate of Eunice Frye Weaver, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Eunice Frye Weaver, and all persons in any way interested in her estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Eunice Frye Weaver or her estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due.

All creditors of Eunice Frye Weaver, deceased, and persons interested in her estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time r place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest.

Given under my hand this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

Malcolm McL. Doubles  
Commissioner of Accounts

### Legals - City of Radford

**NOTICE: December 13, 2023**

A white 550 Jet Ski FL8258GV HIN KAW447440482-B. A yellow 400 Jet Ski VA4511AK HIN KAW 051850676. A yellow 400 Jet Ski VA4512AK HIN KAW051690676. Are located at 4923 Clement Lane Radford VA 24141.

If these watercraft are not claimed by the titled owner within 30 days, I will apply to the Department for registration/title in my name. Mark A. 540-639-0610

### Legals - City of Salem

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on December 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Elizabeth G. Lane, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-208.3(B)(2) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 111 Poplar Avenue, Tax Map # 127-3-5. The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow the placement of a 12 x 20-foot carport in the front yard, to be located no closer than 16 feet to the front property line. Section 106-208.3(B)(2) states that accessory structures must be built behind the rear building line of the principal structure (or in the rear yard).

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted.

For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM  
BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

### PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem. The updated plan is currently posted on the division website for public review. Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Susan E. Young, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Friday, January 5, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring copies of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

- provide their name and address,
- address their remarks to the Board,
- be brief and address all stated concerns to the chair,
- A time limit of three minutes per speaker is allotted,
- Provide 8 copies of their remarks for the record, and
- be prepared to answer questions from the Board,
- In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda

### Legals - Montgomery County

#### ABC NOTICE

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## LB hoop teams will play in holiday tournaments



Players on the LB bench give the "3" sign after **Conner Dowdy (3)** sinks one from the corner against Salem.

The Lord Botetourt High basketball teams will play in holiday tournaments in the next week, with the boys at Hidden Valley this week and the girls in Gatlinburg, Tenn., next week.

The boys tournament is a four-team "Titan Basketball Invitational" at Hidden Valley High beginning Thursday of this week. Lord Botetourt is scheduled to play Magna Vista at 5 p.m., followed by Rockbridge County against host Hidden Valley at 7 p.m. The two winners will play for the championship at 7 p.m. Friday

following a 5 p.m. consolation game.

The LB boys evened their record at 3-3 on the season with a 66-61 win over Salem in the Bob Johnson Classic at Lord Botetourt High School last Saturday. The five-game event featured games with coaches tied to legendary Emory & Henry coach Bob Johnson.

Next week LB will play in another holiday event at Spotswood High School. The Cavs will take on Staunton High on Thursday, December 28, at 3 p.m. and Eastern Mennonite High on



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Botetourt's **Maddie Caron** drives to the hole against Patrick Henry.

Saturday, December 30, also at 3 p.m.

The Lord Botetourt girls will play in the eight-team Smoky Mountain Winter Classic tournament in Gatlinburg, Tenn., at Rocky Top Sports World. The tournament begins on December 27 and runs for three days.

The Cavaliers will open with a game against Riverside of South Carolina at 1 p.m. on December 27. Other games find Lebanon, Tenn., against Ridgeview, Va., Rockcastle County, Ky., against Westside, S.C., and Gatlinburg-Pittman,

Tenn., against Hardin Valley, Tenn.

Semifinals are Thursday of next week and the championship is Friday, December 29. There is also a consolation bracket so every team is guaranteed three games.

Lord Botetourt is 5-1 after falling to Patrick Henry at home for their first loss of the season last week. The Patriots used a big second half to pull away from the Cavaliers for a 51-38 win. LB is scheduled to play at Cave Spring on Thursday of this week for their last game before Christmas.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

River's **Kelsi Maydian** drives to the hoop in a recent game. The Knights will host a tournament this week, beginning today.

## River girls will host 'Knights Winter Classic,' boys will play at Bath County on Thursday

James River High School will host the first of what is hoped to be an annual "Knights Winter Classic" basketball tournament in Springwood this week. The event will include both varsity and jayvee tournaments.

Varsity action begins today, December 20, with four games beginning at noon when Staunton River meets Alleghany. At 2 p.m. Narrows will play Jefferson Forest, followed by Riverheads against Amherst at 4 p.m. The final game of the day has host James River against Auburn at 6 p.m.

Semifinals will be Thursday, with consolation bracket games at noon and 2 p.m. and winners bracket games at 4 and 6 p.m. The championship game is Friday at 7:30 p.m. with a seventh place game at noon, a fifth place game at 2 p.m. and a third place game at 4 p.m. River's girls come into the tournament at 1-4.

The jayvee tournament will go by the same format and junior varsity teams from the same schools are included. River will open at 4 p.m. today against the Auburn jayvees, with

games in this tournament to be played in the old gym at James River High. The jayvee championship will be at 6 p.m. Friday.

The James River boys were off for a week before taking on Liberty High at home on Tuesday. Results were too late for publication, but the Knights were 2-5 at that point.

The boys will play at Bath County on Thursday of this week, then take a week off before playing at Waynesboro on December 29. The girls are home against Waynesboro on December 29.

## LB, River wrestlers are in Big Orange this weekend

The Lord Botetourt and James River wrestlers will be competing in the annual "Big Orange Classic" wrestling tournament at William Byrd High School this weekend.

The Big Orange is the longest continuous annual wrestling tournament in the Roanoke Valley and draws most of the top teams in the area. The tournament is back in the high school gym this year after being held in the middle school last winter while renovations were being made to the high school. Wrestling begins at 9:30 a.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The Cavaliers competed in a quad match at Glenvar last week and swept three opponents. Botetourt defeated Cave Spring, 46-30, host Glenvar, 49-29, and Hidden Valley, 51-30.

Last weekend LB freshman Serenity Shearer wrestled in the Radford Lady Cats Invitational for girls. Serenity

placed fifth at 145 pounds.

Also last weekend, James River competed in the 11th Annual Bobby Bates Classic Wrestling Tournament at UVA-Wise in Wise, Va. Xaiden Wynn and Brayden Forbes won individual titles and Nate Stewart was runner-up.

A total of 35 teams from four states were entered in the two-day Bobby Bates tournament. James River had 10 wrestlers entered, covering eight of 14 weight classes. The team finished 13th place on the weekend out of the 35 teams.

The Knights put three wrestlers in the championship finals and had five wrestlers earn medal placements overall. Wynn won at 106, Forbes was the 120-pound champ and Stewart made the finals and took second at 138. Other Knights who placed were Jayden Alston with a sixth place at 175 and Caiden Martin, who took eighth at 106.



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Declan Sullivan of LB (right) wrestles against Cave Spring.

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# SUNY Cortland wins exciting Stagg Bowl

The 50th Stagg Bowl returned to Salem last Friday and may have been the best one ever. The game went down to the final minute when the State University of New York (SUNY) Cortland defense stuffed a two-point conversion try to beat defending national champion North Central College of Illinois, 38-37.

The loss was the first of the season for North Central and it was a game of two distinctly different halves. The game was

scoreless until North Central scored a touchdown with just 57 seconds in the half, then Cortland hit a field goal just before intermission. In the second half teams combined for 65 points in a back-and-forth shootout that saw the game tied at 17-17, 24-24 and 31-31 before the Cardinals decided to go for two on their final touchdown. The Red Dragons then made the big stop for what proved to be the game winning play.



SUNY Cortland players celebrate with the NCAA Championship trophy after winning the Stagg Bowl at Salem Stadium last Friday night.



Cortland's Joe Iadevaio reaches for the goal line to score a second half touchdown for the Red Dragons.



Charles Coleman of North Central scores the game's first touchdown.



Cortland's Cole Burgess breaks a tackle and scores what would be the winning touchdown.

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## Cavaliers compete in East Coast Invitational at RC

The Lord Botetourt indoor track team competed in the East Coast Invitational, a large track meet for high school teams at the Roanoke College Cregger Center last Saturday. Here, DJ Toliver (left) competes in the shot put for the Cavaliers and Riley Shupe rounds the corner in a relay race.

### DWR Outdoor Report

# Tips for cold water paddling & fishing safety

By Bruce Ingram for Va. Dept. of Wildlife Resources

The most dangerous incident of my paddling career occurred on the James River when a friend and I overturned in his canoe. Earlier, my water temperature gauge had registered 54 degrees and the air temperature 65 degrees. When I fell in, I felt as if a sledge hammer had struck my chest, and my buddy and I struggled to swim to shore – losing most of our gear.

That day, the air and water temperature combined measured 119 degrees – within the danger zone says Stacey Brown, boating division director for the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR). She adds that although many variables exist concerning when the risk of hypothermia becomes more acute,

generally if the air and water temperatures together are 120 degrees or below, wet suits are recommended for paddlers. Another major factor, continues Brown, has to do with the amount of time someone is subject to the cold water and air temperatures.

Obviously, one of the most basic acts any paddler can accomplish is to always wear a life jacket. But in my many decades of floating and wade fishing Virginia's rivers and streams, I would wager that most paddlers I have observed – whatever the season from the dog days of summer to the frigid waters of winter – were not wearing life jackets. Many, in fact, did not even have them in their craft or were just using them as seat cushions.

"Wearing a life jacket is the best way to ensure your trip doesn't end in tragedy," emphasizes Brown. "It

would be nice that people think of their life jackets as gear, just like with other sports, rather than required equipment."

Brown offers the following additional recommendations.

- Carry your whistle or other sound producing device in case you do need to summon help.
- Be proficient in re-boarding your canoe, kayak, raft or other craft – especially if you are in a lake or larger river where getting to the shore to re-board would be difficult. If you end up in the cold water – you start to lose dexterity of movement fairly quickly.
- Paddle with a buddy – not only for more fun – but just in case of emergency.
- Evenly pack your boat to have an even keel (so to speak) – and help mitigate the chances of overturning.

• Let someone on dry land know where you are going and when you plan to return – in other words, share your float plan.

• Check the weather before and during the trip. During the excursion, be aware of changing or increasing winds and/or cloud build up.

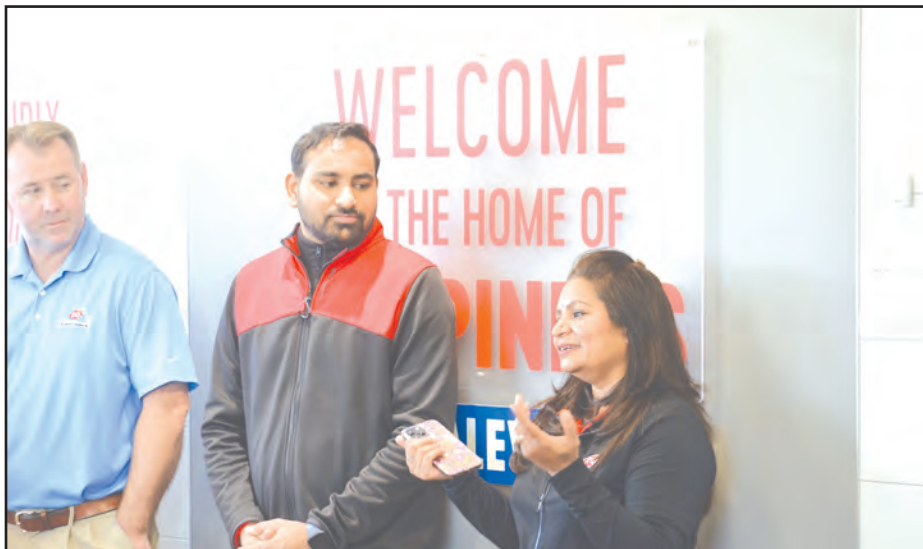
• Be honest about your skills – know your limitations. For example, planning a long trip of many miles or hours during unfavorable water temperatures or forecasts could be risky for many floaters.

In the angling realm, there's nothing I would rather do than float and fish the Old Dominion's many outstanding rivers, but I know that my continuing to enjoy this pastime involves making wise decisions. Please consider making these safety tips part of your game plan.

## DQ from page 1

excitement for Botetourt's newest business prior to the Patels cutting the ribbon on a restaurant that

thrives to create positive memories for all who visit the new location at 180 Town Center Street in Daleville.



Owners Harry and Khushbu Patel welcome guests to DQ's grand opening in Daleville.



The Patels cut the ribbon on DQ's newest location with county administrators and members of the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday morning.

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