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Fincastle Town Council prepares for the holidays

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Fincastle Town Council met last Thursday night giving updates on various items including the upcoming Christmas festivities, a records management policy, and the budget spending at Big Spring Park.

Town management met on Saturday to prepare the Christmas lights prior to the upcoming parade and the First Bank Tinsel Trail which kicks off Dec. 6. Mayor Mary Bess Smith commended Fincastle resident Henry Booze at the meeting Thursday for his apple butter sales helping the town purchase and repair lights. This year, Henry and his wife, Debbie, raised over \$2,000. The lights will be put up throughout town on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

The mayor added, "It's things like that which really make a difference

because there's one thing to be able to physically go out and do all the work, screw in the bulbs, and put the things up. It really takes money to keep it going. Thank you for doing that."

Smith also updated the upcoming parade activity. Last week, the town learned that County Fire & EMS will be training at the courthouse on the Saturday of the Christmas parade (Dec. 7). The mayor wanted residents to know that there will be a "kick up" of water usage during the crew's training exercises, but "(the water) shouldn't be out where the general public will be gathering for the parade."

Town Clerk Pam Brooks recently went through old records that "the town was hesitant to

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Fincastle Town Planner Scott Critzer (left) and Town Council member Paige Ware (right) work on the town's Christmas lights last Saturday.



An overlay of "phase one" of Comcast's service area in Buchanan presented by Town Council last week

Town of Buchanan approves agreement with Comcast

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Buchanan residents will soon have the opportunity to experience Comcast's television and Internet services.

At Buchanan Town Council's November 12 meeting, a standard, non-exclusive agreement was unanimously approved with Comcast in order to install cable in town. An advertised public hearing was held prior to approval allowing a Comcast representative to hear any questions and/or concerns from residents. After no residents commented during the hearing, the town and Comcast agreed to the following terms included in the meeting's agenda packet:

- Comcast has requested a franchise agreement in order to install cable in the town.

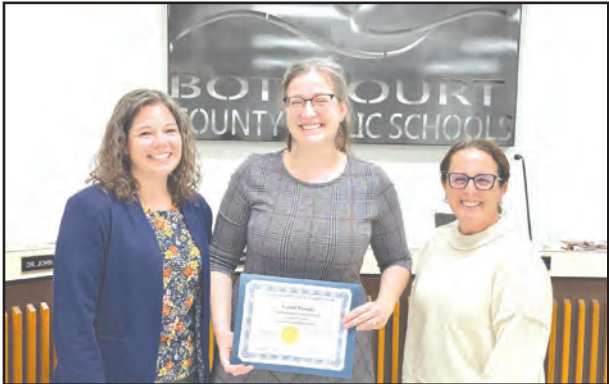
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BTEC Principal Mike Ketron, Kiwanis Club member Lynne Bolton, and Kiwanis Educator of the Year Nathaniel Kingery



Cloverdale Elementary Principal Kelly Rooney, BCPS October Employee of the Month Heidi Cornejo, and Valley School Board representative Tim Davidick



BCPS School Board Chair Anna Weddle, BCPS October Employee of the Month Caitlin Pannell, and Lord Botetourt Principal Beth Mast

School Board recognizes Eagle Rock Elementary achievement and Employees of the Month

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The Botetourt County School Board met last Thursday in Fincastle for its November meeting. The board was happy to present a group of recognitions for Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) staff achievements.

Eagle Rock Elementary School was recently announced as a recipient of the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) Highest Achievement Exemplar

Performance Award for the 2023-24 school year. For this particular award year, 92 schools met the criteria for the Highest Achievement Award.

"Recognition is this program is one of the highest achievements a school can receive in the Commonwealth," BCPS Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ shared during Eagle Rock Elementary's recognition. "This recognition is a testament to the hard work and tireless efforts the educators, staff, students, and families make every single day."

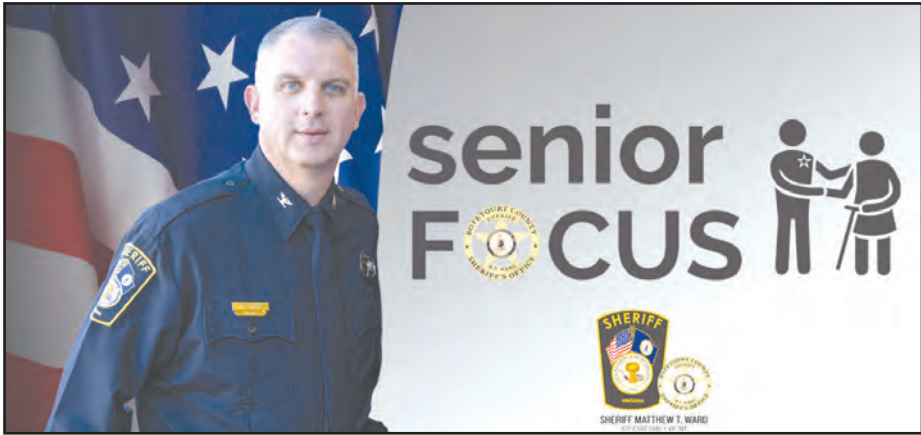


Eagle Rock Elementary was recently announced as a recipient of VDOE's Highest Achievement Exemplar Performance Award for the 2024-25 school year.

According to the Virginia Department of Education, Eagle Rock met state benchmarks in reading, math and science based on the current year pass rate on state assessments (not including growth or English Learner progress). Additionally, the school demonstrates a current year chronic absenteeism rate of 15 percent or lower.

Virginia schools are identified for exemplar performance under the VDOE's

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Sheriff's Office 'Senior Social' this Friday

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office Senior Focus Outreach Program has announced its next "Senior Social" event. The event is focused on bringing seniors and law enforcement together to provide a platform to showcase the many services available to Botetourt County's 50+ community.

This event will be held on Friday, November 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Fincastle Baptist Church, 7330 Roanoke Road, Fincastle. A free buffet style lunch will be served. Sheriff Matthew Ward will present an overview of preventative measures that will help seniors from becoming victims of crime. Sheriff Ward will be followed by guest speaker Donna Abbott, the Market Growth Manager within the Medicare and Retirement Division of United Healthcare.

Seniors will be able to

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School Board hears first reading of new cell phone policy

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The Botetourt County School Board went over the first reading of a new cell phone policy in Botetourt County schools at last week's meeting. Governor Glenn Youngkin authorized "Executive Order 33" earlier this year to establish "cell phone-free education to promote the health and safety of Virginia's K-12 students."

The draft, which is included in the November meeting's agenda packet (go.boarddocs.com/vsba/bcps/Board.nsf/Public), explains the Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) policy in detail. According to the draft, the policy sets guidelines for managing personal devices to prevent distractions during instructional hours. It promotes focused, respectful, and safe learning environments across all Botetourt County schools. The policy governs the use of cell phones, smart devices, and any other personal electronic devices and provides clear expectations for the storage, use, and management of cell phones and similar devices within school settings.

The policy goes on to say that student use of personal devices include will be limited to non-instructional times before the start of school and after dismissal. Devices may also be used during lunch and recess periods in designated areas determined by school administration. Phone use will be prohibited during standardized testing periods and other assessments in accordance with the state's testing security requirements.

School Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ added that over the next month, if no changes are made, the board will vote on the policy next month. An agreed-on policy must be implemented in BCPS by January 2025.

Valley District representative Tim Davidick explained that the policy was developed following the department seeking input from a committee of "parents from across the state." Russ added Virginia Department of Education

(VDOE) provided "listening tours" and received thousands of comments that were in favor of enforcing a "bell-to-bell" no-cell phone policy but wasn't sure of the percentage who responded in favor and those who were not.

Davidick asked about why BCPS's proposed policy would allow times for students to use their phones at specific times when other divisions have implemented more strict policies during the school day, noting that some BCPS parents he's spoke with are for this new cell phone policy to go bell-to-bell, with no exceptions.

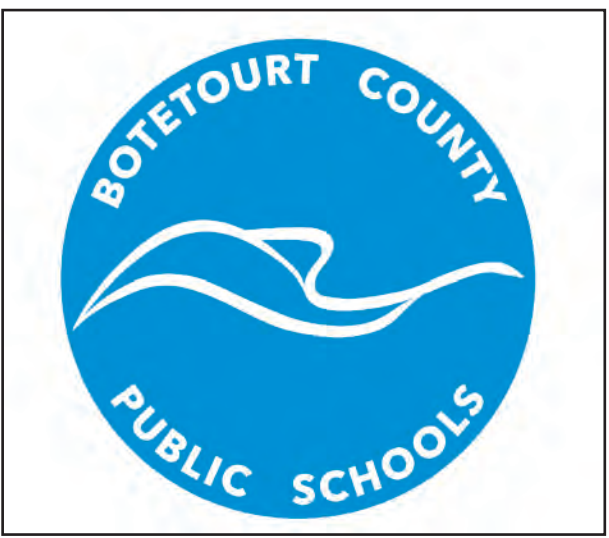
Notably, this cell phone policy is one that could go ignored by the school system as pointed out by Davidick, who would later say, "This is a local policy... We could ignore this altogether. There's no funding attached to it. So, really, what we're doing is making a decision on (BCPS's) policy. (VDOE) has given us some bright lines. I think we should adhere to those bright lines."

School Board Chair Anna Weddle added that she's heard a positive, "overwhelming response" about the proposed policy's "flexibility to have (access to phone use at) lunch and in hallways."

Fincastle School Board representative Dana McCaleb shared concerns about the policy's flexibility and wanting a revision to the current proposed policy about cell phone usage during those non-instructional times. "I'm against that non-instructional time being allowed," McCaleb said. "I agree with the bell-to-bell policy. I think (cell phones) are an addiction for our students."

McCaleb explained that the proposed policy could be harder to enforce if students are allowed to use phones during specific times as opposed to the phones being put away once the first bell rings to start the day until the final bell.

"I have some problems with how this policy is written based on the final guidance from the VDOE," McCaleb continued. "The final guidance doesn't really match what our policy is stating."



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BCPS

McCaleb suggested taking out the "non-instructional time" piece of the policy along with the piece in the draft where teachers would allow students to use their phones "for educational purposes."

Weddle gave an example to McCaleb of why "educational" exceptions could be made in the instance where a high school's creative writing class could use a camera on a cell phone to record a short film based on a script written in class. McCaleb understood that exception and still felt that changes in BCPS's policy could be re-written to better define "educational purposes" when students could use their phones in between that "bell-to-bell" period.

Russ shared with the board that they'll continue to discuss the policy and bring it back as is, or amended, as an action item at the December 12 meeting.

To watch the November 14 meeting of the School Board, visit bcps.live/archives.

Botetourt County History

November is commemorated as Native American Heritage Month. This oval framed collection of Botetourt arrowheads was donated in 1975 by Stuart Barnes Carter (1906-1983). On the back is written "For Botetourt County Museum in memory of Walter and Elbert Brooks." Both men were residents of Eagle Rock and died in 1971 and 1974.

Stuart and his wife, Mary Pechin Shelly Sheridan Carter (1901-1966), purchased their home, Greylegge, in Buchanan in 1954. He was a lawyer in Fincastle, a Delegate in the Virginia General Assembly and later a State Senator. He was actively involved in archeology.

These arrowheads are of various shapes, sizes and stones. They are probably from the Woodland Era (0-1700 A.D.), but could be



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from the Archaic (500-5000 B.C.) or even the Paleo-Indian Era (6000-11,000+ B.C.). Indian artifacts are still being

found in Botetourt.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

DAR recognizes veterans at The Glebe



Pictured are DAR members Beth Pappas, Judy Lee, Carole Geiger, Anne Wagner, Carolyn Wiley, Pat Honts and Liz Moore.

The Botetourt County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met on Saturday, November 9, at The Glebe. At the end of the meeting, Daughters gathered around and wrote thank you for your service cards for veterans. These cards were written anonymously to men and women who have served their country in the military.

On Monday, November 11, several members gathered at a table near the fireplace on the main floor of The Glebe. Here, they greeted residents who stopped by for a chat, to pick up a thank you card, a veteran's button, a patriotic candy, or to look through a stereopticon which held pictures of scenes from World War I. Veterans who stopped by shared stories from their time serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II through the war in Iraq; it was a delight to hear their stories. The Glebe had also set up tables for these veterans to display their mementoes from their time in the service. DAR members and chapters support the men and women who have served in the armed forces, both abroad and at home.

Armistice Day by declaring: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..." In 1938, an act of Congress made the 11th of November a legal holiday – a day to be known thereafter as "Armistice Day." On June 1, 1954, legislation passed by the 83rd Congress declared November 11th become a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. Over 1 million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890.

- Botetourt DAR



DAR members at The Glebe

PHOTOS COURTESY OF BOTETOURT DAR

Buchanan Town Improvement announces 2024 Holiday Home Tour

The Buchanan Town Improvement Society recently posted the date for its annual Holiday Home Tour on Dec. 12. Tour hours are from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Refreshments will be available for participants at the historic Wilson Warehouse at 421 Lowe Street. Tickets for the tour are \$20 and will be available soon.

This year's holiday homes include Wheatland Manor, home of Kelly and Robert Dye at 2094 Wheatland Road;

the home of Melinda and Michael Amos at 16620 Lee Highway; the home of Seth and Lynn Mowles at 16414 Lee Highway; and the home of Pat Jasper at 95 Pattonsburg Lane.

For more information about the event, visit buchanantownimprovementsociety.org, emailing tis1903@gmail.com, or by calling 540-817-5772.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

LAP holding gift basket fundraiser

The League for Animal Protection (LAP) in Fincastle is holding a fund-raising raffle for two gift baskets, each valued at more than \$500. The baskets contain new gift items and lots of gift cards to area restaurants.

The drawings will be held on December 1. Tickets are \$10 each and you may purchase as many as you like. To purchase tickets, make checks payable to League for Protection of Animals and mail to P.O. Box 561,

Fincastle, 24090. For more information, call the LAP Shelter from 8-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. at 540-473-3853.

- LAP

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Fourth grader Kate Brady celebrated Veterans Day with both of her parents, Tim and Aubrey Brady, who are both veterans of the U.S. Air Force.



Breckinridge Elementary celebrated Veterans Day with some very special guests on November 11. Fifth graders Dennon Dudding and Zannha Minnis opened the program by leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARCY WOHLFORD
Veterans Day brought four generations of the Jackson family together. First grader Jase and third grader Levi welcomed their uncle Ben Jackson, grandfather Paul Jackson, and great-grandfather Clarence Albert. Mr. Albert is a 1956 veteran of the U.S. Army.

Breckinridge celebrates Veterans Day

Breckinridge Elementary held a Veterans Day celebration on Nov. 11. Students and faculty shared their appreciation for local veterans at the event.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Botetourt County middle schools have announced the following honor rolls for the first nine-weeks:

CENTRAL ACADEMY A HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Ieylah Anderson, Brenden Banka, Julianna Banka, Charlotte Brock, Layla Bryant, Cora Clark, Garet Cook, Madelyn Davidson, Dylan Davis, Memphis Duty, Brookelyn Fadia, Logan Galanes, Charlotte Hipes, Ava Hosey, Harleigh Masters, Jordan Mathews, Autumn McDermott, William McMeans, Camden Newman, Maren Pauley, Colton Payne, Brianna Petty, Siena Riddle, Laken Robinson, Caroline Rushing, Zoe Serrano, Isabella Taylor, Isaac Theimer, Ava Updike, Carolena Williams, Tobyann Windsor

SEVENTH GRADE: Hannah Ferguson, Brett Henry, Raegan Hickey, Noah Horne, Madeline Louque-Parrish, Wyatt Manbeck, Gavin Price, Samuel Reynolds, Bryson Spangler, Reagan Walker, Macy Weddle, Angela Williams

SIXTH GRADE: Kyle Asbury, Harper Beckner, Cole Belcher, Ruby Boblett, Lindsey Branch, Charles Burnette, Liam Camper, Bear Delseni, Lucy Dubbé, Myles Falls, Easton Galanes, Anna Henry, Jaden Herrig, Kaylen Hull, Sedley Jeter, Grace Kang, Kirra Kitt, Noah Koon, Wren Manbeck, Ruby Martin, Liam Matre, Sadie May, Benjamin McMeans, Autumn Meador, Inara O'Toole, Johanna Sink, Luke Sprinkle, Rosalie Stull, Maddox Taylor, Jocelyn Theimer, Mia Thurston, Abigail Topkin, Adelyn Tribble, Sariah Turner, Christopher Vail, Natalie Vassar, Adalyn Whitney, Kylie Wilson, Ellymae Windsor, Bodhi Woodson

A-B HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Abigail Angle, Hadleigh Breeden, Tyler Britnell, Mirai Burton, Cohen Byer, Cheyenne Byrd, Jezreal Capo, Austin Carr, Gavin Childs, Elijah Copeland, Peyton Crowder, Mercy Croy, Olivia Elmore, Zaylen Fridley, Trevor Gilmer, Briley Goyer, Madison Gray, William Hall, Merit Hammons, Harrison Hanna, Brody Helmandollar, Veronica Helms, Christopher Hensley, Briana Huthwaite, Evie Huwe, Jarrett Jennings, Killian Kennedy, Tristan LaPrade, Elizabeth Laughridge, Joel Laughridge, Brianna Link, Mary Lipas, Matthew Lowe, Kinsley Matheny, Grace Matre, Landen McGough, Isaac Meade, Andrew Monteith, Paxton Montgomery, Daniella Murray, James Neale, Ashton Orange, Joshua Peck, Braden Persinger, Charles Poff, Treavor Puffenbarger, Tucker Rutledge, Addison Shorter, Savanna Sieger, Emma Thurston,

Charlie Tingler, Alexander West, Ashby Wilkes, Kendra Zepp

SEVENTH GRADE: Landon Anderson, Brandon Baka-Collins, Cole Bandy, Athena Bergman, Lillian Cress, Sophie Dewhirst, Aubriella Dickerson, Blaine Dooley, Brooklyn Dooley, Mazi Elmore, Ridley Engstrom, Camdyn Flint, Jaden Fralin, Aubrey Ginapp, Kaylen Hicks, Allie Johnson, Everly Johnson, Reed Lowman, Ethan Martin, Garland Miller, Naima Minnis, Jasmine Montgomery, Cristie Morris, Evan Mundy, Colt Norris, Tristan Rae, Hudson Saunders, Braelyn Scott, Kinley Scott, Bayleigh Sieger, Brady Stevens, Thomas Taylor, Haylee Thompson, Pyper White, Ryan Wiley

SIXTH GRADE: Lily Alls, Harley Armentrout, Jamie Arthus, Xavier Basham, Liam Blevins, Sarah Bonilla, Layah Combs, Carson Cook, Rylee Dancausse, Aubrey Dogan, Jaiden Duffy, Rilee Erickson, Bryson Garner, Tyler Gilmer, Autumn Ginapp, Ryder Hall, Samuel Hall, Everett Hash, Karley Hicks, Jayden Howson, Baylee Hylton, Austin Justice, Samuel Kern, Bentley Keyser, Logan Lovelace, Jackson Lowe, Donovan Mahon, Madison Mathews, Addison Mayo, Mason Mays, Cameron Melson, Logan Moyers, Haden Murphy, Maci Silva, Brantley Smith, Spencer Smith, Ronan Snyder, Riley Sparks, Matthew Tate, Jace Teaford, Kinsley Tolley, Roy Trivellin, Nora Wilburn, Jaden Willis, Piper Woods

READ MOUNTAIN A HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Alexander Barbour, Evelyn Bowden, Siomara Clark, Swisher Cook, Callie Dozier, Jessalyn Dunker, Karis Edwards, Jayleen Galvao, Mason Gates, Brynn Gentry, Cambridge Gibson, Evan Gordon, Ethan Greer, Wyatt Hatter, Ciera Jones, Natalie Mullens, Michael Pastrikos, Ellie Persing, Gianna Pitzer, Elena Preston, Gabriel Puckett, Tenley Scharf, Landon Sharp, Ellie Shawn, Sean Stewart Jr, Madison Weppner, Macy Woody

SEVENTH GRADE: Paige Abney, Klayton Akers, Mackenzie Akers, Annaleigha Aldridge, Michael Aliveto, Sydney Bergsten, Cailyn Booth, Austyn Borba, Colleen Burton, Claire Conn, Gabriella DeHaven, Brayden Deacon, Kinsley Dent, Josiah Dunker, Gabrielle Elmore, Thomas Frederickson, Morgan Gartland, Nathan Gergely, Berkeley Gray, Karissa Griffith, Millie Haniewich, Tayler Hatter, William Hedrick, Ian Huddleston, Everleigh Hudson, Kinley Huffman, Ava Lee, Brock Lough, Everly Lucas, Adam McNamara, Willow Meyers, Hadley Milko, Mason Morgan, Caitlyn Moser, Julia Mosley, Miles Patrick, Dylan Pham, Cayden Ray, Rebecca Stakor, Ella Stewart, Emily Taylor, Addison Thompson, Malachi Tribble, Allison Vess, Cameron Vess, Ryan Waggoner,

Isaac Williams, Toby Zhu

SIXTH GRADE: Yalda Atayi, Cayden Benge, Molly Bogen, Reese Burns, Emmalin Butler, Macey Caldwell, Makenna Carswell, Noah Church, Savannah Colleluori, Andrew Collins, Levi Crockett, Charlotte Curulla, Gabriel Dancy, Jericho Daniel, Braeden Daniels, Luke Davis, Alyssa Dickerson, Brooks Ferguson, Landyn Foster, Emma Garcia, Mason Gilliam, Allison Graham, Kalin Guilliams, Bryson Harless, Gwenna Hartvigsen, Benjamin Henderson, Bailey Higgins, Grace Jensen, Grayson Johnson, Kaylee Kammerer, Taryn Kincer, Corinne King, Jackson Kish, Kyra Lake, Curtis Law, Shea Legon, Jalen Lin, Ella Marshall, Kaylee McKinney, Brantley McMillion, Elliott Meador, Leah Meadows, Olive Megow, Nicholas Meyer, Abigail Muse, Gabriel Mutter, Claire Nagle, Brynn Nunley, Ember Persing, Abbagaile Peterson, Kylie Pippert, Caroline Powell, Scharlotte Rock, Trevor Rock, Aubree Rogers, Nora Salsgiver, Paisli Saunders, Nathan Schwallenberg, Lucy Shawn, Caleb Sherman, Eleanor Shively, Dawson Simmons, Caleb Slaughter, Aubrey Spence, Flora Stump, Alexa Thomas, Julian True, Liam Ward, Leona Wilhoit, Nate Wilson, Aubrey Witt, Kaylee Wittensoldner, Olivia Woodruff, Addisyn Yetter

A-B HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Matthew Alban, Skylar Andert, Jared Atwell, Carter Belcher, Carter Bierce, Olivia Burger, Misael Caballero, Annalee Campbell, Carter Cecil, Casiel Codera, Mark Craig , Brody Crigger, Eric Damian-Mariano, Beahlen Deacon, Jadyn Deaner, Lucas Dehr, Katelin Dent, Abigail Dillard, Connor Dooley, Camden Dudding, Kailyn Edwards, Kyley Fernandez, Averie Flannigan, Olivia Foster, Elliana Foutz, Lillian Foutz, Jordan Gilbert, Aiden Gillespie, Oliver Greene, Alyssa Grooms, Peyton Guy, Lucas Higgins, Liam Hogan, Kaylee Hudgins, Jacob Jenkins, Boyd Jensen, Morgan Keleher, Kathryn Kidd, Porter Kincer, Kenzie LaVenture, Elijah Laffoon, Makinleigh Lee, Blake Lockard, Beau Lonker, Paige Lord, Yasmine Luckett, Molly Lusk, Oneida Marquez-Nolasco, Noah McCarren, Brady McConnaughey, Easton McNabb, Noah Meyer, Noah Nagle, Wyatt Nicely, Noah Patterson, Lylah Pearce, Luke Peery, Evelyn Powell, Emma Rickman, Joselyn Rivera Perez, Madeline Sanford, Madison Sealey, Mohammad Sekandari, Joshua Sherman, Sophie Shonhor, Amelia Stump, Lyla Thomas, Nicole Thomas, Isabella Walker, David Wallace, Kambri Weaver, Jonathan Williamson, Gabriel Witt, Sophia Wolfe, Sophia Wood, James Yager, Bentley Young

SEVENTH GRADE: Grayson Amos, Elijah Anderson, Karson Anderson, Matthew Barker, Grayson Beckner, Aiden Beheler, Lillian Bishop, Cameron Booth, Grayson Booze, Annabel Brown, Aylah Brown, Trenton Brubaker, Otto Brummer, Ricky Carter,

William Conn, Ella Cook, Layla Cook, Tristen Craddock, Justin Damian-Ambrocio, Noah Dillow, Jaxon Dively, Katelyn Engels, Selin Ercioglu, Mia Fields, Grace Forster, Bentley Gibson, Dorian Granados Armas, Peyton Greathouse, Alyssa Griffin, Trevor Harrison, Braxton Harvey, Brooke Heizer, Yan Hernandez Mancia, Mason Hibbs, Grace Hoover, Isaiah Irons, Erika Kitts, Sophia Kovach, Cayden Kroll, Christopher LeMond, Jerrica Lee, Brooklynn Long, Bryson Long, Anastasia Lovasz, Emma Lugar, Dawson Lyle, Jack Madden, Kinleigh Manley, Jayden Martin, Emmalin May, Evan May, Cody McLucas, John McNamara, Hannah Meador, Melody Moore, Jalissa Moreno, Kennedy Mulford, Lily Mullins, Berkley Murray, Wyatt Naff, Manav Nayak, Viraj Nayak, Aubrey Nicely, Brady O'Quinn, Micah Perdue, Alisha Poudel, Aisha Poudyel, Meredith Purser, Ella Purves, Brenden Reedy, Joseph Reiner, Maya Remusat, Camden Rosenberger, Natalie Rubenstein, Chloe Sanders, Oliver Saville, Luke Scott, Gabriel Shaver, Laney Shepherd, Kristina Sisson, David Smith, Fredy Solito Aleman, Kiryn Sollars, Isaac Spencer, Kendall Spencer, Asia Stephens, Kerington Stuart, Brayden Tars, Joseph Thompson, Charlee Truax, Olivia Waff, Laurel Wiley, Archer Wilkinson, Grace Witt, Olivia Wolfe, Ryleigh Woolwine, Charlotte Wright, Nathaniel Wright, Levi Young

SIXTH GRADE: Emma Allison, Kimberly Alvarado Orellana, Aubreigh Arthur, Makenzi Asbridge, Chloe Barnes, Channing Belcher, Isabelle Berg, Colton Carter, Aoife Case, Alexander Clark, Lillian Clemons, Jackson Cockfield, Wagner Collins, Ryan Cunningham, Aleah Dalton, John Davis, River Dickerson, Ethan Dooley, Mariah Downs, Micah Eggleston, Kaiden Elkins, Easton Epperly, Nolan Ferguson, Christopher Fields, Nicole Fields, Ryan Fuller, Cohen Grant, Jesse Grooms, Matthew Hankins, Garrett Helms, Tristan Hinds, Reese Holloman, Samuel Jackson, Zion Jones, Kasity Keen, Reid Keister, Wyatt Kelley, Micah Laffoon, Kennedy Lavinder, Brooklyn Leek, Cohen Lubosch, Anastasia Lupiya, Grayson Markham, Ian Martin, Alex Mattarocchia, Brynlee McMaster, Pedro Morales-Lopez, Hannah Myers, John Nancarrow, Annabelle Neighbors, Kinley Oliver, Brooklyn Orange, Gerard Pablo-Damian, Gabriel Papenfuse, Rogan Pennock, Malachi Perdue, Cooper Pritt, Charlie Pruitt, Paisley Purdham, Quorra Relf, Madison Reynolds, Owen-Ray Richardson, Vayoeth Romero Pineda, Samuel Rubenstein, Presley Russell, Jordan Sample, Layla Samuel-Bolt, Daniel Sanchez Campos, John Shuler, Abigail Silva-Garcia, Logan Simmons, Katie Sorrell, Griffin Spalding, Liam Stallard, Carter Stickney, Lily Surratt, Liam Thomas, Alizabeth Tribbett, Shannon Trout, Asa Vaughan, Lily Waite, Cora Wimmer, Cadence Wood, Jamie Wright

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Holiday Closures

All library branches will be closed from 12 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 through Sunday, December 1 for Thanksgiving. Book returns and Wi-Fi access remain open 24/7.

Free COVID Tests

Botetourt County Libraries and the Virginia Department of Health are partnering to support access to COVID-19 testing resources. Community members can pick up FREE test kits from participating libraries (library cards aren't required) and take the kits home to self-test for COVID-19.

Holiday Tree Lighting at Blue Ridge

Tue, Dec 3, 6pm, Blue Ridge
Get to know your neighbors as you celebrate the holiday season together. Enjoy hot cocoa, snacks, crafts, games, live music, and other family-friendly activities – and of course, the tree lighting!

Art Club

Fri, Dec 6, 3pm, Buchanan
Engage your creativity and find your inner artist with hands-on projects. Casual atmosphere, drop in anytime during the event time to enjoy warm tea, relaxing music, and at-your-own-pace art activities. Scalable for all ages.

Holiday Tree Lighting at Eagle Rock

Mon, Dec 9, 5pm, Eagle Rock
Celebrate the holiday season with us at the library! Join us for hot cocoa, snacks, crafts, and music as we host our annual tree lighting celebration.

Painting Workshop: Seasons of the Gnome

Wed, Dec 11, 11am, Blue Ridge
Embark on a whimsical journey through the seasons with our Seasonal Gnome Painting Series! The beginner-friendly series is designed for adults and seniors who want to explore the joy of painting while creating charming gnome-themed artwork. Registration required.

Foxfire Wreaths

Thu, Dec 12, 6pm, Fincastle
Inspired by Foxfire Christmas, attendees will learn how to make wreaths from foraged items found in the Appalachian Mountains. Learn how to make wreaths out of foraged evergreen, pinecones, and other native plants. Library will provide foraged materials, wire wreath frames, and garden wire. Registration required.

Reading with a Ranger

Fri, Dec 13, 2:30pm, Eagle Rock
Read a book with a Virginia State Park Ranger to learn about nature and make a craft to take home.

Eclectic Readers

Wed, Dec 4, 12pm, Buchanan
Stories set in Mexico:
“Like Water for Chocolate” by Laura Esquivel
“Gods of Jade and “Shadow” by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
“In the Time of the Butterflies” by Julia Alvarez
Thu, Dec 5, 6:30pm, Fincastle
“A Long Petal of the Sea” by Isabel Allende
Wed, Dec 11, 10:30am, Fincastle
“The Plot” by Jean Hanff Korelitz
Thu, Dec 19, 11am, Eagle Rock
“When the Jessamine Grows” by Donna Everhart
Fri, Dec 27, 11am, Blue Ridge
True Biz by Sara Novic

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.


Women’s Club Holiday Market & Craft Fair December 7

The Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club will be having a Holiday Market and Craft Fair on December 7 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a variety of crafters and vendors, a silent auction and two gift card raffle trees. Food will

be for sale by the Women of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. For more information, contact either Yvonne Frazier, Yfrazier13@verizon.net, or Diane Taylor, dhtaylork12@cs.com.

- Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club

League for Animal Protection's
Waif of the Week
Toby
Toby came from a rescue in Scott County. He is about a year or so old. He's been neutered, HW checked and has all his vaccines. He's fine with other dogs and is quite a handsome lemon Beagle.



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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Natural Bridge State Park
hosting Festival of Trees,
collecting donations
for local charities



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF NATURAL BRIDGE STATE PARK

Natural Bridge State Park will kick off its ninth annual Festival of Trees on November 22, giving guests the chance to celebrate the holiday season while giving back to the community.

During the Festival of Trees, the visitor center will be filled with creatively decorated trees, each sponsored by local businesses and community groups. Guests can vote for their favorite tree by placing donation items under it or purchasing a ballot from the front counter.

The tree with the most ballots and donations by December 31 will be named the winner. There is no charge to view the trees.

This year's donations will benefit Rockbridge CAN, Project Horizon and the Natural Bridge/Glasgow Food Pantry. Suggested donations include:

- Household items: Paper towels,

aluminum foil, sandwich bags, 13-gallon trash bags, laundry detergent, disinfectant spray/wipes, towels and washcloths

- Personal items: Body wash/soap, deodorant/body spray, shampoo/conditioner, hairbrushes, socks, diapers (size 5 and 6), baby hygiene items such as lotion, shampoo, wash and baby wipes
- Non-perishable, unexpired food items

The trees will be on display daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., from November 22 through December 31. The visitor center is closed on Christmas Day.

For more information about the Festival of Trees and other holiday events at the park, call 540-291-1326 or go to virginiastateparks.gov/events.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests November 8-17:

- Anthony L. Graham, 36, of Roanoke, domestic assault, November 8
- Daniel R. Horne, 32, of Roanoke, two charges of malicious wounding, simple assault, two charges of assault on a law enforcement officer, November 9
- Vivian A. Lavis, 25, of Roanoke, domestic assault, malicious wounding, November 12
- Tyrese D. Calloway, 29, of

Roanoke, eluding, displaying fictitious registration, November 12

- Kara D. Martin, 35, of Roanoke, possession of Schedule drugs, possession of paraphernalia, November 16
- Charles E. Kyle Jr., 37, of Fincastle, possession of paraphernalia, November 16
- Howard D. Renfro, 59, of Blue Ridge, driving under the influence, November 17
- Christopher D. Fore, 52, of Roanoke, simple assault, November 17

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CLUES ACROSS
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4. Beverage container
7. A team's best pitcher
10. Unit of liquid capacity
11. It comes before two
12. Male child
13. Type of wheat
15. One's mother
16. Upper side of an organism
19. United is one
21. Extraction process
23. A being with lesser divine status
24. People living together in a community
25. Luxury automaker
26. This (Spanish)
27. Semitic language
30. Period for a defined purpose
34. Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure
35. Up in the air (abbr.)

36. American marsupial
41. Decadent dessert
45. Aquatic plant
46. About aviation
47. Summer footwear
50. Rugged mountain ranges
54. With tin
55. Cut on the surface of a hard object
56. Wrapped in cloth
57. Defensive nuclear weapon
59. "American Idol" contestant Clay
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Court decision" __ v. Wade"
62. Born of
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Actress __-Margaret
65. Not even

CLUES DOWN
1. Heat unit
2. __ Faulkner, American writer
3. Guatemalan town
4. Of funny things
5. Actress __ de Armas
6. Agents of one's downfall
7. Takes forcibly
8. Body lice
9. Large nest of a bird of prey
13. Unhappy
14. Popular holiday dessert
17. Habitual drunkard
18. Used of a number or amount not specified
20. Complications
22. Fail to win
27. Before the present
28. Musical genre
29. Flurry
31. 007's creator

32. Indiana Pacer Toppin
33. Midway between north and northeast
37. Feeling
38. Damage another's reputation
39. Mottled citrus fruit
40. Beauty product
41. They man first, second and third
42. Harness
43. Herb
44. Expressed concern
47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
48. Consumed
49. Nostrils
51. Gathered fallen leaves
52. Express good wishes
53. Monetary unit of Brunei
58. Japanese Buddhist festival


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**Friday, Nov. 22
7 p.m.**
**Saturday, Nov. 23
7 p.m.**
**Sunday, Nov. 24
3 p.m.**

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Buchanan

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• The cable company is aware that the town needs to place Christmas decorations on the front of the poles. Comcast offered assurance to town management that its installation will not affect Christmas decorations. The Comcast construction team reviewed the locations and stated that the poles all overlash, so it will not impact the Christmas designs.

Following approval of a small omission from the agreement's item report, Comcast will finish up engineering, permitting, agreements with the owner of the poles, and easements they intend to use. The town presented an overlay of "phase one" of Comcast's service area for Buchanan.

The installation date is yet to be announced by the town. Shentel Telecommunications currently has a non-exclusive franchise agreement in the town. Comcast will compete as they are both non-exclusive agreements, according to a town official.

In other news from last week's meeting, the town extended the Real Estate and Personal Property Tax

payment deadlines from Dec. 5 to Dec. 30, 2024. According to the town, due to issues with tax conversion and use of the new software system (QuickBooks), the town didn't begin mailing out billing statements until last Wednesday, Nov. 13, which would not allow property owners a "reasonable and practical timetable" to make a payment without penalty before the original deadline. Town staff recommended that residents needed 30 days for taxes to be paid. Town Council unanimously approved a resolution read last Tuesday for the extension.

The town has found its new treasurer, Claudine Stump, who was commended for being "especially helpful working with (Town Manager Angela Lawrence) and (the town's) contractor regarding treasurer duties, conversion of taxes, and southern software transition." All financial accounting will completed in-house by January 2025 with the contractor completing tax paperwork, the town noted. Stump will retain the Clerk of Council duties but all other clerk duties, including front desk duties, bill payment processing, deposits, and others will

transfer to a newly appointed clerk. Stump has worked for the town for since March 2021. She has held the position of Town Clerk while handling many of the treasurer duties during interim periods when the town has been without one.

Grant work continues as well in Buchanan. The state recently approved a Lead Pipe Project agreement and will soon send the \$250,000 payment. The project continues and property owners are encouraged to continue sending in inventory information. Property owners for which lead pipes were determined or properties where no determination could be made will receive a mailer. Grants were also submitted for the Park Enhancement Project and Cultural Events/Music Festival Series.

Council approved the 2025 meeting dates on the second Monday of each month as follows: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 14 (Tuesday), November 10, and December 8. Town Council meetings take place at 7 p.m. at Buchanan Town Hall.

School Board

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authority prescribed in the Regulations Establishing the Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia.

The regulations state that schools and divisions shall be recognized by the board in accordance with guidelines the board shall establish for the Exemplar School Recognition Program to recognize schools or school divisions that exceed board-established requirements or show continuous improvement on academic and school quality indicators and schools, school divisions, and school boards that implement effective, innovative practices. Such recognition may include:

- Public announcements recognizing individual schools and divisions
- Tangible rewards
- Waivers of certain board regulations
- Exemptions from certain reporting requirements
- Other commendations deemed appropriate to recognize high achievement

In addition to board recognition, local school boards adopt policies to recognize individual schools through public announcements, media releases, and participation in community activities when setting policy relating to schools and budget development, as well as other appropriate recognition.

Botetourt Kiwanis Club member and former BCPS educator Lynne Bolton presented Botetourt Technical Education

Center (BTEC) teacher Nathaniel Kingery with the Kiwanis Educator of the Year Award.

Kingery is an auto body instructor who joined BTEC following a visit to fix some equipment for the school before becoming an teacher there. Bolton shared that Kingery "encourage(es) the students, providing (students with) an excellent role model... He is a teacher that knows exactly what it's like in the world of auto body and similar careers."

This award is presented annually by the Kiwanis Club of Botetourt and is in memory of Jim Bushong, a long-time BCPS educator. The award is chosen by faculty and staff from BCPS schools.

BCPS also announced its

Employees of the Month of October. The board recognized teachers Heidi Cornejo, an instructional assistant at Cloverdale Elementary School, and Caitlin Pannell, a science teacher at Lord Botetourt High School.

"Heidi is so kind, loving, and gentle to her students," Russ read from Cornejo's nomination letter. "She treats them with so much kindness and is very supportive. She works very hard to connect with her one-on-one students and it is truly evident. I've never seen someone pour their heart and soul into their job like she does every day."

Pannell was recently highlighted for her work in getting a NASA "Moon Tree" at Lord Botetourt. Russ read from

her nomination that Pannell "is an excellent teacher dedicated to creative learning experiences for her students in Biology and Earth Science. She is also the senior class sponsor and, this year, she applied for a Moon Tree, and planned for a week of activities to celebrate the planting of the tree at Lord Botetourt."

Lord Botetourt recently congratulated Pannell on social media sharing, "Whether she's going above and beyond to bring a moon tree to LBHS or helping a student find a passion for science, she makes a difference in the school community contributing to the overall success of BCPS. Mrs. Pannell's commitment and passion for her craft doesn't go unnoticed."



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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.

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- 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, Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

Daleville Baptist Church- Corner of Valley Rd. and Orchard Dr., 992-1570; Senior Pastor Wes Belcher; Sunday School 9:15 AM, Worship 10:30 AM; Wednesday: Prayer & Bible Study - 6:30 PM, Youth - 6:30 PM

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 Chidren'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 Copsps 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 Burkhardt, preschool director.

Mt. Bethel Church of the

The Art of Knowing

Read Deuteronomy 29:1 through 31:30

John was in a hurry as he drove down Main Street. As he approached an intersection he immediately detected trouble. The traffic light was not glowing—the electricity had gone out.

Drivers in the busy intersection quickly became nervous and unsure. No one seemed to remember how to respond in a busy four-way intersection without the help of the light. Even John, a seasoned driver, had trouble remembering the driving rules he had learned as a teenager.

No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction (Deuteronomy 30:14-15).

God's Word serves as a light to those who choose to follow it. However, when we neglect reading and absorbing God's Word, we can find ourselves lost and helpless in times of trouble. The purpose of studying Scripture is to take God's Word to heart—to digest it. Truly knowing God's Word will serve us well in any situation.

Thought for Today: How often do you read and study God's Word? How easily can you recall Scripture?

Quicklook: Genesis 30:11-20

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 Rd, Fincastle, Rev. Dr. David A. Tozar - pastor, Sunday worship at 11am, preceded by coffee fellowship at 10:30, Bible Study Sunday at 4pm, 5th Sunday Potluck luncheon, Handicap Accessible, Contact Pastor Davd at dtozar9@yahoo.com. Follow on Facebook, Sunday worship and Bible study stream live.

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.

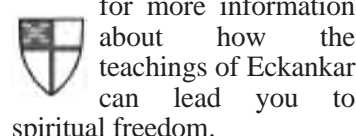
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EPISCOPAL

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.
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.

Woodland Church-A Place Where You Can Grow - 45 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 6:30PM. Website: woodlandchurchbc.com. E-mail address: woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com.

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. 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 Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, Supply Minister, Lori Turner, Music Director. Worship service in the Sanctuary and via Live Streaming (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastleresbyterianchurch>) at 10:30 AM. Adult Sunday School offered at 9:30 AM. Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning service. Bell choir practices after Sunday Fellowship, often providing special music in our services. For more information please email fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com or call 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. Zaverio "Xavier" Banasula. 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). Worship, 9:45AM, Sunday School 10:30 AM.

OBITUARIES

Dudley, Donald

Donald Dudley passed after nearly 84 years on this Earth in the early hours of October 26, 2024.

He was predeceased by his parents, Austin and Hazel Dudley, and dear brother, Russell.

Surviving him are his wife, Jessie; brothers, Austin of Fincastle and Evan of California; sisters-in-law, RaLinda of Fincastle, Lois of New Jersey; brother-in-law, Charles Lightfoot of Rhode Island; as well as numerous nieces nephews, cousins, their children and in-laws who called him Uncle Don.

From childhood, Don was an aircraft enthusiast, graduating from Teterboro School of Aeronautics after graduation from Chatham High School, Chatham, N.J. He and his brother, Austin, had worked wage-free on weekends and after school at a small airport near their home in Chatham, and Don took his experience with him when he enlisted in the Army and became a helicopter mechanic.

When his stint in the U.S. Army was over, he worked as a mechanic for cargo airlines Flying Tigers and Fed Ex, retiring as a lead mechanic for Fed Ex at Newark airport. He often recounted amusing stories of the race horses, beefalo, giraffe, cows, chimps and other animals shipped by Flying Tigers.

In retirement, he enjoyed working on radio-controlled model airplanes and taking field trips with the Roanoke Valley Mineralogical and Gem Society with his wife and members that group and the Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, as he had with friends in New Jersey with the New Jersey Mineralogical Society. He enjoyed cutting the stones he and his wife collected or purchased into cabochons or knife handles, using skills learned from the New Jersey Lapidary Society. He was a devoted son, husband, brother and uncle.

Services will be scheduled at a later date.

Stinnett, Sarah Brewbaker Scott

Sarah Ann Brewbaker was born September 11, 1935 in Springwood to Harry Moorman Brewbaker and Helen Booze Brewbaker. She married Richard Buford Scott and had two children, Virginia Susan Scott Hudson and Richard Alan Scott.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard B. Scott; son, Richard Alan Scott; brother, William Brewbaker; and second husband, Donald “Donnie” Lee Stinnett.

She is survived by her daughter, Virginia Hudson (Robert) of Reedville, Va.; her sister, Harriett Francis of Buchanan; her sister-in-law, Susan Scott King (Ed) of Millsboro, Del.; grandson, Vincent Scott Estes (Olesia) of Norfolk; granddaughter, Virginia Kelly Estes of Reedville, Va.; a great-granddaughter, Virginia Amelia Estes of Norfolk; two nephews and four nieces.

She worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Guy Alphin in Buchanan and orthodontist Dr. Norborne Muir in Roanoke before the family moved to Danville, Va. In Danville, she worked 35 years as an Office Manager for both the Anesthesia Department and the School for Anesthetists at the Danville Memorial Hospital.

During Sarah’s time on earth, her life was dedicated to thoughts of charitable initiatives and successful community outreach programs to lift up adults and children experiencing difficult challenges. She was an active member of Christ the King Lutheran Church where she was an associate organist. She volunteered with the Make a Wish Foundation where, as a wish granter, she made one little boy’s wish come true to meet Donald Trump and other children’s wishes to go to Disney World. In 1985, Sarah spearheaded the church’s support to the coal miners in the Southwest Virginia area and often traveled there to deliver truckloads of much-needed clothing, household items and toys for the children just in time for Christmas.

After marrying Donnie Stinnett in 1998, she relocated to Richmond where she became a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the Commonwealth Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and held many officer positions in the President Davis Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). While in Richmond, she rallied the church congregation and the UDC chapter to continue her 35-year support to the community of Binns County’s most needy families during the Christmas season. For years she also volunteered at Crossover, a community Health Clinic, where she coordinated patient accounts.

Two celebrations of life services and the interment of ashes will be held. The first will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2024 at Springwood Baptist Church, 88 Cobbs Hill Road, Buchanan. The second will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 14, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2315 North Parham Road, Henrico, Va. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Binns-Counts Community Development Center, 124 Ritter Circle, McClure, Va. 24269 in memory of Sarah Stinnett.



Walker Manbeck is new member of American Angus Association

Walker Manbeck of Buchanan is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in shows and other national and regional events.

- American Angus Association

CHURCH NEWS

Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open Saturday, November 23 from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. Volunteers from St. Mark’s United Church will distribute meat, bread, milk and staples at the curb. Anyone in need is welcome. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

Mount Olivet Christmas Bazaar November 30

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church will have its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 30, beginning at 8 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be available. Christmas gifts made by the Mt. Olivet Quilters will be for sale, too.

The church is located at 26310 Lee Highway, Buchanan. For information, call 540-254-1353 or 540-798-8192.

Free Terrific Tuesday Dinner

Everyone is welcome to the free Terrific Tuesdays Church and Community Dinner at Fincastle United Methodist Church’s Family Life Center, located at 137 S. Church Street, on Tuesday, November 26. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Service in Troutville

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Troutville Baptist, 5520 Lee Highway, on November 24. The service begins at 4 p.m. and there will be fellowship and refreshments afterwards. Other participating

congregations are Cave Rock Baptist, Ebenezer United Methodist, and Troutville Church of the Brethren.

Service of Prayer at Fincastle Presbyterian

Fincastle Presbyterian Church will be holding a Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, and on Wednesday, December 18.

This is a special service of prayer, music, silence and scripture, and an opportunity to gather in Christian community and draw closer to God to offer prayers for individuals, the local community, the country and the world. Following the service, gather in the fellowship hall for a light supper. All are invited. The church is at 108 E. Back Street.

Fall Bazaar at Ebenezer UMC

Ebenezer United Methodist Church will hold their Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 23, from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. There will be sausage gravy biscuits, yard sale items, baked goods, hot dogs, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, and barbecue. Ebenezer UMC is located at 85 Nace Road, Troutville. All are invited.

Springwood Baptist Thanksgiving service, meal

All are invited to the Sunday service on November 24 at Springwood Baptist

Church, led by Pastor Mike Anderson, followed by a Thanksgiving potluck meal.

Bring a favorite meat, vegetable, or dessert to gather together to give thanks for God’s blessings and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Donations requested for Springwood Cemetery repair

Springwood Baptist Church has approved a contract of \$5,000 for stonework in the “old” cemetery. Approximately 29 marked stones will be straightened and leveled, along with reassembling many broken stones.

The church respectfully requests donations to this project. Please send donations to: Springwood Baptist Church, c/o Gary Peery, 234 Peery Lane, Buchanan, 24066. In memo of check, state Cemetery Repair.

Sale at Cloverdale Thrift Store

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store has a large selection of sweaters and jackets for the entire family. Start Christmas decorating early– the store has lots of antique and collectible ornaments available. Hours are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday. Donations are greatly appreciated.



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RVARC offers septic pump-outs for citizens

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) is offering assistance with septic pump-outs for Botetourt County residents.

According to the RVARC, this program aims to reduce the environmental impacts and property damage caused by failed septic systems. Eligible residents include those living within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and residents that are responsible for their home’s septic maintenance. Priority is given to households with an annual income at or below the 80% Area Median Income (AMI) guidelines. The most recent pump-out was no less than five years ago.

Those guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Annual Income
1 Person	\$48,800
2 People	\$55,800
3 People	\$62,750
4 People	\$69,700
5 People	\$75,300
6 People	\$80,900
7 People	\$86,450
8 People	\$92,050

To learn more about local septic tanks and program eligibility, visit rvarc.org/septic-pump-outs or contact tfamuliner@rvarc.org.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to §3.2-6569 Code of Virginia – Notice Is Hereby Given By Animal Control Officers

The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office seized a female Black Labrador Retriever named Nilla in the 12000 block of Catawba Road, Troutville, Va. A hearing date to determine the disposition of this animal is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, November 25 at the Botetourt County General District Courthouse, 20 East Back Street, Fincastle. For additional information, contact Officer B. Olinger at 540-473-8631.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING 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 9, 2024 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. Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Planning & Zoning Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to planning@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, December 5, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on December 9, 2024.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of text amendments to Chapter 25, Zoning of the Botetourt County Code in the Traditional Neighborhood District (TND) that would amend the following in the TND Use District only: residential lot and building requirements for duplexes; rear yard setbacks for multi-family dwellings; dimensions and parking standards for streets, alleys, paths, and blocks for mixed residential streets, mixed residential lanes and entry boulevards.

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

Historic Fincastle, Inc. announces Honorary Lifetime Memberships



In December 2009, five women were awarded Honorary Lifetime Membership into Historic Fincastle, Inc. (HFI): Angela Coon, Peggy Davis, Pat Simmons, Paige Ware, and Mary Westerman.

HFI was incorporated in 1968 as a non-profit organization devoted to protecting and preserving the historic town of Fincastle. Peggy, Pat, and Mary helped to organize HFI in 1967 when the idea of a Council for the Beautification & Preservation of Fincastle was born.

At the Annual Membership meeting on Thursday, November 14, six more members were honored with Honorary Lifetime Memberships. They are Marcia Neighbors, Lynne Bolton, Kip and Lyn Burton and Carol and Alan Brenner. These people will be honored with an ink pen made by Willie Simmons out of wood from the tree at the Wysong Building.

Neighbors, one of the First 2nd Generation Honorary Lifetime Membership recipients, has been a member of the Board of Directors since the early 1980s and has served as secretary for many of those years.

She also volunteers at most every HFI event – serving as Mrs. Early at the Early Cabin, organizing the music and/or quilt shows at the Fincastle Festival, providing food and decorations at the annual holiday party, etc.

Bolton has been the president of HFI for eight of the last nine years and has served as other officers since 2009. Her passion has been the continuation of the Fincastle Festival – creating new events, managing the craft and artist and food vendors and seeing to every detail so visitors can enjoy the day.

Kip and Lyn Burton are the “king and queen” of volunteering. Anything that needs to be done, they are always there – cleaning the gardens, serving as host or hostess, information booth organizers, souvenirs, and most importantly serving as treasurer for the last 20 years.

Carol and Alan Brenner were also honored. Carol served as president of HFI for several years until her health forced her to step down. She sadly passed away in 2019. During her tenure, she did much

of the preparation of mailings, the newsletter, organizing events and planning for the future. Some of her major accomplishments were to help put HFI on a secure financial footing, re-roofing the Early Cabin, designing and coordinating funding and construction of the stone sign at Main Street and Rt. 220. She was also the First 2nd Generation President and now is one of the First 2nd Generation Honorary Lifetime Membership recipients. Alan was her constant helper. Alan’s claim to fame was that he always “got the wine” for any event needed and lined up the porta-potties for the festival. Both were very willing volunteers and Alan still volunteers.

Congratulations to these very deserving members of HFI. There are many more people who deserve this recognition. The board will be looking into honoring more in years to come. HFI is planning to create a garden at Wysong Park to acknowledge the accomplishments of these people.

- Historic Fincastle, Inc.

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get rid of,” according to Smith. She mentioned the Library of Virginia adopting a records management policy. In the policy, the library explains that public records be “destroyed or discarded in a timely manner” – if the records are over three years old, they can be disposed of. Instead of destroying the records, the town is boxing them up and moving the old records to another building.

“Even though we’ve got a policy, we want to keep them as long as we need to,” Smith explained. “I talked about maybe needing to adopt a (town) records management plan. There’s already one in place for localities, so I wanted to let everybody know that we are following along with that prescribed guidance for how long we keep documents. Some documents related to zoning and matters like that we keep forever. Some of these documents around accounts payable we’re going to take out of the office itself and move over into the building.”

Last month, Town Council member Bill Gaul provided a proposal for the town budget related to the pond at Big Spring Park. Smith shared that she set aside approximately \$4,000 for pond improvements. The mayor spoke with a local expert and decided to purchase a chemical management system, a dredging operation to install an Agri Drain drainage system, and adding carp in the pond. These items are expected to total around \$3,500. Once installed the town will see how effective they are helping clean up the pond before considering “some of the more costly options.” Town Council unanimously approved the purchase, 5-0. (Councilmen John Thomas and Jim Reynolds were absent from the November meeting.)

Smith mentioned the repair of a small wall on Jake Cress’s property along Griffith Alley that Cress hired someone to repair. Smith suggested reimbursing Cress for repairs to the wall using some of the town’s sidewalk repair money in the budget, which falls within in guidelines of the town’s purchasing policy. The town currently has \$14,000 for sidewalk repairs set aside.



Christmas lights return to Fincastle this week.

Council agreed to reimburse Cress for the wall repairs.

“Jake has done so much for the town,” Councilman Bill Gaul added. “I think it’s a small way to repay him (for all he has done).”

Town Manager Melanie McFadyen updated council on the town’s CDBG planning grant reimbursements for town expenses. The planning grant is scheduled to end at the end of December and the town expects to receive all reimbursements by then. Additionally, the town hopes to put in for a construction grant this spring, with help from the Roanoke Valley Regional Commission and Hill Studio. McFadyen added that the town would like to have David Hill from the studio come to a meeting to explain what the town plans to do with the construction grant.

The town is currently working on obligating all ARPA funds by the end of the year. McFadyen shared that the town “will have all of those funds obligated” and will produce a final report at the end of April 2025.

New council member training will soon be available this spring for the new members. McFadyen mentioned the town would be willing to offer the training to other surrounding localities for any new council or planning commission members who would like to participate.

Fincastle Town Council meets again on Dec. 9 at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room at 7 p.m.

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visit with many of the public and private services available. Services such as daily well-being checks, general health, and

financial wellbeing will be on site. Governmental services will be on hand to answer questions and help seniors navigate their future needs. The event and all services are provided free of charge to the senior community.

“We are committed to working closely with our senior community through

the Senior Focus Outreach Program,” said Sheriff Ward. “Our Senior Social event not only allows us to engage directly with seniors, but also gives them the chance to connect with one another and discover resources available to them. It’s an important opportunity for us to share vital information that helps prevent them

from becoming victims of crime.”

Sheriff Ward invites the senior community to join him at the Senior Social event Friday, November 22, at Fincastle Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m. For more information on the event, contact Andrea Mundy, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 540-928-2233.

- Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office

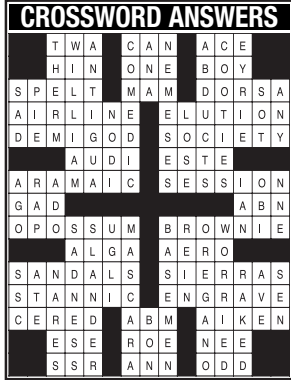
NOTICE

The Botetourt County governmental offices and libraries will close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, 2024 in observance of Thanksgiving. The libraries will also be closed on Saturday, Nov. 30. The landfill station will be closed Thanksgiving Day and close at noon on Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30.

NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

For information regarding this meeting, please see www.botetourtva.gov or contact the County Administrator’s Office at 540-928-2006.



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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. CL24-419
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. WELDON E. ALEXANDER, ET AL., Respondents(s)
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows:
Tax Map No. 53-39
Account No. 20807
All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the Buchanan Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, containing 2.5 acres, more or less.

And being the remaining portion of the same property conveyed to Weldon E. Alexander and Rosa M. Alexander, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship, from Paul J. McCormick, widower, and Weldon E. Alexander and Rosa M. Alexnader, husband and wife, by Deed of Correction dated May 30, 1978, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 243, at Page 804.
This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 243, at Page 412, Deed Book 243, at Page 410, and Deed Book 178, at Page 814.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating the due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Weldon E. Alexander, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is P.O. Box 1035, Buchanan, Virginia, 24066; Rosa M. Weldon, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address 676 Arcadia Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; Timothy E. Alexander, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 1138 Pico Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; H. Dean Alexander, whose last known address is 1527 N. Princeton Drive, Covington, Virginia 24426; Linda D. McCormick, whose last known address is 802 W Ridgeway Street, Apt. 400, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before December 23, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.
Entered on the 4th day of November, 2024
T. Moore, Clerk

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**Order of
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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. CL24-415
VIRGINIA:IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, AND TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. CAROL C. LAWSON, ET AL., Respondents(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the c County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows:
Tax Map No. 65A (5)
107A&108A
Account No. 22685
All certain tract or parcel of land, situate, lying, and being in the Town of Buchanan, Botetourt County, Virginia, described as follows:
Beginning at a point at the intersection of Stae Route No. 43 and T 1307 located 25 feet from the centerline of State Route No. 43 and 20 feet from the centerline of T 1307; thence N 81° 05'13"E 145.10 feet to a metal fence post; thence s 9°08' 11" E 83.69 feet to a point on property now or formerly owned by Rookstool; thence s 76° 28' 26" W 137.74 feet passing through an iron pin at 1.49 feet and another iron pin at 136.28 feet to a point along route T 1307; thence N 13° 49' 12" W 95.12feet to the beginning, containing 0.29 acre, more or less, as shown on the plat of survey by Charles R. McMurray, dated July 9 1981, recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 300, at Page 516.
And being the same property conveyed to Carol C. Lawson from Lee T. Lawson and Carol C. Lawson by Deed dated May 20, 1987 and recorded December 14, 1987 in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 341, at Page 649.
The description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.
IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Carol C. Lawson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 2222 Wycliffe Avenue SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24014: Lee T. Lawson, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 3920 Three Chop Lane SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24014: Lee T. Lawson, Jr., whose last known address is 2222 Wycliffe Avenue SW Roanoke, 24014; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties individually and/or by

the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before December 18, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.
Entered on the 28th day of October, 2024.
Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

I Ask for This:
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**NOTICE OF
TRUSTEE'S SALE
Timber Ridge,
Buchanan, Virginia
24066**

Parcel ID No. 31978 Tax
Map No. 49-43B
BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated December 13, 2019 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument 190004704, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at the front steps of the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, 5 West Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090-0219, on December 12, 2024, at 12:00 o'clock noon, property located at or near Timber Ridge, Buchanan, Virginia, which property is more particularly described as follows:
All of that certain tract or parcel of land designated as New Tract B and containing 5.012 acres, more or less, as more fully shown on that certain "Plat Of The Property of George T. & Lesley N. Kutchman DB 392 PG 420; TM #49-43 Creating New Tract B," dated March 7, 2019 and prepared by Christopher N. McMurry, Land Surveyor, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 63, Page 31.

This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of up to ten percent (10%) of the successful bid in certified funds required (certified or cashier's check made payable to Spilman, Thomas & Battle, PLLC). Settlement within thirty (30) days of sale with balance of purchase price paid in cash. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale outlining additional terms of sale and settlement that will be available for review prior to the announcement of sale. Employees, directors and officers of Farm Credit of the Virginias, ACA, and their immediate family and companies in which they have an interest are not eligible under federal regulations to purchase this property at foreclosure.

Bryson J. Hunter, Peter M. Pearl, and Jennifer A. Baker, Substitute Trustees
For Information Contact: Bryson J. Hunter, Esquire bhunter@spilmanlaw.com
Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC
P.O. Box 90
Roanoke, Virginia 24002
540-512-1800 Telephone

**Legals -
Montgomery County**

**NOTICE OF
SUBSTITUTE
TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF
4807 Pilot Rd.,
Pilot, Virginia**

**24138
(Montgomery
County, Virginia)**

In execution of a deed of trust, from JAMES F. PHILLIPS and STEPHANIE A. PHILLIPS, dated January 31, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$64,228.59, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, as Instrument Number 07001497, Seth E. Twery, P.C. having been appointed Substitute Trustee, pursuant to Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated August 29, 2024, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 2024005255, due to default in payment of the debt secured, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in front of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia on the 4th day of December, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., that certain tract of real estate known as 4807 Pilot Rd., Pilot, Virginia 24138 situated in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being on the southwesterly side of Pilot Road (Virginia Route 615), in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, described as follows:

All that tract containing 1.012 acres as shown on the map entitled "PLAT OF SURVEY TO BE CONVEYED TO JAMES F. PHILLIPS AND STEPHANIE A. PHILLIPS," prepared by C.S. Correll, L.S., of Correll Surveying, dated March 24, 1998, Plat #1028, a copy of which map is recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Circuit Court, Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 1002, at Page 578 and to which map reference is made for a more particular description of the property hereby conveyed.

SUBJECT To the right to use water from the spring and the right to install, maintain and renew a pipe line for the purpose of pumping said water, together.

TOGETHER WITH the right of ingress and egress for the purpose of maintaining said pipe line by instrument of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 580, Page 639.

Included with the sale of the aforesaid real estate is a 2007 Giles Manufactured Home - VIN No. G131470.

Sale subject to all conditions, restrictions, reservations and easements, if any of record and now applicable thereto.

Terms: At least 10% cash on day of sale; balance due within 30 days.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Seth E. Twery, Esq.
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**Order of
Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. CL24001724-00
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHLEY DIANE MCLEMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: MINOR NAME CHANGE FOR TEAGAN HALL. It is ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH HALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 10, 2025 @1:00 PM.
11/1/2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

**Order of
Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. CL24001725-00
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHLEY DIANE MCLEMORE v.

**Legals -
Montgomery County**

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: MINOR NAME CHANGE FOR RYLAND HALL. It is ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER JOSPEH HALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 10, 2025 @1:00PM.
10/31/2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

**Order of
Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. CL24001726-00
MONTGOMERY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHLEY MCLEMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: MINOR NAME CHANGE FOR DAYTON HALL. It is ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH HALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 10, 2025 @1:00PM.
November 6, 2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

**Order of
Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. CL24001764-00
MONTGOMERY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* STACEY LYNN MONTOYA v. JOSE CARLOS HERNANDEZ MONTOYA
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JOSE CARLOS HERNANDEZ MONTOYA appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 13, 2025 @9:00 AM.
November 12, 2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF 3025 OLIVER
ROAD, ELLISTON,
VA 24087.**

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 23, 2011, in the original principal amount of \$63,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2011009822. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on January 6, 2025, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TO-WIT: LOT B, CONTAINING 15.165 ACRES AS SHOWN ON THE SURVEY PLAT FOR AND BEING A FAMILY SUBDIVISION FOR GERALD AND ELAINE M. BAHNKEN AND ROBERT AND CARLA T. BAHNKEN SHOWING NEW LOTS A AND B, CONTAINING 18.619 ACRES TOTAL

SURVEYED, LOCATED IN THE MOUNT TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2007, PREPARED BY PIERSON ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 137. SUBJECT, HOWEVER TO AN ACCESS EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS CENTERED OVER THE TWENTY (20) FOOT GRAVEL DRIVE OVER LOT B AS SHOWN ON THE AFORESAID PLAT. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENT, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

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

**Legals -
Montgomery County**

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. Substitute Trustee has identified an unreleased security instrument which may be superior to the subject Deed of Trust. Substitute Trustee disclaims any implication that the Property will be sold free and clear of all liens. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the 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.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229.
For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com.
VA-371303-1.

**Notice of Public
Hearing
Town of
Blacksburg
Planning
Commission
Tuesday,
December 3, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

RZN-24-3-Clay Street Apartment PRD request from R-5 Transitional Residential to PR Planned Residential at 402 Clay Street SE.
Rezone request to permit the construction of two (2) three-story multifamily buildings with a maximum of 72 bedrooms in 42 units (46 bedrooms/acre or 27 units/acre). The buildings contain 30 two-bedroom units and 12 one-bedroom units. Twenty percent (20%) of the units will be income restricted to households earning less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) and will be managed through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. This area is designated on the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use map as Medium Density Residential which is defined as up to and including ten dwelling units per acre; or up to 20 bedrooms per acre, whichever is less. The proposed development represents an increase in density above the Future Land Use designation.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) #60/ORD #2001-An amendment to amend the text of the Town's Zoning Ordinance to create a new Downtown Northwest zoning district for the area bounded by North Main Street, Turner Street, and Prices Fork Road. In 2019, the Town adopted the Downtown Strategic Plan which identified six sub districts for Downtown including the Downtown Northwest district bounded by North Main Street, Prices Fork Road, and Turner Street NW. The proposed amendment will create a new floating zoning district applicable to the Downtown Northwest area. Creation of a new district does not change existing zoning and property owners would need to rezone to the new district through a public hearing

process. The district includes an applicability criteria, permitted use table, definitions specific to the new district, building dimensional standards, building design standards, site development standards and signage provisions. The district incorporates many new form-based zoning regulations, which have more specificity in building and site design requirements than typically found in traditional zoning districts.

Persons affected by or interested in the rezoning and zoning ordinance amendment requests may appear and present their views. After hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the applications, staff report and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

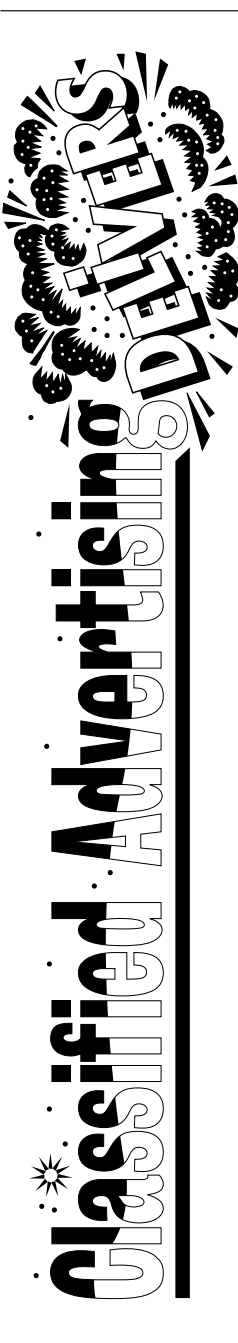
**Legals -
City of Radford**

**Order of
Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. CL24007489-00
RADFORD Circuit Court, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* KEVIN C. LYLE v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARJORIE MILLER LYLE
The object of this suit is to: PETITION FOR PROBATE OF LOST WILL. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN HEIRS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 7, 2025.
ANGEL TURPIN, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

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State Class 2 volleyball is Saturday in Salem

The Virginia High School League girls volleyball state championships for Class 1, 2 and 3 will be held at the Salem Civic Center this Saturday. At press time, the James River team was still in the hunt, needing a win in Clintwood Tuesday to advance to Saturday's Class 2 championship at 2:15 p.m.

River advanced to Tuesday's state semifinal with two big wins in the past week. Last week at Roanoke College, they defeated Radford in four sets in the Region 2C championship. Konner Myers had 25 digs, Caitlin Canada had 16 kills and Ava Thacker had 27 digs, three aces and eight kills.

"We had one of our key outsides go down in the first set," said Firebaugh. "I have to say how proud I am of my girls for stepping up and pushing through with whatever lineup I give them. They are so determined and hard working."

The win gave River a home game on Saturday night for the state quarterfinal round. The Knights hosted Marion and won in four sets again, 25-20, 25-22, 21-25 and 25-16. Myers had 33 digs and Thacker had 21. Canada had 14 kills, Brea Anduiza had 13, Sydnee Breeding had 11 and Thacker had eight.

"It was a good night for us," said Firebaugh. "We played super well and that shows from the stats. Our hitters hit well and our team played as a whole. I absolutely adore this team. They work so hard and play for each other."

Reaching the state semifinal is something the three James River coaches remember doing as players

are. The location is not going to matter. If we are the better team we will come out on top no matter what. I believe in my girls and know they will rise to the occasion."

The Knights have been on a roll. Going into Tuesday's match they'd won 10 of their last 11, losing only to Class 3 Alleghany. Last Tuesday at the Roanoke College Cregger Center they beat Radford in four sets to win the Region 2C championship. Konner Myers had 25 digs, Caitlin Canada had 16 kills and Ava Thacker had 27 digs, three aces and eight kills.

"We had one of our key outsides go down in the first set," said Firebaugh. "I have to say how proud I am of my girls for stepping up and pushing through with whatever lineup I give them. They are so determined and hard working."

The win gave River a home game on Saturday night for the state quarterfinal round. The Knights hosted Marion and won in four sets again, 25-20, 25-22, 21-25 and 25-16. Myers had 33 digs and Thacker had 21. Canada had 14 kills, Brea Anduiza had 13, Sydnee Breeding had 11 and Thacker had eight.

"It was a good night for us," said Firebaugh. "We played super well and that shows from the stats. Our hitters hit well and our team played as a whole. I absolutely adore this team. They work so hard and play for each other."

Reaching the state semifinal is something the three James River coaches remember doing as players



Left to right, River coaches Bailey Marshall, Linsey Firebaugh and Lilli Clevenger all played volleyball for the Knights during their high school days.

for the Knights. In 2017, Firebaugh, (then Linsey Bailey) and assistants Lilli Clevenger and Bailey Marshall reached that round. Linsey was a senior and Lilli and Bailey were both juniors under coach Dave McGee, who Linsey credits for much of her success on the court.

"We all played together on the 2017 team that made it to the state semifinals by knocking out Marion," said Linsey. "Lilli was the setter and Bailey was one of the middles on the successful team we had. I had so much admiration for Bailey and Lilli both. This is why I asked them to join me coaching. They both know the game well and are great encouragers and role models to the girls."

Firebaugh feels the three coaches all have something to offer.

"Each one of us brings a different perspective to the game," she said. "Coaching with them is so much fun. They bring a great energy to practice every day. They help me prepare and plan for

the games and help break down what skills need to be improved on in practice. We have grown to be super close and I know this will be a lasting friendship. I am so thankful to have both of them."

If the Knights won Tuesday they will play the winner of a semifinal game between Clarke County and Fort Defiance. Both schools are from Region 2D, having swept teams from Region 2A in the quarterfinals. Clarke is the top seed from 2D.

This Saturday's action at the Salem Civic Center begins at noon with the Class 1 championship. Auburn and Giles were in one semifinal and Middlesex and Rappahannock were in the other.

The Class 2 match is at 2:15 p.m. and the Class 3 championship will conclude the tripleheader at 4:30 p.m. It should also be a good one as defending state champ Hidden Valley and Region 3D champ Christiansburg were in one semifinal with New Kent and Grafton in the other.



Brea Anduiza saves one for the Knights at Roanoke College.

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With a time of 15:46.5, Lord Botetourt's Eric Duncan placed fourth overall at the Class 3 state championship on Saturday on Virginia Tech's cross country course.

Lafayette third.

In the girls Class 3 race Gantzhorn ran a personal record of 22.08, finishing 63rd among 132 girls. The winning time was 18:03 by Samantha Nitzsche of William Monroe High.

Spotswood was the Class 3 girls team champ, followed by Abingdon and Christiansburg. Gantzhorn is just a sophomore.

"We are so proud of the two of them, and even more excited that they are both returning runners," said Edmonds of the two Cavaliers.

In the Class 2 race Jones of James River, a sophomore, finished 45th with a time of 18:34. Fellow Three Rivers District runner

Mason Erchull of Floyd County finished first in 16:15 and the Buffaloes finished second as a team behind Clarke County.

It was reversed in the girls' race with Floyd winning the Class 2 state championship and Clarke taking second. Abigail Rhudy of Tazewell was the individual winner in 18:58.



Jadyn Miller (7) goes high for a spike against Radford.

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County golfers on Hall of Fame team



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Landon Bolling of James River and Alisa Davidova of Lord Botetourt have been selected for the Roanoke Valley Junior Hall of Fame golf team. Landon also participated in the Commonwealth Cup last weekend, playing with other high school students from the state. It is organized by the AJGA and is a fundraiser that supports Youth on the Course as well as the Liberty National ACE Grant, a scholarship program for junior golf. Above is the Hall of Fame team (from left): back row, Floyd County Coach Dirk Davis, Blacksburg Coach Rick Mattox, Landon Bolling-JRHS, Isaiah Cantrell-Floyd, Zuhair Mirza-North Cross, Cameron Sharp-Blacksburg, Jake Albert-Blacksburg and Grayden Laird-Blacksburg; front row, Angelina Bowan-Hidden Valley, Ashnur Kaur-Salem, Alisa Davidova-Lord Botetourt, Kathryn Ha-Salem, Madelyn Hall-Floyd and Kendall West-Cave Spring.

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With the win LB advances to the region semifinal at Magna Vista this Friday. The second-seeded Warriors edged Christiansburg, 28-25, in their opening round game last Friday in Ridgeway. In the other semifinal top-seeded Abingdon will host fourth-

seeded William Byrd. If LB and Abingdon win this Friday the Cavaliers will play at Abingdon the day after Thanksgiving. If LB and Byrd win the Cavs would have a home game against the Terriers.

But first things first, and Magna Vista won't be easy. The

Warriors lost to Staunton River in their first game of the season but have won 10 of the past 11, with the only loss coming to Region 4D top seed George Washington of Danville.

"They're big and athletic," said Harless.

The two teams have played

two times prior, both in the post-season. In 2015 they met in the state championship game at Liberty University and Magna Vista won 47-21. Two years later LB took a 42-14 win in the second round of the region tournament.

Harless feels playing a

close game like the one with Northside last week will be a positive for his team going forward.

"Our kids gave a great effort and playing four quarters of football definitely helps you," he said. "But if you're a coach it will about drive you nuts."

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Tyler Butler (50) rides shotgun for Tristan Overbay.

Cavaliers pull out overtime win over Northside, advance to Region football semifinal at Magna Vista

When Northside played Lord Botetourt in football on November 1, the Cavaliers were shut out for just the second time in the past 12 seasons. Last Friday, they met again in the first round of the Region 3D playoffs and the Cavaliers scored 43 points. And, they needed every one of them.

Lord Botetourt took a 43-41 overtime win in Daleville to open the Virginia High School League playoffs and advance to this Friday's region semifinal in Ridgeway. Botetourt's offense was hitting on all cylinders and the Cavaliers got a stop in overtime that sealed the deal.

"We should have scored 42 the first time we played them," said LB coach Jamie Harless. "Like I said at the time, we were spinning our wheels in the mud in that game. I feel we definitely did a better job as coaches this time."

Northside was home for the first meeting but this time LB got to host as the third seed in the Region 3D tournament while the Vikings were sixth. The Cavaliers got on the board first when they surprised Northside with a 51-yard pass from their top runner, Tristan Overbay, who hit Cody McConnaughey for a 7-0 lead after the first quarter.

Overbay's three-yard run and Dean Webb's extra point kick put the Cavs up 14-0, but Northside answered with a 99-yard kickoff return by Mykell Harvey. The Vikings tied the game, 14-14, on a punt return, but Quinton Jones scored before the half and LB led 20-14 at

intermission.

The two teams traded third period scores. Overbay ran one in from 48 yards, then scored a two-point conversion for a 28-14 lead. Harvey scored again on a 14-yard run to make it 28-21 after three, then opened the fourth quarter with his third touchdown and it was all tied up at 28-28 for the stretch run.

Botetourt regained the lead on Overbay's third TD run, this one from one yard, but Harvey matched it with this fourth touchdown on a 35-yard gallop to make it 35-35, and that's how the score stood at the end of regulation.

Botetourt went first in the overtime and scored on a four-yard run by Jones, and he converted the two-point conversion for a 43-35 lead. It was unusual for a team to go for two at that point, but Harless was confident of the decision.

"I didn't think they could stop him," he said. "He walked into the end zone."

Northside went next and Harvey scored for the fifth time. The Vikings were forced to go for two at this point but Jones broke up a pass to seal the game for the Cavaliers.

Botetourt finished with 364 yards rushing in the game. Overbay had 188 on 23 carries while Jones had 158 on 27 attempts. That offset Harvey's big night, as the Northside back rushed for 207 yards and finished with over 300 all-purpose yards in the game.

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Taygen Sanchez-Huerta blocks on the line for Botetourt.



Aaden Thomas (5) makes a tackle against Northside.



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Cody McConnaughey of LB battles for yardage in Friday's win.

Cavaliers retire Kelly's number

Lord Botetourt High School representatives surprised graduate Zack Kelly by retiring his No. 9 Cavalier baseball jersey at halftime of last Friday's football game against Northside in Daleville. Kelly is a pitcher for the Major League Baseball Boston Red Sox and a member of the LB Athletic Hall of Fame. Above, Cavalier baseball coach Todd Smith (left in photo) and LB athletic director Tim Fulton present Zack with a framed LB jersey from Zack's days pitching for the Cavs. Kelly also took time to talk to the Botetourt Brawlers 8U baseball team while he was in town. He stressed the importance of getting good grades, playing multiple sports, being competitive and having fun. He also signed a lot of baseballs and gloves for the boys and posed for a group picture with the team (lower).



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James River's Braden Jones placed 45th in the Class 2 state championship race on Saturday.

County runners compete in state meets

Three Botetourt County high school student-athletes competed in Virginia High School League state cross country meets last Saturday in Blacksburg. Lord Botetourt's Eric Duncan and Madeleine Gantzhorn competed in the Class 3 meet and Braden Jones of James River ran in the Class 2 meet on the Virginia Tech 5K course.

"States was so great," said LB coach Elizabeth Edmonds. "Both Maddy and Eric ran incredibly well."

Duncan earned all-state honors with a fourth place finish in the Class 3 boys race. He ran a time of 15:46, just

12 seconds behind state champion Tristan Yoder, a senior from Broadway. Eric, a junior, finished second in the race among underclassmen.

"He was moving up the whole race," said

Edmonds.

There were 132 runners in the boys race. Broadway was the team champion with Maggie Walker second and

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Lord Botetourt's Madeleine Gantzhorn races down the finishing straight at the Class 3 championship, placing 63rd overall.