



Winter in Botetourt: Challenges emergency workers face when braving frigid conditions

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During the last couple of weeks, Botetourt residents were met with icy and frigid conditions. There was snow, then ice, then a little more snow, and before that could melt, below freezing temperatures kept the ice and snow on the ground for an extended period.

Local emergency workers prepared themselves to brave the conditions and continue their services for the community, as they do every winter. Department of Fire & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson took some time to talk about the challenges emergency workers face when winter weather approaches.

“Generally, many of the challenges that are faced through the colder months are predictable situations where increased preparedness and training occur to address,” Ferguson said.

Ferguson shared a list of what emergency staff faces in the winter months which include general challenges getting to scenes if there is snow and/or ice, where four-wheel drive vehicles or chains may be needed.

Other preparations include:

- Brushing up on flue fire extinguishment training and ensuring adequate supplies of extinguishment agent are available.
- Ensuring for the proper function and preventative maintenance of the fire pumps on apparatus, to ensure effective recirculation of water during below freezing conditions.
- Making certain that personnel have the appropriate assigned basic set of cold-weather gear for operating in adverse conditions.
- A great deal of attention to detail for weather forecasts through the emergency manager’s office is key to making sure that the department is spooling up resources for the most realistic forecast ahead of



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Botetourt emergency workers face challenges each winter. The department works to stay ready during the colder months.

predicted storms.

Snow and ice can impact how quickly fire and EMS staff arrives on the scene. Ferguson explained that these conditions could present “lengthened” travel times for the safety of emergency personnel.

“Additional resources are generally more available during winter weather events,” Ferguson added. “Often times there is increased availability and presence of volunteers standing by at the stations, as well as career

staff up-staffing for additional personnel in utility vehicles to assist with access and transition of patients in and out of houses. This increased availability of personnel often allows for a more adequately staffed response during snow and icy events, even though driving times are affected.”

Most often, procedures for incidents on snowy

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The demolished structure at 72 Railroad Ave. in Eagle Rock

Botetourt County secures federal grant for Eagle Rock

Botetourt County is excited to announce the award of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant, administered through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), to acquire the property and clear debris following demolition of the flood damaged structure at 72 Railroad Ave in Eagle Rock. This grant, valued at up to \$241,395, was officially awarded on December 20, 2024. The funding will support improvements to the property, with the County responsible for just 5% of the total project cost (approximately \$12,000), while FEMA covers 75%

and the Commonwealth of Virginia contributes 20%.

The project will focus on clearing debris from the flood-prone structure, grading the site, and planting grass to create a green space that enhances flood resilience while improving safety and aesthetics. Once acquired by the County, the property will be permanently designated for park-related uses per grant requirements. All contracts for the project will follow federal and state procurement procedures, and additional updates will be shared as work at the site begins.

Community involvement

has been key in securing this funding. In August 2024, the County invited residents to provide input through a public comment form, gathering 43 responses with feedback and letters of support. We sincerely appreciate the collaborative efforts of VDEM, FEMA, and the Eagle Rock community in making this project possible.

For questions or more information, contact Tiffany Bradbury, Director of Communications, at tbradbury@botetourtva.gov.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

County Planning Commission updating Comprehensive Plan

The Botetourt County Planning Commission and the Department of Community Development are currently updating the county’s Comprehensive Plan. The January 13 meeting focused on Planning Commissioners’ comments on a review of “Chapter 6 – Housing” and “Chapter 7 – Land Use.” Staff took comments and suggestions from the Planning Commissioners and will continue to work incorporating



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feedback into the plan for presentation at the next work session on February 10 at the Botetourt County Administrative Offices in Daleville.

The Comprehensive Plan is the guiding document for the county and has long-reaching

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‘Fall in Love with BOCO’ at the State of the County Address on Febuary 6

What does it mean to “Fall in Love with BOCO” in 2025? Join us for an engaging morning as we celebrate Botetourt County’s accomplishments, reflect on the past year, and look ahead to the exciting opportunities on the horizon.

Event Details:

- Thursday, February 6, 2025
- 8 a.m. (Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and the program starts promptly at 8 a.m.)
- Botetourt County Administrative Center, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville
- Free event with light breakfast provided

The Annual State of the County

Address will feature updates from Botetourt County departments and key partners, including Botetourt County Public Schools, the Botetourt County Historical Society, the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce, and Visit Virginia’s Blue Ridge. They’ll highlight 2024’s successes and share what’s ahead for 2025. We will also be debuting a very special video you won’t want to miss!

This event will be offered both in person and online. Registration is free—secure your spot today.

For more information, visit www.botetourtva.gov/stateofthecounty.

~ Botetourt County Communications

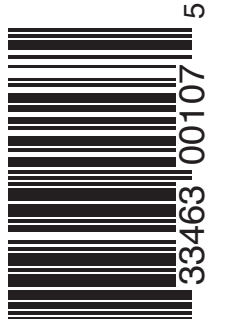
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The recent ice brings to mind slippery roads and loss of power, but in the 18th and 19th centuries ice was considered a valuable commodity. Blocks of ice were harvested from rivers and creeks and stored in specially built structures with thick walls. Keeping the ice frozen before electricity was important to keep food from spoiling when summer temperatures began to soar. These iron ice tongs were used to carry blocks of ice from Catawba Creek to an “ice house” at Wiloma, a Botetourt County home built in 1840. They were donated to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture by Gladys Compton and are on display there in Fincastle.

~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office reported the following arrests January 24-26:

• Elaine K. Tanaka, 41, of Troutville, embezzlement, January 24

• Marcus T. Corvin, 38, of Wytheville, possession of Schedule drugs, sell or distribute Schedule drugs, January 26

• Cameron B. Nicely, 34, of Troutville, driving under the influence, January 25

• Jon J. Cutler, 54, of Ballefonte, Pa., driving under the influence, eluding, obstruction of justice, January 25

• Steven E. Pugh, 32, of Natural Bridge, possession of paraphernalia, sell or distribute Schedule drugs, January 26



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BCPS offers program to prepare for kindergarten

Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) recently announced a program through the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) that is a no-cost, five-day-per-week program that focuses on developmental skills.

This program provides an opportunity to give children a jumpstart on the skills that will help them be more successful in school. The elementary schools providing this program are Breckinridge, Buchanan, Cloverdale, Eagle Rock, Greenfield, and Troutville.

Children who live in Botetourt County and will be 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 30, 2025 are eligible for this skill development program. Applications for the program are now being accepted. Parents or guardians are required to have income verification, the child’s birth certificate, proof of residency, and photo identification.

Apply by visiting smart2start.org or apply in person at the school in the attendance zone on the following dates:

- Breckinridge Elementary – Monday, Feb. 3
- Buchanan Elementary – Tuesday, Feb. 4
- Cloverdale Elementary – Wednesday, Feb. 5
- Colonial Elementary – Monday, Feb. 10
- Eagle Rock Elementary – Tuesday, Feb. 11
- Greenfield Elementary – Wednesday, Feb. 12
- Troutville Elementary – Thursday, Feb. 13

Kindergarten registration scheduled for February 10

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school term is scheduled for Monday, February 10, from 12 p.m.-6 p.m. at each elementary school. Contact your child’s school directly and schedule a time to come into the building and complete the appropriate paperwork.



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Apply to this Kindergarten development program online by scanning the QR code or by visiting smart2start.org.

All parent forms may be found on the BCPS division website, under the parents tab: https://www.bcps.k12.va.us/parents/registration_forms.

Virginia school law states that children are of school age if they have reached their fifth birthday on or before September 30.

Information requested at the time of registration will include:

- Birth certificate
- Documentation of Proof of Residency (mortgage/lease/real estate tax statement – or you may provide a current utility bill and a current bank statement or check stub issued by an employer)

A physical examination and a record of immunization will also be required prior to the first day of school

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the school at the following numbers:

- Breckinridge Elementary: 473-8386
 - Buchanan Elementary: 254-2084
 - Cloverdale Elementary: 992-1086
 - Colonial Elementary: 977-6773
 - Eagle Rock Elementary: 884-2421
 - Greenfield Elementary: 992-4416
 - Troutville Elementary: 992-1871
- Non-Resident applications can be submitted after May.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

Introduction to Beekeeping classes



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The Roanoke Valley Beekeepers Associate is offering an “Introduction to Beekeeping” class that will cover essential skills and knowledge for participants’ first year of beekeeping. A variety of equipment and tools will be available for hands-on inspection and demonstration.

- Guidance on buying and building your hive equipment (and cost information)
- Safe and effective use of smokers, hive tools, and protective gear
- Good sources for obtaining your bees
- Installing your first bees into a hive
- Caring for the bees as they build up into a healthy and successful colony

- Preparing your bees to survive winter
- Essential knowledge about honey bee and colony life cycle
- Dealing with pests and diseases to maintain healthy colonies
- Plants useful to pollinators for honey and pollen
- Conversations with experienced beekeepers
- Hive inspection demonstration in April (perhaps March) when weather/temperatures permit
- Free 2025 memberships in both the Blue Ridge and Botetourt Beekeepers Associations

Class Dates: Three Saturdays, four hours each class, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: February 8, March 1, & March 22.

See **Beekeeping**, page 5

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music@stmarksfincastle.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Here are Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) Middle School Honor Rolls for the second nine-weeks period.

CENTRAL ACADEMY A HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Julianna Banka, Charlotte Brock, Josiah Bryant, Mirai Burton, Garet Cook, Brookelyn Fadia, Charlotte Hipes, Ava Hosey, Killian Kennedy, Kinsley Matheny, Jordan Mathews, William McMeans, Camden Newman, Ashton Orange, Maren Pauley, Colton Payne, Siena Riddle, Laken Robinson, Caroline Rushing, Zoe Serrano, Isabella Taylor, Isaac Theimer, Carolena Williams

SEVENTH GRADE: Cole Bandy, Marinette Devinney, Mazi Elmore, Hannah Ferguson, Brett Henry, Noah Horne, Wyatt Manbeck, Gavin Price, Samuel Reynolds, Chase Schoch, Reagan Walker, Macy Weddle

SIXTH GRADE: Harper Beckner, Cole Belcher, Ruby Boblett, Sarah Bonilla, Lindsey Branch, Charles Burnette, Liam Camper, Rylee Dancausse, Bear Delseni, Aubrey Dogan, Lucy Dubbe', Easton Galanes, Bryson Garner, Tyler Gilmer, Anna Henry, Jaden Herrig, Kaylen Hull, Baylee Hylton, Grace Kang, Noah Koon, Wren Manbeck, Sadie May, Benjamin McMeans, Elliott Meador, Inara O'Toole, Maci Silva, Brantley Smith, Ronan Snyder, Luke Sprinkle, Rosalie Stull, Maddox Taylor, Jocelyn Theimer, Mia Thurston, Abigail Topkin, Adelyn Tribble, Christopher Vail, Natalee Vassar, Adalyn Whitney, Ellymae Windsor, Bodhi Woodson

A-B HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Ieylah Anderson, Abigail Angle, Hadleigh Breeden, Tyler Britnell, Layla Bryant, Cohen Byer, Austin Carr, Gavin Childs, Cora Clark, Elijah Copeland, Peyton Crowder, Mercy Croy, Madelyn Davidson, Dylan Davis, Olivia Elmore, Zaylen Fridley, Logan Galanes, Trevor Gilmer, Madison Gray, William Hall, Merit Hammons, Veronica Helms, Briana Huthwaite, Evie Huwe, Jarrett Jennings, Elizabeth Laughridge, Brianna Link, Mary Lipes, Nora Lotts, Matthew Lowe, Harleigh Masters, Grace Matre, Autumn McDermott, Isaac Meade, Paxton Montgomery, Daniella Murray, Braden Persinger, Brianna Petty, Addison Shorter, Savanna Sieger, Jaxson Taylor, Emma Thurston, Charlie Tingler, Ava Updike, Ashby Wilkes, Tobyann Windsor, Kendra Zepp

SEVENTH GRADE: Camryn Adams, Landon Anderson, Brandon Baka-Collins, Athena Bergman, Emma Dalton, Blaine Dooley, Brooklyn Dooley, Ridley Engstrom, Camdyn Flint, Jaden Fralin, Aubrey Ginapp, James Hammond, Raegan Hickey, Allie Johnson, Everly Johnson, Ethan Martin, Garland Miller, Jaxson Miller, Emma Monaghan, Jasmine Montgomery, Evan Mundy, Tristan Rae, Hudson Saunders, Braelyn Scott, Kinley Scott, Bryson Spangler, Brady Stevens, Thomas Taylor, Pyper White, Ryan Wiley, Angela Williams

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READ MOUNTAIN A HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Matthew Alban, Alexander Barbour, James Blevins, Evelyn Bowden, Carter Cecil, Abigail Dillard, Callie Dozier, Camden Dudding, Karis Edwards, Jayleen Galvao, Mason Gates, Brynn Gentry, Cambridge Gibson, Evan Gordon, Ethan Greer, Peyton Guy, Nicholas Janosz, Ciera Jones, Morgan Keleher, Kenzie LaVenture, Noah McCarren, Natalie Mullens, Ellie Persing, Evelyn Powell, Gabriel Puckett, Tenley Scharf, Landon Sharp, Ellie Shawn, Sean Stewart Jr., Madison Weppner, Macyn Woody

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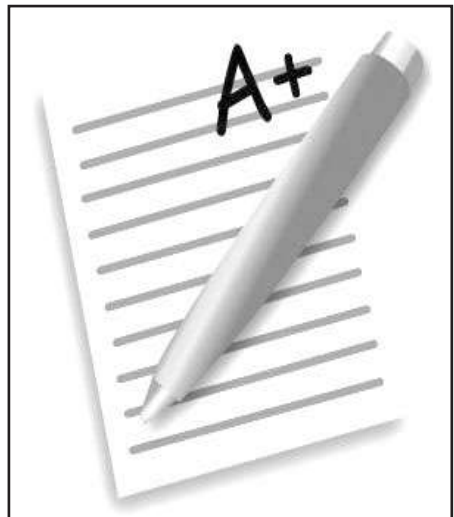
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Kids Art Club

Fri, Feb 7, 2:30pm, Eagle Rock
Wed, Feb 12, Feb 26, 3:30pm, Fincastle
Ages 6-12. February's program: marbling paper; Book: The Stuff of Stars by Marion Dane Bauer and Ekua Holmes.

Yoga for Beginners

Mon, Feb 3, Feb 10, Feb 24, 10:30am, Buchanan
Tue, Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18, Feb 25, 10:30am, Eagle Rock
Yoga instructor Kathy Austin guides attendees through gentle yoga stretches. Mats and yoga blocks provided or bring your own. This program is offered in partnership with Botetourt County Parks & Recreation. Class size is limited, call 540-928-2900 to register.

BoCo Eclectic Readers Club

Wed, Feb 5, 12pm, Buchanan
The End of the Day by Bill Clegg & The Life Impossible by Matt Haig
Thu, Feb 6, 6:30pm, Fincastle
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski
Wed, Feb 12, 10:30am, Fincastle
My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout
Thu, Feb 27, 11am, Eagle Rock
The Caretaker by Ron Rash
Fri, Feb 28, 11am, Blue Ridge
Waiting for Tom Hanks by Kerry Winfrey

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County Chorus to begin rehearsals, all singers welcome

The Botetourt County Chorus will begin practice on Monday, February 10, at 7 p.m. at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 85 Nace Road

Troutville. The Spring concert will be held on May 4 at 3 p.m. The chorus is under the direction of Stephen Harris and accompanied

by Naomi Rock.

Anyone who likes to sing is welcome; no auditions. If you have questions, contact Faye Bolt at 540-798-4049 or Kristie Claytor at 540-556-1563.

~ Botetourt County Chorus

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Update from the House

By Del. Terry Austin

2025 Session Update: Week 2

To the Constituents of the 37th House District:

The second full week of the 2025 General Assembly Session concluded last week and we are already one week from the halfway point, known as “Crossover.” Hundreds of bills are now making their way through committees and onto the floor for consideration. The Constitutional Amendments I mentioned last week – including the amendment that would legalize abortion until the moment of birth and roll back our parental consent laws – advanced in the Senate. Those amendments must come back before the House one more time this session, and only one member of the House majority needs to change their vote for it to fail.

As for my legislation, I’m happy to report that my bills to eliminate the license plate registration decal and to increase coverage for prostate screening have unanimously advanced out of committee and will be heard on the House floor this week.

HB2080 modernizes the vehicle registration process by eliminating the registration stickers placed on license plates. It does so by removing the legal requirement for motor vehicle owners to display a physical registration decal, establishing a digital system for verifying registration status, and providing law enforcement with electronic access to registration data to streamline enforcement. Currently, DMV spends approximately \$2.3 million to produce and distribute these decals, and more than 560,000 residents spend 30 minutes a year waiting in line at DMV customer service centers to obtain them. Furthermore, an estimated 60,000 are stolen annually, according to DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey.

This bill will address these issues by reducing administrative costs, improving accuracy of motor vehicle registration, and decreasing the need for most people to visit the DMV. It is important to note that HB2080 does not eliminate existing requirements that motor vehicles are to be registered and retains the option for those who wish to visit their local DMV to renew their registration in person. During his administration, Gov. Youngkin has focused on modernizing and streamlining the vehicle ownership process in the Commonwealth, and HB2080 is part of this effort. The DMV’s information technology system is more than 40 years old and in need of upgrades to enable these changes in order to enhance operational efficiencies and improve the user experience.

HB2097 increases access to crucial health services by expanding coverage for prostate cancer screening in the Commonwealth. Virginia has the

highest prostate cancer incidence rate and second highest mortality rate for black men in the nation. Because it is often asymptomatic until it becomes metastatic, screening helps detect the disease early when it’s most survivable and least costly to treat. HB2097 seeks to address this by removing out-of-pocket prostate cancer screening costs for high-risk men. It does so by expanding coverage for Prostate Specific Antigen testing (known as PSA) and exams for those who are at higher risk as determined by the American Cancer Society’s guidelines.

This past Friday, January 24, I presented House Joint Resolution 472, commending the American Friends of Lafayette, and marking 200 years to the day that the French Revolutionary War hero appeared in the House of Delegates, at the invitation of then-Gov. James Pleasants. Lafayette helped to secure American Independence, volunteering in the Continental Army at age 19 and developing a close relationship with George Washington. He was wounded at the 1777 Battle of Brandywine and led American troops across Virginia in 1781 to victory at the decisive Battle of Yorktown.

In 1824, President James Monroe invited Lafayette, the last surviving major general of the American Revolution, as “Guest of the Nation” to foster unity and renew patriotism among our citizens, especially as the nation approached the 50th anniversary of its independence. Lafayette’s tour as “Guest of the Nation” in America lasted 13 months. He visited all the then-existing 24 United States and was the first foreign dignitary to address a Joint Session of Congress. Traveling an estimated 6,000 miles, he was hosted by countless cities and met with former Presidents – and proud Virginians – Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe. He was given a hero’s welcome everywhere he visited.

Marking the bicentennial of Lafayette’s return to America, the American Friends of Lafayette have organized a 13-month, 24-state event commemoration. The VA250 Commission has partnered with the American Friends of Lafayette to join in the bicentennial of this tour, as it brings history to life for tens of thousands of Americans through re-enactments and educational programs. There have already been dozens of large events across Virginia, including a ceremonial flyover in Yorktown by the French Air and Space Force. After all, America was made in Virginia.

The week was full of familiar faces as we welcomed to the State Capitol constituents from the American Cancer Society, Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics,

Virginia Nurses Association, Virginia Realtors, Virginia Beer Wholesalers Association, and Heavy Construction Contractors Association.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Shed tears
5. Luxury jewelry designer
10. Goddess of wisdom
12. Convert into a particular form
14. Working-class people
16. It borders Canada (abbr.)
18. A princess can detect its presence
19. Red-brown sea bream
20. Defunct retail empire
22. Vase
23. Demeter's equivalent
25. Monetary unit of the Maldives
26. French and Belgian river
27. Small amount
28. High schoolers' test
30. Animal's foot
31. Some is red
33. Per ____: each
35. Swedish jazz pop duo

CLUES DOWN

37. Plate for Eucharist
38. Train line
40. Russian pop duo
41. Stake
42. Plant by scattering
44. Female sibling
45. City of Angels hoopers (abbr.)
48. Popular cookie brand
50. Group of Niger-Congo languages
52. A team's best pitcher
53. Vomits
55. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
56. Men's fashion accessory
57. Its capital is Pierre (abbr.)
58. Expensive cut of steak
63. Popular James Cameron film
65. A ____: relating to knowledge gleaned from deduction
66. Kids' snow toys
67. Flip side to yin

CLUES DOWN

1. Global public health agency
2. Snake-like fish
3. Midway between northeast and east
4. Dabbed
5. TV show
6. Folk singer DiFranco
7. Canadian flyers
8. Of the dowry
9. Commercial
10. The act of imitating
11. Equipment used to broadcast radio or TV signals
13. Lands of an emir
15. Swiss river
17. Island
18. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
21. One who surrenders under agreed conditions
23. Garfield is one

CLUES DOWN

24. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Small boats used in the Black Sea
29. Small savory Spanish dishes
32. Body part
34. Touch lightly
35. Popular grilled foods on a stick
36. ____ Hess: oil company
39. Antelope with a reddish coat
40. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
43. Pink Floyd's Roger
44. Short and thick
46. Small, sac-like cavities
47. Performer ____-Lo
49. Entrails of animal used as food
51. ____ King Cole, musician
54. Where construction is done
59. Chap
60. Investment vehicle
61. Often mixed with tonic
62. Holiday beverage egg ____
64. Against

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Thursday, Jan. 30
7 p.m.

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(2 hours, 13 minutes)

Friday, Jan. 31
7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1
7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 2
3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6
7 p.m.

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Beekeeping

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Field Day will be March 29 or April 5 or 12 depending on weather. Any postponement due to weather will be posted on WSLs 10 as Roanoke Valley/ Botetourt Beekeepers Associations Class. Any inclement weather makeup days will be announced via email. Typically, they will be the following Saturday.

Location: Department of Environmental Quality, 901 Russell Drive, Salem. Follow signs to door.

Field Day: At the Greenfield Honey Bee Sanctuary, Daleville. Directions will be given in class.

Textbooks: Tuition includes printed and digital materials and three texts: (1) Beekeeping Basics, (2) A Field Guide to Honey Bees and Their Maladies, and (3) Diana Sammataro’s Beekeeper’s Handbook.

Preregister: Find registration form on Facebook site for Roanoke Valley Beekeepers Association.

Received by February 1, \$125. Second family member sharing books/materials, \$75.

Mail check or money order to: Roanoke Valley Beekeepers Association, P. O. Box 3084, Roanoke, Va. 24015. Include the registration form or the same information. Be sure to comply with the COVID protocol.

Register: After February 1, \$155 each. Second person sharing books \$105.

It would help sending an e-mail to rudytaylorbees@gmail.com. Arrive for first class at 12:30 pm with cash or check.

Instructors/ Members of the Roanoke Valley and Botetourt Beekeepers Associations. Questions can be sent to Rudy Taylor. Include BEEKEEPING INTRO in the subject line to differentiate it from spam or post questions on the Facebook page “Botetourt and Blue Ridge Beekeeping Course.”

Sponsors: Sponsored jointly by both the Roanoke Valley Beekeepers Association (Roanoke City/County) and the Botetourt Beekeepers Association (Botetourt County). Attendance is welcome no matter what county participants live in.

Value: The retail value of the textbooks is \$51.95 (before taxes, shipping, and handling) and the club memberships are \$15 and \$15. Therefore, net cost for 16 hours of instruction is \$18.05. This excellent value is much less than the cost of one colony of bees that may be lost without good instruction (\$125 to \$200). Do not learn the hard way by having bees pass away before learning how to care for bees! Sign up today!

Submitted by Ruby Taylor, Coordinator, Roanoke Valley Beekeepers Association

Changes coming in work zone at Route 220 and International Parkway in Daleville as early as this week

Pay attention to message boards and expect new traffic patterns

Drivers can expect changes in the work zone as part of the ongoing road construction project at Route 220 and Route 839/Route 1126 (International Parkway/ Ashley Way) in Botetourt County. These changes are weather dependent and will be implemented in late January if possible. Drivers should expect new traffic patterns and pay attention to message boards to get the latest information.

The long-term left lane closures that have been in place on northbound and southbound Route 220 in the work zone will be

removed. Drivers should still expect possible temporary lane closures during daytime hours in both directions of Route 220.

In addition, two new crossovers will open for motorists to turn right and make U-turns from the side streets. International Parkway traffic that has been using Route 673 (Greenfield Street) and Route 670 (Trinity Road) to reach northbound Route 220 will have a new crossover to make this movement. Ashley Plantation traffic also will have a new crossover closer to the

intersection to make U-turns.

This road project involves constructing an innovative intersection, known as a restricted crossing U-Turn (RCUT), to improve safety and traffic flow at the intersection. Drivers who previously turned left from Ashley Way and International Parkway onto Route 220 will now turn right and make U-turns.

Overall construction is expected to be completed this summer.

~ Virginia Dept. of Transportation

Spectators invited to watch fun bird dog field trial this weekend

The winter Botetourt 4-H Shoot-To-Retrieve Fun Field Trial will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2, at Juniper Valley Shooting Preserve, Troutville.

As many as 25 pointing bird dogs and their owners will

See **Field Trial**, page 7



FILE PHOTO

Austin

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I especially enjoyed meeting with our local 4-H and FFA groups. These young men and women are always impressive, and their visits are invaluable opportunities to learn about the legislative process firsthand. Thank you to the chaperones who make their trips to the

General Assembly possible.

It is an honor to serve you in the Virginia House of Delegates. If I can be of assistance to you, or you would like to share your position on any of my legislative priorities, please do not hesitate to contact me at

DelTAustin@House.Virginia.gov or 804-698-1037.

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

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

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

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

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

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren— 2565 Buffalo Rd., 10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Read 1 Samuel 21:1 through 24:22

He [David] said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord” (1 Samuel 24:6).

King Saul mercilessly pursued David intending to murder him, although David had done nothing against the king. Yet David would not retaliate despite the insistence of his men. Even when God permitted him to catch Saul at a vulnerable time, David refused to take the life of the Lord’s anointed.

Why would he do that? Because David revered God.

Instead of slaying the man who was out to murder him, David put his trust in the Lord, seeking God’s protection and justice.

While the worldly pummel each other with everything from words to bombs, an honorable faith like David’s is the hallmark of those who walk in step with Christ. Jesus said to “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:44-45).

Challenge for Today: Trust God to handle your enemies while you choose love over revenge.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 24:1-12

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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dale Ridge Church of Christ - Will you “come back to the Bible”, learn more and follow Him? If you live locally in this beautiful Roanoke Valley or Botetourt County area, there is a Church, you will know it’s the ONE when you see the name on the end of the building that reads Church of Christ. 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW, Roanoke, VA 24019. We offer a free 3 lesson, OPEN Bible course entitled “Back to the Bible.” Only available in home or where our Church meets: Sign up now on our website, daleridgechurchofchrist.net or email us at comeback2thebible@gmail.com and request to be scheduled for lesson #1 of 3 entitled “who has the Authority In Religion today”. You will be contacted promptly. All studies are conducted by 2 individuals, never alone. May God Bless you in choosing this “open

book Bible study.

ECKANKAR
Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A light and sound service is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

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

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) – 9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at osloanoke.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. Mail donations for the building fund to P.O. Box 85, Eagle Rock.

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

Jackson, Angela M. Wickline

March 14, 1969 - January 25, 2025

“Angie” passed away at home January 25, 2025 after being ill for the last several years.

Angie was a loyal and faithful friend to numerous folks including some far away that she met on Facebook. She was also a friend and protector to the four-legged kind. Her latest little doggie friend was Templeton. He was never far from her side.

She was born at Radford Community Hospital, Radford. She would soon move to Anchorage, Alaska, with her parents. Dad was completing his military service in the U.S. Army. The family would return to Beckley, W.Va., to reside for a few years, then moving to the Roanoke Valley where the family put down roots for the years to come.

Angie was a graduate of Berean Christian Academy in Salem. During high school and afterwards, she held several types of jobs: a waitress, bank clerk, store clerk, etc. She was a small business owner with her husband, Jack. She was a conscientious and hard worker seeking excellence at whatever task she performed.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Earl (Jack) Jackson; her only and beloved son, Dustin Averill; two stepsons, Stephen Jackson and Chris Jackson; parents, R. David and Anita (Sissy) Smith Wickline; her little sister and brother-in-law, Sabrina Lynn

and husband, David Belcher, Sabrina said that Angie was a wonderful sister who always took care of her; “baby little brother 6’ 4” David Michael Wickline; Dustin’s special friend, Ashlei Packer and her children; and very cherished and longtime friend, Theresa Daniels. No doubt many, many more friends too numerous to name; they know who they are.

Angie’s Mom said of their relationship, “She was a wonderful sweet daughter and my best friend.” Two grandsons she adorned, Elijah (Eli) Averill and Layne Gibbs; many aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, lots of cousins and lots of beloved friends.

Angie was a member of Clearbrook Baptist Church where her Dad pastored some years back. Their Pastor Bryan Ratliff will lead the service at 3 p.m. Thursday, January 30, 2025 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home, 14920 Lee Highway (US 11 South, I-81, Exit 162), Buchanan. Visiting will be one hour prior to the service. A very special thanks to all for prayers, flowers, and condolences. The family thanks Woodland Church for use of their fellowship hall. Also, a very special thanks to Uncle Joe and Aunt Dianne Ellison for arranging to have a fellowship meal concluding the service. Those wishing to leave a condolence may visit www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or call 540-254-3000.



Myers, Betty Alexander

Betty Alexander Myers, 83, of Eagle Rock, passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2025.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnnie and Mildred Alexander.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Kenny Myers; daughters and son-in-law, Lisa and Henry Bocock and Debbie Stickman; son, Kenny Myers, Jr.; grandchildren, Mandy Bowman, Marcie Myers, Henry Bocock, Jr., David Bocock, and Jessica Bocock; great-grandsons, Connor and Colin Bocock; sisters, Linda Johnson

and Glenda Williams; brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Grace Alexander; nieces, Tina, Maribeth, and Lori; and nephew, Darrell.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2025 in the Eagle Rock Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Interment was in Shiloh UMC Cemetery. Visitation was held 5-7 p.m. Thursday, January 23, at Botetourt Funeral Home, Eagle Rock. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.



Nicely, Marvin Edward, Jr.

Marvin Edward Nicely, Jr., 60, of Eagle Rock, passed away Friday, January 10, 2025, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

He was born on February 19, 1964, a son to Sadie Mae Definbaugh Mays and the late Marvin Edward Nicely, Sr.

Marvin graduated from James River High School in 1984. After completing high school, he spent several years working as an auto mechanic at various auto shops, with most of his career spent at Rick Woodson Honda. Marvin had a passion for fast cars, movies, classic rock music, and his dog.

He is survived by his mother,

Sadie Mays of Millboro, Va.; sisters, Shiela Nicely Estes of Lancaster, S.C., Donna Nicely of Petersburg, Va., Vickie Mears and husband Dan Weber of Virginia Beach, Angel Grimm of Millboro, Ashley Seale and husband Josh Seale of Eagle Rock; stepsister, Lisa Snead of Covington; one brother, Derrick Nicely; his beloved dog, Pooch; a number of nieces, nephews, and special friends, Joseph Bryant of Eagle Rock, Cecil (PeeWee) Aldridge of Clifton Forge, and Dan Newberry of Covington.

In keeping with his wishes, his body was cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Field Trial

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compete in the field trial that will be run in an eight-acre field that is established as pollinator/quail habitat.

Spectators are welcome, and will be able to watch the dogs/handlers from a gallery area a safe distance from the field.

The dogs/hunters will be judged on a simple point system that includes points, shooting and retrieving on three released quail during 20-minute hunt sessions for each dog. Dogs will be run individually. Order of hunts will be determined during a pre-trial drawing prior to the event.

There is no fee for spectators, who are welcome throughout the day. The first dog/hunter goes in the field at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. The Sunday portion begins at 10 a.m.

Saturday’s competition is for All-Age dogs, and Sunday’s competition is for Derby Class (under 2 years old).

There will be a silent auction during the Saturday portion of the event.

The event is a fundraiser for the Botetourt 4-H Shooting Education Club

and is sponsored by the Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Joel Hoeffner with Mossy Oak Properties, Land and Farm Realty.

CHURCH NEWS

Hymn sing at Mt. Carmel

Mt. Carmel Church, Eagle Rock, will host a community hymn sing on Sunday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

Fincastle Presbyterian Service of Prayer dates

Fincastle Presbyterian Church will be holding a Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, February 26, and March 26.

This special service of prayer, music, silence and scripture is an opportunity to gather in Christian community and draw closer to God and offer prayers for individuals, the community, the country and the world.

A light supper will be served in the fellowship hall after the service. All are invited. The church is located at 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle.

Valentine Tea at St. Mark’s UMC

St. Mark’s United Methodist in Daleville is hosting a Valentine Tea to raise funds for a Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing. Want to have high tea with your sweetie or enjoy an afternoon with your best friends? Plan to attend the Valentine Tea on Saturday, February 15, in the fellowship hall; choose a time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Boxes also will be offered to go and boxes of just scones and Devonshire cream. Register on the church website <http://www.stmarksmethodist.com>; adults, \$18, children under 12, \$10.

Linen sale at Cloverdale Thrift Store

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is having a linen sale for month of January. Everything from sheets and bedspreads to bath towels, placemats and throw pillows are all priced to sell at \$1. Donations are welcome; open Saturday 9 to 12.

VDOT continuing work on the Craig-Botetourt Scenic Trail

Residents along the former Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Craig Valley Branch rail bed in Botetourt and Craig Counties may notice maintenance work continuing on the old rail bed. These activities are intended to prevent additional deterioration and to help designers who are developing plans for the Craig-Botetourt Scenic Trail. Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) continues to collect data and

conduct site visits and field reviews on the rail bed.

The cost estimate for the trail is still being refined and a specific schedule for construction has yet to be determined.

VDOT plans to hold public hearings on the project in 2025. The hearing dates have not yet been announced.

~ Virginia Department of Transportation



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF MGCC

MGCC launching new three courses in music, sign language, and personal narrative writing

Mountain Gateway Community College (MGCC) is launching three community education courses: Guitar Lessons, American Sign Language (ASL), and Personal Narrative Writing. These courses offer an opportunity for individuals of all ages to learn new skills, explore creativity, and connect with others in the community.

The Group Guitar lessons with Barry Hause will take place from February 4 to 25,

on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of guitar for \$150 per participant.

The Personal Narrative Writing course, led by Josh Hagy, will run from February 20 to March 20, on Thursdays from 6 to 7:20 p.m. This course is designed for those interested in exploring their creative writing skills and will be offered for \$150 per participant.

For those interested

in learning American Sign Language, Janell Farley will lead a beginner’s course from February 6 to April 3, held on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost for this course is \$200 per participant.

Space is limited, so register soon. For more information or to register, contact LaShonda Ochieng at 540-863-2918.

~ Mountain Gateway Community College

~ Submitted by Ed McCoy

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land use and policy implications. Virginia Code directs local governments to adopt a comprehensive plan, prepared and recommended by the local Planning Commission. State code further directs the Planning Commission to review the plan once every five years. The last full update to the county's Comprehensive Plan was conducted in 2010, while some chapters have since been updated. A full update to the plan is necessary to ensure the continued success of Botetourt County.

"We did update the plan in 2016 with the adoption of the Gateway Crossing Area Plan and designation of Urban Development Areas, and updated a few chapters since then," Director of Community Development Nicole Pendleton recently shared. "We are moving towards a full update that we hope to send for adoption this year. We've actually held quite a few work sessions with the Planning Commission regarding an upcoming comprehensive update. The plan stalled during COVID, but we've faced staffing constraints since then that have limited our ability to move this forward."

According to the county, "Envision Botetourt 2040" is Botetourt County's newest Comprehensive Plan and will be driven by the citizens, drafted by the Department of Community Development, and directed by the Planning Commission

and Board of Supervisors. The goal is to produce a plan that will serve the county and citizens well through the year 2040.

Housing that is right-sized and affordable to the citizens of Botetourt is incredibly important for meeting the needs of the county. Chapter 6 provides an overview of housing in Botetourt, including statistics on the total number of housing units, average age of housing units, the type of housing found in the county, tenure and vacancy rates, and housing value and affordability. The chapter reviews community engagement efforts, as well providing a high-level discussion of survey responses. A section on housing studies reviews information from the 2016 and 2019 housing studies. The 2019 housing study analyzed housing opportunity areas and identified four key housing objectives for the county.

Staff reviewed the current goal after feedback from the Planning Commission members. The revised goal de-emphasizes preservation of the rural character of the county, as preservation of rural character is heavily featured in other chapters.

"The Planning Commission is excited to update the Comprehensive Plan this year," Planning Commission Chair Beth Leffel shared. "We have discussed some parallel work sessions with the Board of Supervisors to expedite the process. I hope

that the community participates in the process because we really need input from citizens, especially on the Land Use map."

Current Goal: Ensure the availability of affordable and high-quality housing stock that meets the needs of current and future residents while retaining the county's rural character.

Revised Goal: Ensure the availability of affordable and diverse housing options that provide residents of all ages, means, and backgrounds the ability to reside in Botetourt County now, and in the future. This approach is intended to create a Botetourt that all can call home.

The Land Use chapter builds off the 2010 Land Use chapter, bringing forward future land use categories and updating the planning context from that earlier edition.

Future Land Use categories are defined and described in this chapter, with categories such as agriculture and conservation, several residential categories, several types of commercial categories, and an industrial category. New to this Comprehensive Plan is the inclusion of the "Village" land use category, which encompasses established community areas that have established street grids and village centers. Much of the area identified in the Village category has access to at least public water, with some also having limited access to public sewer.

This chapter ends in a needs assessment

that echoes needs listed in other chapters, such as protecting agricultural land from development pressures, developing a network of interconnected trails and greenways, promoting redevelopment and infill, updating market studies, and working to encourage public involvement in land use decisions.

Current Goal: Encourage a harmonious balance of land uses in the county that serve to enhance one another, support the needs of a growing community, and accentuate the existing character of development throughout Botetourt.

Revised Goal: Encourage proven, place-based, forward-thinking land uses that work together to preserve existing character, encourage economic and cultural investment, and reflect the needs of a growing community now, and in the future. By doing this, growth can be guided and ensure orderly development moving forward.

Staff will work to incorporate the Planning Commission's suggestions and provide those results at the next work session. The work session will also include the next two chapters for discussion.

To read more about the Comprehensive Plan, please visit www.botetourtva.gov/361/Comprehensive-Plan.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

Winter

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The department recently shared photos of snowy conditions emergency workers have experienced in the past.



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or icy roads depend on when and where they are occurring, Ferguson noted. During active winter weather events, staff will modify the response to limit the number of resources on the road for the safety of all involved.

For roadway incidents, emergency workers will try their best to either clear the incident or remove it from the roadway as promptly as possible, as to get those involved

and the responders off the roadway as quickly as possible.

"In certain cases, chains are needed for apparatus to safely travel to these scenes, as well as increase stopping distances and maintain traction to not become part of the problem on the roadways," Ferguson said. "We always encourage people to stay off the roadways during the events as the No. 1 prevention measure."

Heating sources are also potentially hazardous in extreme cold. Ferguson noted that it really depends on the source of heat.

"For wood stoves, ensuring that the flue is

intact and clean at the beginning of the season is important," Ferguson explained. "A broken or clogged flue could lead to a fire within the home. Propane and natural gas equipment should be maintained in alignment with manufacturer's recommendations to avoid leaks or inefficient burning that could cause carbon monoxide build-up. Smoke alarms are very important to have throughout the home, as well as carbon monoxide detectors for any homes with propane or natural gas equipment."

The Botetourt County Department of Fire & EMS is conscious to keep staff well-trained, especially when it comes to operating in cold weather conditions. Ferguson shared that all staff members receive refresher training annually on four-wheel-drive operations, as well as the safe use of snow chains. Before the first snow, chains are inventoried and maintained as well.

Ambulances are also assigned snow shovels, buckets of kitty litter, and safety rope to assist with many transitions in and out of homes and businesses during snowy or icy conditions. Additionally, the department possesses a V-plow that is placed into service on a fleet manager's vehicle to support operations during snow events. This plow truck not only assists with gaining access to emergency incidents, but also works to keep station parking lots clean and safe for apparatus and personnel coming in.

In terms of the biggest safety concerns for firefighters working in the freezing cold, Ferguson explained that they are often faced with concerns of freezing pumps or pipes on the fire trucks.

"For this reason, fire trucks are kept inside more often than the warmer months, and pump operators recirculate the tank water through the pump at incidents, even

if there isn't a need to flow water," Ferguson said. "Additionally, emergency responders are just as susceptible to frost nip, frost bite, and hypothermia, so making sure that responders have the appropriate gear for their exposure to the conditions is important, too. For incidents where there will be long-term exposure or extreme conditions, additional resources to afford for warmth and rehabilitation are often times brought to the scene."

When asked about common calls the department receives this time of year, Ferguson shared that the department sees "the bulk of house fires. This is the same season that flu or chimney fires peak due to the use of wood stoves starting in the fall. We typically try to run a media campaign for folks to have their flues checked as a reminder to have them inspected prior to lighting the first fire of the year. Additionally,

fall and winter bring an uptick of flu and cold season with pneumonia and other respiratory conditions occurring more often during the cold months."

Some of the notable fire safety concerns for the vulnerable population in Botetourt County includes the use of alternative heat sources.

"For various reasons, some people use alternate heat sources which can inherently increase the risk of a potential fire," Ferguson explained. "Portable heaters that are fueled by kerosene or propane can certainly create additional risks, such as being too close to combustible materials or, with the case of propane, carbon monoxide exposure. Additionally, when the power goes out, those using portable generators must ensure that the exhaust is aimed away from the home and not near any fresh air returns, due to the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning."

To learn more about the Botetourt County Department of Fire & EMS and also how the community can prepare to reduce risk in the winter and any other time of year, visit www.botetourtva.gov/160/Fire-EMS.

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FINCASTLE PLANNING COMMISSION
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Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285, this shall serve as notice that the Town of Fincastle Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 11, 2025, 7:30 p.m. at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department located at 25 Vine Street in Fincastle. This hearing is for the purpose of soliciting public input on:

1. A text amendment to the Town of Fincastle Zoning Ordinance definition in order to clarify the meanings of public and community utilities. And,

2. The addition of a section (Article VI, Section 613) to the Town Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of describing the procedure for the process of appeals to a decision made by Town Council.

The Fincastle Town Council will then have a public hearing on these items on February 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fincastle Public Library located at 11 Academy Street, Fincastle.

Copies of these proposals can be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town Office during regular office hours or by contacting Scott Critzer at 540-473-3377 or the Town Manager at 540-473-2200.

Scott Critzer, Chairman,

Fincastle Planning Commission

Melanie McFadyen, Fincastle Town Manager

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24-837**

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE

COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs. JOANNE ARCTUORA CRAIG, et al, Respondents. **ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 089.01-02-32.00-0000.

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Joanne Arctuora Craig and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Joanne Arctuora Craig, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 26th of February, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land.

It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for two successive weeks in the *Salem Times Register*, a newspaper of general circulation in the county of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in county of Roanoke, Virginia. Entered this 14th day of January, 2025.

James R. Swanson, Judge
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Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24-585**
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs. LORETTA TAYLOR, et al, Respondents. **ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No.061.11-01-51.00.0000. An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Loretta Taylor and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Loretta Taylor who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 26th of February, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Heather Pollard, contract purchaser, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a personal service, beauty salon, on the property located at 707 South Colorado Street, Tax Map 160-7-3.

2. Consider the request of Patrick and Jamie Snead to amend Chapter 106 Zoning, Article III Use and Design Standards, Section 106-304.17(B)(6) Townhouse, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to setbacks for townhouses.

3. Consider amending Chapter 66 Signs, Article IV Permitted Signs by Use and District, Section 66-105 Permitted Signs, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to wall signs.

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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:

H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as

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amended, the Planning Commission of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. The Planning Commission will also hold a work session on February 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the public hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:

The petition of Winter Properties Partnership LLP, to rezone the portions of currently split-zoned properties located at 0 Highland Road, tax map numbers 060.11-04-29.00-0000 and 060.11-04-30.00-0000, from the R-2 Residential District to the M-1 Limited Industrial District.

Further information concerning this public hearing may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, during business hours, or via phone: (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of January 2025.

Anita J. McMillan
Planning and Zoning Director
Secretary, Vinton Planning Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24-572**
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA A Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant v. CHARLES EDWARD KYLE, ET AL., Respondent(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. 61-73A Account No. 21409 All that certain tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in the Fincastle Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, and further described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at an iron pin adjacent to Virginia State Route No. 630; thence S 18°42' 22" E 191.24 feet to a point; thence N 69° 19' 52" W 347.79 feet to a point; thence N 20° 40' 08" E 153.53 feet to a point; thence S 69° 19' 52" E 132.77 feet to a point; thence with a curve to the right with an arc of 93.94 feet and a chord bearing S 65° 51'12" E a chord distance of 93.88 to the place of beginning, containing 1 acre, more or less, as shown on plat survey by Charles R. McMurtry, CLS, dated May 25, 1983, and of record olin the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Deed Book 284, at Page 590. And being the same property conveyed to Charles Edward Kyle and Robyn Dillon Kyle, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship, from Earl G. Cahoon and Annabelle Tucker Cahoon, husband and wife, by Deed dated May 30, 1983, and recorded June 7, 1983, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 284, at Page 588. This description is made

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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 170, at Page 196.

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 Respondenets herein are as follows: Charles Edward Kyle, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is P.O. Box 201, Fincastle, Virginia 24090; Robyn Dillon Kyle, and whose last known address is P.O. Box 201, Fincastle, Virginia 24090;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 o n or before March 3, 2025 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of The County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what maybe necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 14th day of January, 2025

Tommy Moore, Clerk
I Ask For This: John A. rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805)

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VIRGINIA: IN THE BOTETOURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT IN RE: SURPLUS FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 423 TINKERVIEW DRIVE CLOVERDALE, VA 24077 Case No. CL25-25 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DENNIS N. MAAS

Please Serve by Publication Interested Parties.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to interplead surplus funds into the Court's registry and allow potential claimants to file claims for the funds derived from the sale of real property known as 423 Tinkerview Drive, Cloverdale, the Unknown Heirs at Law of Dennis N. Maas appear in the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia to protect their interest in this matter on or before March 10, 2025, and

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in Botetourt County, Virginia. The Fincastle Herald shall send the Certificate of Publication and the bill to: BWW Law Group, LLC, c/o Kathryn H. Kellam, Esq., 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. Enter this 22nd day of January, 2025.

I ASK FOR THIS, Kathryn H. Kellam, VSB No. 82277
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Counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC
Date: 1/14/2025



Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by RWW 4 LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, to rezone property located at the end of Summitridge Road and adjoining the southern side of I-81, identified as Tax Parcel 557--(A))-22 (Parcel ID 160134), consisting of approximately 17.700 acres, and within unincorporated Montgomery County adjoining the southern side of I-81 , identified as Tax Parcel 093--(A))-6 (Parcel ID 130135), consisting of approximately 1.06 acres (pending Corporate Boundary Line Adjustment) from Agricultural District (A) to Single-Family Residential District (R-1). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan and lies in an area designated as Urban Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by RWW 4 LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow a planned housing development for a detached single-family subdivision of a maximum of 60 units in the proposed Single-Family Residential District (R-1) zoning district on property located at the end of Summitridge Road and adjoining the southern side of I-81, identified as Tax Parcel 557--(A))-22 (Parcel ID 160134), consisting of approximately 17.700 acres, and within unincorporated Montgomery County adjoining the southern side of I-81, identified as Tax Parcel 093--(A))-6 (Parcel ID 130135), consisting of approximately 1.06 acres (pending Corporate County's Boundary Line Adjustment). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan and lies in an area designated as Urban Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan.

C. Conditional Use Permit request by SHAH Development LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow a Two-Family Dwelling in the General Business District (B-3) zoning district on property located on the northwest corner of Roanoke St. and Craig St. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 527-(46)-5B; (Parcel ID 170239), and consisting of approximately of 0.319 acres. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

D. Conditional Use Permit request by Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, Property Owner, to allow a Carnival from March 23, 2025 through April 8, 2025 on the property located at 782 New River Road NW, Tax Parcel 435--(A))-41, Parcel ID 007741, zoned General Business District B-3. The proposed time period includes the set-up and operation of the Carnival. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on February 10, 2025 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisor's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request:

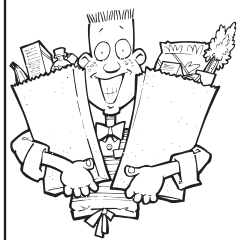
A request by Network Towers, LLC for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a 199-foot monopole wireless telecommunications tower, freestanding. The property is owned by S. R. Goff Hauling, Inc. and is located at 6000 North Fork Road, Elliston, northeast of Roanoke Road (State Route 11). The property is further identified as Tax Map 047-3 1A (Parcel ID: 026253), 3.914 acres, zoned Manufacturing (M1) in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, and is further designated as Mixed Use in the Elliston-Lafayette Village Expansion Area. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on February 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 ENTITLED ZONING OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA BY AMENDING SECTION 10-52 TO CLARIFY THAT ZONING COMPLIANCE OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT ZONING ADMINISTRATORS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR IN ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AND BY ADDING DUTIES AND POWERS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW AND BY UPDATING THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL VIOLATION PENALTIES

Copies of the proposed ordinance amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplicatio> ns.



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TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

will hold public hearings on Tuesday,

February 11, 2025 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items: Ordinance 2062: An Ordinance Rezoning 2.80± Acres of Land at 801 North Main Street, 800 Block of Kabrich Street, 100 Block of Winston Avenue and 900 Block of Progress Street from General Commercial and R-5 Transitional Residential District to Planned Residential District Zoning.

The proposed ordinance would allow a rezoning request from General Commercial (GC) and Transitional Residential (R-5) to Planned Residential (PR), and would permit the construction of an 8-story multifamily building with commercial on the ground floor, and townhome-style multifamily units, with up to 759 bedrooms.

Ordinance 2063: An Ordinance Vacating +/- 2,000 square feet of Town-owned Alley Right-of-way between the 800-block of Kabrich Street and the 900-block of Progress Street NW.

The proposed ordinance would authorize the companion Right-of-Way Vacation request to vacate a town-owned alley of approximately 2,000 square feet, as related to Ordinance 2062. Conditional Use Permit Request to Use an Alley for Non-Single-Unit Residential Dwellings between the 900-block of Kabrich Street and the 900-block of Progress Street NW.

The Conditional Use request is a companion to Ordinances 2062 and 2063 which would allow use of the alley between the 900-block of Kabrich Street and the 900-block of Progress Street NW to access to twenty-two (22) townhomes.

Ordinance 2072: An Ordinance Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter into a Regional Tourism Agreement.

The proposed ordinance would authorize the Town Manager to enter into a cooperative agreement with Montgomery County and the Town of Christiansburg for the creation and administration of a joint tourism program.

Ordinance 2074: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Real Property Located at 2700 Meadowbrook Drive and the Subsequent Lease of the Property.

As part of a 2003 agreement, the Friends of the Huckleberry, Inc., ("Friends") purchased property on Meadowbrook Drive near the Jefferson National Forest, and as part of that agreement's agreement, the Friends to convey an adjoining parcel (5.499 acre) at 2700 Meadowbrook Drive to the Town after Friends paid off the deed of trust on this parcel. Friends has now paid the deed trust in full, so it can convey the 5.499 acre parcel to the Town, but has requested that the Town lease the 5.499 acre property back to the Friends, for five years, so that Friends may sub-lease the single family home on the property to generate funds for the further advancement of public trails in Blacksburg.

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

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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-
316.20-104
Case No. JJ020503-01-00
MONTGOMERY Juvenile
and Domestic Relations
District Court, 55 EAST
MAIN STREET, SUITE 1,
CHRISTIANSBURG, VA
24073
Commonwealth of Virginia,
in re TURPIN, RICHARD
AIDEN ISIAH
REEDY, NINA v. TURPIN,
MICHAEL BRANDON
The object of this suit is to:
DETERMINE CUSTODY.
It is ORDERED that
TURPIN, BRANDON
MICHAEL appear at the
above-named court and
protect his/her interests on
or before FEBRUARY
18, 2025 @8:30 AM.
December 18, 2024
Amy Blankenship, Clerk

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

Pursuant to Section 15.2-
2204 of the Code of Virginia
1950, as amended, the
Radford City Council hereby
gives notice of a joint public
hearing with Planning
Commission to be held on
February 10, 2025 at 7:00
P.M., in the City Council
Chambers, at 10 Robertson
Street, Radford, VA, in
order to hear citizen
comments regarding City
Council's intention to act on
the following Special Use
Permit request:

A request by Katrina
Compton (applicant) on
behalf of Conner Compton
(owner) for a Special Use
Permit to allow for a duplex.
The use is defined as
"building that contains 2
dwelling units" which is
allowed in the R-3
Residential District only by
an approved Special Use
Permit. The property is
located at 2016 Fourth
Street, further identified as

Legals - City of Radford

Tax Parcel 18-(3)-SEC 19
Lots 12&13, with 15,000
square feet. The property is
designated as Moderate
Density Residential in the
Comprehensive Plan.
Copies of the proposed
plan, applications,
ordinances may be
examined at the Community
Development Office, 10
Robertson Street, Radford,
Monday through Friday
between the hours of 8:30
a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The Radford City Council
and Planning Commission
will hold a joint public
hearing on Monday,
February 10, 2025 at
7:00pm in the City of
Radford Council Chambers,
10 Robertson Street,
Radford, VA 24141. The
purpose of the public
hearing is to receive public
comments concerning:

Brame Family Properties,
LLC (applicant/property
owner) to rezone 3,500 SQ
FT of 14-(5)-SEC12-8, from
B-1 Limited Business, to R-
3 Single Family Residential,
and to rezone 1,347 SQ FT
of 14-(5)-SEC12-7 from R-3
Single Family Residential to
B-1 Limited Business. The
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Street, and provide lot line
revision to allow for the
development of 2 single
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and by phone or in writing
prior to the meeting.
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River girls basketball improves to 14-1

The James River girls basketball team will take a 14-1 record into the week as they take on two Three Rivers District opponents. The Knights were scheduled to play at 10-3 Alleghany on Tuesday, then host winless Carroll County on Thursday.

The Knights pushed their winning streak to eight in a row with two wins last week. They opened the week with a 42-28 win over Patrick County in Stuart.

This one was close for awhile. The Knights trailed 21-19 at the half but held the Cougars to seven points total after intermission. Jalen Thompson led the team with 17 points and 13 rebounds and Caitlin Canada had 16 points, 12 boards and seven steals.

“Being down by two at the half, the defense stepped up and made the game very difficult for Patrick County,” said River coach Donald Eggleston. “Thompson made some key buckets in the second half.”

A night later the girls played at winless Glenvar and eased by the Highlanders, 52-21. River jumped to a 14-2 lead at the outset and led 28-12 at the half, then put it away by outscoring Glenvar 22-5 in the third quarter.

Canada led this one with 18 points and 15 rebounds. Audrey Benson had 14 points and seven steals and Thompson had eight points and eight rebounds.

“We have a balanced attack with different players stepping up,” said Eggleston. “It makes us hard to play against because teams don’t know who will be the leaders for that game.”



Caitlin Canada of James River blocks a Glenvar shot.



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY
The Knights' Keira Crawford passes the ball against the Highlanders.



With a time of 7.87, Lord Botetourt's Caleb Miller placed 4th in the 55m hurdles at the East Coast Elite meet at Roanoke College. Teammate Triston Graves also did well, placing third in the event (7.84).

Cavs, Knights run in indoor meet at RC

Lord Botetourt and James River had athletes competing in the East Coast Elite indoor track meet at the Roanoke College Cregger Center last Thursday.

The Cavaliers had a first place as Eric Duncan won the 3,200-meter run in 9:26.28. Triston Graves and Caleb Miller were third and fourth in the 55 hurdles and Nathan Mullens took eighth in the pole vault.

For the LB girls, Karleigh Brown was third in the pole vault, clearing 7' 6.25". Jillian Harris took sixth in the 55 hurdles and Botetourt's 4x200 relay team was ninth.

For James River Naveah VanBuren was third in the triple jump and seventh in



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING
James River's Naveah VanBuren placed 7th in the long jump.

the long jump. Kaia Binns was sixth in the 55-meter dash.

This weekend both the

LB and River teams will head to Liberty University in Lynchburg for the Bulldog Invitational.

LB's Francis recognized on RC Senior Night



PHOTO BY RYAN HUNT
Sam Francis, a Lord Botetourt graduate on the Roanoke College wrestling team, was recently recognized on "Senior Night" prior to an ODAC match against Shenandoah University at the Cregger Center. Left to right are RC assistant coach Collin Gerardi, head coach Nate Yetzer, Sam's parents Susie and Todd, Sam, and assistant coach Blake Rosenbaum. The Maroons are back at home Thursday for a match against Greensboro beginning at 7 p.m.

Lord Botetourt wrestlers at Fleming tonight

The Lord Botetourt wrestlers will be in Roanoke tonight for a quad match against host William Fleming, Albemarle and Franklin County. Coach Paul Craft plans to bring his whole team tonight after splitting up a large Cavalier team on occasion this season.

LB had a tri meet at home last week with Franklin County and Radford. Botetourt defeated Radford, 51-22, and Franklin County, 61-17. Cooper Roberts had a great match against a tough opponent from Franklin County.

"Cooper lost to that guy a few weeks ago by tech fall, but won by major decision on Wednesday night," said Craft. "Almost all of our backup wrestlers received a match as well. We didn't get out of the gym until 10 p.m."

Last Saturday the Red Team (starters) were off with the exception of three guys. They travelled with the Gray Team (backups) to Parry McCluer for the Blues

Quad. LB won 51-16 over Parry McCluer and 42-31 over Staunton and dropped the third match to Rockbridge, 48-27, to go 2-1 on the day.

Camden was one of the starters that traveled. He had a big win over a very good wrestler from Parry McCluer.

"Coach Brockenbrough at Parry McCluer runs a good program and we're grateful he invited us up there," said Craft. "The quad was run well and we'd love to send our guys back in the future. This was another great opportunity for our guys who don't start to get mat time and continue to develop."

This Saturday the LB Red Team will be at the Big Red Invitational at Riverheads High School in Staunton. The James River team will also be wrestling in this tournament

"This is a tough tournament and a great warmup for the postseason," said Craft.



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LB's Serenity Shearer is the first county girl to win first place at a VHSL sanctioned wrestling tournament.

Botetourt County girls wrestle in Louisa, Serenity Shearer takes first place at 145

The Lord Botetourt girls, or "Pink Team," took several wrestlers to the 3rd Annual Louisa Ladies Invitational last weekend and had a tournament champion in an event that included almost 200 girls. Junior Serenity Shearer won the 145-pound division to become the first female Lord Botetourt wrestler to win first place in a VHSL tournament.

Serenity pinned her way through the finals. Only one of her opponents made it out

of the first period and that one didn't make it out of the second. Freshman Elizabeth Odell took fourth at 165.

"This is a huge moment in women's wrestling for our school," said LB coach Paul Craft. "Two years ago we didn't have any girls on our mat. Now we have them winning tournaments and placing in them regularly."

James River also was represented in the tournament and

Georgia Miller, at 126, and Janiya Falls, at 185, both went 2-2 for the day.

"They both fought hard but fell one match short of advancing to a podium match," said coach Warren Carswell.

This Saturday the Botetourt girls will be at their state qualifier tournament at Virginia High School in Bristol. The top three in each weight class will advance to the girls' state tournament later in February.

JR Boys

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Last Thursday the Knights hosted Glenvar and dropped a 54-21 decision. The Highlanders closed the last 1:45 of the second quarter on a 11-2 run to blow the game open and take a 26- 11 halftime lead. Mark Voight and Ben Lawson had six points each.

"Our guys were doing all the right things the first 14 minutes of the game and then the flood gates opened and it got out of hand quickly," said Humphries. "But at the end of the day, 21 points is not winning varsity basketball games. If we are taking requests we need to double our points and half our turnovers to give



PHOTO BY BIRDIE BOBLETT
Kody Park handles the ball for the Knights.

ourselves a fighting chance in any district game."

Things don't get any easier this week. After tonight's home game with Alleghany, the Knights go to undefeated Carroll County on Friday.

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Myers was first in the 200 Freestyle and third in the 100 Backstroke

In the girls meet River's Riley Persinger won the 100 Free and was third in the 100 Back. Berry took

third in the 200 IM and the team of Berry, Addison Jones, Lydia Jones and Persinger finished third in the 200 Medley Relay and second in the 200 Free Relay.

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Cavalier boys basketball team is in Adam Ward Classic Saturday

The Lord Botetourt boys basketball team is in the Adam Ward Classic once again. The Cavaliers will play North Cross at the Salem High gym this Saturday at 11:45 a.m.

Since 2016 Salem High School, the Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association and the City of Salem have joined forces to honor the memory of Adam Ward by hosting a basketball classic in his honor. A former Salem student and avid sports fan, Adam was killed on August 26, 2015, while working as a photojournalist for WDBJ-7.

The event is being sponsored by various businesses and organizations throughout the Roanoke Valley. The majority of the proceeds from the event will go to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund that is administered by the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association. To date, the Adam Ward Classic has contributed over \$120,000 to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Adam Ward Classic Committee will be making donations to the Make A Wish Foundation and the Special Olympics in Adam's honor.

This year's event begins Friday with a tripleheader of Salem-Glenvar games. The jayvee boys play at 5 p.m. followed by the girls and then the Salem and



Carson Edwards of LB slides between two Northside defenders.

Glenvar varsity boys at approximately 8:15 p.m. Saturday's action begins with Roanoke Catholic against Roanoke Valley Christian at 10 a.m., followed by LB and North Cross at 11:45 a.m. The rest of the day includes the William Fleming girls against Abingdon at 1:30 p.m. and the Cave Spring boys against Auburn at 3:15 p.m. followed by boys games featuring Patrick Henry and Spotswood at 5 p.m., Northside and Radford at 6:45 p.m. and Fleming and George Wythe at 8:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10 each day and that includes all day. Children under 5 are admitted free.

The LB boys will be playing just 15 hours after a big Blue Ridge District game at William Byrd Friday night. The Cavaliers were 6-9 after defeating Wilson Memorial in Daleville Monday night, 81-75. Blake Lovern had 25 points, Landon Hayes had 20 and Carson Edwards had 10 points, eight rebounds



Lord Botetourt's Brady Kish goes up and under against the Vikings.

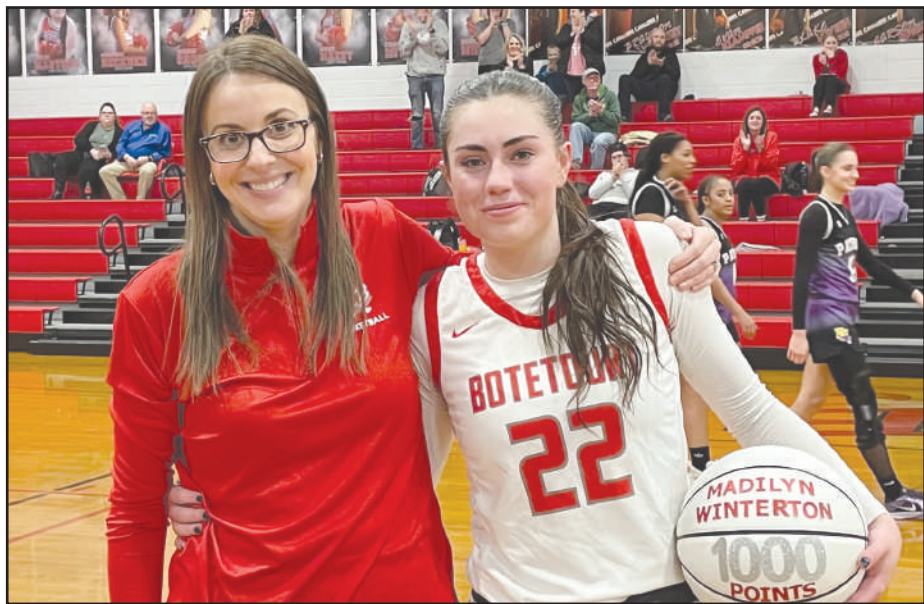
and four assists. Aaron Lyle scored 10 points off the bench.

"A great team effort against a quality opponent," said LB coach Josh Aliveto. "I was really proud of how we started the game on both ends of the court. Our bench provided quality minutes by contributing with 19 points."

LB split two Blue Ridge District games last week. The Cavs beat Franklin County at home on Tuesday, 48-38, for their first BRD win. Hayes scored 18 points and Lovern had 15 points and eight rebounds. Edwards led the team with 11 boards.

On Friday at Northside the district-leading Vikings took an 81-56 win. Lovern had 24 points and Conner Dowdy had 15.

The Cavaliers were scheduled to play at Staunton River on Tuesday but results were too late for publication.



Lord Botetourt senior Madilyn Winterton scored her 1,000th point as a Cavalier in last week's win over Patrick Henry. The game was stopped and LB coach Renee Favaro (left) presented her with a special basketball to remember the occasion.

LB girls sweep three-game week to go 14-1

The Lord Botetourt girls won three more basketball games last week to improve to 14-1 overall, but all that gets them is a battle for first in a stacked Blue Ridge District.

The Cavaliers were set to host Staunton River on Tuesday of this week but results were too late for publication. The Eagles were also 14-1 before their trip to Daleville, and both teams have one loss to William Fleming. The Colonels lead the BRD with a 4-0 district mark and a 13-2 overall record.

Botetourt kept pace with three wins last week. The girls opened the week with a 54-22 win over Franklin County in Rocky Mount. Madilyn Winterton led the team with 20 points and six assists and Maddie Caron had 16 points and six rebounds. Abby Kingery had seven steals.

Last Thursday the Cavs hosted a strong Patrick Henry team in a non-district game and won 44-31. The highlight of the night was senior Winterton scoring her 1,000th point as a Cavalier. That does not include her freshman year when Winterton was at Rockbridge County High, as the Lenoir Rhyne commit has scored 1,000 points in just two and a half seasons at LB.

Winterton needed four points to reach

1,000 but wasn't aware of it. She scored the needed points on two free throws and was surprised when the game was stopped to present her the ball.

"She told me before the season to not tell her because she wanted it to happen organically and focus on the task at hand," said LB coach Renee Favaro. "I told her parents after the Franklin County game that she was close and to be prepared. She was definitely surprised and a little confused at first when we buzzed the horn and the announcement was made."

On Friday the Cavs made it a three-win week with a 66-24 home win over Northside. Winterton led the team with 20 points and Caron had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Maggie Hoover had 13.

"This team is incredibly close-knit and the way they rally around each other and play for each other is palpable," said Favaro. "We played this game with six kids, and I am super proud of the character and hearts of these girls."

The Cavaliers have another busy week. After Tuesday's game with Staunton River, they'll host E.C. Glass tonight and William Byrd on Friday.



Maddie Caron of the Cavaliers scores against Patrick Henry.

River hoop boys will host Alleghany tonight

The James River boys will host Alleghany in basketball tonight as the Cougars prepare to leave the Three Rivers District after this season. The two teams will play again on February 19 to make up a game that was postponed on January 9.

River comes in at 6-9 after dropping a district game at Floyd County Monday, 58-29. The Knights hung tough early against a stout Buffalo team but eventually wore down. Jack Beheler led River with eight points and Maddox Pichay had seven.

"We kept it competitive for a lot longer this time around," said River coach Ethan Humphries. "Even at halftime we were giving ourselves a chance against top-ranked Floyd. Ultimately, the better team won but our guys showed some fight."

River dropped two district games last week, beginning with a 58-48



River's Mark Voight (white uniform) jumps center against Glenvar.

loss to Patrick County at home. Pichay had 14 points, six rebounds and five assists and Ryder Ward chipped in 13 points.

"Out of our district games this one was one we feel like we should've gotten," said Humphries.

"Our defense wasn't up to par on a night where we were taking care of the ball. We just gave them too many easy baskets that we normally don't give up."

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LB, River swimmers go head-to-head

The James River and Lord Botetourt swimmers competed, along with William Fleming and Northside, at a meet at the Botetourt Family YMCA last week.

In the girls meet Lord Botetourt swept all three opponents while James River beat Fleming and Northside while losing to LB. In the boys meet River beat Lord Botetourt, 32-22, and tied both Fleming, 36-36, and Northside, 34-34 despite having just three swimmers. Lord Botetourt's boys lost all three.

It was "Senior Night" for both the James River and LB teams. Addison Jones and Kaeli Berry were recognized from James River while Sarah Frederickson, Anna Harris, Hanna Mizuba and Ella Shuler were honored from Lord Botetourt.

Heat winners for Lord Botetourt included Olivia Nicley in the 200 IM, Hanna Mizuba in the 50 Free and 100 Back, Anna Harris in the 100 Breast and the 200 Medley, 200 Free and 400 Free relays.

For James River boys Kingston Bean won the 50 and 100 Freestyle, Joel Barber took second in 200 IM and first in the 100 Breaststroke and Austin



Two James River girls were honored on "Senior Night" last week. Left to right are Addison Jones, coach Kit Williams and Kaeli Berry. Addison will be swimming for Hollins University next year and Kaeli will be attending Virginia Tech.

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