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Airport authority looks for ways to build sooner

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Breaks Regional Airport Authority members want to know whether using local money could help get the proposed airport built sooner instead of waiting years for federal funding.

During their Oct. 13 meeting at the Grundy Town Offices, members questioned aviation consultant Jeff Tarkington about construction costs, funding choices and the steps still needed before the airport can open.

"We need to figure out what we can do using what money we have," board member Todd Elswick said.

The airport recently received Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval of its aviation activity forecast, a report estimating how many aircraft would use the airport. That approval allows work to move forward on the master plan, which will outline the runway and other facilities.

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Members of the Breaks Regional Airport Authority discuss construction costs and funding options for the proposed airport during their Oct. 13 meeting at the Grundy Town Offices. The authority is seeking a meeting with state aviation officials to explore ways to move the project forward.



Volunteers staff the sign-in table as patients arrive for the 23rd annual Remote Area Medical clinic at Riverview Elementary/Middle School. Beyond the entrance, the school's gym became a dental clinic as volunteers worked together to bring free care to Buchanan County.

Riverview becomes a place of healing as RAM returns to Buchanan County

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For most of the year, Riverview Elementary/Middle School is a place where children come to learn. For one weekend each year in mid- to late October, it becomes a place where people come for care they might otherwise go without.

The gym becomes a dental clinic. Rooms throughout the school provide space for medical visits, eye exams and hearing services. In the cafeteria, volunteers find a meal and a chance to rest before returning to help another patient.

That transformation brought the 23rd annual Remote Area Medical clinic to Buchanan County Oct. 17-18, connecting people from across Virginia and surrounding states with free health care.

Behind the effort were co-coordinators Frannie Minton and Sandy Stiltner, whose work begins long before the first patient arrives and continues after the last one leaves.

Coordinating volunteers, helping bring in doctors and dentists, arranging meals and organizing the use of the school are all part of making the clinic possible. Together, the two

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Virginia's first outdoor recreation director visits the Breaks

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Southwest Virginia's mountains, trails and waterways provided the backdrop for a conversation about the region's future on Oct. 13, when Virginia's newly appointed outdoor recreation director visited Breaks Interstate Park.

Heather Barrar joined Friends of Southwest Virginia and regional partners for an evening gathering focused on outdoor recreation, community connections and opportunities for economic growth.

The visit brought local and regional perspectives into a broader statewide effort to support outdoor recreation and the communities that depend on it. For Buchanan County and neighboring communities, the

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Heather Barrar, Virginia's first dedicated director of outdoor recreation, speaks during an Oct. 13 gathering at Breaks Interstate Park. Friends of Southwest Virginia and regional partners joined Barrar to discuss outdoor recreation and opportunities for tourism and economic growth in the region (Photo by Traci Evans).

Buchanan grand jury indicts 22 on drug, theft and other charges

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A Buchanan County grand jury indicted 22 people Oct. 13 on charges ranging from robbery and burglary to drug possession and firearms offenses.

The indictments, returned in Buchanan County Circuit Court, include cases involving a break-in at Fletcher's Hardware, thefts of Verizon property, credit card fraud and an assault on a law enforcement officer.

An indictment is a formal accusation, not a finding of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

David Dwayne Johnson (38) faces five charges, including robbery by physical force, statutory burglary and interfering with a communication intended to summon emergency assistance. Those three charges stem from an incident on Dec. 2, 2025, described in the indictments.

According to the indictments, Johnson is accused of entering a woman's home, taking a purse, financial documents, a checkbook and \$900 through physical force and preventing a communication intended to summon emergency services. The robbery charge specifies force not resulting in serious bodily injury. Johnson also faces grand larceny and conspiracy to commit grand larceny charges involving property valued at \$1,000 or more on Nov. 1, 2025.

Peyton Blankenship (22) was indicted on statutory burglary and felony property damage charges involving Fletcher's Hardware. The indictments accuse Blankenship of unlawfully entering the business and damaging property valued at \$1,000 or more on April 16.

Tommy Hurley (64) faces four charges, including assault and battery on a law enforcement officer. According to the indictment, Hurley is accused of assaulting Sgt. Rusty Sykes while the officer was performing his duties

June 12. Hurley was also indicted on charges of possessing ortho-methylfentanyl and diazepam that day, along with a separate charge of brandishing or pointing a firearm on June 11.

Brittany Nochole Johnson (32) was indicted on grand larceny and conspiracy to commit grand larceny. The indictments accuse her of stealing or conspiring to steal property valued at \$1,000 or more belonging to Drema Sue Blankenship on Nov. 1, 2025.

Mack Lewis Blankenship (70) was indicted on grand larceny and conspiracy to commit grand larceny. The charges involve property belonging to Verizon valued at \$1,000 or more, taken on May 24.

Joshua Stacy (44) faces charges of grand larceny, conspiracy to commit grand larceny and trespassing on a railroad track. The indictments accuse Stacy of stealing, or conspiring to steal, property valued at \$1,000 or more

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OBITUARIES

Diane Robinson Childress

DIANE ROBINSON CHILDRESS, 69, passed away on October 15, 2026, in Vansant, Virginia, after a brief and courageous battle with metastatic pancreatic cancer. She was born on December 19, 1956, in Grundy, Virginia, to Tom and Myrtle Robinson. Diane graduated from Grundy High School and spent her years as a banker, office manager, and, most importantly, a stay-at-home momma. She married Warren on November 30, 1973, and together they raised three remarkably blessed children.

Diane was an active member of Vansant Presbyterian Church, TOPS, the Breakfast Club, and the Grundy High School Dinner with Classmates. She enjoyed encouraging others, giving the best hugs, and spending quality time with family and friends. Diane had a quiet but meaningful way of caring for others, always checking in, offering a listening ear and encouragement, and lifting those she loved up in prayer. She never needed recognition for the love she gave so freely. If you knew Diane, you knew she loved you bunches.

Diane is survived by her loving husband of nearly 53 years, Warren

Childress; her children, Chris Childress (Pam), Alison Childress Justus, and Irena Childress (Charles); her grandchildren, Amanda Vogler (Elliott), Ashton Smith (Brayden), and Carson James Justus; and her great-grandchildren, Harper and Lorelai Vogler, and Ivy Grace Smith. She also shared a special bond with her beloved cousin, Eddie Wilson, and his wife, Shirley, as well as her cherished lifelong friends, Sarah McClure and Debbie Owens, and her special neighbors and dear friends, Harry and Phyllis Scott and their daughter, April Wimmer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Myrtle Robinson; her precious brother, Terry Robinson; her in-laws, Jim and Barbara Childress; and her special aunt, Irene Stiltner.

We will miss her immensely and cannot wait to see her again in our heavenly home.

Diane and her family were deeply grateful for the wonderful caregivers who made it possible for her to remain at home during the final chapter of her life's journey. These included BGH Home Health and Physical Therapy and Legacy Pallia-



Diane Robinson Childress

tive and Hospice Care. Each person treated Diane with the love, warmth, and compassion that every human deserves. Special thanks to Amanda Coleman and Crystal Smith Owens for providing loving daily care.

Visitation was held on Sunday, October 18, 2026, from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M., followed by funeral services at 2:00 P.M. at the Grundy Funeral Home Chapel, under the direction of Pastors Eddie Wilson and David Western.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of Diane's favorite charities, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Active Pallbearers were family and friends.



Courthouse News

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Sept. 22 – Nancy Alice Viers, ETAL, to Nancy Alice Viers, two tracts, Russell Prater Creek, Big Sandy River, deed of gift.

Sept. 23 – Fredia Colley, to Douglas Deel, ETAL, 1,397 acres, Dry Fork Creek, Big Prater Creek, Levisa River, \$125,000.00.

Sept. 24 – Thomas Carl Lowry, ETAL, to Wood Hollow Hill, LLC, three tracts, Little Prater Creek, Levisa River, South Grundy District, \$89,000.00.

Sept. 24 – Genett Deel, to Deborah Bentley, two tracts, Greenbriar Fork, Russell Fork, Russell Prater Creek, life estate, deed of gift.

Sept. 24 – Tony Raymond Matney, to Christopher Thomas Stiltner, seven tracts, Right Hand Fork, Big Lick Branch, Big Prater Creek, South Grundy District, deed of gift.

Sept. 28 – Phyllis Coleman, to Cindy Coleman, ETAL, tracts Paw Paw area Knox Creek, deed of gift.

Sept. 29 – Jason Shawn Rice, Justin Taylor, ETAL, two tracts, Lynn Camp Branch, Levisa River, \$150,000.00.

Sept. 30 – Brian Deel, to Dempsey Whitt, ETAL, 0.27 acre Belchers Fork, Bull Creek, Levisa River, Rocklick District, \$20,000.00.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

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gathering offered an opportunity to discuss how natural resources can serve residents while attracting visitors and supporting local businesses.

Gov. Abigail Spanberger appointed Barrar on Sept. 29, introducing her at Danville's Riverfront Park as Virginia's first dedicated director of outdoor recreation. The role focuses on growing the outdoor recreation economy and supporting communities that depend on tourism.

Friends of Southwest Virginia brought regional leaders and partners together for the Breaks gathering. Conversations centered on building partnerships and ensuring

Southwest Virginia has a voice as the state develops its approach to outdoor recreation.

Barrar's responsibilities include developing a statewide strategy shaped by local leaders and communities and bringing together conservation, tourism, economic development, and workforce needs. A statewide listening tour will gather input from Virginia's 10 tourism regions.

For communities across Southwest Virginia, those discussions have practical significance. Parks, trails and waterways give families places to spend time together, and visitors who come to enjoy those re-

sources can also support restaurants, lodging establishments, shops and other businesses.

In announcing Barrar's appointment, Spanberger emphasized the connection between recreation and economic opportunity.

"Virginia is for outdoor lovers. And outdoor recreation isn't just important to our quality of life — it's important to our economy," Spanberger said.

According to U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis figures cited by the governor's office, outdoor recreation contributed \$14.4 billion to Virginia's economy in 2024 and supported more than 126,000 jobs.

Barrar is a trained forester and certified arborist with experience in regional planning, community engagement, and natural resource stewardship. She holds degrees in forestry and recreation management from Stephen F. Austin State University, as well as in environmental planning and policy from Virginia Commonwealth University.

In a statement released when her appointment was announced, Barrar described how her own experiences outdoors helped shape her approach to the position.

"Visiting parks and trails shaped my childhood," Barrar said. "That experience will continue to anchor my vision for a Commonwealth where conservation, recreation and economic development reinforce one another. I am looking forward to meeting Virginians where they are in our great outdoor regions."

Her visit to Breaks gave regional partners an early opportunity to take part in that conversation and bring Southwest Virginia's outdoor recreation priorities into statewide planning.

County schedules household hazardous waste collection Oct. 30

Buchanan County residents will have an opportunity to clear out unwanted household chemicals, old electronics and tires during a collection event Friday, Oct. 30, in Grundy.

The household hazardous waste collection, office paper and tire drop-off will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Walmart parking lot. Buchanan County and the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority are sponsoring the event.

The collection offers residents a way to dispose of products that may have been sitting in garages, basements or cabinets for years. Organizers noted that improper disposal of hazardous household materials can endanger people and animals and pollute creeks, streams and wooded areas.

Accepted items include paint, polishes, varnishes, paint-related materials, turpentine, aerosol cans, adhesives, antifreeze, fuel additives, gasoline, mercury, pesticides, transmission fluid, bleach and pool chemicals.

Nickel-cadmium, alkaline and dry-cell batteries also will be accepted, along with electronics, office paper and tires.

Commercial and industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, bullets and all tank cylinders will not be accepted.

Organizers ask residents to take used motor oil to Advance Auto or another designated recycling location rather than bringing it to the collection event.

Residents with questions about accepted materials or the collection can contact the Buchanan County Litter Control Office at 276-935-6106.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 1



To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS QUESTION 1

Present Law

Currently, the Virginia Constitution does not explicitly provide to its citizens a right to reproductive freedom nor does it explicitly protect or prohibit certain kinds of health care procedures or decisions.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would add to the Virginia Constitution's Bill of Rights the fundamental right to make and carry out decisions about a person's own reproductive care with only certain, specific exceptions. The proposed amendment specifically allows the state government to pass laws to regulate abortion care in the third trimester of pregnancy, but requires any such law to allow for abortion care when it is medically needed to protect the life and health of the pregnant person or because the fetus is not viable.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 11-A. Fundamental right to reproductive freedom.

That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and carry out decisions relating to one's own prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, abortion care, miscarriage management, and fertility care.

An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be, directly or indirectly, denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

Notwithstanding the above, the Commonwealth may regulate the provision of abortion care in the third trimester, provided that in no circumstance shall the Commonwealth prohibit an abortion (i) that in the professional judgment of a physician is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual or (ii) when in the professional judgment of a physician the fetus is not viable.

The Commonwealth shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.

The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on such individual's own exercise of this fundamental right or such individual's own actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against any individual for aiding or assisting another individual in exercising such other individual's right to reproductive freedom with such other individual's voluntary consent.

For the purposes of this section, a state interest is compelling only if it is for the limited purpose of maintaining or improving the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of care and evidence-based medicine and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision making.

This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of the section.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 2

To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election



BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS QUESTION 2

Present Law

Marriages, civil unions, and other legal relationships with the same rights, benefits, and effects of marriage between persons of the same sex or gender are prohibited under Virginia's Constitution. This prohibition is no longer enforceable as a result of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* in 2015, but the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender remains in the state's Constitution. If the Supreme Court were to overturn its previous decision, that prohibition would be enforceable again.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment removes the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender from the Virginia Constitution's Bill of Rights. It is replaced with the fundamental right to marry, requiring the state to recognize and treat equally under the law any lawful marriage between two adult persons, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of either person. The proposed amendment prohibits the state from denying a marriage license to two adult persons because of their sex, gender, or race.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 15-A. Marriage.

That only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions. marriage is one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness.

This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage. deny the issuance of a marriage license to two adult persons seeking a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of such persons. Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage. This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall recognize any lawful marriage between two adult persons and treat such marriages equally under the law, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such persons.



LOOKING BACK

From our files

By **CHAD COOPER**
50 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 14, 1976

It might have taken two nights to play it, but after several close losing efforts, Grundy High's Golden Wave posted a football victory Monday night at Glade Springs. Coach Verner Auville's lads have looked better this season, but their performance was still good enough to win over the Patrick Henry Rebels 6-0 in a Southwest District matchup.

Donald A. McGlothlin Jr. received the Army Commendation Medal from Lt. Col. David Gray at Fort Knox, KY, upon his recent discharge from the U.S. Army. McGlothlin served three years in the Army as a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps and practiced law during that time as a defense counsel.

45 YEARS AGO

Barbara Berry was re-elected president of the Buchanan County Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's annual membership meeting last Thursday evening at the Western Sizzler. Jim Fuller was elected first vice president, and Ron Cole, second vice president. Cecil Preece is the immediate past president, and Sharon Ward will continue to serve as executive secretary.

The Hurley Lady Rebels pulled off a Black Diamond District girls' basketball win over visiting Pocohontas Tuesday night. 42-39. Terri Hurley led the way for Hurley with 20 points. The win advanced the Rebelettes' record to 12-4.

35 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 24, 1991

Sheena Karen Skeens of Vansant will compete for the title of Miss Lonesome Pine on Saturday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Coeburn Middle School. Skeens is the daughter of Bill and Nola Skeens of Vansant. She is a cm laude graduate from King College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and education, with a special award in theater arts.

Joe Dellinger, of Boy Scout Troop 746 of the American Legion Post 164 Grundy, became an Eagle Scout on September 21. Under the guidance of his Scoutmaster, Millard Keene, he has worked toward the rank since September 2, 1986. He has 35 merit badges, the Den Chief Service Award, Paul Bunyo Woodman, Totin Chip and World Conservation awards.

25 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 25, 2001

Appalachian School of Law recently honored Linda and Tom Scott at a reception on October 9 for their support and many efforts on behalf of the law school and the community. Specifically, ASL president Lucius Ellsworth noted that the Scotts had been instrumental in raising more than \$160,000 for student financial aid through their participation and support of the annual N.E. Tournament and Gala since its inception in 1998.

Hurley had its most productive offensive game of the year, coming back from a 32-42 deficit to win at Twin Springs last week. Sophomore tailback Michael Conrad dominated, rushing 22 times for 202 yards and four touchdowns for the Rebels. Meanwhile, senior quarterback Adam Blankenship was 9-for-18 passing for 190 yards for Hurley (2-5). He connected with Chris Rowe for two touchdowns.



A dental hygiene volunteer cleans equipment during the RAM clinic at Riverview Elementary/Middle School. The work helped keep the temporary dental clinic operating as volunteers cared for patients throughout the weekend.

Many hands make RAM possible

By **CHAD COOPER**
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Turning Riverview Elementary/Middle School into a place of free health care takes more than medical equipment. It takes people willing to give their time — and plenty of work behind the scenes.

During Buchanan County's 23rd annual Remote Area Medical clinic Oct. 17-18, volunteers welcomed patients, helped them find services, provided care

and cleaned equipment. Others prepared meals for the hundreds of volunteers who came to help.

Co-coordinators Frannie Minton and Sandy Stiltner helped bring those efforts together, working with health care professionals, students, churches, donors and community organizations to make the weekend possible.

"It takes a lot of volunteers to pull this off, and it couldn't be made possible without some of our

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GOOD OL DAYS



The May 3, 1984, issue of The Virginia Mountaineer reported the induction of eight former Grundy athletes and two former coaches into the newly founded Grundy Athletic Boosters Association Hall of Fame. The honorees were recognized the previous Tuesday night during the annual Kiwanis Fall and Winter Sports Banquet in the Grundy Senior High School cafeteria.

Pictured, from left, were Roger Powers, basketball; Ralph Cummins, accepting the award on behalf of his brother, football coach Brownie Cummins; Ronald "Red" Phillips, football; Donnie Mullins, wrestling; Olen Owens, wrestling; Clyde Keen, football; Keary R. "Bob" Williams, football; and Ginger Powers Robertson, basketball.

Mel Keene accepted Coach John Meade's award, while Bob Williams accepted Gary Thompson's Hall of Fame award. Photo submitted by Ginger Powers Robertson.

PUBLIC NOTICE



PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 3

To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS QUESTION 3

Present Law

Virginia's Constitution currently provides that a person who is convicted of any felony loses the right to vote for the rest of their life unless the Governor of Virginia takes administrative action to restore that specific person's right to vote. This is the only means of getting back the right to vote after a felony conviction.

The current constitutional provision also imposes a broad restriction, while using outdated terminology, on voting by persons found to be incapacitated. A person who is determined by a court to be incapacitated, regardless of the kind of incapacity, loses the right to vote, and only a court can restore the person's right to vote later.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment enshrines in the Constitution the fundamental right of all qualified persons in the Commonwealth to vote. Two exceptions to this right are for persons who are serving a sentence of incarceration for a felony conviction and persons who are determined by a court to not understand the act of voting. Such right cannot otherwise be restricted by laws.

Under the proposed amendment, a person who is convicted of a felony loses the right to vote during their period of incarceration. Once released from incarceration, the person gets back the right to vote without needing to apply for restoration by the Governor.

The proposed amendment also requires a specific finding by a court that a person does not understand the act of voting in order for that person's right to vote to be taken away.

With the right to vote, a person also has the right to be a juror, the right to be elected to an office, and the right to be a notary public.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE II.

FRANCHISE AND OFFICERS.

Section 1. Qualifications of voters.

(a) In elections by the people, the qualifications of voters shall be as follows: Each voter shall be a citizen of the United States, shall be eighteen years of age, shall fulfill the residence requirements set forth in ~~this section subsection (b)~~, and shall be registered to vote pursuant to this article. Every person who meets these qualifications shall have the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, and such right shall not be abridged by law, except that:

~~(1) No person who has been convicted of a felony shall be qualified entitled to vote unless his civil rights have been restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority, during any period of incarceration for such felony conviction, but every such person, upon release from incarceration for that felony conviction and without further action required of him, shall be invested with all political rights, including the right to vote; and~~

~~As prescribed by law, no~~ (2) No person who has been adjudicated to be mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting shall be qualified entitled to vote during such period of incapacity until his competency capacity has been reestablished as prescribed by law.

~~(b)~~ The residence requirements shall be that each voter shall be a resident of the Commonwealth and of the precinct where he votes. Residence, for all purposes of qualification to vote, requires both domicile and a place of abode. The General Assembly may provide for persons who are employed overseas, and their spouses and dependents residing with them, and who are qualified to vote except for relinquishing their place of abode in the Commonwealth while overseas, to vote in the Commonwealth subject to conditions and time limits defined by law. The General Assembly may provide for persons who are qualified to vote except for having moved their residence from one precinct to another within the Commonwealth to continue to vote in a former precinct subject to conditions and time limits defined by law. The General Assembly may also provide, in elections for President and Vice President of the United States, alternatives to registration for new residents of the Commonwealth.

~~(c)~~ Any person who will be qualified with respect to age to vote at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance and also to vote in any intervening primary or special election.

Congressman Griffith: Fighting for Coal

American coal requires fighters in its corner. In our corner of Virginia, I am proud to be in the ring to support a vital industry for communities in Virginia's Ninth Congressional District.

As such, I have supported legislation and signed many letters as one of the co-chairs of the United States House of Representatives Coal Caucus.

Some of those letters have gone to encourage the Trump Administration to be aggressive in promoting coal.

And the President, always a coal supporter, has heard our voice.

Perhaps no president this century has been as supportive of coal as President Donald Trump.

What has happened since Trump's January 2025 inauguration?

Numerous pro-coal Executive Actions. I proudly attended events at the White House to celebrate announcements which invest in America's beautiful clean coal, fight anti-coal actions taken by Presidents Obama and Biden and give coal a seat at the energy table.

The Obama-Biden "War on Coal" constrained American coal production, which encouraged the world to look elsewhere for coal.

Countries like India and China, looking to support the energy needs of their billion-plus populations, view American coal as a key resource.

According to a graphic online from Visual Capitalist, in 2024, China and India accounted for nearly 35% of U.S. coal exports.

China in particular is historically a major buyer of U.S. metallurgical coal, which is the type of coal used to make steel. The coal mined in Southwest Virginia is mainly metallurgical coal and had been sold to China in the first Trump Administration.

But the Chinese Communist Party took actions to disrupt American coal access to Chinese markets, threaten U.S. coal mining jobs and rattle our coal communities.

Data provided by the U.S. Energy Information Administration notes the impact of Chinese tariff increases on U.S. coal exports. From 2024 to 2025, U.S. coal exports to



WEEKLY REPORT
FROM THE CAPITOL

China dropped a dramatic 92%!

In response to China's anti-U.S. coal moves, I helped lead efforts to engage the Trump Administration.

As Chinese President Xi Jinping prepared to visit DC for trade negotiations, I requested President Trump prioritize American coal in the negotiations.

Following the late September negotiations, President Trump announced that China will import at least 10 million metric tons of American coal in 2027 and another 10 million metric tons in 2028!

This announcement means coal business in America will get a boost. Foreign belief in American coal will continue to present major opportunities for economic growth, domestic coal jobs and certainty for America's coal operators.

I am proud to help secure this trade win for American communities. It is a positive outcome that confirms the strong demand for resources that our miners work every day to produce.

I am also fighting for another positive outcome that impacts our region's coal.

Currently, one of the last remaining coal-fired power plants in Virginia is the Virginia City Hybrid Energy Center (VCHEC) in St. Paul, Virginia.

As one of the 10 newest coal plants to be constructed

in America, VCHEC employs world-class emissions control technologies that reduce carbon harms to the environment. Further, the plant cleans up waste coal sites, like gob piles, and eliminates mine drainage.

The current VCHEC owner and operator is Dominion Energy. However, Dominion is engaged in a new merger proposal with NextEra Energy.

Should the merger secure approval from Virginia regulatory authorities, it would potentially put the VCHEC under the control of NextEra.

As an advocate for VCHEC, I voiced the plant's importance to both Virginia Governor Abigail Spanberger and the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC), the regulatory authority responsible for reviewing the merger proposal.

With an SCC decision expected in January, I will continue to monitor discussion on the merger and its potential impacts on VCHEC.

Protecting our region's coal assets through the VCHEC is essential to support coal jobs, provide net environmental benefits as shown by our clean coal technologies and serve reliably as well as affordable electricity.

Coal plants can be particularly helpful for our electric grid to withstand challenges and prevent the threat of blackout periods.

Accordingly, while the Department of Energy works to ensure there is enough energy available for American consumers, I believe Southwest Virginia coal is an indispensable resource that can help meet the growth in electricity demands.

Further, as a co-chair of the Congressional Coal Caucus, I will continue fighting and promoting energy solutions and trade relationships that boost the prospects for American coal.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at <https://morgangriffith.house.gov/>. Also on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Savvy Senior: Helping an Older Parent Cope with Loneliness

Dear Savvy Senior,

My 78-year-old father has lived alone since my mother passed away two years ago. He insists he's fine, but I can tell he spends most of his time by himself and seems increasingly lonely and withdrawn. What can I do to help him, and are there any resources that could support him?

--Worried Son

Dear Worried,

You're right to pay attention to this. The loss of a spouse often leads to increased isolation in older adults, even when they insist they're fine. But long stretches without meaningful contact can take a real toll on both emotional and physical health.

Public health research shows that about one in three adults age 50 and older reports feeling lonely at times, and those who live alone are at higher risk for social isolation. But loneliness isn't always easy to spot, especially in older adults who live alone.

The good news is there are practical ways to help your father reconnect, along with programs and services designed specifically for older adults living alone.

What you can do

Focus less on big changes and more on steady, predictable contact. A short call every few days, a standing weekly meal or coffee, or a regular shared errand gives him something to count on. Consistency matters more than length or intensity.

Even if you're not especially close, or don't live nearby, steady contact can still make a difference. Technology can help bridge the distance through simple routines like weekly video calls, text check-ins, shared family schedules or photo threads. The goal isn't constant communication, but fewer long stretches where isolation can quietly take hold.



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It also helps to widen his circle in practical ways. Siblings, grandchildren, neighbors and longtime friends can all play a role. Even brief calls, occasional visits or shared meals can slowly rebuild connection. Familiarity and repetition matter more than effort or duration.

Encourage activity

Staying active can help reduce isolation. Many communities offer exercise classes, hobby groups, church activities, volunteer opportunities and lifelong learning programs. The best fit depends on personality and whether your father prefers group settings or smaller, low-key interactions.

If transportation is a challenge, helping arrange rides or connecting him with local services can make participation more realistic. Just as important is a sense of purpose. Volunteering, gardening, pet care, time with grandchildren, helping neighbors or mentoring others can all add structure, meaning and a reason to stay engaged.

Available programs

There are several well-established programs that can help reduce isolation among older adults.

A good place to start is the Elder-care Locator at 800-677-1116 or eldercare.acl.gov, which connects families to local Area Agencies on Aging that can help arrange services like meals, transportation, home

visits and social programs.

Meals on Wheels America delivers home meals and often includes brief daily check-ins from volunteers, offering both nutrition and a bit of regular human contact.

AmeriCorps Seniors (americorps.gov) runs the Senior Companion Program, where trained volunteers provide regular visits, conversation and light assistance, depending on what's available locally.

For phone-based connection, the Institute on Aging Friendship Line (ioaging.org/friendship-line) offers 24/7 support and scheduled check-in calls for older adults living alone, while DOROT Caring Calls (dorotusa.org/programs/caring-calls) pairs seniors with volunteers for weekly conversations based on shared interests.

Local senior centers are also a strong resource, offering meals, classes, group activities and transportation in many communities. Libraries, churches and community organizations can provide additional low-pressure ways to stay connected.

Signs to watch

Loneliness can overlap with depression. If you notice changes such as poor sleep, loss of interest in usual activities, irritability, confusion or neglect of personal care, it may be time to involve his doctor. These issues are common and treatable.

In the end, the goal is simply to help your father stay connected and reduce isolation. Start small, stay consistent, and those simple touchpoints can add up to a more connected and meaningful daily life.

Send your questions or comments to questions@savvysenior.org, or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.



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Hello Readers

God woke me up this morning, and I went to church early enough for Sunday School.

Brother Rodney Stiltner brought the message, "God Is Faithful, Are We?" He read 1 Corinthians 1:9 and Matthew 25:21. The singing was good, and the message was great. I love my church family...

I went to see my doctor for the first time since Ray died. All my numbers were good, and I'm doing what I'm supposed to do, but there's a big hole in my life.

After the doctor's appointment, I went to the humane society building, and we started putting out all our Christmas donation items. We shuffled things around, and we have a dedicated Christmas/toy room to browse in. We hope to have another yard sale soon.

I'm going to start my prayer list again. A prayer list is important; you're bringing your friends' and loved ones' names before God. Let me know if you had someone you would like me to add.

Prayer warriors, please join me in praying for - Myself; I'm lost without my better half. Stanley and Crystal, Amelia, Buck and Harriet, Zach, Brother Dennis and Sister Kathy, Pastor Kenny, Pastor Ronnie and Alma Sliger, James and Linda, Shannon and Christine, Charles and Von, Jack and Annette, Ann and Craig. God knows every need.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16 KJV

I am OK...I am Blessed...

BUCHANAN GRAND JURY

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belonging to Verizon and of trespassing on a railroad track on May 24.

Jamie Allen Deel (52) was indicted on credit card fraud involving more than \$1,000 over a six-month period and grand larceny. The indictments cover Jan. 1 through March 12, with the larceny charge involving property belonging to Ricky Deel.

Cheyenne C. Moles (28) faces seven charges stemming from May 17: grand larceny, possession of methamphetamine, two counts of vehicle tampering, two counts of falsely identifying herself to law enforcement and trespassing after being forbidden to enter or remain on property.

Mark Edward Blankenship (56) was indicted on seven charges stemming from Sept. 27, 2025. They include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of ammunition by a convicted felon, possession of gabapentin, driving without a valid license, operating a vehicle with forged or altered license plates, operating an uninsured vehicle and attempting to elude police.

Jacob Andrew Porter (29) faces five charges stemming from July 19: possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of ammunition by a convicted felon, using another person's or fictitious identifying information to

avoid arrest or impede an investigation, carrying a concealed weapon and falsely identifying himself to law enforcement.

Shannon Carson Hibbits (51) was indicted on two counts of fentanyl possession, one dated March 20 and the other July 13. Hibbits also faces charges of possessing buprenorphine and naloxone and public intoxication on March 20, along with possessing a firearm while unlawfully possessing fentanyl on July 13.

Michael Waverly Stacy (57) was indicted on charges of possessing para-fluorofentanyl and fentanyl on April 1. Two additional indictments charge Stacy with eluding police in a manner that endangered a person or interfered with or endangered a law enforcement vehicle, and possessing ammunition after a felony conviction, on July 17.

Michael Mounts (58) faces charges of felony eluding, driving under the influence of drugs, obstruction of justice and driving on a suspended license following a driving while intoxicated conviction. The charges stem from July 3. The documents also list a civil allegation of refusing a blood or breath test.

Brittney Renae Adkins (44) was indicted on driving while intoxicated, a second offense within less than five

years, and driving on a suspended license following a DWI conviction. Both charges stem from Dec. 19, 2025.

Christine Marie McConnell (48) was indicted on possession with intent to distribute more than an ounce but less than 5 pounds of marijuana and conspiracy to distribute that amount. Both charges are dated Nov. 17, 2025.

Ahmed Kaled-Mnasar Saleh (26) was indicted on distributing more than an ounce but less than 5 pounds of marijuana on Nov. 17, 2025, and possessing that amount with intent to distribute on Nov. 19, 2025.

William Eric Blankenship (50) was indicted for possessing fentanyl on March 13.

Allison Faith Hagerman (43) was indicted on a charge of possessing methamphetamine on March 23.

Randy Justice (50) was indicted on a charge of possessing methamphetamine on March 16.

Corina Virginia Hurley (43) was indicted on separate counts of possessing para-fluorofentanyl and fentanyl on Dec. 1, 2025.

Jonathan Patrick Quinley (45) was indicted on a charge of possessing methamphetamine on Dec. 2, 2025.

Timmy Ray Waters (67) was indicted on a charge of possessing methamphetamine on Dec. 19, 2024.

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The Watchman: A time to pray

A pair of historic and critical elections, with so much at stake for both, is coming up.

If there's ever been a time to pray, it is now. In just a few days, on October 27, Jewish people will go to the polls to elect a new Knesset that will determine who the next Prime Minister of Israel will be. One week later, on November 3, American voters will select a new House of Representatives and 1/3 of the US Senate.

While regular elections are normal for both countries, it is unusual for them to come so closely together. The elections matter so much because, as we have seen in history, the people in leadership positions guide responses when grave threats arise, such as the renewed tide of antisemitism that we see rising around the world today.

It is common for people to say that a coming election is the most important one ever, but these two votes carry enormous weight and implications for the future. I ask that if you are eligible to vote, you prayerfully exercise that privilege. Most of all, I ask that you cover the selection in prayer.

God controls the nations, and part of that control is selecting who will lead them. It is critical that our leadership consist of people who believe in his word. Psalm 33 verse 12 blesses the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

We are at a time when Jewish hatred is on the rise around the world and support for Israel in America is dropping rapidly. It is more important than ever that those of us who believe the promises of God stand firm and support Israel.

Remember what God said in Genesis chapter 12, verse three, that I will bless them that bless the and I will curse him that curses the, and in the shall all families of the Earth be blessed.

The Bible tells us in Deuteronomy 11:11-12 that the eyes of the Lord are always upon the land of Israel from

the beginning of the year until the end of the year. Isaiah 62 :1: For Zion's sake, will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake, I will not rest.

Can you see how critical the right leadership is at this time in history? Will you stand against the renewed antisemitism seeking to destroy the Jewish people?

It's time for Christian solidarity to be public and to speak with one voice in defense of God's chosen people. Because we will be next.

My Bible tells me a time is coming when many will be martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Read Revelation 20, verse four, and I saw the thrones, and they set up on them, and judgment was given to them, and I saw souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast neither

his image, neither had received his mark upon their forehead or in their hands, and they lived and reigned with Christ 1,000 years.

We see many standing up against Israel and the church. That's why it's time to pray. Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons the church possesses.

John Knox was largely responsible for the Reformation in Scotland. Mary, Queen of Scots, said of him, "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than any army of 10,000 men."

Prayers change nations. Luke 18:1 says, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

Second Chronicles, chapter 7, verse 14, says, "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and see my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive, their sin, and I will heal their land."

Your vote is important. Help make a difference. Get out and cast your vote.

Stay Tuned



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THE WATCHMAN:

Adult education connection

Learning something new is an exciting part of the adult education journey. Whether an adult learner is returning to school to earn a diploma, improve reading and math skills, develop computer skills, or prepare for a new career, every new skill creates an opportunity for growth. Adult education provides a welcoming environment where learners can explore new interests, build confidence, and work toward their personal and professional goals.

Trying something new can feel challenging, especially for adults who have been away from the classroom for several years. It is normal to feel nervous when learning unfamiliar material or using new technology. However, stepping outside your comfort zone is an important part of learning. Each time students practice a new skill, ask questions, or overcome a challenge, they become more confident in their abilities.

Learning does not happen all at once. It takes time, practice, and patience. Adult learners can build confidence by setting small, realistic goals and celebrating their progress along the way. For example, learning a few new vocabulary words each day, mastering a math concept, or completing a computer assignment can lead to meaningful progress. These small achievements remind learners that they are capable of accomplishing more than they may have thought possible.

One of the greatest benefits of adult education is the opportunity to learn skills that can be used in everyday situations. Improving reading skills can help adults understand forms, instructions, and workplace docu-



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ments. Developing math skills can make budgeting and managing money easier. Learning digital skills can help learners communicate online, search for employment, and complete applications. These practical skills make learning meaningful and help adults become more independent.

Adult education is about more than earning a diploma or passing a test. It is about discovering potential, gaining independence, and opening doors to a brighter future. Every new skill learned is a step toward personal growth and success. No matter a person's age or starting point, it is never too late to learn something new. With determination, patience, and support, adult learners can continue building the knowledge and confidence they need to reach their goals. To get started in an adult education class in our area, please call Southwest Regional Adult Education at 276-889-5424.

New clinic expands access to health care in Vansant

By **CHAD COOPER**

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A new health clinic inside Vansant Food City is expanding access to medical care in Buchanan County, offering both in-person appointments and telehealth visits.

Appalachian Center for Excellence in Health (ACEH) St. Mary's Rural Health Clinic opened the location through a partnership with Food City pharmacies and the Appalachian College of Pharmacy to help residents receive care closer to home.

Located at 18765 Riverside Drive, the clinic brings medical services into a familiar setting where residents already shop and fill prescriptions.

A health care provider is available on-site two days each week for in-person visits. On other days, trained care team members help patients connect with their primary care provider through telehealth, according to an announcement from the Health Wagon.

"Rural healthcare has always required us to think differently about how we reach patients," said Dr. Teresa Tyson, president and CEO of the Health Wagon. "By bringing care into a place where people already shop and visit regularly, we can make healthcare more convenient while connecting patients with the providers and services they need."

The approach is designed to address barriers that can make medical care difficult to obtain in rural communities, including transportation problems, provider shortages, long travel distances and unreliable internet or cellphone service.

For residents unable to connect to a telehealth appointment from home, the clinic offers a place to receive assistance from care team members.

Dr. Shamy Abdelfattah, assistant dean of health innovations and collaborative practice at the Appalachian College of Pharmacy, has



Appalachian College of Pharmacy student Tyler Worley works at the new health clinic inside Vansant Food City. The clinic offers in-person care and telehealth services through a partnership involving ACEH St. Mary's Rural Health Clinic, the Appalachian College of Pharmacy and Food City.

helped lead development of the pharmacy-based model. In comments to the Virginia Telehealth Network cited in the announcement, Abdelfattah said pharmacies provide a useful point of access because they are already part of many patients' regular routines.

The model also builds on the role of pharmacists and pharmacy teams in patient care. According to the announcement, Virginia's test-and-treat protocol allows pharmacists to test for influenza, strep throat and COVID-19 and begin treatment when appropriate.

The model can also support management of chronic conditions and remote patient monitoring for people with diabetes and high blood pressure.

Dr. Paula Hill-Collins, vice president and chief clinical director of the Health Wagon, said making care available in a familiar location can help patients address health concerns earlier.

"In rural communities, access to healthcare is challenging. Bringing care into a trusted, familiar place like Food City removes one more barrier and creates an opportunity to connect patients with care before a health concern becomes a crisis."

Mickey Blazer, Food City's executive vice president of pharmacy and fuel services, said the partnership will provide an important service for the area.

"We are pleased to partner with the Appalachian Center for Excellence in Health (ACEH) to bring a much-needed service to the area," Blazer said. "Access to healthcare is an important part of any community, and we are confident that patients will benefit from the quality of care they receive."

According to Virginia Telehealth Network figures cited in the announcement, Food City locations in Vansant and Big Stone Gap together have supported more than 150 telehealth visits and 50 test-and-treat encounters, with 80 patients enrolled in remote patient monitoring programs.

The announcement also reported that more than 100 patients had experienced improved blood pressure or diabetes control through the program.

The Mel Chaskin Foundation donated TytoCare telemedicine devices to support the effort.

ACEH St. Mary's Rural Health Clinic, based in Coeburn, works to expand access to care for Southwest Virginia residents through community partnerships.

The Health Wagon, established in 1980, provides free and sliding-scale medical, dental and vision services in Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Scott, Washington and Wise counties and the city of Norton.

Patients interested in services or scheduling an appointment at the Vansant clinic can visit telehealth-scheduler.com. For more information about the Health Wagon, call 276-328-8850 or visit thehealthwagon.org.

RAM RETURNS

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help bring medical professionals and community support under one roof so people can receive care without worrying about the cost.

Despite cold weather, Minton said more than 200 patients had registered by the time she spoke during last Saturday's clinic, with another morning of services still ahead.

"This week we've had over 200 patients registered, considering the weather conditions and the cold," Minton said. "We encourage people, if they did not get seen today, to please come in the morning early so that they could get in."

The clinic offered free services for adults and children, providing help for people who are uninsured, underinsured, unemployed or unable to afford care.

Dental services included X-rays, cleanings, fillings and extractions. Patients also had access to eye exams, prescription glasses and hearing exams. A fast-track glasses service allowed people with a current prescription to receive glasses without waiting for a new eye exam.

Medical offerings included physicals, diabetes care, medication assistance, cancer screenings, children's care, blood work and vaccinations. Women's health services included Pap tests and breast and pelvic exams, with some tests offered only when clinicians determined they were medically necessary.

Minton said a pediatric dentist also participated, along with providers offering men's health services.

Other offerings included flu shots, Narcan training, information about advance directives and resources from the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

For patients, the weekend provided an opportunity to address several health needs in one place, without a bill for the services they received.

Making that happen requires a school to take on a very different role for a few days.

Preparations begin Friday evening, followed by a full day of patient care Saturday and a shorter session ending at noon Sunday. Afterward, volunteers must pack up equipment, clear the rooms and prepare the building for students to return on Monday.

"Everybody has to work on Monday, and we have to get the school back into a school," Minton said.

The work also extends beyond exam rooms and dental chairs.

Churches and residents donated clothing for distribution during the event.

For Minton and Stiltner, those arrangements are an essential part of the clinic. Health care professionals need space and supplies to work. Patients need help finding services. Volunteers working long hours need meals and support.

"It takes a lot of volunteers to pull this off, and it couldn't be made possible without some of our church organizations volunteering and helping us," Stiltner said.

She thanked the volunteers, donors who provided grant support, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors and Buchanan County Public Schools for making Riverview available.

"Been another outstanding event this weekend," Stiltner said.

Minton also recognized the students and professionals who contributed their time, including participants from the Appalachian School of Law, Appalachian College of Pharmacy and Emory & Henry University, along with nurse practitioners and local officials.

The event's materials listed support from a broad network of organizations, including Buchanan General Hospital, the Cumberland Plateau Health District, Appalachian Highlands Community Dental Center, Lions Clubs International, Southwest Virginia Community College and local foundations and civic groups.

That combination of professional care and community help is part of a much larger effort.

Founded by the late Stan Brock in 1985, RAM reported providing more than \$232 million in free care and serving more than 1 million people since its founding, according to materials distributed at the clinic.

In 2025 alone, RAM reported serving 32,770 people at clinics in 27 states, providing more than \$16.6 million worth of free dental, vision and medical care.

In Buchanan County, that mission also gave students a chance to learn what it means to care for people.

Among the volunteers were siblings Austin and Emma Pell, who experienced the weekend from different perspectives.

Austin Pell, a junior studying pre-medicine at Emory & Henry, was volunteering at RAM for the first time. What stood out to him was the way health care professionals helped patients feel comfortable.

"This is my first RAM experience, and I've really enjoyed it, being able to see the connections that these professionals are making with their clients, kind of getting that sense of comfort and letting them know that everything's going to be okay," he said. "I like to see that in a healthcare system."

Before arriving, Pell said, he knew little about RAM beyond what he had read in a pamphlet. Volunteering allowed him to see the work firsthand.

"I was really excited to get to experience this hands-on," he said.

His sister was returning for her second RAM event. Emma Pell said she had more opportunities this year to observe medical care and learn about the work of pharmacy participants.

"I love RAM. I think it's a great opportunity for people to get out here," she said. "I think it's amazing what people can put on."

For 23 years, the Buchanan County clinic has brought those efforts together: professionals donating their skills, students gaining experience, churches and residents providing support, and local coordinators making sure the pieces fit.

For patients, it means a chance to see a dentist, have their vision checked or speak with a medical professional without having to find room in the household budget.

For Minton and Stiltner, another successful clinic reflects the work of everyone who helped turn a school into a place of healing.

"We look forward to next year at this time," Minton said.

Chamber plans December banquet, pageant and Christmas parade

By CHAD COOPER
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An evening of music and fellowship, a chance to take the pageant stage and a Christmas parade through downtown Grundy will highlight the Buchanan County Chamber of Commerce's December calendar.

The chamber is inviting the public to participate in its annual Winter Banquet on Dec. 1, the Miss Black Diamond Pageant on Dec. 5 and the annual Christmas Parade on Dec. 12. The Winter Banquet will take place Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Appalachian College of Pharmacy in Oakwood. Open to the public, the event will feature a catered dinner and live entertainment by Noah Spencer, who appeared on Season 24 of "The Voice."

Banquet tickets are \$25 per person and should be purchased in advance through the chamber.

The evening will also include a live auction and raffles featuring handmade knives, quilts and other items, offering attendees an opportunity to find Christmas gifts while participating in the chamber event.

A featured raffle will be for a commemorative .22-caliber rifle with special engraving recognizing

Grundy's 150th anniversary and America's 250th anniversary, and a recliner provided by Chamber member Bob Branham Sales.

The rifle will be displayed at the banquet, and the drawing will take place during the event. The winner does not have to be present and will be contacted. Pickup will be at Tim Ivy Boutique, Guns and Ammo.

Later that week, the Miss Black Diamond Pageant will take place Saturday, Dec. 5, at Southern Gap High School. Updated announcements identify the new date and location, and applications are being accepted.

The pageant includes 13 age divisions, giving participants from infants to adults a chance to compete.

The youngest divisions are Wee Miss for ages birth through 11 months, Baby Miss for 12-23 months and Mini Miss for 24-35 months. Toddler Miss is for ages 3-4, Tiny Miss for ages 5-6 and Little Miss for ages 7-8.

Additional divisions include Petite Miss for ages 9-10, Pre-Teen Miss for ages 11-12, Junior Teen Miss for ages 13-14 and Teen Miss for ages 15-17.

Miss Black Diamond is open to ages 18-22, Ms. Black Diamond to ages 23-39 and Elegant Ms. Black

Diamond to ages 40 and older.

Applications are available at pci.jotform.com/form/262376833520155. Those seeking additional details about participation can contact the chamber.

The celebrations will continue Saturday, Dec. 12, when the chamber's annual Christmas Parade brings the holiday season to downtown Grundy.

This year's theme, "250 Years of Christmas," connects the celebration with the nation's 250th anniversary.

The parade lineup will begin at 3 p.m., with the procession starting at 4:30 p.m. on Walnut Street. The public is invited to sign up and take part.

Whether attending the banquet, entering the pageant or preparing a parade entry, residents have several opportunities to join neighbors and friends during the holiday season.

For banquet tickets, parade registration or information about the upcoming events, contact the Buchanan County Chamber of Commerce at 276-935-4147 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or by email at director@bccchamber.net. After office hours, contact Executive Director Chad Cooper at 276-870-7306.

MANY HANDS

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church organizations volunteering and helping us," Stiltner said.

Inside the gym, dental teams treated patients in temporary enclosures. Elsewhere in the school, volunteers provided medical, vision and hearing services, shared health information and distributed donated clothing.

The photographs on this page capture some of the people whose work made that care possible — one welcome, one task and one patient at a time.



Volunteers welcome patients to the 23rd annual Remote Area Medical clinic at Riverview Elementary/Middle School. The Oct. 17-18 event brought free dental, vision and medical care to Buchanan County.



Appalachian College of Pharmacy students volunteer during the 23rd annual Remote Area Medical clinic at Riverview Elementary/Middle School. Students joined health care professionals and community volunteers to help provide free care to patients in Buchanan County.

Adopt a Pet

Every day should be Saturday.

This cool cat is a nine-month-old female. Her silky coat is colored grey with white markings and black stripes. She has gorgeous green/gold eyes and long white whiskers. Her personality is gentle and sweet.

This purrfect pet will be available for adoption at the Buchanan County Animal Shelter until Monday, October 26, 2026.

Also available for adoption is this



one-year-old male Shepherd mix. His thick coat is colored white. He has unique eyes known as bi-eyed, one blue and one brown. His temperament is friendly and happy. His shelter name is Ghost. The Buchan-



an County Animal Shelter is located at 1191 Dogpound Road. For more information about these animals, please call the shelter at 276-935-4067.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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ties to be built.

But members said they need a clearer picture of when planning could lead to construction.

"Everything that I'm hearing is still years," board member and Grundy Town Manager Dennis Ramey said.

Authority Chairman Carroll Branham presided over the meeting, which included a lengthy telephone discussion with Tarkington of Talbert, Bright and Ellington, an aviation consulting firm.

Board member and Grundy Mayor Chris Mitchell began the funding discussion by asking about the chances of building the airport with state and local money and the challenges of securing federal assistance.

Tarkington recommended meeting directly with Virginia aviation officials. He explained that the state generally prefers to use its money to help cover the local share of federal grants. That allows state dollars to support more projects.

Elswick asked how long the authority would be expected to wait for federal money before considering another approach.

Authority Executive Director James Keen asked how the state selects airport projects for funding. Tarkington said projects are ranked and compete with requests from airports across Virginia.

Elswick returned to the timing question, asking for a clearer explanation of how the authority would get from requesting money to receiving it.

Tarkington said agencies plan several years ahead, but their funding depends on annual government budgets and other airport needs. A project's place in a long-range plan does not guarantee money will be available that year.

Mitchell asked whether lawmakers could set aside money specifically for the airport to help speed up the process.

Ramey pointed to previous success obtaining money for a water project and asked whether a similar effort could work for the airport.

He also questioned how much control an agency would have over a project after lawmakers provided funding. Using a firetruck as an example, Ramey asked whether an agency could decide a community needed something different from what it requested.

Tarkington said money set aside for the airport could help, but the FAA would still have a role in deciding which facilities it would approve.

Ramey questioned whether the authority was facing another long planning period despite the years already spent preparing the site.

Tarkington said the project would compete for money with existing airports that also need repairs and improvements.

Keen asked about money awarded to Blue Ridge Regional Airport for a terminal. Tarkington explained that funding a terminal and funding runway construction involve different considerations.

The discussion then turned to the proposed airport's \$27 million preliminary construction estimate.

Consultant Jeff Wellman of Talbert, Bright and Ellington provided the estimate in an Oct. 7 email to Keen.

It covers the first stage of construction, including a 4,000-foot-long, 60-foot-wide asphalt runway, places for aircraft to turn around at both ends, a connecting taxiway and a 15,000-square-yard aircraft parking

area.

Taxiways allow aircraft to move between the runway and other airport facilities.

The estimate also includes runway lights, underground electrical equipment, a building with 12 aircraft storage units, drainage improvements and work to shape and prepare the ground around the runway and taxiway.

Ramey requested a breakdown showing how much the individual parts would cost. He also asked how airport construction rules differ from those used for roads.

Tarkington explained that runways must meet stricter requirements for pavement, drainage and the shape of the ground.

The material beneath the pavement must be packed firmly enough to support it. The runway surface must be smooth and allow water to drain away properly.

Drainage also must avoid creating standing water that could attract birds and other wildlife, which can endanger aircraft.

Wellman addressed the work still needed at the site in his written explanation.

"Having an existing level site is very helpful," Wellman wrote.

However, he said considerable work would still be needed beneath and around paved areas to meet safety requirements and provide underground drainage.

"FAA specifications which are required if they provide any funding, are much more stringent than typical roadway or other sitework specifications," Wellman wrote.

Ramey continued asking how members could obtain the construction requirements they needed to understand their choices.

Tarkington said getting the airport back into the national airport system and securing approval of the activity forecast were important accomplishments.

The next major step is finishing the master plan and reaching agreement on what to build first.

He expressed hope that the plan could be completed and approved early next year, although the timing would depend on agency review.

Keen asked when the authority would receive more detailed information about the airport's design and layout.

Tarkington explained that the master plan identifies the facilities to be built. Detailed engineering and construction plans come afterward.

Ramey asked whether the runway's direction could change despite the site preparation already completed.

Tarkington said the planned direction remained appropriate based on winds, surrounding terrain and obstacles.

Elswick then discussed why the airport matters to the county.

He described receiving concerns about doctors having difficulty traveling to the area for a Remote Area Medical event. He also pointed to the airport's potential value to local colleges, prospective students and their families, and business travelers.

Elswick acknowledged that the authority must also consider how to pay for airport operations after construction.

He asked whether members could start with a basic runway, a limited taxiway and only the facilities needed to open.

"What if we start," Elswick asked, before describing a smaller initial project.

He questioned whether using local or private money would give the authority more freedom to choose the runway's length. He also asked how members could make sure the airport was built to the proper standards.

Tarkington warned that building facilities the FAA does not support, or that do not meet its standards, could make obtaining federal money for future improvements more difficult.

Members discussed whether to build in stages or continue pursuing outside assistance before beginning construction.

Preliminary schedules provided before the meeting showed how the funding choice could affect the timeline.

One September estimate using federal, state and local money projected completion of the first construction stage in December 2032. Under that example, federal funding would cover 95% of eligible design and construction costs, the state would pay 4% and the authority would pay 1%.

Another estimate using state and local money projected completion in October 2030. How much each would pay for design and construction had not been determined.

The correspondence also described an option using local money for design and construction. The schedules were estimates, and no funding was guaranteed.

"It is important to point out that just because the FAA considers something eligible, it doesn't guarantee that they will have funding available in a certain year," Wellman wrote.

Ramey suggested continuing the master plan while arranging a separate meeting with state aviation officials to discuss other choices.

Tarkington encouraged that approach.

Keen asked whether approval of the aircraft-use forecast meant the biggest planning hurdle was behind the authority. He also asked what remained before the state could consider construction assistance.

Tarkington said decisions were still needed about the airport's first facilities, including runway length.

The planning team would seek the longest runway it could justify, but federal officials could support a shorter one based on the aircraft expected to use it. Reaching agreement could take more discussion with the FAA.

Elswick urged the authority to calculate what it could build with its own money and possible help from the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors.

Those figures would give members something concrete to compare before choosing a funding approach.

Tarkington also explained that accepting federal assistance would bring additional environmental review requirements. Previous work at the site could help, but would not eliminate the need for more review.

Keen reported that the site had not received a needed release because of unresolved sampling and reporting issues involving the Army Corps of Engineers. Further discussions were expected later in the month.

Elswick suggested meeting more often to work through costs and funding choices.

When discussion returned to state aviation officials, he asked whether they

could visit Buchanan County.

"Would they come here?" Elswick asked.

Members discussed inviting them to see the site and meet with the authority, preferably in November. December was also considered, depending on availability.

Mitchell made the motion to pursue the meeting.

After the telephone discussion, Branham returned to questions about how firmly the ground must be packed before construction.

Elswick emphasized that the work must be done, while Branham asked whether members had the correct requirement.

Ramey discussed the reference to 95% compaction and the possibility of adding material to help achieve the required firmness. Elswick noted that the same percentage could mean different things depending on the material being tested.

The discussion reinforced members' requests for written construction requirements.

Branham also raised concern about spending local money to begin the project and then running out before it was finished.

Keen questioned whether emphasizing the authority's ability to pay for construction could weaken its request for state assistance. He said members should consider how that message might be received.

The proposed airport follows the closure of the former Grundy Municipal Airport and years of mining and site preparation intended to make room for a larger regional airport.

The authority began a study in 2021 to return the proposed airport to the federal airport system. Approval in 2023 made the project eligible to compete for federal airport grants.

During his report, Keen again addressed the unresolved site release and noted approval of a planning document known as Working Paper One.

He also reported attending the Virginia Airport Operators Association's annual conference, where speakers emphasized the need for emergency plans at airports of all sizes.

Keen discussed the importance of being prepared to work with numerous agencies during an aviation emergency.

His report also covered efforts to attract development to approximately 80 acres near the airport.

Keen said he was seeking help with a marketing plan that would identify grants, financial assistance and possible incentives for businesses interested in the property.

He also discussed seeking grants for improvements along Route 744 and the goal of extending four-lane access toward the airport.

Keen said other funding sources would be needed because relying on the usual state funding process for a secondary road would make the work difficult to advance.

Members discussed the Route 83 intersection, possible access improvements and curves along another airport approach.

The authority will continue work on the master plan while seeking detailed construction costs and a meeting with state officials to determine what funding options are available.

Eagles celebrate first senior night with district win over Virginia High

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Southern Gap's first volleyball senior night ended with a victory to match the occasion.

Playing in front of their home crowd on Oct. 13, the Eagles defeated Virginia High 3-1 in a Southwest District match, giving six seniors a win on a night recognizing

their place in the school's first season.

Madison Lester, Megan Hess, Claire Griffey, Emily Mullins, Kami Roark and Leah Rasnake make up Southern Gap's inaugural senior class on the volleyball court.

Three of those seniors helped lead the way against the Bearcats. Griffey anchored the defense with 30 digs, Rasnake

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Southern Gap's inaugural volleyball senior class includes, from left, Madison Lester, Megan Hess, Claire Griffey, Emily Mullins, Kami Roark and Leah Rasnake. The Eagles celebrated the first volleyball senior night in school history with a 3-1 Southwest District victory over Virginia High at home (Photo by Chad Cooper).

Deel leads Southern Gap to seventh at Don Cumbow Invitational

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Ethan Deel gave Southern Gap a top-20 finish, leading the Eagles to seventh place in the boys race at the Don Cumbow Invitational at Sugar Hollow Park on Oct. 14.

The sophomore covered the 3-mile course in 19 minutes, 33.09 seconds to finish 19th in a field of 79 runners. Southern Gap finished with 134 points, 11 behind sixth-place Pulaski County and 14 ahead of Southwest District opponent Tazewell.

Southern Gap's six-runner lineup consisted entirely of freshmen and sophomores, giving the young Eagles another opportunity to compete against runners from across the region.

Freshman Kyler Lester was the second Eagle across the finish line, placing 26th in 20:22.37. Sophomore Bentley Jackson followed in 33rd at 21:02.21, giving Southern Gap three finishers among the top 35.

Sophomore Wyatt Street placed 49th in 22:45.99, while freshman Oliver Breeding completed the Eagles' scoring five with a 54th-place finish in 23:24.24.

Sophomore Jaccob Smeltzer rounded out Southern Gap's lineup, finishing 56th in 23:35.03.

Deel, Lester, Jackson, Street and Breeding earned scoring positions of 15th, 21st, 26th, 34th and 38th, respectively. Those positions differ from their overall finishes because runners from incomplete teams do not count in the team scoring.

Abingdon captured the team championship with 44 points, placing four runners among the first 14 finishers overall. Virginia High was second with 83 points, followed by Honaker with 106, Ridgeview with 113 and Eastside with 117.

Abingdon's Parley Staton won the individual title in 17:52.92, finishing 5.55 seconds ahead of Virginia High's Liam Pratt, who crossed in 17:58.47.

South Greene's Noah Case finished third in 18:11.54. Virginia High's Timothe Regin was fourth in 18:15.02, and Wolf Hills' Coy Denton completed the top five in 18:22.89.

Abingdon's Luke Dorn placed sixth in 18:31.31, just ahead of Ridgeview's Max Johnson, seventh in 18:32.23, and Patrick Henry's Braydon McCracken, eighth in 18:32.90.

Honaker's Hunter Dye finished ninth in 18:35.94. Pulaski County's Jonah Morgan edged teammate Cecil Black for 10th, crossing in 18:37.42 to Black's 18:37.46.

DON CUMBOW INVITATIONAL

Boys cross country — 3 miles

Sugar Hollow Park, Bristol, Va. — Oct. 14

Team standings: 1. Abingdon 44; 2. Virginia High 83; 3. Honaker 106; 4. Ridgeview 113; 5. Eastside 117; 6. Pulaski County 123; 7. Southern



Gap 134; 8. Tazewell 148.

Incomplete teams: South Greene, Wolf Hills, Patrick Henry, George Wythe, John S. Battle, Holston, Union, Graham, Richlands.

Individual results:

Parley Staton	Abingdon	17:52.92
Liam Pratt	Virginia High	17:58.47
Noah Case	South Greene	18:11.54
Timothe Regin	Virginia High	18:15.02
Coy Denton	Wolf Hills	18:22.89
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Max Johnson	Ridgeview	18:32.23
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Hunter Dye	Honaker	18:35.94
Jonah Morgan	Pulaski County	18:37.42
Cecil Black	Pulaski County	18:37.46
Ethan Baker	Tazewell	18:41.37
Max Bodenhorst	Abingdon	18:44.50
Aulden Rainey	Abingdon	19:05.42
Lincoln Combs	Honaker	19:21.68
Seth Nunley	Tazewell	19:25.36
Avery O'Quin	Ridgeview	19:28.08
Knox Dalton	George Wythe	19:32.44
Ethan Deel	Southern Gap	19:33.09
Evan McReynolds	Eastside	19:34.89
Jason Correa	Eastside	19:36.34
Connor Branham	John S. Battle	19:50.31
Daniel Jarvis	Abingdon	20:08.37

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In the Locker Room

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Eagles hold fifth as playoff picture takes shape

Southern Gap had an open date last Friday night, but the playoff race kept right on moving.

And with three games remaining in their inaugural regular season, the Eagles are sitting in a position worth getting excited about.

According to HarpCrate's unofficial standings updated Oct. 17, Southern Gap remains fifth in Region 2D with a 19.57 power-point average, a 5-2 overall record and a 2-0 mark in Southwest District play.



IN THE LOCKER ROOM

For a program spending this fall establishing its identity, that puts something special within reach: a year-one playoff appearance.

Work remains, of course. But as October moves on, the conversation around Southern Gap increasingly focuses on where the Eagles could land in November.

Graham leads Region 2D with a 23.86 average and a 6-1 record. Union is second at 22.75, followed by Gate City at 20.75 and Ridgeview at 20.57. Southern Gap rounds out the top five, with Central of Wise sixth at 18.43.

That leaves the Eagles one position outside the top four and the opportunity to open the postseason at home.

Imagine that scene for a moment. The first season of Southern Gap football stretching into November, with a playoff crowd filling the stands at the Red Robertson Sports Complex.

It is a possibility worth chasing. It is also something the Eagles will have to earn over these final three weeks.

HarpCrate's unofficial predictor gives Southern Gap a 99% chance of making the eight-team regional field. Its most likely finish is fifth (50%), followed by fourth (31%).

Those figures come from a model simulating the remainder of the season 2,000 times. That is pretty cool. We used to have to guess who stands where unless you're a mathematical genius, which I am not. They are projections, so anything could change.

The Eagles return to action this Friday against River View, West Virginia, for homecoming before traveling to Eastside on Oct. 30 and Central on Nov. 6.

Those final two road trips deserve particular attention. HarpCrate lists both among the games with the greatest potential impact on the regional playoff projections.

Eastside is fourth in Region 1D, while Central sits directly behind Southern Gap in Region 2D. There will

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Wolford races into top 10 at Don Cumbow Invitational

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Katelyn Wolford led Southern Gap at the Don Cumbow Invitational, finishing top-10 against a field of 85 runners on Oct. 14 at Sugar Hollow Park.

Wolford, a highly touted freshman for the Eagles girl's cross country team, ran the 3-mile course in 22:43.27 to place 10th, leading a six-runner Southern Gap lineup. She finished less than four seconds behind Honaker's Lyla Bostic, who claimed ninth in 22:39.55.

The performance placed Wolford among the front-runners in a field featuring athletes from across Southwest Virginia and neighboring Tennessee. She finished ahead of the leading runners from Pulaski County, John S. Battle, Tazewell and Virginia High.

Kelly Ratliff was the second Eagle across the finish line, placing 40th in 25:50.91. Ratliff finished in the top half of the field, crossing just six-hundredths of a second behind George Wythe's Leah Hawkins.

Vieronika Silishchenko followed for Southern Gap in 55th place with a time of 28:28.45, finishing just ahead of Pulaski County's Katina Caldera, who crossed in 28:30.29.

Madison Lester placed 69th in 30:37.30. Ella Robinson finished 75th in 32:26.25, and Carlee Slayton rounded out the Eagles' lineup in 79th at 37:43.69.

Eastside's Allie Salyer won the individual champion-



Southern Gap's Katelyn Wolford earned a top-10 finish at the Don Cumbow Invitational on Oct. 14 at Sugar Hollow Park in Bristol. Wolford led the Eagles, placing 10th among 85 runners with a time of 22:43.27 over the 3-mile course (Contributed photo).

ship in 20:41.36, finishing 15.50 seconds ahead of George Wythe's Mia Williams, who took second in 20:56.86.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ETHAN DEEL

Southern Gap sophomore Ethan Deel is the New Peoples Bank Player of the Week. Deel led the Eagles at the Don Cumbow Invitational Cross Country meet on Oct. 14, 2026, at Sugar Hollow Park in Bristol. Deel finished 19th among 79 runners, covering the 3-mile course in 19 minutes, 33.09 seconds.

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Southern Gap celebrates first homecoming with ‘Night in Rio’

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Southern Gap High School is celebrating its first homecoming with a week of school spirit, community participation and festivities that will bring students and supporters together in black and Vegas gold.

The “Night in Rio” celebration includes daily dress-up themes, a business decorating challenge and the school’s first homecoming parade before the Eagles host the River View Raiders from Bradshaw, West Virginia, at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Red Robertson Sports Complex on Southern Gap.

Southern Gap enters the game with a 5-2 record and is coming off a bye week. Friday’s activities will give families and fans an opportunity to celebrate together before the Eagles return to the field.

The homecoming parade will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, traveling from Poplar Gap Athletic Park to Southern Gap High School.

The procession will leave the park by Park Road and turn right onto westbound Southern Gap Road, Route 604. It will continue along Route 604 before turning right onto Ruffed Grouse Lane, which becomes Eagle Drive. At the roundabout, the parade will turn right toward 5001 Ruffed Grouse Lane and finish at Southern Gap High School, according to the school’s announced route.

Parade entries will begin lining up at 1 p.m. Southern Gap school entries will assemble across from the tennis courts, while other entries will line up on a first-come, first-served basis in the back parking lots beyond the softball and baseball fields.

Participants should enter through the front gate at Poplar Gap Athletic Park. Students riding in the parade may be dropped off at the gate, but only parade entries will be allowed beyond that point.

Students should board their vehicles in the park’s parking lots before proceeding to their assigned staging areas. Drivers must remain with their vehicles during lineup because they may be asked to move.

Families should arrange to pick up parade participants in the designated lot at Southern Gap High School after the procession ends. Riders must remain aboard until their vehicle has stopped in the unloading area, and no one should exit a float or vehicle while it is still on the parade route.

Organizers emphasize that all passengers must be unloaded from floats and truck beds before vehicles return to the main highway. Vehicles carrying parade riders must not return to Route 604 after the parade.

Entrants and drivers are responsible for obtaining

parental permission for minors riding on vehicles or floats. The school’s rules also prohibit throwing candy from moving vehicles.

Inside the school, daily dress-up activities are carrying the celebration through the week.

The schedule began with pajama day Monday and a “Dynamic Duo” theme Tuesday. Wednesday’s theme is “Adam Sandler Day,” followed Thursday by a grade-level color war.

Eighth graders will wear red, freshmen blue, sophomores white, juniors gold and seniors black. Friday’s Black and Gold Day will bring students together in the school’s colors ahead of the parade and football game.

Businesses also have an opportunity to participate through a storefront decorating challenge sponsored by the Southern Gap High School Pep Club.

Businesses are encouraged to decorate in black and gold, take a photograph and post it on social media using the hashtag #WeAreSG. One winner will receive a plaque and recognition during the homecoming game.

The challenge invites the community to help build the atmosphere surrounding the school’s first homecoming, extending the celebration beyond the campus.

The week will conclude with a Rio-themed homecoming dance from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Southern Gap High School.

Tickets were advertised at \$20 per person, with an Oct. 14 purchase deadline. Guest applications required approval before tickets were purchased.

Virginia Mountaineer Week 9 Football Scoreboard

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Ridgeview 50, John Battle 6
Honaker 42, Narrows 6
Graham 31, Virginia High 3
Eastside 40, Twin Springs 7
Union 42, Lebanon 20
Tazewell 56, Marion 7
Chilhowie 45, Rural Retreat 7
Central (Wise) 66, Abingdon 40
Northwood 29, Holston 13
Gate City 42, Lee High 14
J.I. Burton 42, Bland County 12
Thomas Walker 28, Castlewood 0
George Wythe 56, Auburn 21

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be plenty riding on those matchups for the teams on both sidelines.

For Southern Gap, the task is to build on the football that carried it into the open week with five victories. The standings provide a useful snapshot, but the Eagles still have three opportunities to improve their position.

The Southwest District picture also requires a little explanation.

Southern Gap ranks second among district teams by point-per-game average. In district competition, though, the Eagles, Graham and Lebanon are each 2-0, followed by Tazewell at 2-1. Southern Gap did not play a true Southwest District schedule this season, as it did not face Graham, Virginia, Lebanon or Marion because it joined the district mid-scheduling cycle.

Around Region 2D, Friday’s results showed just how competitive the upper portion of the standings remains.

Graham defeated Virginia High 31-3, Union beat Lebanon 42-20, and Gate City handled Lee 42-14. Ridgeview rolled past John Battle 50-6, while Central defeated Abingdon 66-40. Tazewell added a 56-7 victory over Marion.

The teams surrounding Southern Gap are continuing to win, which makes every remaining opportunity valuable.

Ridgeview remains especially interesting in the race for a home playoff game. Although the Wolfpack currently sits fourth, HarpCrate’s model gives it a 51% chance of finishing second.

That difference between the current standings and the projections is a reminder that the order can still change considerably. Ridgeview’s Nov. 6 visit to Gate City and Gate City’s Oct. 30 trip to Central are among the games that could help rearrange the bracket.

In Region 1D, Chilhowie continues to lead.

The Warriors remain unbeaten at 7-0, with a 45-0 win over Rural Retreat, and hold a 21.71 power-point average. Rye Cove is second at 20.57, followed by Patrick

Henry at 18.43, Eastside at 17.57 and Northwood at 17.29. Eastside defeated Twin Springs 40-7 on Friday, while surprising Northwood beat Holston 29-13. Honaker also gave itself a welcome boost.

The Tigers defeated Narrows 42-6 to improve to 2-5 and hold the eighth position in Region 1D with a 14.00 average. Honaker could be a sleeper due to the number of athletes head coach Aaron Lowe has. Plus, star quarterback Parker Lowe could make a return, maybe with an extended season, from a broken collarbone he suffered in week 1 against Lebanon.

The Tigers have a rough road ahead including an Oct. 23 matchup with Patrick Henry and an Oct. 30 trip to Northwood.

For now, Honaker trails seventh-place J.I. Burton, which has a 14.29 average. Thomas Walker is ninth at 12.29.

Before I go this week, I want to give a huge shoutout to Miss Frannie Minton and Sandy Stiltner for bringing Remote Area Medical (RAM) to Buchanan County for the 23rd time this past weekend. It’s hard to imagine how much work they put into coordinating the event, which provided free—I repeat, free—medical, dental, vision, hearing, and other care people might need. I don’t have the estimated total cost of the care provided last weekend, but I hope to have it before the next edition of the Mountaineer is published.

They need more help with the event, but they’re grateful to the many organizations, churches, schools, and other entities, including the Thompson Charitable Foundation, and would never complain. Two true Buchanan County heroes. Thank you, ladies.

Thanks for joining me in the Locker Room. Until next week, let’s keep celebrating the victories, learning from the defeats, and always standing behind Buchanan County’s athletes.

WOLFORD RACES

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Eastside placed two runners among the top three, with Hailey Mays finishing third in 21:17.68. South Greene’s Chelsea Metcalf was fourth in 21:32.91, followed by Abingdon’s Clara Bakker in fifth at 21:43.55.

Ridgeview’s Journee Perry placed sixth in 21:53.21. Eastside’s Hannah Mays finished seventh in 22:20.71, giving Eastside three runners among the first seven finishers.

Union’s Riley Spain took eighth in 22:37.01, followed by Bostic and Wolford to complete the top 10.

For Southern Gap, Wolford’s finish highlighted an afternoon in which all six Eagles completed the course, with Ratliff joining her in the front half of the field.

DON CUMBOW INVITATIONAL

Girls cross country — 3 miles

Sugar Hollow Park, Bristol, Va. — Oct. 14

Individual results:

Allie Salyer	Eastside	20:41.36
Mia Williams	George Wythe	20:56.86
Hailey Mays	Eastside	21:17.68
Chelsea Metcalf	South Greene	21:32.91
Clara Bakker	Abingdon	21:43.55
Journee Perry	Ridgeview	21:53.21
Hannah Mays	Eastside	22:20.71
Riley Spain	Union	22:37.01
Lyla Bostic	Honaker	22:39.55
Katelyn Wolford	Southern Gap	22:43.27
Nina Bucey-Card	Pulaski County	22:49.98
Elaina Warner	Wolf Hills	22:54.03
Reagan Smith	Abingdon	23:01.31
Lily Morrow	Abingdon	23:03.06
Gabrielle Perkins	John S. Battle	23:11.47
Dani Carroll	Pulaski County	23:28.77
Ivy Cuthie	Ridgeview	23:38.39
Aubrey Hubbard	Abingdon	23:41.61
Maggie Mizelle	John S. Battle	23:52.39
Brianna Farmer	Pulaski County	24:07.56
Katie Williams	Eastside	24:07.86
Emily Baker	Tazewell	24:09.91
Abigail Roberts	Union	24:13.29
Keara Justice	Abingdon	24:13.80
Caroline Harper	Virginia High	24:23.10
Warner Pyott	Tazewell	24:41.89
Avery Hamilton	Union	24:51.15
Maddison Jones	John S. Battle	24:53.84
Mandi Regin	Virginia High	24:56.96
Willow Weaver	Marion	25:02.37
Hannah Duke	Abingdon	25:12.06
Rosalie Lachniet	Patrick Henry	25:15.29
Noelle Wells	Union	25:20.18
Jade Noriega	George Wythe	25:23.10
Alexis Hess	Abingdon	25:23.40
Eleanor Webb	Abingdon	25:24.45
Vivienne Brown	George Wythe	25:37.60
Erin Hubbard	Honaker	25:49.22
Leah Hawkins	George Wythe	25:50.85
Kelly Ratliff	Southern Gap	25:50.91
Haylea Watson	John S. Battle	26:05.11
Harmony McCoy	Virginia High	26:11.42
Morgan Kelly	Wolf Hills	26:14.57
Aubree Wilson	John S. Battle	26:19.27
Shiloh McGlothlin	Honaker	26:33.93
Jayla Wilkerson	George Wythe	26:39.41
Haleigh Brush	John S. Battle	26:43.98
Madison Barnette	Union	26:55.88
Zoey Woods-Abdullah	Tazewell	27:05.49
Lydia Leach	Eastside	27:06.58
Marie-Lee Auclair	Abingdon	27:09.89
Brooklyn Peak	Marion	27:17.08
Ayden Turner	John S. Battle	27:24.18
KayDee Decker	Pulaski County	27:30.36
Vieronika Silishchenko	Southern Gap	28:28.45
Katina Caldera	Pulaski County	28:30.29
Rachel Kennedy	Ridgeview	28:32.68
Autumn Chandler	Pulaski County	28:43.63
Raylen Gerhard	Tazewell	28:50.00
Lucy McCoy	Ridgeview	29:00.96
Molly Rose	Eastside	29:14.41
Seleniah Baumgardner	Holston	29:20.64
Olivia DeBord	Virginia High	29:32.51
Eleanor Peterson	Virginia High	29:48.21
Allison Schmidt	George Wythe	29:49.77
Laynie Ratliff	Holston	29:53.03
Caroline Adams	Holston	30:12.48
Adsila Ndiaye	Eastside	30:36.52
Madison Lester	Southern Gap	30:37.30
Ember Wohlford	Virginia High	30:57.48
Emma Musick	Honaker	31:02.74
Mia Porter	Graham	31:07.16
Abigail St. Clair	Honaker	31:26.59
Kenley Oquin	Ridgeview	32:24.12
Ella Robinson	Southern Gap	32:26.25
Lila Williams	Graham	33:29.67
Eme Corell	Tazewell	34:32.36
Addison Quillen	Tazewell	36:22.55
Carlee Slayton	Southern Gap	37:43.69
Claire Jenkins	Holston	37:56.16
Amy Alberto	Virginia High	39:05.04
Emma Berkley	Holston	39:07.68
Kaylin Keiper	Pulaski County	41:11.18
Journey Gibson	Union	42:02.86
Camdyn Patrick	Virginia High	44:33.70

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delivered 18 kills and Lester added seven kills as the Eagles defeated Virginia High for the second time this season.

Adyson Bell contributed on multiple fronts, finishing with 15 assists and six kills. Bella Hurley added 14 assists, and Kendall Brown served four aces.

The result gave the Eagles a season sweep of the Bearcats and a victory to carry into the final stretch of their inaugural regular season.

Southern Gap entered the final week with a 9-11 record, with Richlands scheduled to visit Tuesday before the Eagles travel to Tazewell tonight, Oct. 24, for the regular-season finale.

For the six seniors, the Virginia High match marked an opportunity to celebrate their final high school season while helping establish a program that future Southern Gap teams will build upon.

The Eagles’ roster also includes Sierra Lowry, Addy Boyd, Lucy Savage and Bree Looney, along with Bell, Brown and Hurley.

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Brandon Edwards	Eastside	20:19.46	Gideon Mizelle	John S. Battle	23:05.05
Easton Phelps	Eastside	20:21.14	Thomas Caldwell	Virginia High	23:17.03
Kyler Lester	Southern Gap	20:22.37	Oliver Breeding	Southern Gap	23:24.24
Alex Kariuki	Virginia High	20:27.34	Colton Blakenship	Honaker	23:29.67
Gage Garrett	Ridgeview	20:32.84	Jacob Smeltzer	Southern Gap	23:35.03
William Hunter	Wolf Hills	20:35.05	Mason Hayes	Pulaski County	23:35.82
Josh DeBusk	Virginia High	20:44.54	Wesley Jones	Graham	23:53.73
Carson Wallace	Ridgeview	20:47.49	Asa Rodeheaver	Tazewell	23:54.90
Kainan Fuller	Holston	20:57.34	Oscar Peterson	Virginia High	24:09.97
Bentley Jackson	Southern Gap	21:02.21	Silas Harris	Honaker	24:11.32
Ashton Louthian	Patrick Henry	21:07.69	Bronston Williams	Eastside	24:15.37
Tyler Boyd	Honaker	21:09.14	Landon Slone	Ridgeview	24:16.70
Landen Busler	Union	21:10.02	Landon Clark	Pulaski County	24:35.51
Grayson Hylton	Union	21:11.68	Ben Stanley	Ridgeview	24:55.50
Keaton Cook	Honaker	21:14.23	Ralph Selvaggi	Abingdon	25:01.98
Ari Klein	Abingdon	21:36.71	Roy May	Virginia High	25:21.93
Jackson Helton	Holston	21:42.32	Grayson Little	Holston	25:47.56
Alistair Chisholm	Abingdon	21:46.64	Kodee Miller	Union	26:01.29
Thomas Hutchison	Abingdon	21:47.20	Nixon Cruise	John S. Battle	26:08.03
Xander Sargent	Pulaski County	21:47.50	Tidus Greer	Honaker	26:08.37
Silas Phillips	George Wythe	22:00.71	Noah Takach	Tazewell	27:13.08
Daniel Moncibais	John S. Battle	22:10.04	Carson Mullins	Virginia High	27:52.73
Dylan Kellog	Virginia High	22:28.36	Jaden Newsome	Honaker	29:12.94
Luke Robinson	Abingdon	22:36.94	Caedon Sprague	Pulaski County	30:01.82
Joseph Musick	Honaker	22:41.99	Isaac Williams	Graham	31:02.28
Wyatt Street	Southern Gap	22:45.99	Brayden Blankenship	Richlands	31:51.06
Gavin McCann	Tazewell	22:46.41	Landon Pierce	Virginia High	32:36.54
Daniel Eubanks	Pulaski County	22:53.49	Ian McKenzie	Virginia High	33:55.77

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES		CHAD COOPER	SAM BARTLEY	RYAN KEENE	TERESA MATNEY	MARK COOPER	BRIAN MOORE
							
1	River View W.Va. at Southern Gap	Southern Gap	Southern Gap	Southern Gap	Southern Gap	Southern Gap	Southern Gap
2	Ridgeview at Abingdon	Ridgeview	Ridgeview	Ridgeview	Ridgeview	Ridgeview	Ridgeview
3	Patrick Henry at Honaker	Patrick Henry	Patrick Henry	Patrick Henry	Patrick Henry	Patrick Henry	Patrick Henry
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7	Concord at WV Wesleyan	Concord	Concord	Concord	Concord	Concord	Concord
8	Duke at Virginia	Duke	Virginia	Duke	Duke	Virginia	Virginia
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10	Pittsburgh at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Pittsburgh	Miami	Miami
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12	Patriots at Bears	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Bears	Bears	Bears
OVERALL RECORDS		67-29	64-32	63-33	66-30	66-30	59-37



The CAM property manager Wade Vance explores his creative side during an art class led by Debbie Jackson on June 23, 2026.



Guests prepare to enjoy s'mores in the courtyard during The CAM's Halloween celebration in 2024. Pizza and sweet treats were followed by a performance of "Sleepy Hollow" on the Main-stage.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CAM

The Colors & Dreams of Fall: Painting with Purpose at The CAM

By JODI RENYOLDS

The Fall season has a way of inviting us to slow down. As the mountains of Southwest Virginia transform into a brilliant canvas of reds, oranges, and golds, the changing season reminds us that there is beauty in transition, inspiration in nature, and something special about taking a moment to appreciate the world around us.

On Tuesday, October 27, The CAM will welcome local artist Debbie Jackson back for the second installment of her art class series, Painting with Purpose: Colors & Dreams of Fall. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., participants will gather for an evening of creativity, reflection, and artistic expression inspired by the gifts of autumn.

Those who attended Debbie's first class, Create With Joy, may remember her refreshing approach to art. Rather than focusing on technique, perfection, or recreating a particular image, Debbie encourages participants to embrace their own creativity and discover the joy of making something uniquely theirs. Her philosophy is simple: creativity belongs to everyone, not just those who consider themselves artists.

This second class builds upon that philosophy while introducing a thoughtful seasonal theme. Colors & Dreams of Fall invites participants to reflect on what this season means to them and translate those

thoughts and feelings onto a canvas. For some, fall may represent change and new beginnings. For others, it may bring memories of family traditions, the comfort of familiar places, or gratitude for life's many blessings. Whatever the season inspires, each participant will have the freedom to express it through art.

Unlike traditional painting classes where everyone follows an instructor step by step to produce nearly identical paintings, Debbie's classes celebrate individuality. There is no predetermined picture to copy, no expectation of perfection, and certainly no wrong way to create. Instead, the emphasis is on the experience itself: slowing down, exploring ideas, and enjoying the creative process. Most would agree this is something we could all use a little more of.

In a world where our daily schedules are jam-packed and our attention is pulled in countless directions, setting aside the evening simply to create can be a gift in itself. Whether you're an experienced painter, someone who hasn't picked up a paintbrush since elementary school, or a person who has always insisted you don't have an artistic bone in your body, this class is for you.

Participants are encouraged to bring a friend and make an evening of it, or come alone and enjoy meeting others who share an interest in

trying something new. All painting supplies will be provided. Attendees should bring a journal and pen for reflection and note-taking, along with a water bottle.

As The CAM continues expanding its programming beyond traditional theatrical productions, classes like Debbie's represent an important part of our vision. We want The CAM to be a place where creativity takes many forms, where people of all ages and interests can discover something new, and where our community can gather for experiences that enrich their lives. From live theatre and concerts to workshops and visual arts, every new offering helps us grow into our name — The Community Arts MainStage.

Painting with Purpose: Colors & Dreams of Fall will be held Tuesday, October 27, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The CAM. Registration is \$35 per person, and seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased online at www.seeyouatthecam.com/tickets.

As Debbie reminds us through her approach to art, you don't have to be an artist to create something meaningful. Sometimes all it takes is a little inspiration, a willingness to try, and the freedom to let your imagination lead the way.

We have more going on than we ever have, and we continue to grow our programming. Keep up with it all on our social media and at www.seeyouatthecam.com. See you at The CAM.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CAM

By JESSICA SAVAGE
Theatre Guild of Buchanan County

Halloween Crafts, Candy and Things That Go Bump Backstage. Something spooky is taking center stage at The CAM! Halloween week will bring opportunities to create, explore, and celebrate, with seasonal crafts, haunted theatre tours, and a candy-filled finale.

The festivities begin on Sunday, October 25, at 6:00pm, with Halloween crafts and haunted tours. Visitors can enjoy some creative fun and discover what happens when a familiar community theatre takes a turn toward the mysterious. Housed in a former Coca-Cola bottling facility, The CAM has a history that stretches well beyond its years as a theatre and some stories suggest the past hasn't entirely left the building.

During the haunted tours, visitors can learn about the supposed hauntings and the so-called ghosts that some actors swear exist.

Stories carried forward from the building's bottling days mingle with tales shared by those who now bring its stage to life. Are they simply old-building sounds and active imaginations, or could something else be waiting in the wings? Come hear the stories and decide for yourself!

A decorated courtyard will add to the Halloween atmosphere and on Tuesday, October 27, at 6 p.m., creativity continues with Painting With Purpose with Debbie Jackson. The event adds another way to enjoy the arts during a week that brings together hands-on activities and Halloween excitement.

For Executive Director Colin Dailey, the celebration marks a special milestone. "Halloween is my first big holiday event since I've been the ED at The CAM. We are showing what we are all about which is featuring arts across the spectrum: crafts, a decorated courtyard space, a tour of our haunted theatre, and on Halloween itself, we will announce the winner of our candy bucket raffle! It is exciting times at The CAM this fall and we hope to make our Halloween activities a tradition for years to come!"

The Halloween fun returns Saturday, October 31, at 2:00pm, with crafts, treats, and haunted tours. Then, at 5:00pm, one lucky winner will receive a prize sure to satisfy a serious sweet tooth: a five-gallon bucket full of candy! Candy bucket raffle tickets are available for purchase in person throughout October at \$2 for one ticket or \$5 for three tickets. Each ticket offers a chance to bring home an extra helping of Halloween sweetness while supporting The CAM and its mission.

These activities invite the community to experience the theatre in a different way, whether that means making something, exploring its haunted spaces, or enjoying a festive afternoon with friends and family. And, the excitement won't end when the Halloween decorations come down!

November brings Tuesday Open Mic Comedy on November 3 and 17, a Murder Mystery Dinner on November 5 at 7 p.m., an Artisan Guild Artist Meet and Greet on November 12, and an Art Gallery/Silent Auction November 12-14. There are plenty of reasons to keep The CAM on your calendar this fall.

The CAM is located at 1207 Lovers Gap Road in Vansant. Visit seeyouatthecam.com for more information and tickets to all of our events. We'll see you at The CAM, IF YOU DARE.



"Sleepy Hollow" performance: Cast members perform a scene from "Sleepy Hollow" on the Mainstage during Halloween festivities at The CAM in 2024. The evening began with pizza and s'mores in the courtyard.

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EMPLOYMENT

Teacher - teaching basic and focused science to K thru 12, building teamwork activities around curriculum. Reqs deg/exp. \$63,550/yr + stndrd benfts. Resume to A. Deel, Mountain Mission School Inc, Grundy, VA or HR@mmskids.org Ref: ScT.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1058 SQUIRE BRANCH ROAD, GRUNDY, VA 24614. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 20, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$132,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Buchanan County, Virginia as Instrument No. 060003504. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the building housing the Circuit Court for Buchanan County, Main St., Grundy, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on November 12, 2026, at 2:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, AND EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY, SITUATE ON SLATE CREEK OF LEVISA RIVER, IN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING TRACT NO. 1 AND EASEMENT OF THE PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY KERRY ANDREW STACY AND ANNA MARIE STACY, HIS WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP AS AT COMMON LAW, FROM GREGORY NEIL RIFE AND A. D. RIFE, III BY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2006, AND INTENDED TO BE FORTHWITH RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, REFERENCE TO WHICH DEED BEING HERE MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED, AND THE EXCEPTIONS THEREFROM. THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: "TRACT NO. 1: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER OF SLATE CREEK, CORNER TO CONNIE SUE BARNETTE (REFERENCE DEED BOOK NO. 361, PAGE 330) AND CORNER TO A 0.079 ACRE TRACT THIS DAY CONVEYED BY GRANTORS TO GREGORY JUSTUS AND ROBIN JUSTUS, HIS WIFE; THENCE WITH THE LAST MENTIONED TRACT, S 30 46 37 W, 155.25 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE, WITH SAID JUSTUS LINE AND AN EXISTING WIRE FENCE, S 44 54 06 W, 284.16 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N 48 32 42 W, 216.11 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N 41 27 18 E, 331.12 FEET TO A POINT IN SLATE CREEK; THENCE, UP SLATE CREEK, S 62 04' 00 E, 87.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 83 57 31 E, 145.86 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.93 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON PLAT ENTITLED, "PLAT SHOWING A PART OF THE PROPERTY IN THE NAME OF GREGORY RIFE & A.D. RIFE, SITUATE ON SLATE CREEK ***", WHICH PLAT IS INTENDED TO BE FORTHWITH RECORDED IN SAID CLERK'S OFFICE. TERMS

Notice or Advertisement

The Buchanan County School Board is accepting applications for the following position(s):

- Secretary *Support applications can be found on the BCPS website under the HR Employment tab.

Deadline: **October 29, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.** Interested person(s) may print a Professional Application from ow- website at www.bcpsk12.com or call to have an application sent to you. Return the completed application to Becky Harrison, [becky.haltison\(a\)bcpsk12.com](mailto:becky.haltison(a)bcpsk12.com) Buchanan County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The Buchanan County Public School System is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepate.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepate.com. VA-352668-2, VAM-09-17,24;10-22;2026

VA ABC NOTICE

Full Name of owner: Jasmine Sales, Inc. Trading as: Sonny's Quick Stop 1063 Contrary Creek Road, Raven, Buchanan County, VA 24639-8408 The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a convenience grocery store, beer, wine, off premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Eshaq Alashmali and Ibrahim Mosleh, Owners. Note: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200. VAM 10-22,29;2026

PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION FOR REISSUANCE OF NPDES PERMIT NO. 0082067 UNDER CHAPTER 19, TITLE 45.2 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA Publication Number: 26NXA02 Application Number: 1011942

The Black Diamond Company of 1073 Riverview Street, Grundy, VA 24614 is applying to the Virginia Mined Land Repurposing Program for reissuance of NPDES Permit No. 0082067. The operation is located in Buchanan County along Bee Tree Branch of Cow Fork and along Middle Fork of Hunts Creek, directly off Route 610. The permit is situated on the Elkhorn City USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle Map. The acreage for this operation is 53.06 acres. Surface runoff from the permit will be discharged into Middle Fork of Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River. The existing discharge locations may be viewed on the Renewal Map which is attached in Section 21.2 of the application. Additional discharge details are available in the NPDES Application attached in Section 5.15 of the application. Any person with a valid legal interest which might be adversely affected by this proposal, or an officer or head of any federal, state or local government agency or authority, may within 30 days of (October 22, 2026) submit written comments or objections concerning this application and may also request, in writing, that

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the Mined Land Repurposing Program hold an Informal Conference concerning this application. A copy of the application materials is available electronically for public inspection at <https://www.energy.virginia.gov/epinquiry/frmMain.aspx>. All correspondence concerning this application should be submitted to the Mined Land Repurposing Program (Attention: Permit Section), 3405 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219. Telephone (276) 523-8160. Written comments and a request for informal conference may be e-mailed to the Division at repurposingpublicnotice@energy.virginia.gov. VAM-10-1,8,15,22;2026

SERVICES

DIVORCE-Uncontested, \$525.00 + \$89.00 court cost. WILLS-\$295.00. No court appearance. Estimated completion time twenty-one days. Hilton Oliver, Attorney (Facebook). 757-490-0126. Se Habla Espanol. BBB Member. <https://hiltonoliverattorney-va.com>

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors will conduct a Public Hearing on the 2nd day of November 2026 at 6:15 o'clock p.m., in the Board of Supervisors meeting room, 3rd floor of the Buchanan County Government Center at 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia, to hear public comments concerning a propose conveyance of the Old Twin Valley High School property owned by Buchanan County, Virginia to the Buchanan County Industrial Development Authority. The property is more specifically described in the deeds at Deed Book 288, pg. 658; Deed Book 288, pg. 656; Deed Book 291, pg. 841 (order memorializing an agreement resolving a condemnation action) and Instrument No. 260001295; which have all been recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Buchanan County Circuit Court.

The proposed deed of conveyance from Buchanan County, Va. to the Buchanan County Industrial Development Authority will be available for review at the time of the public hearing, and earlier upon request to the Buchanan County Administrator's Office, 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia. Please contact Sandy Stiltner, 276-935-6508 to make arrangement to obtain a copy of the proposed deed.

PLEASE CONDUCT YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

INVITATION TO BID LUM HOLLOW – MUNICIPAL WATER PUMP STATION

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors is requesting bids related to the Lum Hollow Water Extension Project, specifically to provide self-contained water pump station located in Buchanan County, Virginia.

BID SUBMISSION

Sealed bids will be received at the Buchanan County Government Center, located at 4447 Slate Creek Rd, Grundy, VA until **November 13, 2026, at 2:00 P.M.** and then at said office publically opened and read aloud. Mailed Bids should be sent to the Attention of Marcus Stiltner, Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 950, Grundy, VA 24614. **ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND CLEARLY MARKED “HOLD FOR BID OPENING—LUM HOLLOW PUMP STATION” PLEASE NOTE THAT REGARDLESS OF THE METHOD SELECTED TO DELIVER THE BID, SAID BID MUST BE IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF 2:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026.**

A certified check or cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank or Bidders Bond from an acceptable Surety Company authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the amount of not less than five Percent (5%) of the greatest total amount of the Bidder's proposal must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will within fifteen (15) calendar days after the award of contract enter into a contract and execute a Corporate Surety Performance Bond in the contract amount and a Corporate Surety Payment Bond in the contract amount on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Proposals must be completed and submitted on the forms provided. Incomplete bid proposals may be invalidated as non-responsive and accordingly rejected and returned to the bidder. The right to accept any bid, or reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities is hereby reserved by the Buchanan Board of Supervisors.

SCOPE OF WORK

The work is summarized as the following:

This project consists of, but is not limited to: Providing self-contained pump station skid unit delivered and installed in Buchanan County, VA in accordance with the attached plans and specifications.

- A generator is not required and is not part of this bid.
- Minor excavation will be required.
- Site is currently not on grade.
- The contractor is not responsible for tapping the main water line.
- A 5% bid bond is required.
- The county ordinance states that projects \$100,000.00 or more are required to have both a performance and a payment bond. There are provisions in the Virginia Code for the local governing body to accept alternate forms of security as approved by the County Attorney on a project specific basis.

For additional detailed information on the scope of the project and site location of the proposed project please contact: Marcus Stiltner, County Road Engineer, Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, Buchanan County, VA. Mr. Stiltner may be contacted by e-mail at marcus.stiltner@buchanancounty-va.gov; or by phone at 276-935-4013.

The plans, specifications and proposed contract terms and conditions may be obtained on or after October 15, 2026. Said plans, specifications and proposed contract terms and conditions are hereby incorporated and made a part of this Invitation to Bid by reference.

LUMP SUM PRICE CONTRACT

All work will be awarded under a LUMP SUM, turn key, price contract.

WITHDRAWAL OF BID PROCEDURE

Any bidder claiming the right to withdraw his bid shall give notice in writing of this claim of right to withdraw his bid within two business days after the conclusion of the bid opening procedure. Furthermore, bid withdrawal is subject to, and limited by section 2.2-4330 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Bidders and contractors performing work under this advertisement are bound by the requirements of Presidents Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order 11375 and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Part 60), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986, the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C., Section 276c and 18 U.S.C., Section 874, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C., Sections 327-333), and the Buy American Act (41USC, Chapter 83).

BID REJECTION

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all Bids if it appears that such action is in Buchanan County's best interest to do so.

Robert Craig Horn, Administrator for Buchanan County

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CRYPTO FUN

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Clue: One who establishes a business

B. 7 8 22 2 17 26 22 22

Clue: Company

C. 1 10 10 6 8 17 20 22

Clue: Clients

D. 22 8 10 10 26 22 22

Clue: Achievement of something

Answers: A. entrepreneur B. business C. accounts D. success

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EMPLOYMENT

The Buchanan County Public Library Library Director

The Buchanan County Public Library is accepting resumes for the position of **Library Director**.

The basic requirements are listed as follows:

Candidates must demonstrate expertise in public library operations including, administration, personnel, and fiscal and facility management. Critical skills needed include: community services, budgeting, financial planning, grant writing, and outreach services. The library director will report to a governing board of trustees.

Candidates must have the ability to effectively and positively represent the library before community groups and the public, consistent with the library's vision, mission, and strategic plan. They must have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff, library board of trustees, the Friends of the Buchanan County Public Library, community leaders, public officials, leaders of educational and civic organizations, and the general public.

Candidates must be reliable with satisfactory attendance and be able to communicate by phone, email, text, and instant message. They must be able to sit at a desk or stand for prolonged periods of time. They must be able to use a computer which requires repetitive wrist, hand and finger motion and extensive screen time. They must be able to lift 35lbs and push up to 150 lbs. on wheels. They must be able to travel independently to off-site meetings, workshops and community events.

Educational Requirements: Master of Library Science degree from an American Library Association accredited program and be eligible for a Librarian's Professional Certificate issued by the Library of Virginia. The duties, responsibilities and requirements listed above should not be interpreted as a comprehensive list. Additional duties and responsibilities may be assigned as deemed appropriate and may change at any time with or without notice.□

Successful candidates will be required to reside in Buchanan County within 6 months of employment.

Salary: To be based upon experience, anticipated to be between \$50,000-\$60,000. Health, dental, vacation, and retirement benefits will be provided by the county.

To Apply: Submit a cover letter, resume, and three work related references by Nov. 1, 2026.

Submit applications to: Chairperson Board of Trustees, Buchanan County Public Library, 1185 Poe Town ST, Grundy, VA 24614.

Inquiries may be addressed to Teresa Matney, acting Director at 276-935-5721.

Buchanan County Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NICHE

OVERHEAD

PAYROLL

PIVOT

PROPRIETORSHIP

RETENTION

REVENUE

SCALABILITY

VENDOR

GUESS WHO?

I am an athlete born on October 18, 1984, in Minnesota. I am one of only six women to have won World Cup races in all disciplines of alpine skiing. I have won four World Cup championships and hold an Olympic gold medal. I suffered a bad injury at the 2026 Winter Olympics.

Answer: Lindsey Vonn

SUDOKU SOLUTION

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Nocturnal rodent

5. Requesting

11. Give temporarily

12. Frivolousness

16. Military arm

17. “Westworld” actor Harris

18. Persian Gulf port city

19. Air hostesses

24. Partner to “Pa”

25. Percussion instrument

26. Raincoats

27. Lower the light

28. Asian mountain range

29. Every one of two or more

30. Lack of difficulty

31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage

33. Reduces in size

34. Make an impact

38. Serviceman

39. A French river

40. Prehistoric people

43. Messenger ribonucleic acid

44. “Layla” singer Clapton

45. Ancient Greek sophist

49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

50. “Top Gun: Maverick” actor Powell

51. A way to disentangle

53. Atomic #93

54. Manifesting approval

56. Indigo bush

58. Larry and Curly’s pal

59. Off-Broadway theater award

60. Fencers

63. Masses of fish eggs

64. Passerine birds

65. Arrange systematically

PUZZLE SOLUTION

P	A	C	A			A	S	K	I	N	G			
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Cooper asks PSA to explore expanding into natural gas, electricity

By CHAD COOPER
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Buchanan County's public water provider could take on a broader role in delivering natural gas and electricity after a discussion about using local energy resources to serve customers and create jobs.

Jeff Cooper raised the proposal during the Buchanan County Public Service Authority's Oct. 13 meeting at the Peking Restaurant in Grundy. Cooper, a PSA board member, Garden District supervisor and employee of a gas well company, asked board attorney Rebecca Thornbury to research how the authority could expand its responsibilities.

No formal motion was made, and the board took no vote on the proposal. The discussion ended with Cooper asking Thornbury to determine what steps would be necessary.

Cooper suggested expanding the authority's role to include natural gas and waste services. He also discussed the possibility of building electric lines.

"We just need to take the jump into something like

this," Cooper said.

Much of the discussion focused on whether the PSA could help bring natural gas to more customers by connecting to existing gas infrastructure and extending lines into underserved areas.

Cooper pointed to the county's natural gas resources and existing pipelines as reasons to explore the idea. He said the project could create local jobs while putting those resources to use.

"Because we've got the gas. We've got the capability to do it," Cooper said. "Plus it puts a lot of people to work."

Cooper also questioned whether expanding the authority's responsibilities could let it operate in areas covered by an existing natural gas franchise. That possibility was part of his request for legal research; the board did not determine it could do so.

He suggested approaching potential partners about participating in a project as the authority considers its options.

The proposal remains in the exploratory stage. Thornbury was asked to research the legal process before the board considers further action.

Halloween events offer scares, sweets and support for a local boy

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From haunted houses to pumpkin decorating and trunks filled with candy, Buchanan County families will have several opportunities to celebrate Halloween this month. For one local family, the festivities also offer a chance to help a young boy gain a specially trained companion.

Luke Hensley, 10, has lived with Type 1 diabetes since he was 3. His family is raising more than \$25,000 to purchase a diabetic alert dog, which the family hopes will provide another layer of safety, comfort and independence by helping alert them to dangerous changes in his blood sugar.

To help reach that goal, the family is inviting the community to a haunted house at Grundy High School, 1300 Golden Wave Drive, on Oct. 16, 17 and 30.

Each evening will begin with a kid-friendly hour from 7 to 8 p.m., with admission of \$3 per person. Visitors looking for a bigger scare can attend from 8 to 11 p.m., when admission will be \$5 per person.

Those unable to attend can contribute to the fundraiser at paypal.me/PawsforLuke.

Another haunted house will welcome visitors at the Grundy Flea Market, giving Halloween fans several chances to work up their courage before stepping inside.

Located in the former Magic Mart and Cowboy Jim's building at 19407 Anchorage Circle, the flea market's haunted house will operate from noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 17 and 24; 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 30; noon to 9 p.m. Oct. 31; and noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 1. Admission is \$5 per person.

The flea market will also offer an afternoon geared toward younger children Oct. 24, with pumpkin decorating, a costume contest and a children's cupcake walk.

Pumpkin decorating will take place from 1 to 2 p.m., with pumpkins provided. Age divisions are 2-4, 5-8 and 9-12, with prizes for each group.

The costume contest will follow from 2 to 3 p.m. There is no entry fee, and divisions include birth through age 2, ages 3-5, ages 6-8 and ages 9-12. A cupcake walk for children will conclude the afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m.

Also Oct. 24, the Buchanan County YMCA will hold its trunk-or-treat event from 1 to 4 p.m. at 1059 Golden Wave Drive in Grundy.

Activities will include candy, inflatables, games, crafts and a costume contest. Organizers are seeking individuals, families, businesses, community groups and organizations willing to decorate a trunk and distribute candy.

Decorated trunks will be judged, with a prize awarded for the best trunk. Interested participants can contact laurendeskins@buchanancountymca.org.

Food City in Vansant will join the Halloween festivities with its first trunk-or-treat event from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 27. Families are invited to attend the celebration at the store. For more information, call 276-935-7578 and ask for Jayden Justus.

The celebrations will continue Oct. 29 at Heritage Hall Grundy, where a trunk-or-treat event is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. Families can enjoy free candy and inflatables during the evening.

On Halloween night, the Buchanan County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual trunk-or-treat event on Walnut Street in downtown Grundy.

Scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 31, the event will give families another opportunity to gather, show off their costumes and collect treats as the community celebrates Halloween.

Buchanan County voters prepare for Nov. 3 election

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Buchanan County voters will choose representatives in Washington and consider three proposed changes to Virginia's Constitution during the Nov. 3 general election. Residents registered within Grundy's town limits will also elect a mayor and three Town Council members.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3. Anyone in line by 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Residents with questions about where to vote, their registration or how to obtain an absentee ballot can contact Buchanan County General Registrar Vicki Clevinger at 276-935-6534 or registrar@buchanan-county-va.gov.

The Voter Registration and Elections office is located at 23784 Riverside Drive in Grundy. Regular office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Voters should contact the office for election-related extended hours, including weekend early voting.

In the U.S. Senate race, Democratic incumbent Mark R. Warner faces Republican Bert Mizusawa. In Virginia's 9th Congressional District, Republican incumbent H. Morgan Griffith faces Democratic challenger Joy A. Powers.

Grundy Mayor Chris A. Mitchell is the only named candidate listed for the mayor's office. Three candidates are seeking three Town Council seats: incumbents Rebecca L. Shortridge-Elkins and Patty Marie

Street, along with M. Wade McGeorge.

The mayor's term is two years, while the council seats carry four-year terms. Only eligible voters registered within Grundy's town limits will participate in the municipal contests. www.elections.virginia.gov

Voters statewide will also consider three constitutional amendments addressing reproductive freedom, marriage and voting rights.

Question 1 would establish constitutional protections for decisions involving reproductive care, including prenatal care, childbirth, contraception, abortion, miscarriage management and fertility care. It would permit third-trimester abortion regulations with exceptions when needed to protect the pregnant patient's life or health or when the fetus is not viable.

Question 2 would remove the state constitution's prohibition on same-sex marriage and establish protections for lawful marriages between two adults regardless of sex, gender or race. The existing prohibition remains in the constitution but is unenforceable under the U.S. Supreme Court's 2015 marriage ruling.

Question 3 would revise voting eligibility provisions, including automatically restoring voting rights upon release from incarceration for a felony conviction. It would also change the standard concerning people found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting.

For residents preparing to participate, several deadlines are ap-

proaching.

Oct. 23 is the regular voter registration deadline. Online applications must be submitted by that date, and mailed registration applications must be postmarked by Oct. 23.

Eligible residents who miss the regular deadline may still register in person through Election Day and cast a provisional ballot under Virginia's same-day registration process.

Requests to have an absentee ballot mailed must reach the registrar's office by 5 p.m. Oct. 23. Voters requesting ballots should allow enough time for mail delivery.

Early in-person voting continues through 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Residents should call the registrar's office to confirm voting hours before visiting, particularly on weekends or outside regular office hours.

Absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day, Nov. 3, and received by the registrar's office by noon Friday, Nov. 6.

Mail for the registrar's office should be addressed to P.O. Box 975, Grundy, VA 24614-0975. The office's fax number is 276-935-4320.

Residents can check registration information through the Virginia Department of Elections' Citizen Portal and find local contact information at buchanancountyvirginia.gov/register-office.

Because of several school closures, voters should confirm their assigned Election Day polling location with the registrar's office.

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