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School Board recognizes January Employees of the Month, Appreciation Month

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Sally Bailey, an instructional assistant at Troutville Elementary School, and Joseph Curulla, a teacher at Central Academy Middle School (CAMS), were recognized by the Botetourt County School Board as the Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) Employees of the Month for January during last week's regular meeting at the BCPS Administrative Offices in Fincastle.

Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ recognized the School Board for the month of February, which marks the annual observation of School Board Appreciation Month. The theme this year is "Rising to the Challenge" which reflects the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) with local school board members who serve their

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Troutville Elementary Principal Steven Anderson, Sally Bailey, and School Board representative Jenny Wilson

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School Board Chair Anna Weddle, Joseph Curulla, and Central Academy Principal Jordan Pinkard.

School Board updates policy, superintendent gives monthly report

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The Botetourt County School Board has updated the leave and absence policy, extending to their employees the provisions of the State Sick Leave Plan for teachers plus certain supplementary provisions which provide additional security for employees during illness or emergency.

During the update, Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ explained that currently in the BCPS leaves and absences policy (GCBD), employees are granted the leave for a funeral or bereavement, but must take the leave from their accumulated sick leave.

"I've been in divisions where it's both ways—you either use sick leave or you don't have to use your sick leave," Russ explained. "It's my feeling that if our employees lose an immediate family member, they're going through a lot. I don't want them to have to worry about taking sick leave at this time.

"There could be cases where we have employees who have used all of their sick leave. The way our policy's written now, if that's the case, [the employee] would have to take leave without pay because they have no sick leave accumulated."

The purpose for proposing this policy (GCBD-BR6) is to separate bereavement leave from sick leave. The new section, "bereavement leave," states that if a full-time employee loses an immediate family member, they will be granted up to three days of bereavement leave without having to use their sick leave or personal leave. The board approved the policy change.

During Russ's monthly report, the superintendent noted recent activities including the first FY24 budget work session taking place in January. Discussion included high-level factors that will impact the FY24 budget such as local composite index, enrollment, and economic factors at the state level. Governor Youngkin's budget proposal was discussed and the potential changes that may occur through the budget

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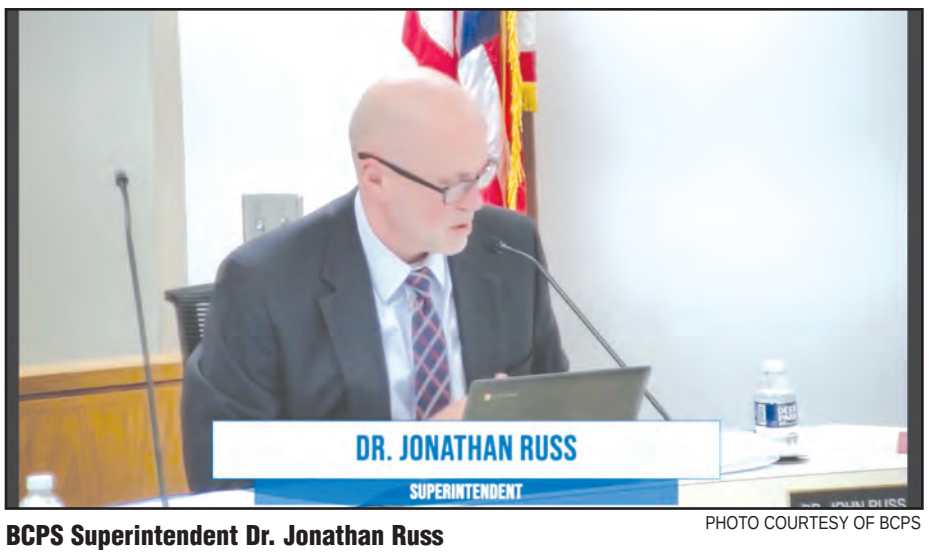

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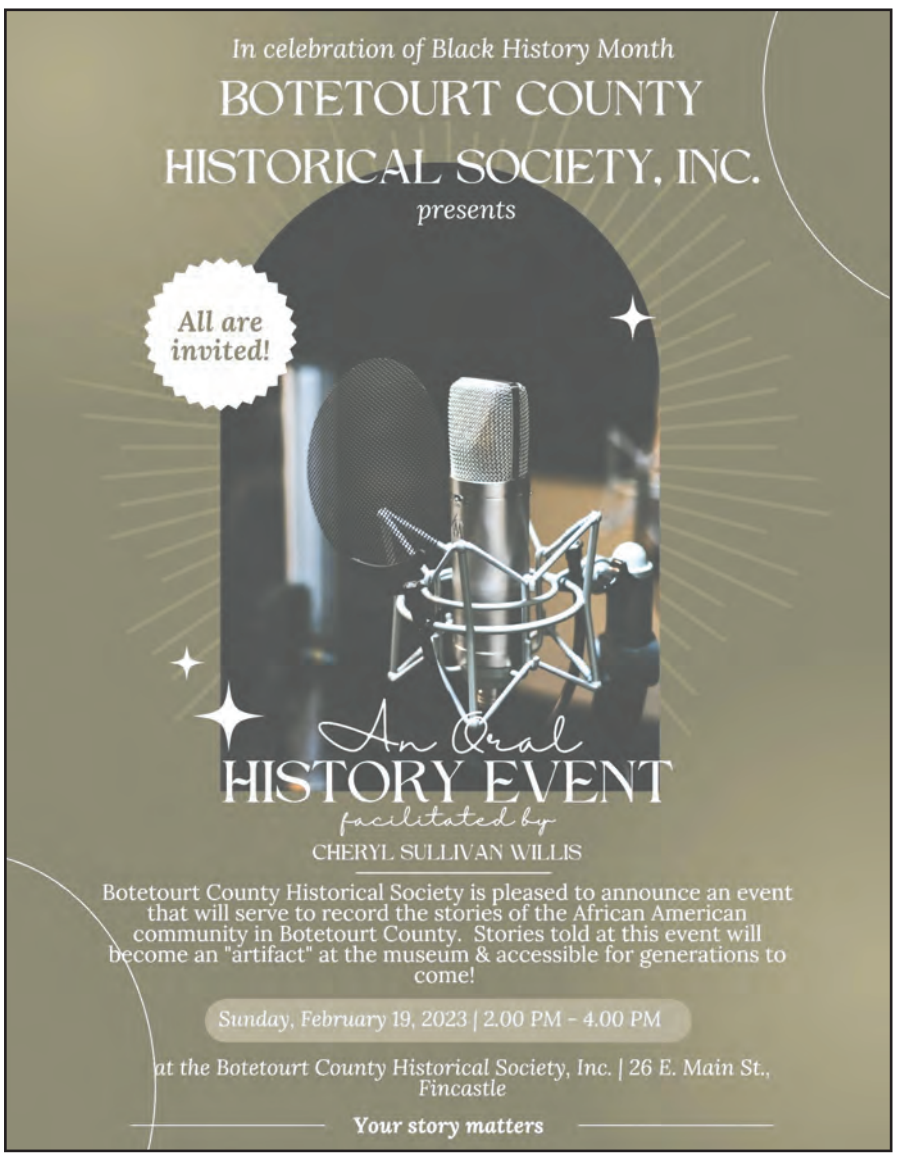
BCPS Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ



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BCHS presents 'An Oral History Event' Feb. 19

The Botetourt County Historical Society is pleased to announce an event that will record the stories of the African American community in Botetourt County. Stories told will become an "artifact" at the museum and accessible for generations to come! Cheryl Sullivan Willis of the Historic Greenfield Advisory Council will facilitate this event. Sunday, February 19th, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., 26 E. Main St., Fincastle.

~ Botetourt County Historical Society

4-H and FFA Youth Expo this Friday

The 4-H and FFA Youth Expo will be at Lord Botetourt High School on February 17 from 5-7 p.m. The 4-H Share-the-Fun will be held in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to tour exhibits from local members, see livestock, and bid in a silent auction (honeybee hive, cornhole boards, gift baskets and much more). There will be free hot dogs while they last.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH LEFFEL

Forest Service to conduct prescribed burns in Botetourt and Craig Co.

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forest will begin conducting prescribed burns starting potentially in February.

Eastern Divide Ranger District will implement several prescribed burning projects to reduce forest fuels, improve conditions of wildlife habitat, restore characteristics of a fire-adapted ecosystem, and better protect communities.

Prescribed burning is one of the most important tools the Forest Service utilizes to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk. Safety is the Forest Service's top priority, and fire managers will conduct prescribed burns only under appropriate weather conditions.

Planned burns will be scheduled in the following locations:

Botetourt County: The 2,553-acre Price Mountain burn area is located on and around Price Mountain, north of Rt. 606 and northeast of New Castle.

The 352-acre Craig Creek Recreation burn area is in the Craig Creek Recreation site, 1.5 miles east of Oriskany off Rt. 817.

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Botetourt County History

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This is one of the 796 rotating slides on the TV inside the Botetourt County Historical Society Museum in Fincastle. The exhibit is called "Finding What Has Been Lost" – Families, Churches, Schools, Organizations & Businesses. It was created by longtime BCHS Board of Directors member Judith C. Barnett and her brother, Edward W. Barnett. Rena Worthen and Stephen Vest were important in providing their technical support in setting it up.

The image shown is of the African American Male Academy Hill School (provided by Phyllis Burch). This school was established in 1785 and was located on a hill within the Fincastle town limits on Hancock and Murray Streets. It was built jointly by the town citizens and the Masons. According to the December 19, 2019, issue of "The Fincastle Herald," the first teacher was the Rev. Thomas Brown. It was closed during the Civil War and reopened in 1868. In the early 1900s the Botetourt County School Board bought the property and built a new school building in 1938.

Before 1940, both male and female students who wanted a high school education had to go out of Botetourt County. In September 1959, Central Academy School opened in Fincastle for the county's African American children ranging in grades one through 12. Academy Hill School went through many changes and is long gone. Today it is the location of Academy Hill Apartments.

Please come to the Botetourt History Museum at 26 East Main Street, Fincastle, to view this self-playing slide show and learn more about the extensive history of Botetourt County. It is open for free Monday-Saturday, 10-2, and Sunday, 2-4.

~ Botetourt County History Museum

Eagle Rock Ruritans hold planning meeting, elect new officers

PHOTO COURTESY OF EAGLE ROCK RURITANS

New officers of the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club are (from left) Secretary Tommy Hunter, Treasurer Steve Vaughn, Vice-President Donna Vaughn, and President Beth Leffel.

The January meeting of the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club marked the annual planning meeting for the new year. Committee members reviewed the objectives for the five Community Service Committees as well as the five Standing Committees. The resulting lists of objectives form the guidelines for the work of the club for the coming year. The extensive list of club objectives range from the nitty-gritty hands-on task of picking up litter along the road in and around Eagle Rock to the lofty goal of granting thousands of dollars in scholarships to James River High School students from the Eagle Rock area.

Another important bit of business for the January meeting was the election and installation of officers for 2023 as follows: President Beth Leffel,, Vice-President Donna Vaughn, Secretary Tommy Hunter, and Treasurer Steve Vaughn. The officers were installed by Robert McRae, club chaplain.

The Eagle Rock Ruritan Club continues to offer the use of the Eagle Rock Community Center for family and other group activities for a reasonable fee to help with utilities.

~ Eagle Rock Ruritan Club

Fundraisers to benefit Buchanan man who lost his home, possessions in house fire

Two fundraisers are being held for Buchanan resident Rob Watts, who lost his home and all of his possessions in a residential fire on February 9.

One of them is a raffle, with the following prizes:

- 1st- $500 Visa Gift Card, donated by SanMarCo
- 2nd 12 gauge shotgun, valued at $499, donated by H&H Outdoors
- 3rd - Taurus G3XL 9mm pistol, valued at $349, donated by MECS Pawn
- 4th - Stihl Trimmer, valued at $249, donated by James River Equipment

See either Steve Thrasher, Melissa Hutchens, Kallie Blake, or Mary Taylor to purchase tickets.

The drawings will be held on Saturday, March 11, during the second fundraiser– a cake walk at the Buchanan Moose Lodge at 3 p.m.

Those who wish to donate cakes can drop them off at SanMarCo in Buchanan the week of the cake walk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or take directly to the Buchanan Moose Lodge the day of the event.

Also, 50/50 and raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

Monetary donations may be directly made to Bank of Botetourt to the Rob Watts Fund.

For more information, call Melissa Hutchens at 540-520-1752.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

West graduates from Virginia Bankers Association program

Bank of Botetourt Merchant Services Officer Chelsea West was among the 36 Virginia bankers who graduated from the Virginia Bankers Association Management Development Program– the largest in person cohort to date.

This program is a five-month, comprehensive training designed for those who have developed a passion for banking, want to enhance their knowledge of the business of banking, and who are motivated to excel in their careers.

West grew up in Roanoke and currently resides in Vinton with her husband Cody and stepchildren Camden, Riley, and Keenan.

"We are proud of Chelsea and her dedication to learn, expand her network and help the businesses in our communities," said Laurie Hart, SVP – Chief Strategy & Retail Officer.

The program's sessions provided information to make participants more effective bankers, ensured that they understand the industry, instilled the notion that strategy and goals are imperative to drive the bank forward, and empowered them to present themselves as leaders.

West's focus in her role at the bank is assisting customers with payment options and business solutions through Clover® point-of-sale systems along with a variety of additional options. While she covers the bank's entire branch network from Fairfield to Salem and Smith Mountain Lake and surrounding areas, West is based out of the Cave Spring Office on Electric Road in Roanoke.

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Chelsea West

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Arrests

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for January 30-February 10:

• Melissa F. Flowers, 55, of Blue Ridge, driving under the influence, January 30

• Jeremy M. Dunbar, 25, of Buchanan, unauthorized used of a vehicle, domestic assault, property damage, petit larceny, January 31

• Kierra D. Forbes, 25, of Roanoke, domestic assault, February 6

• Cody A. Perdue, 19, of Blue Ridge, property damage, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, February 8

• Brandon L. Sowers, 25, of Fincastle, simple assault, February 8

• Levi D. Nolen, 21, of Troutville, burglary, violation of a protective order, motor vehicle theft, February 10

• Robert A. Miller, 62, of Califon, N.J., driving under the influence, February 11

Lawrence holds blood drive

Lawrence Companies collected 25 units at a blood drive on January 27.

Employees who gave the gift of life were Clayton Gray, Dustin Cole, Barry Holland, Chip Lawrence, John Taylor, Tammy Swader, Jake McDowell, Seth Kelley, Daniel Theodor, Doug Cobler, Mike McKnew, Michael Cook, Chris Padgett, Mike Stevens, Matt Assenat, Justin Plymale, Aaron Kelly, Morgan Byrd, Warren Groselose and Dyra Hodges.

Visitors who donated were Grant Holmes, Cindy Holland, JD Robinson, Susan Bleecker and Madeline Sliwoski.

Winner of the prize drawing was Doug Cobler, and first-time donor Justin Plymale received a paid sick day.

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Craig County: The 369-acre Mill Creek burn is located east of Fenwick Recreation site. Smoke may be visible from Fenwick Mines Recreation Area, New Castle, Barbours Creek and Oriskany.

The 1,946-acre Sinking Creek burn is located east of Rt. 621 directly adjacent to the Caldwell Fields recreation area on Forest Road 630.

The 808-acres Potts Mountain Unit 8 burn is located east of Rt. 311 and 10 miles northeast of New Castle along Forest Road 277.1 and 176.

The 728-acre North Mountain prescribed burn area is located on the north side of North Mountain, east of Route 311 between Catawba and Abbott.

For public safety, forest visitors and recreationists are asked to be aware of fire crews and vehicles in these areas, and take caution as roads and trails may be used as control lines for the burn and could be temporarily impacted by low-intensity fire and smoke. Trails may be closed for a short duration during the burn for public safety.

For more information on the prescribed burn program, contact the Eastern Divide Ranger District office at (540-552-4641), visit the website athttps://www.fs.usda.gov/gwj or follow twitter: https://twitter.com/GWJNF and Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GWJNF.

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local divisions and advocate for public education with local, state, and federal leaders on behalf of all students. Russ and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Janet Womack presented each board member in attendance with a certificate of recognition.

"I know I speak for BCPS when I say we are extremely fortunate in this division to have the School Board that we have," Russ said. "I truly believe our board members are on this board for one reason, and that's for what's best for our children. They don't come with personal agendas… We are fortunate that they're here... I can tell you that there are a lot of employees in this division that will agree with me."

Additionally, in appreciation for their hard work and dedication for public education, the VSBA and School Board recognized Clerk Susan Albert and Deputy Clerk Kathy Quinn.

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Thursday, Feb. 16 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 17 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 18 7 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 19 3 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 23 7 p.m.

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Meet Coral

Coral is a white/cream Lab mix. She came to the shelter in December. She is about 55 pounds, heartworm negative, chipped and spayed.

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

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY,
FOR REVISION OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
PURSUANT TO § 56-585.1 A 6 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
WITH RESPECT TO THE DRESDEN GENERATING PLANT
CASE NO. PUR-2022-00150

•Appalachian Power Company ("APCo") requests an annual revenue requirement of $34.7 million for its G-RAC for 24 months. According to APCo, this amount would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month by approximately $0.66.

•A Hearing Examiner appointed by the State Corporation Commission will hear public witness testimony on the case on May 2, 2023, at 10 a.m., and testimony and evidence of the Company, the Staff, and any respondents on May 3, 2023.

•Further information about this case is available on the Commission's website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On November 30, 2022, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed a petition ("Petition") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 6 of the Code of Virginia for approval to recover costs associated with APCo's Dresden Generating Plant through its generation rate adjustment clause ("G-RAC").

Through its Petition, APCo proposes an annual revenue requirement of $34.7 million for the 24 months following implementation of the revised G-RAC. The Company states that this proposed annual revenue requirement is composed of: (i) an actual under-recovery of approximately $7.5 million of the Company's G-RAC costs for the period ended August 31, 2022; (ii) a projected under-recovery of $6.3 million for the period of September 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023; and (iii) a projected base annual revenue requirement of $27.8 million for the period of November 1, 2023, through October 31, 2025. APCo seeks to collect the combined under-recovery balance of approximately $13.7 million over 24 months, resulting in an annualized under-recovery amount of approximately $6.9 million.

APCo requests approval to implement the proposed G-RAC on and after November 1, 2023, and to recover the requested annual revenue requirement for 24 months, consistent with its request in this Petition to file its next G-RAC Petition in 24 months. The Company asserts that if approved, the proposed revenue requirement will result in an increase of $0.66 to the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month when compared to rates effective November 1, 2022.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Petition. On May 2, 2023, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses, with no public witness present in the Commission's courtroom. On or before April 28, 2023, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on May 2, 2023, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On May 3, 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, respondents, and the Staff on the Petition.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, 3 James Center, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or njcoates@aep.com.

On or before April 26, 2023, any interested person may file comments on the Petition by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00150.

On or before March 24, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00150.

On or before March 24, 2023, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneously with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00150.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The public version of the Company's Petition and other documents filed in this case, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be viewed on the Commission's website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL TO MODIFY RIDER WWS
AND RIDER REC
CASE NO. PUR-2022-00212

•Appalachian Power Company has filed an application for approval to modify Rider WWS and Rider REC.

•Rider WWS and Rider REC are voluntary tariffs whereby participating customers can elect to purchase 100 percent of their energy and capacity needs from renewable energy resources or offset their energy usage by purchasing low-cost renewable energy certificates ("RECs").

•The Company proposes to charge a premium above standard service of $0.0210 per kWh for energy under Rider WWS, and $0.95 per 100 kWh block for customers participating in Rider REC's Block Purchase Option, and $0.0095 per kWh for customers participating in Rider REC's All Usage or RPS Purchase options.

•Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On December 7, 2022, Appalachian Power Company ("Appalachian" or "Company"), pursuant to § 56-236 and § 56-577 A 5 ("Subsection A 5") of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") for approval to modify the pricing applicable to its (1) Rider Wind, Water, and Sunlight ("Rider WWS"), a voluntary rider under which its customers can purchase "electric energy provided 100 percent from renewable energy" under Subsection A 5; and (2) Rider Renewable Energy Certificate ("Rider REC"), another optional rider that allows participating customers to offset their energy usage by purchasing low cost Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs"). Appalachian also proposes methodology for making future changes to the pricing for these riders administratively after investigation by the Staff of the Commission ("Staff").

Specifically, Appalachian proposes to revise the premium above standard service to $0.0210 per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for energy under Rider WWS. The Company proposes charging $0.95 per 100 kWh block for customers participating in Rider REC's Block Purchase Option, and $0.0095 per kWh for customers participating in Rider REC's All Usage or RPS Purchase options. The Company proposes that these revisions become effective on July 1, 2023, and that such revisions should be reviewed again in six months.

The Application states Appalachian received Commission approval of Rider REC in 2018 and Rider WWS in 2019. In support of its Application, the Company states that market costs for RECs used to calculate original premiums under Rider REC and Rider WWS have changed significantly, along with Appalachian's resource mix. The Company's methodology in calculating the $0.0210 per kWh premium averaged the most recent quotes for, and average cost of, RECs in the period in which the rates will be effective.

Appalachian also requests that the Commission approve its proposed methodology for updating the premiums in the future for both Rider WWS and Rider REC, asserting that this methodology results in a premium that reflects both current and anticipated REC values. Under its proposal, the Company will file new premium calculations for both riders on or near the first day of February and August of each year using new market information for Staff administrative review, after which the Company will provide notice of the new rate, and allow customers 30 days to disenroll from the voluntary programs before the new rate becomes effective on each January 1 and July 1 going forward.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these proposals.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has, among other things, directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. At this time, any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219; C. Dixon Wallace III, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219; njcoates@aep.com or dwallace@huntonak.com.

On or before March 15, 2023, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00212.

On or before March 15, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00212.

On or before March 15, 2023, any interested person or entity may file a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file electronically may file a request for hearing by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Requests for a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00212.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

The Company's Application, the public version of other documents filed in this case, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

Library Buzz

Upcoming Library Events

Libraries Closed Feb 18-20

All library branches will be closed on Saturday, February 18 - Monday, February 20 for President's Day weekend. Online resources are still available 24/7!

Bird Watching for Beginners

Saturday, February 25
10-11am - Fincastle Library
12:30-1:30pm - Eagle Rock Library

Get a hands-on birdwatching lesson from the Roanoke Valley Bird Club. Learn about birds in our area, why they're important to the ecosystem, issues they face, and tips for spotting them. Attendees have the chance to win a pair of binoculars!

Meet Buchanan Reps from the School Board & County Supervisors

Thu, Feb 16, 4-6pm, Buchanan Library

Stop by for free coffee and informal chat with Jenny Wilson (Buchanan District rep on the Botetourt County School Board) and Amy White (Buchanan District rep on the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors). Ask them your burning questions or just drop in to say hi!

Stop the Bleed

Sat, Feb 25, 11:30am-12:30pm, Fincastle Library

Learn how to stop a traumatic bleeding event in this hands-on workshop. Space is limited; call 540-928-2900 to register.

American Revolution: Featuring American Girl Felicity Merriman

Fri, Feb 17, 2:30-4:30pm, Buchanan Library

What was it like to be a kid during the American Revolution? Find out with hands-on activities and games! Recommended for grade school children.

Virginia's Constitutions Traveling Exhibition

February 16-24: Buchanan Library

Yoga for Beginners

Eagle Rock - Tuesdays 10:00am

Stretch your brain and body with yoga poses. Adaptable for all ages, abilities, and body types. Instruction provided by the Botetourt Family YMCA.

Computer Basics

Mondays 11am-1pm, Eagle Rock Library
Tuesdays 1-3pm, Blue Ridge Library

Get step-by-step instructions in basic computer skills. Join any class in the series, or take all four. 1) Getting Started, 2) Text, Files and Printing, 3) Word Processing, 4) Internet and Email. Space is limited; call 540-928-2900 to register.

Reading is for the Birds

February's Challenge: Can you read as many books as you spot birds? Earn badges for the books you read and swoop into some fun bird-related activities! Log in to your account at botetourtva.beanstack.org to join the challenge and track your reading and activities.

More regular events

For kids: Little Explorers, StoryTime, LEGO Club, and STEM Club
For adults: Puzzle Club, Scrabble Club, Card Games, and Book Clubs

See the events calendar at BOCOLibraries.info or call 540-928-2900 for dates, times, and locations.

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Update from the House
By Del. Terry Austin

To the Constituents of the 19th House District:

The fifth week of Session has concluded. The House of Delegates passed hundreds of bills before "Crossover" on February 7, including a Republican-led budget that returns money to taxpayers and funds essential services. In total, the House considered 1,392 bills and passed 598, sending them over to the Senate for further consideration. Likewise, 572 Senate bills have made it over to the House. After many hours of debate, we advanced legislation that reflects the priorities of Virginians who sent us to Richmond to make life easier, safer, and more affordable.

The House budget is fiscally responsible, invests in key economic and education initiatives, and builds safer communities. Specifically, it increases the standard income tax deduction to $9,000 for individuals and $18,000 for married couples, lowers the top marginal tax rate to 5.5 percent, and creates a qualified business income tax deduction of 10 percent. The total amount returned to taxpayers is estimated at $1 billion. As Vice Chairman of Appropriations, I am proud of the budget put forth, and look forward to working with my Senate colleagues to craft the final version to be sent to the governor. Though our priorities differ from the Senate, my fellow Republican budget conferees and I will work to retain the policies we believe best postures Virginia for success.

These policies include investments in business-ready sites and a significant overhaul of our workforce development efforts. The purpose is to strengthen Virginia's position as a hub for jobs and economic development by ensuring we have a workforce ready and able to meet the demands of a constantly evolving economy. In addition, the budget invests more than half a billion in new funding for our schools and raises teacher compensation by 12 percent over the next two years. We have also allocated tens of millions of dollars toward making college more affordable. Recognizing that not every student needs or wants a college degree, the budget includes significant new support to our vocational programs for welding, aviation maintenance, automotive repair, and other high-demand workforce programs. These initiatives are in addition to legislation House Republicans passed that earmarks specific unspent federal dollars for schools to combat learning loss.

As Chair of the Appropriations Public Safety and Transportation subcommittee, I am pleased to report that the budget also delivers on our promise to build safer communities. It funds our law enforcement officers through the Governor's Bold Blue Line initiative, allocates more funds to our school resource officers, and directs resources to prevent crimes. It also expands on proven initiatives like Operation Ceasefire to curb gun and gang violence. These are common sense initiatives that give the men and women who protect us daily the tools they need to effectively protect our communities.

A thriving economy requires stable energy infrastructure, which is why Republicans have made it a point to focus on creating a diversified energy portfolio in the Commonwealth. Several Republican bills have passed the House that seek to lower rates for electric utility customers while adding reasonable oversight measures to maximize reliability of the electric grid. If Virginia is going to have a low-carbon energy future that is both reliable and affordable, nuclear power must be part of the equation. This week, we passed multiple bills that will position Virginia as a leader in the nuclear energy sector. These bills embrace the technological benefits of small modular nuclear reactors, which can utilize the currently unused coalfields in Southwest Virginia. With the passage of these bills, House Republicans are making sure Virginia avoids the misguided policies of other states that have struggled with rolling blackouts and price uncertainty.

As for my bills, I am happy to report that all have passed out of the House and will be considered by the Senate. I will update you as they progress through the various committees and on the Senate floor. In the meantime, if I can be of assistance to you or you would like to share your position on any of my legislation, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelTAustin@House.Virginia.gov or 804-698-1019.

Delegate Terry L. Austin
19th House District

Fraud Alert: They steal your heart ... to get your money

All crimes that seek to steal money or sensitive information through deception are loathsome. But perhaps the most pernicious involve crimes of the heart. Online romance fraud is rampant and growing, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and it isn't only dating sites where these criminals lurk.

Here are some red flags that will help you spot a romance scam. The person might propose chatting offline or profess their feelings for you before getting to know you. They may offer to visit if you can help cover travel costs, then cancel those plans at the last minute.

Many victims don't see the crime coming because they weren't looking for love online to begin with and think "it just happened." This is a common ploy for con artists. Know this: anytime a love interest or new friend whom you've never seen in person asks for money or invites you to invest in cryptocurrency, it's most likely a scam.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

~AARP Virginia

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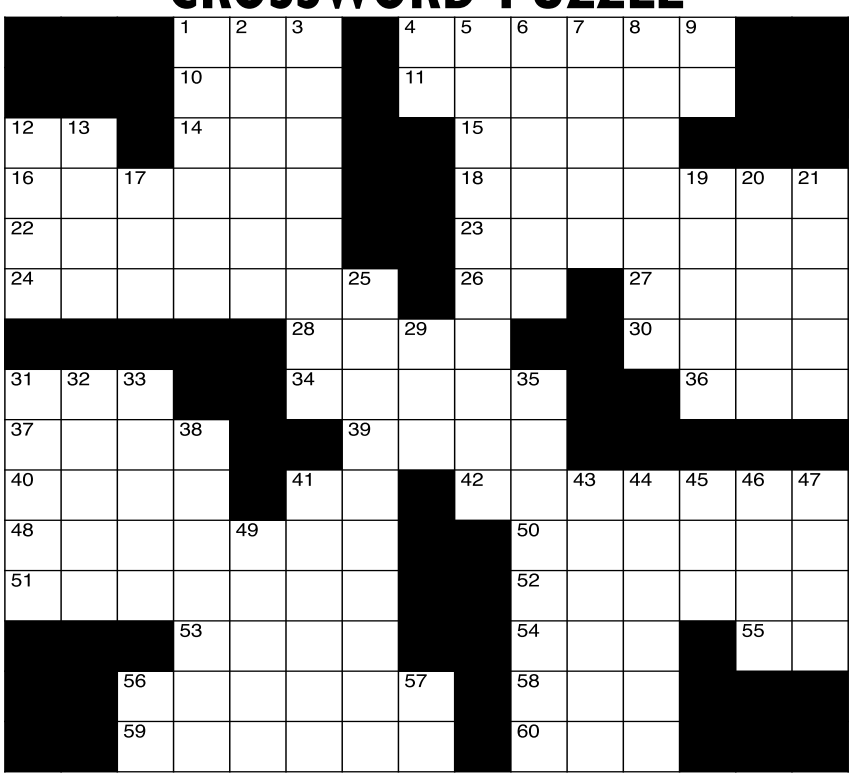

CLUES ACROSS
1. Revolutions per minute
4. Hymns
10. Brew
11. Did not acknowledge
12. Atomic #77
14. Partly digested food
15. Not one
16. Lesotho capital
18. Copyreading
22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter
23. One's biological father
24. An aggregate of molecules
26. Equally
27. Khoikhoi people
28. Jump in figure skating
30. Lantern
31. TV network
34. Georges __, French philosopher
36. Sharp, shrill bark
37. Albanian monetary units
39. Launched Apollo
40. One who graduated
41. Exist
42. Passed by
48. Very unpleasant smell
50. Graduates
51. Seedless raisin
52. Self-protection
53. Clue
54. Life-savers
55. Ingest too much
56. Misrepresented
58. Small Eurasian deer
59. Most mocking
60. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN
1. Flower cluster
2. A form
3. Inner organ regions
4. Local law enforcement
5. A citizen of Senegal
6. Positively charged electrodes
7. Connects granules
8. Business practice
9. The Mount Rushmore State
12. Leader
13. Hindu queen
17. Proofreading mark
19. European country
20. Greek mythological nymph
21. Grandfather
25. Clears
29. Amount of time
31. Mollusks
32. German municipality
33. Body part
35. City of Angels hoopsters
38. Suffocate
41. Pleasing to the eye
43. Poplar trees (Spanish)
44. Ship officer
45. Individual investment account (abbr.)
46. Prefix meaning within
47. Ceased to live
49. Day by day
56. Not color
57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)

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HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Botetourt County high schools have released the following honor rolls for the second nine-week grading period:

JAMES RIVER

A HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: David Aaron, Adam Barr, Samuel Bell, Derrick Bryant, Zacharie Bryant, Aidan Calkins, Alex Campbell, William DeSouto, Dameon Dudding, Alex Eastman, Haley Forbes, Victoria Forbes, Andrew Fowler, Emma Francis, Isabella Gilliland, Justin Hill, Glenn Hollingsworth, Natalie Hughes, Clair Humphreys, Norah Jones, Savannah Laucher, John Laughridge, Alexis Martin, Levi Miller, Madison Moock, Brian Moran, Nathaniel Park, Abigail Poling, Maddox Potter, Jenna Pugh, Cayden Shorter, Macy Williams, Timothy Wilson, Samuel Worsley, Lydia Yopp

JUNIORS: Emma Bobbitt, Kaylyn Bryant, Alexis Chocklette, Deanna Draper, Lydia Dunbar, Jaden Kitt, Eleanor Lackey, Chase Lester, Sara McFadyen, Annabelle Peay, Makayla Petty, Vianey Ramirez-Bautista, Tanner Reid, Michael Scherrep, Braylin Snider, Ethan Spickard, Paul Theimer, Zachary Vernon, Angela Vish, Drew Whitson, Corban Wilhelm, Abigail Wilson

SOPHOMORES: Kylee Aaron, Taylor Albright, Breanna Anduiza, Kaeli Berry, Sasha Birckhead, Ella Bisese, Ethan Bryant, Josiah Clark, Alexander Davis, Logan Deel, Kailin Duty, Kelsey Firebaugh, Avia Fochtman, Monica Foley, Nathaniel Graff, Koleman Harvey, Kambrie Hight, SarahGrace Laughridge, Jadyn Miller, Ella Monaghan, Konner Myers, Halee Puffenbarger, Victoria Race-Waller, Miguel Ramirez-Bautista, Daniel Slusser, Andrew St.Clair, Lucas St.Clair, Isabelle Stewart, Ava Thacker, Gabriella Tickner, Regan VanNess, Avery Williams, Emily Woodson, Xaiden Wynn

FRESHMEN: Nicole Baker, Jack Beheler, Sydnee Breeding, Elise Buchanan, Regan Childs, Chase Clemons, Landon Flores, Donald Griffin, Rylee Jordan, Kenadi Kovar, Benjamin Lawson, Josiah Merchant, Dallas Miller, Georgia Miller, Madison Muncey, Abbey Parker, Nathaniel Powell, Makenna Saville, Jalen Thompson, Lillian Tingler, Jenna Tucker, Silas Whitson,

A-B HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: MacKenzie Alford, Heath Andrews, Leiloni Archie, Johnathan Austin, April Bora, Jillian Broughman, Ainsley Burks, Alexander Burnette, Conner Church, Canaan Clark, Colin Cook, Rachael Crowder, Jacob Deacon, Elias Echavarria, Brandon Edwards, Ricco Fernandez, Shanandoah Forson, Ethan Frank, Hannah Hall, Haylee Harris, Georgia Honts, Mary Hoye, Aliyah Hunter, Michael Jorgensen, Anya Justice, Kaycee Kincaid, Aidan Kovar, Joshua Krepps, Emma Lester, Jon Little, Briar Marsh, Alexis McCullough, Kyleigh Mills, Austyn Moran, Ryan Steger, George Toliver, Gabrielle Vogt, Bret Weidman, Coleton Wright

JUNIORS: Matthew Alderson, Ripley Barry, Kaley Blevins, Robert Bradbury, Kyleigh Brady, Blayze Coffey, Devin Deisher, William Dulaney, Sophia Fieschel, Katelynn Furry, Dylan Hicks, Caden Hoyt, Grant Kovar, Kaeden Lehman-Knepprath, Natalie Lemon, David Merritt, Dylan Metheny, Silas Miller, Evan Mines, Damien Mitchell, Paiton Moore, Keegen Mundy, Elle Norris, Alise Orent, Haden Parker, Colt Race-Waller, Mary Schall, Ethan Sherman, Ethan Smith, Gabriel Staton, Gracelyn Stump, Sarai SOPHOMORES: Talan Altizer, Aiden Bartulis, Colton Bowman, Chase Britnell, Isaiah Campbell, Caitlin Canada, Elizabeth Davis, Jayden Delp, Brady Gordon, Zachary Griswold, Courtney Hodge, Shea Hubbard, Adelynn Jones, Logan Joyce, Eric Jullien, Griffen Lucas, Nevaeh Marks, Savanna Martin, Hunter Mays, Chase McGrath, Aiden Meade, Jared Monaghan, Blake Orfield, Kody Park, Alexander Popovich, Madison Snare, Lainey Stephenson, Brianna Torres, Nevaeh Van Buren, Hunter Weaver, Catalyne Webb, Eli Whitley, Jonathan Wolcott, Isaiah Wright

FRESHMEN: Hannah Albers, Miley Austin, Brian Barger, Walker Bierer, Gavin Binns, Kaia Binns, Aiden Byrd, Rain Copeland, Keira Crawford, Siera Davis, Wyatt Dickenson, Caitlyn Downey, Carli Edwards, Jacob Gunter, Aeris Hawkins, Anna Hensley, Cameron Hosey, Ella Hutchens, Eli King, Kelsi Maydian, Conor McFadyen, Briana Mitchell, Ella Moran, Addisyn Rodgers, Madeline Rutledge, Maddox Smith, Mitchell Snare, Nathan Stewart, Savannah Teaford, Chance Terry, Ryder Ward, Mia Williams

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A HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Alexis Amos, Alectra Avis, Nathan Badgley, Brie Beddingfield, Samantha Benavidez, Kara Booth, Tucker Brookman, Karley Burks, Erica Campbell, Olivia Campbell, Keiran Capuano, Ciara Christian, Olivia Cook, Jacklyn Corl, Jackson Crawford, Mia D'Arpa, Madison Daniel, Reagan Dorsey, Darby Fouch, Baylee Franklin, Breanna Gill, Isabella Graninger, Hatlyn Haggerty, Ashton Harper, Grayson Hatter, Hannah Heller, Clythee Herbst, Cassie Johnson, Audrey Keister, Anna Keith, Talicee Landes, Kaidyn Lewis, Jackson Martin, Joshua Martin, Austin Mason, Emma Mattox, Aidan Mayhue, John McDaniel, Tyler Meade, Harrison Meador, Luke Overbay, Nathan Patterson, Falan Peters, Harriett Polinsky, Lyndsay Prillaman, Zachary Puckette, Seth Richards, Nathanael Rose, Ryleigh Rothert, Deanna Royal, Matthew Scher, Michael Schwallenberg, Mary Scott, Carter Smith, Austin Stanley, Cole Stelter, Richard Toms, Kayla Walker, Autumn Williams, Hayden Witt,

JUNIORS: Jackson Wolfe, Laila Alam, Ainsley Anderson, Isabella Antivero, Aidan Appicello, Allison Argabright, Samantha Bishop, Zoe Brown, Keely Caldwell, Alexa Carillo, Eisen Colon-Arroyo, Owen Cooper, Sarah Crain, Amelia Dietrich, Erna Dietrich, Luke Elias, Christina Ellis, Autumn Estrada, Benjamin Ferrell, Aurora Fitzgerald, William Galbraith, Casey Gentry, Hunter Gilbert, Donavan Goad, Stephanie Gutierrez, Calvin Hall, Nicholas Hall, Emily Hanson, Zane Hess, Elizabeth Hodges, Mary Hodges, Garrison Hornback, Abigail Huffard, Lilly Iacovone, Spencer Krimski, Juliette Landeros-Anaya, Emily Lewis, Keaton Lucas, Juliana Manello, Christopher Martin, Adison Mayhue, Greyson Mayo, Elliott McClung, Casey McFarling, Ryan

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ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday night Worship 6 p.m., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00 p.m., Pastor Wanda Scaggs, 704-310-6946; Jack Scaggs, 540-314-4243. Everyone welcome.

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

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

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

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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

Buchanan Baptist Church – 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site - buchananbaptist.com; Phone - 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

Cave Rock Baptist Church - 2233 Stoney Battery Road, Troutville. Pastor Mark Childers, 540-765-8855. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Glade Creek Baptist Church – 3148 Webster Rd., Blue Ridge; 977-1686 or 309-1908, Rev. Steve McChesney. Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Bible study starting with supper at 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren– 10603 Narrow Passage Rd. (Rt. 43), Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Pastor Zach Hatcher. 884-2292 (church), 815-9224 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly. Please contact church for additional bible studies schedule.

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dale Ridge Church of Christ - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., Roanoke, 24019; beside the Botetourt Athletic Club. Leave message 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Please come visit us in person or get to know about us first by visiting our web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net. Updated each week with a new sermon by Mike Mazzalongo, four minutes of video showing our nearly six acres of land and our beautiful, functional inside facilities, articles, events, news from Christian sources around the world and here locally plus much, much more. See how many ways Dale Ridge is "Reaching Out There" to the Roanoke Valley with the "Good News of Jesus. By clicking on "visit us virtually" real time access to our Worship services is available via your computer, a tablet or smartphone: Just follow the instructions. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe the Holy Spirit is a gift to every Christian upon their response to the Gospel as demonstrated by the 3000 obedient souls in (Acts 2:38). We believe Jesus is the only author of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Have you been looking for a church family that is progressive, outside the box thinkers, led by the Holy Spirit into all truth. (John 16:13). You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. (John 13:35) Real time contact thru our website via email.

Place of Refuge

Read Numbers 32:1 through 36:13

Select some towns to be your cities of refuge, to which a person who has killed someone accidentally may flee. They will be places of refuge from the avenger, so that a person accused of murder may not die before he stands trial before the assembly (Numbers 35:11,12).

God commanded that if anyone died because of violence, and murder was assumed, the murder suspect was not automatically to be considered guilty. Instead, he was allowed to flee to a city of refuge (one of six to be chosen in the Promised Land) that would assure the accused would be treated justly and justice would be done. In this way God provided justice in a culture where protecting the innocent was not a typical response.

When we hear accusations of guilt against others, our first response should be to provide them with a place of refuge in our hearts. That is, we should not rush to judgment, assume their guilt, and be careless in our speech about them. We should treat them fairly, as God intended.

Prayer for Today: Ask the Lord to make your heart and mouth a place of refuge rather than a fount of accusation for others.

Quicklook: Numbers 35:6–15

ECKANKAR

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

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) – 4535 Bonsack Road, Roanoke, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at oslroanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888. Mailing address PO Box 916, Blue Ridge, VA 24064.

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

Mt. Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock at intersection of Rt. 43 and 688; pastor, Richard Ronk; phone # (540) 884-3653; Sunday School at 10:00 A.M., Worship at 11:00 A.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M., 4th Sunday Evenings at 7:00 P.M.

Woodland Church–***A Place Where You Can Grow*** – 45 Woodland Rd. Troutville, VA. Corner of Blacksburg/Country Club Rds., 3.5 miles W. of Fincastle; 992-1008. Sunday School, 10AM; Worship, 11AM, Wed. Prayer Meeting 7PM (Call for more information).

PRESBYTERIAN

Buchanan Presbyterian Church – 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Interim Pastor Skip Hastings. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 10:15 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. AA meetings are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org

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

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

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

Fincastle United Methodist Church – Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. In person services Sunday, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, 136 S. Church St., Fincastle. Pastor Rev. Kwang Shin, office, 473-3001. E-mail: office@fincastle-umc.org.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church – 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Rev. Terry Clark, 992-3030. Worship Times: Praise and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship often with presence of the choir--this service is live streamed and celebrates Communion on the first Sunday. Children and Youth Ministries meet for Sunday School at 10Am each Sunday! Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday 4 to 6pm unless we are doing a special monthly mission. Frogs and Tadpoles Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!

Trinity United Methodist Church – 19637 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Doug Mitchell, 254-2475 (O). Sunday School, 9:45AM, worship 10:30 AM.

Obituaries

Britt, Billie Mae

The family of Billie Mae Britt is sad to announce that she passed away at Lewis Gale Medical Center Friday, February 3, 2023 to go to her heavenly home. 2 Cor. 5:1-9. Because of her faith and trust in Jesus Christ we have assurance that she is in a much better place than those that are left behind. We have the promise from God's word she no longer struggles to breathe, Rev. 21:4.

Billie was born September 22, 1942 in Blacksburg, but spent most of her life in Salem until moving to Daleville 10 years ago. Billie was employed by Lewis Gale Clinic retiring in 2004 with 30 years of service. Billie had a special gift that came naturally from her working career. She seemed to be a connecting link between patients and Dr. Milton Miller. Billie was always the go-to person for the doctor and patients. She always made herself available to both and they loved her for it. Countless times patients and families have expressed their gratitude and acts of kindness she gave to hundreds of people over those 30 years. Billie not only worked outside the home, but she always managed to be a homemaker with the desire to do her part caring for her home and family that God blessed her with and all that sat at her table. They knew her for her cooking and she never disappointed anyone. Billie enjoyed traveling, cruises, bus trips and most importantly her beach trips to Myrtle and Florida.

Billie was preceded in death by her first husband, Jack Everett Booth Sr.; parents, Mae and Bill Hayes; brother, Bob Nowlin; and most recently her eldest son, Jack Everett Booth. Billie was part of a large family and she loved them all. Billie's passing will leave a void in all her family and friend's hearts that she touched.

Those left behind to cherish her memory and life, are her husband of 47 years, Richard Britt; son, Jeff Booth (Lisa); grandsons, Zach Booth (Emmanuela), Adam Booth (Kayla); great-grandchildren, Paisley, Thea, Jack, Elise, Abel, and Henry Booth, all of Salem; sisters, Betty Conner, Kitty Testerman (George), Gay Francisco, Jackie Frantz (Ira), Linda Hayes, Bonnie Beheler (Doug); brother, Tommy Hayes; sisters-in-law, Doris Caldwell (Guy), Susie Shelton (Dan), Peggy Roten, Becky Petty; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Billie attended Grace Bible Church for the last nine years and words cannot express to the church family what each of you meant to her and Richard during this time. Billie loved you all for the various ways you have blessed her. Special thanks to Pastor Jay for staying close to Billie over the years encouraging her and praying for her daily. Billie had a special place for you in her heart.

We would also like to offer a very special thank you to Drs. Steven Couture and James Witten who graciously helped Billie to live longer and be a blessing to her grateful family. And the staff on the third floor CCU at Lewis Gale Medical Center for their many acts of care and compassion.

Funeral services were conducted at noon on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at Simpson Funeral Home, 5160 Peters Creek Road. Pastor Jay Robinette officiated. Interment was held in Shiloh Cemetery in Eagle Rock. The family received friends from 10 a.m. until service time at Simpson Funeral Home; 540-366-0707.

Ferris, Virginia Garst

Virginia Garst Ferris, 92, of Fincastle, passed away peacefully from this life to her heavenly home on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

She was born in Roanoke, April 24, 1930 to the late Willie and Elva Garst. She is also preceded in death by her Andrew Lewis High School sweetheart and husband of 65 years, Leo Ferris; brother, Harold Garst and wife Betty; brother, Wilbur Garst and wife Edna; son-in-law, Gregg Stump; grandson-in-law, Robert Cushing; sister-in-law, Phyllis Shore and husband Bob; brother-in-law, James Ferris and wife Carolyn; niece, Karen Talley and husband Rex; and nephews, Wesley and Michael Ferris.

She is survived by two daughters, Pam Stump and Carol Ferris; three grandchildren, John Stump (wife Linni), Matthew Stump (wife Meagan) and Carrie Stump; four great-grandchildren, Elliott, Amelia, Flora and Leo Stump; and special cousin "like a sister," Doris McKinney.

Affectionately known to her family as "Ami," she was a longtime faithful member of Wheatland Lutheran Church and devoted her life to her Lord Jesus, the "love of her life" husband Leo, her family and many beloved cats and dogs throughout the years. She will be very deeply missed.

In her youth she worked at Garst Brothers Dairy, owned and operated by her four uncles, Lee, Wiley, Miller and Marshall Garst, and was also employed by Miller and Rhoads Department Store. In the 1970s she joined First National Exchange Bank. After decades of service as a bank teller she retired from Dominion Bank.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. at Wheatland Lutheran Church, Buchanan, on Saturday, February 18. The family will receive friends at 12 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wheatland Lutheran Church, 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.

Nicely, Larry Emmett

Larry Emmett Nicely, 83, of Troutville, passed away Saturday, February 11, 2023.

He was a machinist and worked for Ingersoll-Rand and Connex Pipe. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Elsie Nicely; sister, Mabel; brothers, Dwight, Norman, and Buck. He loved caring for his wife and spending time with his family especially his grandchildren, camping, and piddling in his workshop. Larry never missed an opportunity to lend a helping hand.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Daisy Ingram Nicely; sons, Larry (BooBoo) and Tanya Nicely, Johnny and Dreama Nicely; daughter, Elsie (Sissy) and Kevin Griffin; brothers, Ben and Linda Nicely, Phillip and Bonnie Nicely; sisters, Luana and Larry Sharp, Carol and Junior Sharp, and Beulah Teaford; sister-in-law, Henrietta Nicely; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home, 14920 Lee Highway, Buchanan. His funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023 at Troutville Church of the Brethren, 5133 Lee Highway, Troutville with the Rev. Terry Johnson officiating. Interment will be private. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Watts, Isabelle Ransone

Isabelle Wyatt Ransone Watts, 97, of Buchanan passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Mrs. Watts was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 49 years, Ralph L. ("Doodle") Watts Sr., Capt. U.S.A.F. (Ret.); her grandsons, Christopher D. MacLeish and Willis R. Watts Jr.; parents, William A. ("Will") Ransone Sr. and Charlotte ("Lottie") Morris Ransone; brothers, Toler E. Ransone, Morris A. ("B") Ransone Sr., William A. ("Willie") Ransone Jr., Thomas R. ("Tom") Ransone Sr., Harvey A. Ransone and Willis G. ("Babe") Ransone Sr.; sisters, Helen L. Ransone, Margaret R. Hall, Mildred R. Stone, Charlotte R. Roberts, Annie W. Ransone, Florine R. Mountcastle and Mary Bernice ("Teentie") Ransone; and nephews, William A. ("Billy") Ransone III and Morris A. ("Chic") Ransone Jr.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Ralph L. Watts Jr. and Rebecca S. Watts, Buchanan; son and daughter-in-law, Willis R. Watts Sr. and Bonnie M. Watts, Cloverdale; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia W. and Kenneth Todd Blevins, Purcellville; granddaughter, Annette Watts; grandsons, Jason Blevins and Brian Blevins; great-granddaughter,Madison MacLeish, and great-grandson, Jake MacLeish; and cherished niece, Kitty Sue Booze.

She is also survived by her beloved nephews and nieces, Judith R. Michaelsen, Florine R. Lewis, Deborah M. Lotz, Sonia M. Barnes, Cindy A. Thomas, Beth R. Lipes, Thomas R. Ransone Jr., Rebecca R. Hutchison and Willis G. ("Ranse") Ransone Jr.; numerous great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins and many friends. The family would like to thank her caregivers and ProMedica Hospice.

Isabelle was born in the Ransone home on Boyd Street in Buchanan, the second youngest of 14 children. She graduated from Buchanan High School and attended Longwood College before marrying the love of her life in 1945. She and Doodle moved to California, where they welcomed baby Ralph later that year. The family was subsequently stationed at military bases across the U.S. and in Puerto Rico before returning to make their home in Buchanan. After Willis and Pat were born, Isabelle worked for the U.S. Census Bureau for many years until her retirement. She took great pride in her work there as well as in the jobs she had held at the many military bases at which Doodle was stationed. After her retirement, Isabelle enjoyed researching family history with her dear sister, Annie, and spending time with her beloved grandchildren.

Mrs. Watts was a lifelong member of the Buchanan Baptist Church, served as the church librarian and was a member of the Hazel Moon Circle. Active in the church's mission work, she particularly enjoyed the time she spent reading to children on multiple trips to reservations in the Dakotas. She was a member of the Buchanan Town Improvement Society, the Buchanan Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Isabelle and Doodle also enjoyed their daily "coffee club" meetings with their friends at Ransone's Drugstore.

The family received friends on Saturday, February 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Botetourt Funeral Home, 14920 Lee Highway, Buchanan. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, at the Buchanan Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Woody and Rev. Daryl Naff officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery in Buchanan.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Buchanan Baptist Church (P.O. Box 537, Buchanan, 24066) or to the Fairview Cemetery Association Inc. (P.O. Box 533, Buchanan, 24066).

A Note of Thanks

The family of Curtis Ewing would like to thank everyone for the love, memories and prayers regarding his passing.

A special thank you to the Eagle Rock Rescue Squad for their speedy and excellent care.

Church news

Fincastle UMC Lenten Services

Fincastle United Methodist Church invites the public to five Wednesday Lenten Services and Lunches, beginning on March 1, in the Family Life Center, 137 S. Church Street, Fincastle. These 20-minute services begin at 12:05 p.m. and will be led by area pastors. A home-cooked lunch will follow each service. The service and meal are designed to last about one hour. Takeout meals will be available. The services and lunches will be held on March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. If Botetourt County Public Schools are closed because of inclement weather, the service will be canceled. Everyone is invited to join to these

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FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

All are welcome!

Love Thy Neighbor

CAVE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

FREE MEAL

Wednesday February 15th

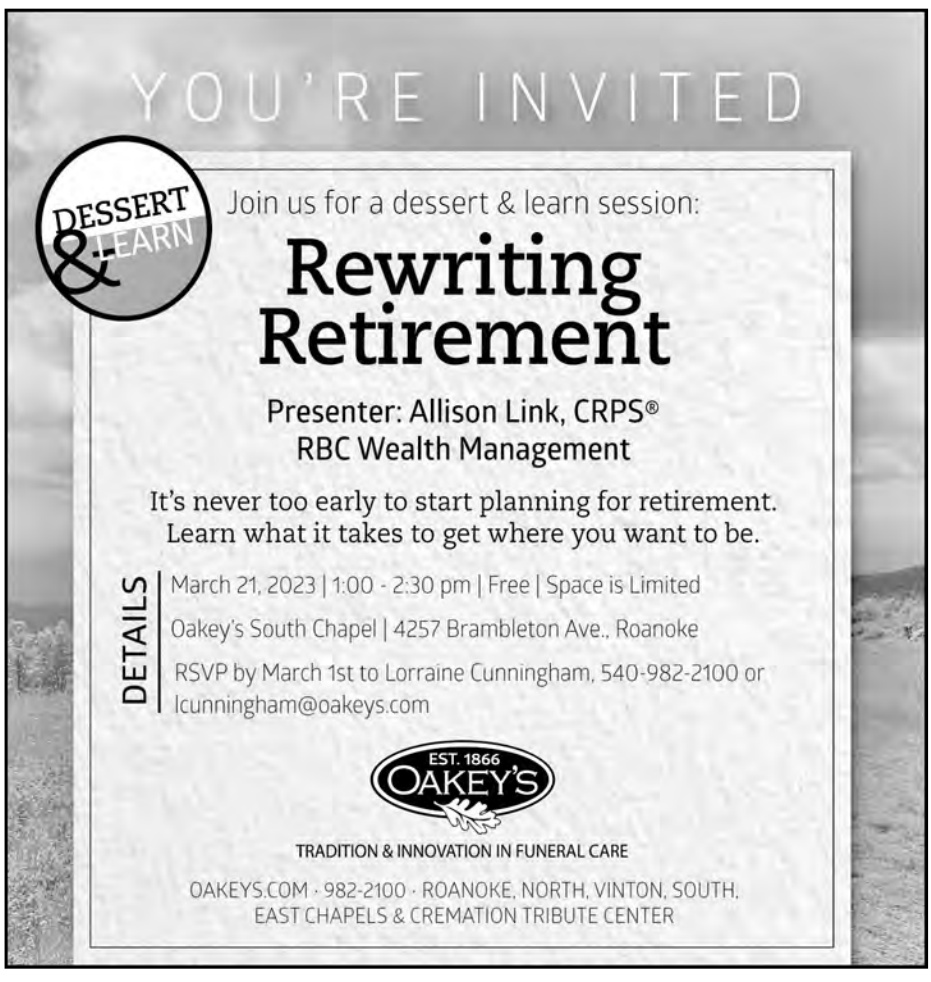
5:00-6:30pm

Come join us for free food and fellowship, or simply come by and take a meal to go.

NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Cave Rock Baptist Church
2233 Stoney Battery Road
Troutville, VA 24175

Pastor Mark Childers



Honor rolls

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Meadows, Nolan Medley, Sarah Miles, Arturo Morales, Ryan Mosdell, Jakari Nicely, Kaitlyn Nichols, Bryan Nida, Taylor Orange, Kadence Overstreet, Sydney Parr, Amber Puckett, Kelli Reed, Emma Rice, Chase Richmond, Isabella Sanchez, Chloe Shrewsbury, Riley Shupe, Joshua Smith, Katen Tetreault, Grace Thomas, Tyler Towe, James Tyree, Briana Waldron, Brayden Wells, Matthew Wheeling, Emma Williamson, Seth Williamson, Mackenzie Willmott, Kenzie Wilson, Hezekiah Wolfe, Emma Yates

SOPHOMORES: Connor Barnes, Andres Barroso Fossi, Warren Basham, James Bowling, Brayden Burns, Addison Cadenhead, Mia Camp, Emma Campbell, Olivia Carswell, Rayden Chrimes, Brayden Coleman, Ella Conner, Maisy Cook, Tory Cox, Joshua Crigger, Kalob Daniels, Noah Donaho, Madelyn Dooley, Matthews Dorra, Chase Dozier, Emily Duncan, Carson Edwards, Janey Farrar, Cameron Ferguson, Hunter Ferguson, Hayden Firestone, Kaitlyn Fitzgerald, Braelyn Folks, Abigail Foster, Makayla Fralin, Campbell Franco, Joshua Frate, Sarah Frederickson, Erica Gergely, Cole Griffin, Hilary Gutierrez-Cortez, Kennedy Hall, Madison Halsey, Lindsey Hamilton, Caroline Hanna, Jillian Harris, Bria Harvey, Ryley Hoffman, Aliyah Honaker, Grayson Hooven, Rebecca Huddleston, Abigail Humphries, Walker Johnson, Evan Klampfer, Blake Lovern, Jacob Malue, Caden Marshall, Ava Martin, Colin Mason, Cameron Matutina, Journi Maxey, Tyler McCarren, Cody McConnaughey, Hannah Mizuba, Skylar Morris, Lillian Mosley, Maya Mougin, Noell Overbay, Tristan Overbay, Cameron Pannell, Cailey Petrauskas, Oscar Ramos Cedillo, Kane Reczek, Seth Reiter, Nathan Robinson, Emma Ruhlman, Aaron Scher, Merridith Schmeidler, Ena Sejtanic, Hannah Slate, Brett Smith, Morgan Smith, Garrett Sutton, Raimee Sykes, Kailey Teaford, Brayden Underwood, Gavin Walker, Dean Webb, Madeleine Whitacre, Bridgette Wissemann, Natalie Wolfe, Katherine Woodward, Brennan Wright, Michael Yamatani, Azlynn Zini

FRESHMEN: Isaac Alderman, Meredith Allen, Srijal Baniya, Raegan Bolling, Taylor Bowling, Xavier Brummer, Sylvana Cavinder, Caralyn Collins, Trinity Conner, Grace Corey, Cameron Craighead, Peyton Creasy, Joseph Crowley, Caitlin Curran, Jaiden Dann, Lorenzo Dean, Graham Dietrich, Brendan Dolinger, Daniel Doss, Ava Duff, Nickolas Edmondson, Elisha Fitzgerald, Olivia Gantzhorn, Gabriel Glenn, Jaxon Guilliams, Alexa Gurley, Kaylee Hale, Emma Hall, Bridger Harold, Olivia Harvey, Catherine Hedrick, Alicia Holmes, Garrett Honts, Rachel Huard, Ratie Jensen, Savanna Johnson, Gabriel Jones, Chloe Kelly, Callie Kidd, Ella Kirk, Brady Kish, Alex Lang, Norah Lavinder, Rhiley Lumpkin, Max Lusk, Emily Maddox, Jonathan Malue, Thomas Marden, Ryan Markham, Rylee Mauck, Stevie Megow, Cub Miller, Breely Mitchell, Caleb Muterspaugh, Olivia Nicely, Griffin Osborne, Blake Peery, Christian Rakes, Anna Roberts, Soren Rosine, Robert Sanchez, Emilia Sanford, Emma Spangler, Sydney Stevens, Rhiannon Stowe, Aaden Thomas, Regina Thomas, Alina Toliver, Gabriella True, Maxwell Vanover, Ashlee Walker, Allison Wertz, Ashley Wilmer, Hannah Wilson, Jacob Winfield, Logan Wingler

A-B HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Ibraheem Altawel, Alyce Barnett, Annabelle Byrd, Davey Cahoon, Molly Caldwell, Andrew Carter, Raegan Carter, Jacob Cassell, Jonah Clark, Samantha Clarke, Jaeden Coleman, Trevor Cook, Keith Cox, Abigail Crigger, Hayden Crouse, Griffin Davidson, Kasey Davis, Charles Elmore, Cayden Evans, Conner Ferguson, Brianna Fieschel, Meghan Finnigan, Andrew Gilbert, Leonard Goad, Josie Gore, Austin Guzman, Samara Hambrick-King, Ella Harless, Andrew Harris, Joshua Hawks, Jacie Holcomb, Andrew Honaker, William Hopkins, Carter Hudson, Lainey Hudson, Jesse Knight, Grayson Koloda, Taylor Lisle, Kirk Lumsden, Hailey Lusk, Jacob MacMackin, Joseph Manello, Hunter Miller, Kirin Miller, Myles Miller, Drew Morris, Kylie Muterspaugh, Jacob Peters, Jennifer Pressley, Taylor Ray, Rylee Rugg, Irelin Ruppel, Grayson Schnarwyler-Harold, Sydney Schwallenberg, Evelynn Scott, Jackson Seawell, Allison Sheets, Emma Smallwood, Jackson Smith, Bryson Spangler, Nora Spickard, Connor Sullivan, Keegan Terrell, Lauren Uotinen, Ripkan VanDevander, Dylan Walker, Elise Walker, Alyssa Wash, Dakota Welch, Spencer Wilkinson, Madison Yount

JUNIORS: Grayson Alfano, Evan Bannwart, Taylor Bell, Daniel Bowling, Emily Bowling, Jacob Brewbaker, Sara Chittum, Jack Crawford, Tyler Cronise, Angel Damian-Mariano, Kallie Deel, Tegan Dunman, Jahki Emmons-Mayo, Hadley Evans, Bernadette Ferris, Bryce Finney, Anthony Foster, Benjamin Gilbert, Noah Glenn, Zebulon Grant, Samuel Grooten, Seth Huard, Ethan Ikenberry, Rye Jackson, Ella Johnston, Layne Jones, Ryleigh Jones, Jackson Kemper, Sophia Kinney, Cameron LeBlanc, Sarah Leonard, Ava Lowe, Alexander Lucia, Lily Manier, Tristan Marshall, Lilyana Mata Diaz, Nathan McMinis, Avary Michalski, Chase Mitchell, Bryson Mutter, Rey Pablo, Preston Palmer, Tucker Peery, Emmerson Perdue, Theodore Piluso, Bradley Puckett, Ridge Radtke, Mikayla Reed, Gavin Rosenberger, Alyssa Rupe, Olivia Sell, Kara Smith, Walker Sutton, Brianna Teaford, Olivia Terry, Emily Thompson, Kyle Thompson, Joel Vance, Connor Vernon, Connor Weddle, Ethan Wells, Kaylee West, Jayden Widner, Noah Williams, David Winfield, Amy Woodson, Zion Woody, Lily Yager

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FRESHMEN: Jesus Aguirre-Lara, Alyssa Alban, Jasmin Andrade, Makennah Beavers, Andrew Boitnott, Gavin Bowles, Angelie Brader, Jacob Brown, Karleigh Brown, Amelia Caballero, Alice Cahoon, Maggie Caldwell, Preston Carter, Gracelynn Clark, Chloe Clemmer, Titus Close, Hayden Cosner, Brooke Craddock, Tayler Cronise, Kennedy Dorsey, Kennedy Fender, Leah Fitzgerald, Ella Fletcher, Austin Gardner, Iory Granados-Armas, Leigha Gray, Kaylee Hale, Ryan Hooven, Kayla Horne, Sophie Hufton, Emily Jones, Chloe Lawson, Devin Lindsay, James Lisle, Liam MacMackin, Hannah McFarling, Jashen Mclean, Reagan Meade, Jesse Mitchell, Anyeli Orellana-Rodas, Hala Othman, Kylie Palmer, Morgan Parr, Alina Poudel, Taygen Sanchez-Huerta, Anthony Silva-Garcia, Rut Solito-Aleman, Jacob Staton, Jack Stelter, Danni Tice, Forest Wagner, Brayden Weaver, Reese Wills, Riley Wolford, Cadyn Wooldridge, Justin Yanez-Lopez

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on February 28, 2023, at 3:45 p.m. at the Greenfield Education and Training Center, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia. The public hearing is for:

Consideration of an amendment to Botetourt County's FY 22-23 Budget to transfer and appropriate funds regarding the Botetourt County Public Schools FY22 year-end financial balances, which resulted in a surplus of $1,021,162.93. This would be accompanied by an appropriation of $936,775.31 to provide the full appropriation for the School Division Capital Reserve Fund. This appropriation takes into account amounts appropriated at adoption of the FY23 Budget ($1,046,806.00), the FY22 rollover amount ($1,021,162.93), and the carryforward balance ($962,418.38).

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

For further information, please contact Anthony Zerrilla at the Financial Services Office, 6 East Main Street, Fincastle Virginia 24090 or 540-928-2102.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, e-mail their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the on-line form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by February 23, 2023.

Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of public hearing to be held on February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Botetourt County Administration Center located at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below. Information may be reviewed at the Community Development Office at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Amsterdam District: Whisper Hill LLC and Invest Properties LLC (TPB Enterprises LLC, contractual purchaser) requests a Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, to increase the number of multi-family dwelling units allowed per acre and a Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, to increase the maximum building height above 45 feet in accordance with *Chapter 25, Article III. Overlay Districts, Division 2.- Gateway Crossing Overlay District*, and *Sec. 25-583* of the Botetourt County Code. This request includes five contiguous parcels totaling 21.446 acres, with frontage along Roanoke Road (US Route 220), College Drive (SR 656) and Old Estates Lane and are identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 101, Parcels 38, 38B, 40, (4)A and (4)B.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the on-line form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by February 23, 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Botetourt County Citizen Commission for Preservation of Historical Properties (BBBC) will meet on February 16 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be available for attendees in person and virtually. To attend virtually, please call 1-804-215-1775 and enter Conference ID 966 882 185#. The meeting will be held in Room 229 of the County Administration building at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville.

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School board

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cycle with the House and Senate proposals.

Russ mentioned that division and school administrators participated in the Western Virginia Public Education Consortium job fair at the Salem Civic Center on Jan. 29. A list of current teaching openings for the 2023-2024 school year can be found on the BCPS website (https://bcpsva.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx).

During his report on instruction, Russ highlighted BTEC students involved in various SkillsUSA competitions this month. BTEC currently has teams and individuals in a variety of areas including cosmetology, crime scene investigation, painting and refinishing, auto body repair, welding, masonry, electrical, and building trades. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. They serve more than 300,000 students and instructors annually. They improve the quality of the nation's future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills that include personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics.

For the full report from last week's BCPS School Board meeting, visit https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/bcps/Board.nsf/Public. To watch last week's board meeting in its entirety, visit www.bcps.live/archives.

NOTICE

Botetourt County governmental offices and libraries will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023, in observance of Presidents' Day.

The landfill station will remain open regular hours.

Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

No report received from the stockyard this week.

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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 304 Goad Road, Fincastle, VA

Tax Map No. 62-155
In execution of a Deed of Trust dated August 31, 2011, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument No. 110003218, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below.
All of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 1.375 acres, more or less, as shown on that certain plat of survey made by Charles R. McMurry, CLS, dated March 12, 1996, recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 17, at Page 27.Date of Sale: March 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Location: outside the Botetourt County Circuit Court, Courthouse, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090.
Terms: CASH; a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of $10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower.
Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence.
OPTIONS: 1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser 2.The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect. Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property. John K. Prillaman, Esq.Substitute Trustee
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE §§ 1-211.1;8.01-316,-317,20-104 **CASE No.CWF210000261**
BOTETORT Circuit Court 1 W.Main Street, Fincastle VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ARTHUR BERNHARDT HENSLEY, JR., DECEASED. The object of this suit is to: authorize the Administer of the Estate of Arthur Bernhardt Hensley, Jr. to distribute the entire estate to the descendants of the decedent's mother. It is ORDERED that any unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns of Arthur Bernhardt Hensley, Jr. appear at the above named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 6, 2023.January 13,2023
TOMMY L. MOORE; CLERK

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia

VA Code§§ 8.01-316,-317 Case No.CL23-6883 City of Radford Circuit Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Robert A. Jones, Jr. V. Victor Carter, et al. The object of this suit is to: Quiet the title to 530 W. Rock Road, Radford, VA 24141. It is ORDERED that heirs of Charles Jones, deceased appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 15, 2023.
JANUARY 27, 2023
REBECCA PRICE Deputy Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE§§1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. CL23-40 ROANOKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 305 E. MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CHLOE GRACE DUNN v. The object of this suit is to: change the minor's name. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL MATTHEW DUNN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before March 14, 2023 @2:30pm. JANUARY 11, 2023 STEVEN A. MCGRAW, clerk

Zoning Administration NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on February 23, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.
Request of the City of Salem, property owner, and Roanoke County, project administrator, for a variance from Section 106-226.7 of the Code of the City of Salem, to allow construction of the greenway trail, extending from the existing trail on Salem City owned property (Tax Map # 178-4-1) near Kingsmill Drive to the Roanoke County owned property (Parcel ID # 056.01-01-17.00-0000)near Riverside Nursery. Section 106—226.7(A) states that no new construction shall be permitted, except where the effect of such development on flood heights is fully offset.

Request of the City of Salem, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-226.7 of the Code of the City of Salem, to allow the bridge widening of Apperson Drive Bridge along with incidental greenway trail work on and near the 1600 block East Riverside Drive (Tax Map # 259-2-1). Section 106—226.7(A) states that no new construction shall be permitted, except where the effect of such development on flood heights is fully offset.
At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3032).THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM
BY:Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM
Zoning Administrator

Legals - Craig County

TRUSTEES SALE OF 146 HANNAH CIR AKA RR 2 BOX 1482, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $165,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.000000% dated March 6, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF CRAIG as Deed Book 154, Page 537, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the COUNTY OF CRAIG, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 303 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia on March 14, 2023 at 3:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: 5.00 ACRE AS DESCRIBED ON PLAT RECORDED IN CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 135, PAGE 266 Tax Map No. 35-2-2 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 17-265489.
PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

Public Notice Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a waterbody in Craig County, Virginia.PERMIT NO.: VA0091324 NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Department of Wildlife Resources - Paint Bank Fish Cultural Station, 14505 Paint Bank Road, Paint Bank, VA 24131 DEQ CONTACT: Lynn V. Wise, (540) 597-0300, lynn.wise@deq.virginia.gov, 901 Russell Dr, Salem, VA 24153 The full public notice is available at https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/water/virginia-pollution-discharge-elimination-system-vpdes.

Legals - Montgomery County

Notice of Public Auction

The contents of the following storage unit(s) will be sold at Public Auction to enforce our owner's lien: Unit #417 Sale will be conducted at B&B Storage, at 1015 Radford St., Christiansburg VA on Friday, February 17, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. All sales are final & CASH only

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Legals - Roanoke County

Public Notice Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the continued release of treated wastewater into a water body in Roanoke County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 9, 2023 to March 11, 2023 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Roanoke Moose Lodge #284, PO Box 538, Salem, VA 24153; VA0077895 FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Roanoke Moose Lodge #284 STP; 3233 Catawba Valley Drive, Roanoke County. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Roanoke Moose Lodge #284 has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Roanoke Moose Lodge #284 STP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from the Lodge at a maximum rate of four-thousand seven-hundred gallons-per-day into a water body. Septage from the treatment process septic tank will be disposed by transfer and further treatment at the Roanoke Regional Water Pollution Control Plant. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters in Masons Creek in Roanoke County in the Roanoke River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, nutrients, organic matter, solids, and bacteria. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit. CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153-3068; Phone: (540)795-9749; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (540)689-4178. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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Church

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services during the season of Lent.

Cloverdale Brethren Food Pantry open

The Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Food Pantry is open to the public Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Community Playground dedication Feb. 18

The public is invited to the dedication and ribbon cutting for the new Community Playground at Cloverdale Church of the Brethren. It will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the ceremony.

Springwood Food Pantry open Feb. 18

The Springwood Baptist Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9-10:30 a.m. The pantry is located at 88 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan. This pantry is a drive through pantry, so clients may remain in their cars and volunteers will load the food for them. The pantry is open each month on the third Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m. It is a partner with Feeding America Southwest Virginia and anyone in need of food is invited.

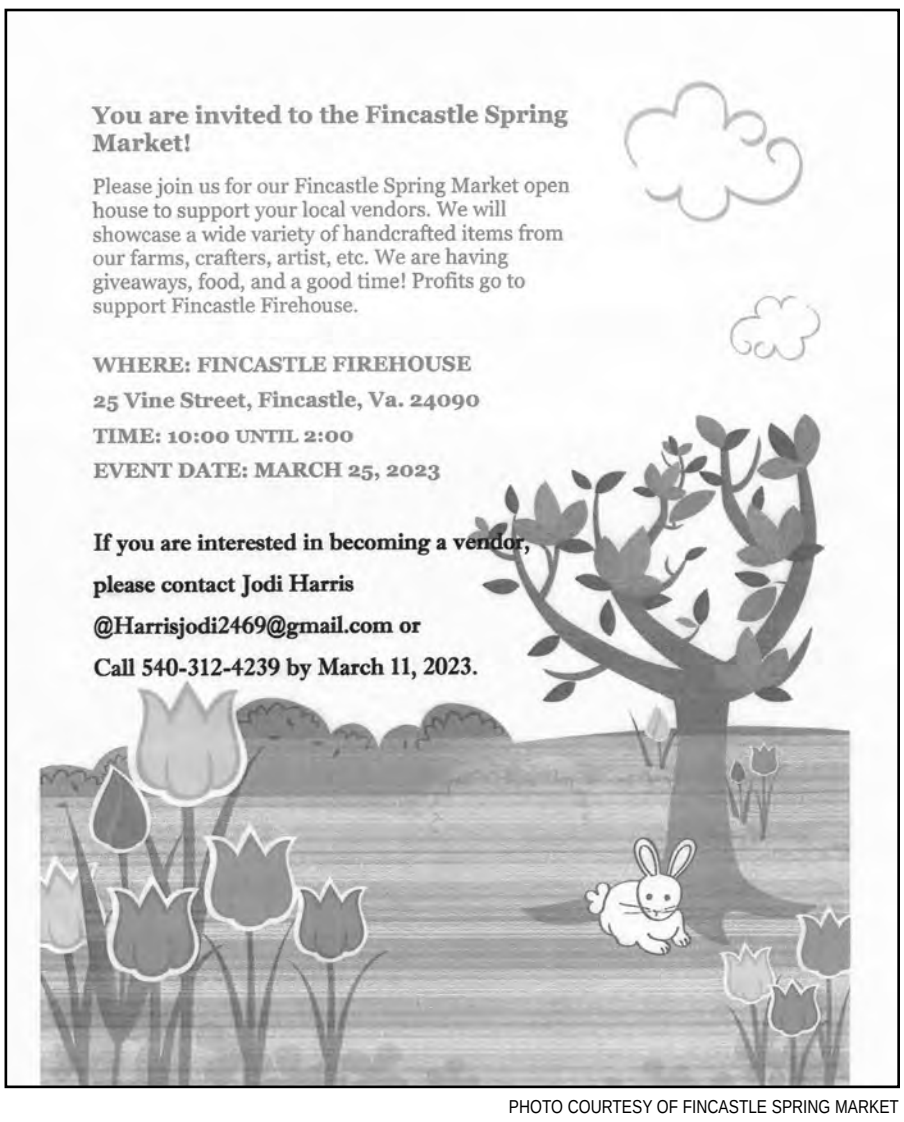
Shrove Tuesday Supper at Ebenezer UMC

Ebenezer United Methodist Church will have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 21 from 5 till 7p.m. Instead of a set price, donations or canned goods for the food pantry at Troutville Baptist Church are requested. Ebenezer is located at 85 Nace Road, Troutville. All are invited.

GriefShare begins March 2 at St. Mark's

St. Mark's United Methodist Church will begin a new season of GriefShare on Thursday, March 2. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome at either of the two sessions: 10-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. A video will be viewed at the beginning of each class with group discussion to follow. There is a workbook that will be given free to all participants that can be used to take notes with the video and then taken home with devotionals that can be read during the week. The group will meet in the fellowship hall honoring the optional use of facemasks and distancing.

Call the church office (540-992-3030) or email Peggy (ploo1010@comcast.net) with any questions or to sign up for the class. There are 13 weeks of lessons. If weather causes Botetourt schools to close, the group won't meet.



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Cavaliers fall to Fleming, region tourney is next

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LB coach Andrew Hart presents senior Jackson Crawford with the game ball between the first and second periods after Jackson scored his 1,000th point as a Cavalier.

The Lord Botetourt boys basketball team gave second seeded William Fleming a scare in Monday's Blue Ridge District tournament semifinal before the Colonels prevailed. Fleming took a 64-51 win in Roanoke to advance to tonight's district championship game at Northside.

Fleming was the favorite after having beaten LB twice during the regular season, but the Cavaliers hung tough Monday night. Jackson Crawford came in needing nine points to reach 1,000 for his career and he took care of that early, scoring 13 of LB's first 14 points in the first quarter. The Cavs trailed by just seven after three quarters, 45-38, before the Colonels added on late in the game to pick up the win.

Crawford finished with 24 points before fouling out late in the game. He was nine for 16 from the floor, including four-of-five from three-point range. He also had three assists and three steals.

Tyler Meade was the perfect complement to Crawford, scoring 16 points on some contested drives. Evan Bannwart and Blake Lovern had six rebounds each.

With the loss LB fell to 14-10 on the season. The Cavs opened the BRD tournament with a 73-33 win over Staunton River at LB last Friday. Crawford had 26 points while Bannwart and Walker Sutton had seven each against the district's bottom seed. LB led 35-11 at the half as they routed the Eagles for the third time this season.

Lord Botetourt is now off until opening play in the Region 3D tournament next Tuesday, February 21. The Cavs are the fifth seed and they'll open against fourth seeded Abingdon.

James River girls, boys will host Nelson County Friday

Honesty Liming of James River lines up a shot. PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Nelson County will send a full bus to Springwood Friday as the James River basketball team plays host to two teams of Governors to begin the Region 2C tournament.

The River girls will host Nelson at 6 p.m., followed by the Knights and Governors in a boys game to follow. The two winners will advance to the next round on Tuesday, February 21.

Since the Three Rivers District does not have a post-season tournament the River boys have not played since they closed the regular season with a win over Waynesboro on February 6. The Knights will take a 12-10 record into Friday's game and, if they win, they would play at Glenvar next Tuesday.

The girls are 10-12 overall after ending the regular season with a 56-46 loss to Parry McCluer in Springwood last Friday. River trailed by a dozen at the half but cut the lead to eight after three quarters, 41-33. The Knights got as close as three points in the fourth quarter but the Blues then hit their free throws down the stretch to keep the host girls at bay.

Caitlin Canada led the Knights with 19 points and four rebounds. Kelsi Maydian had a dozen points and five boards.

"The girls competed," said coach Ryan Firebugh. "Being down early they could have very easily threw in the towel but that is not them.

"I couldn't be more proud of the way the girls battled. I told them after the game, things didn't go our way and it stinks, but it happens and you cannot let that dictate how you play the next game. Keep your heads high and be ready to go."

Region indoor track meets at Roanoke College this week

The Kerr-Cregger indoor track at Roanoke College will host region meets for Class 1 through 4 schools this weekend, including local Lord Botetourt and James River.

Action will begin Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. with the Region 1C/2C meet, which will include James River. The Region 3D meet, with Lord Botetourt, will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and last until mid-afternoon. Then, the Region 4D meet will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Abby Kingery (10) of LB makes a steal late in last week's win over Patrick Henry.

Lord Botetourt hoop girls will play for district tournament championship tonight

The Lord Botetourt girls will be at William Fleming High tonight to play for the Blue Ridge District basketball tournament championship. Game time is 6 p.m.

The Botetourt girls are red hot coming into the championship game. They beat a strong Patrick Henry team at LB last week, 38-37, to close out the regular season. Then, after a first round tournament bye, they blasted Franklin County in the semifinals in Daleville Tuesday, 59-26. The girls are 17-6 coming into tonight's game at top-seeded Fleming.

On Tuesday against Franklin County, Ainsley Anderson scored a career-high 20 points, canning four-of-five from the three-point line. Gracie Huffard had a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds, Taylor Orange had 13 points and Madilyn Winterton had a strong all-around game with seven points, nine boards, eight steals and seven assists.

"Overall, a great team win and great effort throughout the game on both ends of the floor," said coach Renee Favaro.

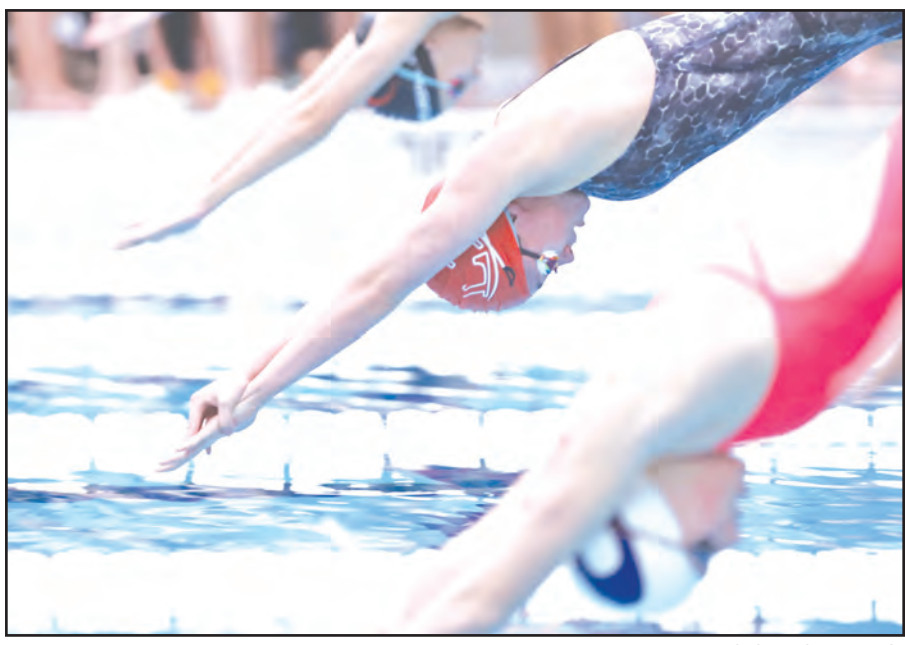
The win followed a one-point victory over Patrick Henry in Daleville last Wednesday. PH, a Class 5 school, came to town with a 17-5 overall record, but Botetourt was able to grind out a win with some strong defense and clutch play down the stretch.

"Despite a horrible shooting night, we were able to grind out a win by rebounding and taking care of the ball," said Favaro. "To only have 10 turnovers against a team like PH speaks volumes about our growth."

Huffard had her best game of the year with 12 points and 11 rebounds to lead the way for LB. She also came up with a big steal that gave the Cavs a lead they would not relinquish. Anderson, Winterton and Orange all chipped in with nine points each.

After tonight's BRD tournament final the girls will be off until next Tuesday, February 21, when they host a Region 3D game. Botetourt is the region's second seed and will be home for the first two games of the tournament provided they win next Tuesday. Defending state champion Carroll County is the top seed.

State swim meets will be this weekend



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Hannah Mizuba of LB dives in at the start of the Region 3D 50-yard freestyle. Mizuba would win the region championship in a time of 25.02.

Lord Botetourt and James River swimmers who qualified for state meets will be back in the pool this weekend for state competition as the winter season concludes.

The Class 3 meet, including Lord Botetourt, will be held at the Swim RVA Collegiate School Aquatics Center in Richmond on Friday, February 17. The Class 1 and 2 meet, including James River swimmers, is scheduled for the Christiansburg Aquatics Center on Saturday, February 18.

Both classes competed in region meets at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center last week. The Region 3D meet, with LB, was on Tuesday and the Lord Botetourt girls finished fourth as a team. Cave Spring won the region championship, followed by Hidden Valley and Christiansburg with the Botetourt girls just four points behind third place. William Byrd won the boys region championship.

"We had some great swims," said LB coach Ashley Safrit. "I am always a little sad at Regions because it is the last time we are all together as a team in the pool."

Junior Layne Jones had a big day in the water. She won the 200 Freestyle with a time of 1:55.06 and the 100 Backstroke in 58.29 to advance to state in both events. She was also a member of two relay teams that advanced

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State wrestling at the Salem Civic Center

The Salem Civic Center will be packed with wrestlers and fans from across the state when the Class 1, 2 and 3 state championships are held at the facility this weekend.

There will be eight mats of action when wrestling begins with first round matches at 10 a.m. Friday. Class 1 and 2 will wrestle on two matches each with Class 3 wrestling on four mats to begin the weekend. Quarterfinals and first round consolation matches will be at 1 p.m. Friday and more consolation bracket bouts will take place Friday evening.

State semifinals in all classes will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and go to approximately 11:30 a.m. Consolation semifinals are at noon, consolation finals are at 1:30 p.m. and championship finals are due to start at 5 p.m.

The Lord Botetourt and James River wrestling teams will be well-represented after strong performances in their respective region meets last Saturday. Lord Botetourt finished second in the Region 3D tournament behind champion Staunton River, who had 283.5 points. Botetourt finished with 202.5, third place William Byrd had 183 and third place Northside had 134 as the Blue Ridge District took the top four spots in the 12-team tournament.

"Our kids wrestled well," said LB coach Chuck Burton. "I'm really proud of all their efforts. We ended up entering 12 guys in the tournament and all 12 won a match and scored team points, and 11 of the 12 placed in the top six."

The top four advanced to the state tournament and LB had nine advance, including two champions. Andrew Gilbert is 21-8 after winning the 190-pound bracket. He pinned Andrew Myers of Carroll County in the championship match in 1:36.

Dalton Oxley is 26-7 after taking the 215-pound region title. He pinned Austin Powell of Staunton River in the final in 3:16.

Three other Cavs made it to the finals and finished second. Trey Saunders is now 22-10 at 132, Gray Arnold is 27-6 at 144 and TJ Piluso lost for just the second time in 35 matches at 165, falling to Macon Ayers of Staunton River.

Ben Gilbert won his consolation final at 285 to finish third. Finishing fourth, and qualifying for state, were Joseph Bierece at 106, Cody Williams at 120 and Xavier Williams at 175.

"The kids are peaking at the right time, now we hope to carry that fight into this weekend and hope that we are battle tested enough," said Burton. "At this point in the year, there aren't any easy matches left. Every one of them will be a dog fight."

James River played host to the Region 2C tournament in Springwood last Saturday and finished third. Glenvar won the title with 248.5 points followed by Patrick County at 188, River at 165 and Alleghany and Radford tied for fourth with 163 points each.

Evan Byers of James River (right) battles in the regional.

PHOTO BY BARRY COX

Lord Botetourt's Dalton Oxley pins Austin Powell of Staunton River in the 215-pound Region 3D final.

PHOTO BY KYMNA DAVIDSON-HAMLEY

Andrew Gilbert of LB pins Andrew Myers of Carroll County in 1:36 in the Region 3D 190-pound final.

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James River coach Bobby Stewart (left) is joined in the corner by son Mason, a former state champion for the Knights, at last week's Region 2C tournament in Springwood.

River had three tournament champions and qualified five for the state tournament. In Class 2 only the top three from each region advance to the "Big Show."

At 106 Xaiden Wynn earned his second consecutive Region 2C championship title when he major decisioned Glenvar High School's Alan Vu, 10-2. Wynn secured multiple low single takedowns and a cross-face cradle to secure back points for the major decision victory. Wynn improves his record to 33-2 and has 29 pins on the year.

At 113 Brayden Forbes earned his first Region 2C title. The sophomore faced Appomattox High School's junior Jeremiah Gonzin in the finals and won by pin fall over Gonzin in the 1:52 mark of the first period. Forbes improves his record to 31-3 on the year, 28 of those wins by pin.

Nate Stewart, a freshman at 120 pounds, accomplished a Region 2C championship by defeating Patrick County High School's junior Ethan Cobbler. Stewart turned Cobbler to his back for a pin fall at the 1:47 mark of the first period.

Stewart was the only freshman to win a championship out of the three freshmen that entered the region finals. Nate recorded three victories Saturday, all by pins, to earn his championship. Stewart improves his record to 35-10 with 26 wins by pin.

Also qualifying for states were Evan Byers with a second at 132 and 126-pounder Josiah Merchant, who finished third. Both are freshmen.

Scoring for River, but not qualifying for state, were Jayden Alston with a fourth at 165, Elias Echavarria with a fifth at 215 and two sixth places, Maddox Woodyard at 138 and Landon Dillow at 150.

"I am happy with the way we finished up," said River coach Bobby Stewart. "I would have never thought at the beginning of the year we were going to place third as a team in the region. I knew we were really young but these guys showed up. The trifecta we have in the first three weights is a great situation. Xaiden, Brayden, and Nate have all honed their skills and are ready to accomplish some great things next week at States."

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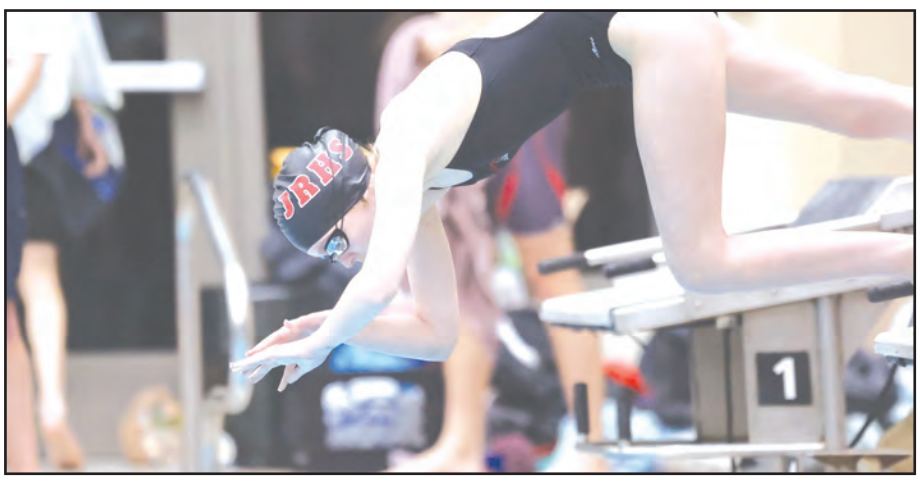

James River's Kaeli Berry dives off the blocks in the Region 1C/2C 50-yard freestyle. Berry would place 18th overall in the event.

With a time of 1:02.96, James River's Walker Wilson placed in the 100-yard butterfly at the Region 1C/2C championship meet.

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Lord Botetourt's Sarah Frederickson swims in the Region 3D 200-yard IM, placing seventh.

to the state meet. The 400 Free team of Jones, Sarah Frederickson, Olivia Nicely and Hannah Mizuba finished second and the foursome of Jones, Hattie Haggerty, Mizuba and Taylor Lisle was third.

Mizuba, a sophomore, also won two individual events in addition to swimming on the relay teams. She won both the 50 Free and the 100 Free.

LB had another relay team finish fourth, as the 200 Free team qualified for state with Grayson Alfano, Frederickson, Lisle and Nicely. They were originally fifth but the fourth place team had a swimmer who was deemed to have left early and was disqualified, moving the LB girls up to fourth and a trip to Richmond this week.

The Region 1C and 2C meet was Thursday at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center and James River had several swimmers move on to the state meet. Walker Wilson placed second in the 100 Butterfly and fourth in the 50 Free. He also joined Ethan Smith, Damien Mitchell and David Merritt for a fourth place finish in the 200 Free Relay to qualify for the state meet.

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