

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X } ACTION { } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: **GOOD NEWS IN BATH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- 1. **Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6, 2016**
- 2. **School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week, May 2-6, 2016**
School Lunch “Hero Day”, Friday, May 6, 2016
- 3. **National School Nurse Day, May 11, 2016**
- 4. **VSBA Valley Regional Student Art Contest Participants, April 18, 2016**
Rylee Ward, VES, Gr. K
Karrigan Black, VES, Gr. 7
Lindsay Malcolm, BCHS, Gr. 12
- 5. **Valedictorian – Tanner Bradley**
Salutatorian – Austin Hall
- 6. **FCCLA Leadership Conference, April 8-9, 2016, Virginia Beach, VA**
Sponsor: Adaline Hodge

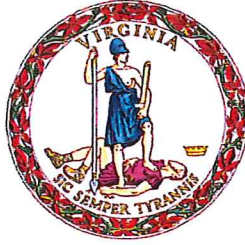
Easton Yohe Show Piece Exhibit 4th Place, Bronze Medal
\$500 Scholarship to Sullivan University

She was also involved in the Student Body 1.2 mile stroll on Saturday at the conference. She chose to make chew toys from old t-shirts for the local animal shelter as her community service project for Saturday.

- 7. **FBLA State Leadership Conference, April 8-9, 2016, Reston, VA**
Sponsor: Jane McMullen, Kayala Jordan

Kendall Keyser and Social Media Campaign 5th Place
Sophia Bulgarelli

The Bath County High School Chapter was recognized for being the top contributor in the Virginia Western Community College Region for Project Ask.



Virginia Board of Education
**RESOLUTION OF
RECOGNITION**
To Commemorate May 2-6, 2016
as Teacher Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, the success of our children and communities and the prosperity of our state and nation are significantly influenced by the exemplary teachers throughout the Commonwealth who dedicate their talents of heart and mind to helping ensure that our public schools and our young people excel; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge, support, and skills our teachers provide students will positively impact generations for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers challenge students to meet academic standards, while also teaching them to apply what they learn using critical thinking and problem solving; and

WHEREAS, in our complex and rapidly changing economy, teachers lay a foundation for success in developing students' creative thinking, collaboration, and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's teachers dedicate countless hours to ensure their students' academic, social, and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers strive to instill within their students a lifelong love of learning and encourage students to achieve their goals while recognizing that every student has unique strengths and needs; and

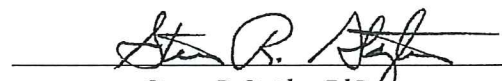
WHEREAS, Virginia teachers, through their service as mentors, coaches, and club sponsors, model good citizenship and encourage students to contribute to their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Board of Education recognizes May 2-6, 2016, as Teacher Appreciation Week and encourages Virginia's schools and communities to recognize the contributions of their outstanding teachers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Virginia Board of Education expresses its sincere gratitude to all Virginia teachers who enthusiastically dedicate themselves to the Commonwealth's public schools and students.

Adopted in Richmond, Virginia, This Twenty-eighth Day of April in the Year 2016.


Billy K. Cannaday, Jr., Ed.D.
President, Virginia Board of Education


Steven R. Staples, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Weather
 Today: Partly Cloudy
 Highs 85 Lows 66
 Wednesday: PM T-Storms
 Highs 82 Lows 66
 Thursday: Showers, T-Storms
 Highs 77 Lows 53
 Friday: Rain Showers
 Highs 74 Lows 47

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday
 The Alleghany County Sheriff's Office will participate in National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday. The event aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., sheriff's office representatives will be at Walmart in Covington and CVS in Clifton Forge to collect unused prescription drugs. Last year, thousands of Americans in communities across the country discarded more than 350 tons of unused, expired, or unwanted drugs as part of National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. **Continued On Page 10**

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Tanner Bradley, Austin Hall Top BCHS Grads

HOT SPRINGS—Tanner Bradley and Austin Hall are the top two students for the Bath County High School Class of 2016.

Tanner Logan Bradley, the valedictorian, is the son of David and Wanda Bradley of Hot Springs. At BCHS he has played football for five years, and this year was a senior captain. He played baseball his eighth grade year, his freshman year and his junior year.

Tanner has been a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for five years, and attended FCA summer enrichment camp in 2014.

He has been a member of the Beta Club for three years. During his sophomore year, he served in the Student Council Association.

He has attended Jackson River Governor's School for the past two years, and this year he serves as a senior leader.

He has been named to the National Society of High School Scholars for the past two years, and last year was the student liaison to the Bath County School Board.

Tanner is also active in the community. Since beginning high school in 2011, he has volunteered for the food pantry, the Bath County Christmas Mother program and for the Volunteer Farm.

Since 2010 he has worked at the Country Café as a bus boy and dishwasher, and also worked for roofer and carpenter Larry Ryder of Warm Springs during the summer of 2014.

Tanner attends Ashwood United Methodist Church. In his spare time he enjoys volunteering and playing video games.

He plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall to study engineering.

Austin Ryan Hall, the salutatorian, is the son of Mark and Jane Hall of Hot Springs. He has been a member of the BCHS band for five years, and this year served as drum major. He served as section leader and drum major during his freshman, sophomore and junior years. He also attended Band Leadership Camp in 2013 and 2015.

For four of his five years at BCHS, Austin played tuba in the All-Area Band. During his sophomore year, he was named a recipient of the Citizenship Award.

He has also been involved in athletics during his time at BCHS. This year he is a member of the soccer team. His first four years he played baseball, and was on the golf team from freshman through junior years. Since 2012, he has served as a coach for the U-14 soccer team.

He has been a member of the Academic Bowl team for the past three years, and currently serves as team captain. He served in the SCA during his freshman year and has been a member of the Beta Club for three years. This year, he is a dual-enrollment student at BCHS and Dabney S. Lancaster Community College.

Since 2014 he has worked as a veterinary assistant at Valley Animal Hospital in Warm Springs.

In his spare time, Austin enjoys videography. Austin plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall to major in dairy sciences with a pre-vet option, then attend veterinary school.

Tanner, Austin and the rest of the BCHS Class of 2016 will participate in graduation exercises Saturday, June 4, in the BCHS auditorium.



Top BCHS Grads
 Bath County High School has named Tanner Bradley, left, as valedictorian and Austin Hall, right, as salutatorian for the Class of 2016. (Gavin Dressler Photo)

All Local Departments Now Participating In Red Cross Fire Preparedness Campaign

Seven times a day, someone in this country dies in a fire, but fire departments in the Alleghany Highlands are taking steps to reduce those statistics through the Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Campaign.

The Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Campaign aims to reduce deaths and injuries from home fires by as much as 25 percent over the next few years by installing smoke alarms in

homes that need them and teaching people about what they can do to be prepared should a fire break out in their home.

The Red Cross and thousands of campaign partners have helped save numerous lives and installed more than a quarter of a million smoke alarms in homes all across the country since the campaign launched in October of 2014.

The Red Cross partners

with fire departments and community groups across the country to install smoke alarms in communities and encourages everyone to practice their fire escape plans.

All of the fire departments in Alleghany County have now joined the Red Cross to promote this campaign and install smoke alarms free of charge.

They include Boiling Springs Fire Department,

Dunlap Fire Department, Falling Spring Fire Department, Selma Fire Department and Sharon Fire Department.

The Covington, Clifton Forge and Iron Gate fire departments have been participating in the program for several months.

"Installing smoke alarms cuts the risk of someone dying from a home fire in half, so all of our local fire departments are participating in the program for several months."

They include Boiling Springs Fire Department, **Continued On Page 2**



Virginia 529
 Melissa Cobbler, Southwest Virginia regional marketing associate for Virginia 529, spoke Wednesday evening for participants in the Covington City School System's Gear Up Virginia program. The program was held in the Covington High School cafeteria. (Gavin Dressler Photo)

Covington Gear Up Participants Updated On Virginia 529 Plan

BY GAVIN DRESSLER
 Staff Photographer
 Participants in the Covington City School System's Gear Up Virginia program were presented information Wednesday on the importance of saving for postsecondary education.

Melissa Cobbler, Southwest Virginia regional marketing associate for Virginia 529, stressed the importance of saving for college during her presentation held in the CHS cafeteria.

"People who go to college, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, earn more over their lifetime than people who don't go to college," said Cobbler.

A 529 is a "tax-advantaged way to save for higher education expenses." The plan, which gets its name from Section 529 of the

Internal Revenue code, was specifically designed in the 1990s to help save for higher education expenses.

Every state in the U.S. has a 529 plan. Virginia has the nation's largest, according to Cobbler, with over 2 million accounts and over \$54 billion in assets.

"That's a lot of money," she said.

"The cost of tuition has outpaced all other spending categories, including health care, energy, housing, over the last 20 years," she continued. "I know you've heard about it in the news, how the cost of college is just increasing like crazy. One of the reasons why is because ... state governments used to subsidize more of higher education, and they've really taken more and more out of that budget, kind of put

the onus on parents and students to make up the difference."

"Another reason to save is the cost of borrowing versus the cost of saving money," she added. "It's always cheaper to save money. It **Continued On Page 10**

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BCHS FCCLA Students Attend Leadership Training Conference

HOT SPRINGS — Youth from the Bath County High School chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) participated in a weekend leadership training conference April 8-10 in Virginia Beach.

Attendees participated in a weekend of activities and sessions that challenged, informed, and motivated members and their advisers to learn more about leadership through FCCLA.

Along with over 1,200 other advisers and members, Bath County FCCLA chapter advisor Adaline Hodge accompanied one member to the meeting.

To begin the conference, over 825 members participated in STAR Events, a series of competitive events that demonstrate proficiency and achievement in leadership and job-related skills. There are 79 categories of STAR Events for members to compete in as a team or as an individual.

Easton Yohe, BCHS chapter member, participated in the Showpiece event. She exhibited a cake with two layers of fondant.

The first layer was a mosaic of neon colors. The top layer of white fondant had hand cut butterflies into that layer of fondant revealing a multicolored layer underneath.

The cake was finished with a butterfly perched on top of the cake and braided rope at the base of the cake.

Easton earned a bronze medal for her fourth place finish in this showpiece STAR event.

The "FCCLA: Together We Are Empowered" theme was based on the Olympics and was reinforced by Friday's energized Opening General Session where meeting attendees geared up for a variety of leadership training opportunities.

The motivational speaker for Friday night was Kevin Laue, the first Division One scholarship player with one arm. His message challenged the students to overcome adversity and focus on achieving their personal best.

The Saturday morning Business Session allowed members to vote on issues relevant to the organization, including the election of state officers for the 2016-17 school year.

Members then participated in a series of community outreach projects designed to have a positive impact in localities across the state. Yohe worked to make chew toys for the local animal shelter in Virginia Beach. The toys were made from recycling old t-shirts.

The other choices included packing 100 boxes of food for the food pantry at the "nut of state," Methodist church in Virginia Beach. Other members chose to sew and stuff small owls to be donated to first responders and hospitals or pillows to give to a domestic violence shelter or fire stations.

Another session involved



ATTENDS CONFERENCE — Easton Yohe, a member of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter at Bath County High School, participated in a weekend leadership training conference April 8-10 in Virginia Beach. Yohe participated in the Showpiece event and won a bronze medal for displaying a cake with two layers of fondant. (BCHS Photo)

creativity and appreciation by designing thank you cards for distribution to troops, and placemats for Meals on Wheels.

It only takes a few minutes to generate a message of encouragement and spread cheer; FCCLA is a club committed to helping others with these five service projects.

A health and fitness walk, called the Student Body Stroll, gave participants the chance to show their commitment to life-long wellness in a 1.2-mile trek along the beach.

Easton and Hodge remarked that they felt at home when the snow flurries appeared at the beach during part of the walk. The Banquet and Evening Session, entitled "An Evening in Rio," gave members a chance to recognize individuals who support the organization.

Sunday's Closing General Session included the awarding of STAR Events medals

and trophies and installation of new state officers.

The top winners in each of the national STAR Events will have an opportunity to compete in San Diego at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference July 3-7 against top winners from other state associations.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences. It is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members.

It is the only national in-school organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities help members become strong leaders in their families, careers and communities.

Griffith Staff Schedules Office Hours In Highlands

U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith's staff will hold office hours in the Highlands May 4 and May 19.

A member of Griffith's staff will be at Covington City Hall Wednesday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Office hours will be held Thursday, May 19, at the Clifton Forge Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact Griffith's Christiansburg office at (540) 381-5671.

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