



4-H Robotics team competes in Fairfax



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BOTETOVRT 4-H ROBOTICS

Team 3939: (From left) Ralph Hayslett (team mentor), Kyle Hayslett (former team member and volunteer), Larry Etzler (team mentor), Strummer Griffin, Conner McFadyen, David Aaron, Ethan Smith, Tim Wilson, JJ Halsted, Ethan Spickard, and Silas Miller

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The Botetourt 4-H Robotics team competed over the weekend at George Mason University in the FIRST Chesapeake District Championship.

Last weekend's competition featured 60 teams. Heading into Saturday's competition, the team

made it to the semifinal round, finishing the competition ranked 32 out of 60 teams.

The team is comprised of James River students David Aaron, Conner McFadyen, Ethan Smith, Joshua Halsted, Ethan Spickard, Tim Wilson, Silas Miller, and Read Mountain

Middle School student Strummer Giffin.

"The amount of success that this team achieves is incredible when you look at some of the bigger teams that they compete against regularly," Botetourt 4-H Extension Agent Tyler Painter stated in a recent email.

The Botetourt 4-H

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Attic's next production, 'Dear Nannie,' begins Friday

Attic Productions' new production has strong ties to Fincastle. "Dear Nannie" is a historical drama inspired by the 2013 book "Dear Nannie... yours devotedly, Charlie" by Gail McMillan and Jean Robbins, and adapted for stage by Sally Miller of Attic Productions.

The story follows a young Fincastle couple throughout their lives until his death. They endure happiness and hardships; separation by work and war, the loss of a child, and ultimately, a scandal which separates them forever. Spanning the period directly before, during, and after the Civil War, this play is based on the real lives of Fincastle residents.

This show will be presented at Attic's D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, on April 14-16 and 21-23. Mandy Masching directs this large group of local actors, aided by Steven Aaron, assistant director, and Katie Bjorkland, stage manager. Show times on Fridays are 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 and 7:30, and Sundays at 2:30.

This show is being produced in partnership with the Botetourt County Historical Society and Museum, and all tickets are \$20 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. A \$2 convenience fee per ticket will be added if paying with a card.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

Katherine Lawson and Tim Habla, the actors portraying Nannie and Charlie Figgat

Tickets may now be purchased on the Attic Productions website by visiting www.atticproductions.info. For questions or assistance with purchasing tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001. Volunteers began staffing the box office for this show April 3, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Leave a message at other times and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Partial funding support comes from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Preserving Botetourt History

Khari Ryder, Executive Director of Botetourt Chamber of Commerce and BCHS board member



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Khari Ryder stands along fencing surrounding the old Breckinridge Law Offices which formerly housed the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture. The fencing contains banners that feature different historical facts about Botetourt County. The old museum is scheduled to be physically moved to an adjacent area of the courthouse property at the end of spring.

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The Botetourt Historical Society (BCHS) and Museum provide visitors a chance to revisit some of Botetourt County's history through education, exhibits, and activities. The museum's 57-year history saw a couple of massive changes last year. One of those changes stemmed off of the county courthouse renovation project, causing the museum to successfully find a new home.

Leading up to the move of the old Breckinridge Law Offices that formerly housed the museum, The Fincastle Herald will feature interviews with some of the individuals who

love Botetourt's rich history and help make the Botetourt County Museum of History and Culture a must-see destination.

Khari Ryder is currently going into his third year as Executive Director of the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce. In his time at the chamber, Ryder has also become a member of the Botetourt County Historical Society's (BCHS) Board of Directors.

Historically, according to Ryder, the role of Chamber Director wasn't a responsibility to be involved with BCHS. However, due to Ryder's interest in history—particularly what he learned about the county when he first took over at the chamber—he wanted to learn more about

the history of Botetourt and the legacy of the historical society.

"For me, history has always been a huge love of mine," Ryder stated in a recent interview. "I really have a deep love for history. When I came into this position and started getting a feel for the community and the county, and coming to realization of the history that's here, I was really stimulated and personally wanted to be involved."

Ryder has a history of working in marketing, tourism, and hospitality. When he first came to Botetourt, Ryder could see how Botetourt's history can potentially play into the county's growth and also potential growth

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN OF FINCASTLE

Fincastle Town Council meets this Thursday

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The Fincastle Town Council assembles for the April meeting this Thursday at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room at 7 p.m.

Council plans to review the Special Use Permit application submitted by Kevin and Michael Hix to operate a mobile restaurant located in the 200 block of Botetourt Road between the intersections of Route 220 (Botetourt Road) with Back Street and Federal Street. Last month, Town Council approved the food truck rezoning and remanded the item to the Planning Commission for recommendation. One correction from The Herald's report on the previous month's meeting is that the Town Council didn't approve the food truck itself. There was a public hearing, but the council made no decisions. The rezoning for the mobile restaurant was the only thing approved within the proposal at the March meeting.

A public hearing will be held regarding the

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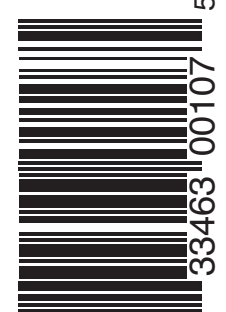



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Botetourt County History



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This simple wooden desk is from the historic Wren building at William & Mary College, which is the oldest college building still standing in the United States. The building contained classrooms, a dining room, a library, a faculty room, living quarters for the president and professors, a kitchen and servants rooms. When the Colonial government moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg, this large building was used as the temporary government headquarters from 1700-1704 until a capital building could be built. It was known as "The College" until 1931 when it was renamed for the famous English architect, Sir Christopher Wren. This desk was donated to the

Botetourt Historical Society Museum by Emily Gordon Honts in memory of her sister, Barbara Gordon Honts. Emily was the longtime Executive Director of the Museum until her death in 2003. The desk was prominently displayed in the Main Gallery of the former museum behind the courthouse before that building was vacated in March of 2022. Now the desk is in storage.

Many of the other artifacts were moved to 26 East Main Street in Fincastle where the museum is now located. It is free to visit Monday-Saturday 10-2 and Sundays from 2-4.

- Botetourt Historical Society



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Botetourt Community Partnership meets Friday

Friday, April 14, 2023 10am
Fincastle Library Meeting Room
Big Spring History, Park & New Trail

The Valley Conservation Council's Botetourt Community Partnership will meet this Friday, April 14, at 10 a.m. in the Fincastle Library Meeting Room. The featured topic is the history of Fincastle's Big Spring with guest speaker Lynne Bolton. The meeting will also feature updates about Big Spring Park and its new walking trail. The public is welcome join this meeting for free refreshments, community updates, and sharing. Weather permitting, attendees can add a spring walk on the new trail after the meeting, if they wish.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Chris Head is officially the Republican nominee in Virginia's 3rd Senate District

Delegate Chris Head officially became the Republican nominee for Virginia's Third Senate District last week. Just two weeks ago, Delegate Head announced overwhelming support among voters after submitting nearly 600 petition signatures for

ballot qualification. With no other Republican filing for the seat, Delegate Head will officially be the Republican nominee and heavy favorite to secure victory in November.

"Today is a great day for our campaign and our Commonwealth," said Delegate Chris Head. "I decided to run for Senate because conservatives in the Valley need a champion in Richmond who will stand up for traditional values. The voters of the 3rd Senate District agree and that is why our campaign has continued to build momentum. The Senate needs a fighter who will defend the sanctity of life, protect our constitutional right to bear arms, and fight to cut taxes that are crippling Virginians already struggling to make ends meet. As we head into the general election, I am committed to sharing a positive vision for Virginia that will build upon the progress we have seen under Governor



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS HEAD

Delegate Chris Head

Youngkin. "I am continually grateful for the volunteers and supporters who have dedicated so much time to our campaign. Because of their hard work, our conservative message, and the prayers of many people we were able to fend off a primary challenger, allowing us to focus on retaking the Senate come November."

- Chris Head for State Senate

Botetourt County Historical Society annual meeting April 27

Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc. (BCHS) will hold its annual meeting of the membership on Thursday, April 27, beginning at 7 p.m. at Fincastle United Methodist Church Family Life Center. Assistant County Administrator Jon

Lanford will be the speaker for the evening and will discuss the Courthouse Square construction project. This meeting is free and open to the public.

- Botetourt County Historical Society

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND CAPACITY PROJECTS PURSUANT TO § 56-585.1:9 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2023-00028

- Appalachian Power Company has applied for approval of two (2) new projects to provide broadband capacity to Internet Service Providers in areas of Virginia that are unserved by broadband.
- The Hearing Examiner appointed to this case will hold a telephonic hearing on June 27, 2023, to receive public witness testimony on this Petition.
- The Hearing Examiner will hold an evidentiary hearing in this case on June 28, 2023.
- Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On March 2, 2023, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed a petition ("Petition") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to § 56-585.1:9 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), seeking approval of two new projects to provide broadband capacity to Internet Service Providers ("ISPs") in areas of Virginia that are unserved by broadband. Specifically, APCo requests approval of: (1) a project to provide middle-mile broadband Internet capacity in unserved areas of Patrick, Henry, and Franklin Counties, Virginia (the "PHF Project"); and (2) a project to provide middle-mile broadband Internet capacity in unserved areas of Giles County, Virginia (the "GC Project") (collectively, the "Projects"). Pursuant to Code § 56-585.1:9, the Commission must issue a final order on the Petition within six months of the date of filing.

According to the Petition, with the proposed Projects, APCo seeks to expand middle-mile broadband capacity in the unserved areas of Patrick, Henry, Franklin and Giles Counties. The Company states that the areas targeted by the Projects are "unserved by broadband" pursuant to Code § 56-585.1:9 D. The Company states that, for the PHF Project, the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative of the Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") has issued a grant or loan to construct a broadband service project within the last 18 months, and the grant or loan recipient is the ISP to which the utility proposes to lease capacity. The Company further states that, for the GC Project, the DHCD has certified within the last 18 months that the designated area is unserved.

The Company states that the PHF Project entails the installation of approximately 380 miles of 288-strand fiber optic cable on the Company's distribution system, and the GC Project entails the installation of approximately 100 miles of 144-strand fiber optic cable. The Company states that these installations will also provide a communications platform for APCo's own distribution grid network backhaul requirements.

The Company states that it will lease a portion of the middle-mile broadband infrastructure to RiverStreet Networks of Virginia, the ISP selected by the counties to provide service to unserved areas in Patrick, Henry, and Franklin Counties, and a separate lease to GigaBeam Networks, LLC, as the ISP selected to provide service to unserved areas in Giles County. APCo states that the estimated capital investment for the PHF Project is approximately \$56.9 million, and the estimated investment for the GC Project is approximately \$12 million. APCo is not requesting cost recovery through a rate adjustment clause at this time, but expects to do so in a future filing.

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Petition. On June 27, 2023, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned to this case will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before June 22, 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.

On June 28, 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff ("Staff").

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall 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. 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 Commission's 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 Hearing for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: James R. Bacha, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215, jrbacha@aep.com; or James G. Ritter, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, VA 23219, ritterj@hunkonak.com.

On or before June 21, 2023, any interested person may file comments on the Petition by following the instructions found 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-2023-00028.

On or before April 28, 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 with 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 simultaneously 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 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-2023-00028.

On or before May 11, 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 with 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 simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, 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-2023-00028.

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, 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

4-H Shooting Education Club accepting limited number of new members

The Botetourt County 4-H Shooting Education and Hunting, Wildlife and Outdoor Skills Club has a limited number of openings for new members in three shooting disciplines and in hunting skills.

Limited openings are available in archery, pistol and rifle. The club teaches Olympic-style target shooting in these disciplines along with 3D archery and air pistol/rifle and smallbore silhouette.

The hunting skills discipline covers topics related to wildlife conservation, hunting, hunter safety, outdoor activities, survival skills, wildlife identification, science-based habitat work, proper firearms and archery use for hunting, etc.

The club's focus is on youth development with working with 4-H'ers in these disciplines.

Youth 9-19 are eligible to participate in 4-H shooting sports.

The 4-H instructors are certified by the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council in the individual shooting and hunting disciplines.

Individual disciplines generally meet twice monthly. Archery meets on Sunday afternoons, and pistol and rifle meet Thursday evenings.

For more information, call or text Ed McCoy at 540-339-0622, email botetourt4houtdoorskills@gmail.com or call the Botetourt 4-H office at 540-473-8260.

- 4-H Shooting Education Club

Show support for BCHS in upcoming Give Roanoke campaign

The Council of Community Services is sponsoring an area-wide, online Give Roanoke campaign to support local non-profit organizations on April 19.

Given the need to expand the Botetourt County Courthouse, the Botetourt County Historical Society (BCHS) relocated its Botetourt Museum of History and Culture to 26 E. Main Street, Fincastle, in early 2022 due to the former facility's extremely close proximity to the courthouse, which is slated to be demolished and rebuilt.

BCHS asks to please consider helping with the increased operating expenses which the museum is incurring as a result of the relocation here: www.giveroanoke.org/organizations/botetourt-county-historical-society-inc.

BCHS would also be honored to have new visitors at the new, larger museum location with its reimagined exhibits on the rich history of Botetourt County, which initially included all of western Virginia south of Augusta County, the entirety of Kentucky, and portions of five additional states.

The museum is open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 2-4 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free. The museum is looking ahead to expand the mission and scope of services in Botetourt for the next 250 years through the generosity of

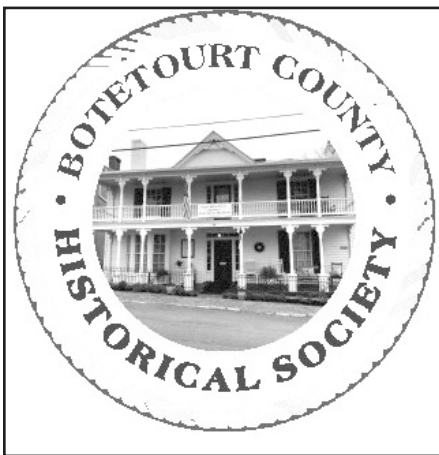


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the community. BCHS was founded in 1966 with the mission of celebrating, preserving, promoting, and educating the community on the history and culture of Botetourt County. The society has pursued its mission through establishing and operation the museum, sponsoring and providing an outlet for historic publications and research, restoring artifacts, assisting in genealogical research, providing educational presentation, and conducting tours.

- Botetourt County Historical Society

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in the chamber and thought that it could be advantageous for the chamber director to have a role of the BCHS Board of Directors.

One of the first aspects of BCHS that appealed to Ryder included the intimate connection that the families and individuals that make up BCHS are a living part of Botetourt's history.

"It's rare you find that," Ryder said. "The families start being the repository for the history of the area. Their daughters belong to it; their sons belong to it. Having seen that here, it's just so rare to find that. To find someone like an Ed Holt who can tell you about traditions that have gone on since the 1700s... I think we tend to trivialize and minimize the historical impact that we all as individuals have if we continue to carry it on."

"You know the mantra 'don't live in the past, be in the present.' We can be all three things (past, present, and future) all at once. Anymore, we don't equate the past with anything. It's all about living in the now or looking to the future, but without knowing your past, experiencing the present, and preparing for the future, you've got nothing. It's impressive the sheer fact that all of this that I mentioned ties together in this locality, in Botetourt and Fincastle, specifically."

Some of the factoids Ryder finds interesting included that Churchill Downs ties with the Breckinridges of Fincastle. Ryder started out his professional career as a horse trainer. His knowledge of the equestrian world brought him closer to Louisville, Ky. and Churchill Downs, the site of the annual Kentucky Derby horse race on the first

Saturday each May.

"I'm a horse guy. I knew about the Breckinridges of Kentucky. When I came here (to Fincastle) and saw the historical law offices I'm thinking, (the Breckinridges) moved west to east, not westing here and going out there. That's one of the pieces that really astounded me. Thinking, 'Man, this is where it started.' For me to be in Louisville three or four times a year for the last 30-something years of my life and now tying it all together, that's been eye-opening and something I never suspected."

Recently, the chamber and BCHS have worked together to produce the "Haunted History" walking tour of Fincastle in fall, and also working along with the Botetourt Preservation Partnership (BPP) in producing the historic banners now on display around the beginnings of the courthouse renovation project which begins with the physical move of the old Breckinridge Law Offices (the former location of the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture) several feet from its current location.

Ryder's vision is to help BCHS spread the significance of Botetourt County and its history so that younger members of the community can hopefully take an interest as well.

"History's tangible. Some people don't see it that way, but I do. People come to this area, love the beauty of it, but they're living here and have no concept of where they're truly living. I ask, 'have we fulfilled our vision?' There in lies the foundation of my passion—to help promote and perpetuate the county's historical

significance. It ties into my job but also ties into the bigger picture: the history of Botetourt County."

To learn more about the Botetourt County Historical Society & Museum, visit bothistsoc.wordpress.com. The museum is located at 26 East Main Street in Fincastle and is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

New Freedom Farm presents Freedom Fest 2023 next weekend

New Freedom Farm in Buchanan hosts its Fifth Annual Freedom Fest next weekend, April 22 and 23, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., rain or shine. Daily entry is \$8 (children 17 and under are free). The Freedom Fest fundraiser will feature a patriotic opening ceremony with T-6 Texan aircrafts flyover performing the Missing Man formation, Freedom Farm's very own color guard, VA Highland VA Pipe and Drums, craft, and food vendors, over 150 auction items, live music, and national champion mustang trainer Mary Miller Jordan performing live at liberty with her wild mustangs. Tickets are available in advance at www.newfreedomfarm.org.

"No matter what hardships we endure, we are strong enough to handle them AND they help us to become not only stronger, but more compassionate," said Lois Dawn Magill, founder of New Freedom Farm and the organizer of Freedom Fest. "My life as I knew it changed forever in 2009 when someone I knew and loved committed suicide. He was a United States Marine veteran who suffered with the disease of addiction and was a hurting soul. Each and every day we must try to make a difference in our veterans' lives - that's ultimately what Freedom Fest is all about."

- New Freedom Farm

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 - Missing Man Flyover
 - New Freedom Farm Color Guard Presentation of Colors
 - Mary Miller Jordan Founder of 1 AM HERD with her own Mustangs Performing at Liberty.
 12:30 - 2 PM - Terry and Raymond
 2 - 5 PM - Martin and Kelly Band

SUNDAY April 23
 11 AM - Gates Open
 12:22 PM - Opening Ceremonies
 12:30 - 2 PM - Tate Tuck Band
 2 - 5 PM - Eric Wayne Band

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Library Buzz

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Hospice 101
 Fri, April 14, 10:30-11:30am, Blue Ridge Library
 What is hospice care, and how do you know when your loved one needs this form of support? Learn more with Danielle Alexander from Good Samaritan Hospice.

Therapy Dog Reading Session
 Sat, April 15, 11am-12:30pm, Buchanan Library
 Kids can sign up for a 15-minute one-on-one reading session with Ripley the therapy dog. Call 540-928-2900 to reserve your spot.

Gardening Basics for Kids
 Sat, April 22, 10-11:30am, Fincastle Library
 Learn the life cycle and parts of a plant, and the importance of pollinators in the growing process. Recommended for ages 6-11.

Adopt a Pet from RCACP
 Sat, April 22, 10am-2pm, Eagle Rock Library
 The Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP) will bring its mobile unit with cats and dogs available for adoption. Visit with the animals, find your next best animal friend, and learn more about how RCACP does and how you can help.

Meet the Buchanan Town Mayor
 Mon, April 24, 4-6pm, Buchanan Library
 Grab some free coffee and get to know Tristan Harris, the new Buchanan Town Mayor in this informal meet-and-greet.

Building Resumes for Teens
 Thu, April 13, 4-5pm, Fincastle Library
 Thu, April 20, 4-5pm, Buchanan Library
 Thu, May 4, 4-5pm, Eagle Rock Library
 If you're a teen

looking for a summer job, take advantage of this opportunity to get professional help creating a resume. The session also includes tips for successfully completing applications and acing the interview.

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.

Friends of the Library Used Book Sales
 Eagle Rock Library - Thu, April 20, 12-5pm; Fri, April 21, 10am-5pm; Sat, April 22, 10am-2pm
 Fincastle Library - Thu, April 27, 10am-6pm; Fri, April 28, 10am-5pm; Sat, April 29, 10am-2pm
 Buchanan Carson Building (across from Fire Dept) - Fri, April 28, 9am-4pm; Sat, April 29, 9am-4pm
 Blue Ridge Library - Thu, May 18 - Sat, May 20

National Library Week
 April 23-29
 This year's theme is "There's More to the Story." What has the library meant to you? Share your story on social, in-person, or contact us at bocolibraries.info!

More regular events
 Kids: Little Explorers, StoryTime, Chess Club, LEGO Club, STEM Club, Art Club, Arts & Crafts, How to Draw for Kids
 Adults: Yoga for Beginners, 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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to library comments at supervisors meeting

After reading last week's article on the public comments made at the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors meeting regarding public library content, I must respond. Many of my fondest memories as a child are of our weekly trips to the Fincastle Library, particularly when school was closed for the summer. I found the library to be a treasure trove of unlocked adventure, imagination, a cornucopia of world travel to exotic places. The more I read, the thirstier I became for literature, storytelling, culture, science fiction, and the unsolved mystery. I was a just little girl from Springwood, but the library was my magic carpet.

The public commentary quoted stated libraries are housing "confusing and sexually indoctrinating" content. Since there is no public transportation in Botetourt, children are taken by a parent, guardian, caretaker. Furthermore, children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Isn't it up to a child's parent to decide what content is appropriate and relevant to his/her child? Is it the position

of the five speakers that they know more about what your child should be allowed to read than you (the parent)? Another quoted commentor stated there should be "an equal number of professing Christians to give a true voice" on the reconsideration committee. I was flabbergasted that a Board of Supervisors member (Billy Martin) stated that he agreed with removing referenced books from the library, while simultaneously admitting he had "no knowledge" of the content or the books. May I remind the Board of Supervisors that this country was built on Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech?
 The ability to access free and uncensored information is a core ideal of what it means to be an American citizen. The public library (first founded in 1731 by Benjamin Franklin) is one of last socioeconomic equalizers in this great country and separates us from the likes of China and Russia. Big government has no place in deciding what Americans are "allowed" to access in a public library.

Sara Leffel
 Granite City, Ill.
 JRHS Class of 1989

BUCHANAN EVENTS

Buchanan Arbor Day
 Buchanan invites the public to join them as they "plant the seeds of tomorrow today" during the town's annual Arbor Day Celebration to be held this Wednesday, April 12 starting at 11 a.m. in the Town Park. Guest speakers from the Virginia Department of Forestry will make a presentation of Buchanan's Tree City USA Recertification followed by the unveiling of the Buchanan Arbor Day Donors Plaque. Following the unveiling, there will be a ceremonial planting in the Town Park of several native trees including American elms and burr oak in addition to flowering cherry. These trees will provide food and shelter for wildlife.

pickup truckloads or four carloads for free. Loads above that will be charged. No brush, leaves, tires, construction debris or toxic items including paint, oil, batteries, chemicals or pesticides. TVs, electronics and metal may be recycled at the landfill. Appliances, furniture, and other household items will be accepted for disposal. You must be able to lift items over head into a tall dumpster. For more information, call the Town Hall, 254-1212.

Buchanan Garden Festival
 The Town of Buchanan is accepting applications from garden, outdoor living and home improvement vendors as well as artists and craft vendors for the Saturday, May 6 Buchanan Garden Festival. Applications are available on the town website at www.townofbuchanan.com or call the Buchanan Town Hall at 540-254-1212, Ext. 4.

Third Sunday Dinner
 The next Sunday dinner at the Historic Wilson Warehouse is scheduled for the third Sunday of the month to allow volunteers to celebrate Easter with their families. April's date is Sunday, April 16, for dine in or carry out from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. The menu includes baked ham, spring parsley potatoes, corn pudding, mixed vegetables, dinner roll and dessert. Place reservations to dine in or orders for carry out by 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 15. To place an order, call 540-580-8944 or text message 540-510-0780. Include your name, phone number or email, and the number of meals you wish to order. You will receive a follow up confirmation.

Buchanan Town Spring Clean Up
 Rain or shine on Saturday, April 15, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., a dumpster will be available on the parking lot at the Town Park on Lowe Street for town residents. Bring proof of town residency (water or tax bill or driver's license). Each resident may bring two

Buchanan Civil War Weekend
 Discover one of the lesser known sites of the Civil War, Buchanan. Take part in or just visit during Buchanan's Civil War History Weekend scheduled for Friday, April 28, Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. Schedule of activities may be found on the Buchanan website at www.townofbuchanan.com.

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Meet Clover



Clover was born in July 2022. She is a very small Beagle mix with a lot of energy and is very playful. She is heartworm negative, chipped and is fine with other small dogs. The large dogs are too much for her to deal with. Clover came to the LAP on April 4 from the Friends of Bedford. A fenced yard is required.

The shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.
 LAP Shelter Needs: Purina One (red bag) dog food, Purina One (blue bag) cat food, bleach, Top Job, Mr. Clean, bleach, paper towels, laundry detergent, quality canned cat and dog food, cat and dog treats, dog pooper scoopers, and cat litter.

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- Everyone has one
- Brew
- Rectify
- Popular Dodge truck model
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- Of a particular people or localized region
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- Fleshy bird beak covering
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CLUES DOWN

- Sharp mountain ridge
- Thin, fibrous cartilages
- Provides new details
- Muscular weaknesses
- Ottoman military title
- Banes
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- Arms of a shirt
- Narrow path along a road edge
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- Disfigure
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- Swiss river

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Jesus Revolution
 Thursday, April 13
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Shazam! Fury of the Gods
 Bestowed with the powers of the gods, Billy Batson and his fellow foster kids are still learning how to juggle teenage life with their adult superhero alter egos. When a vengeful trio of ancient gods arrives on Earth in search of the magic stolen from them long ago, Shazam and his allies get thrust into a battle for their superpowers, their lives, and the fate of the world.

Friday & Saturday
 April 14 & 15
 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 16
 3 p.m.
Thursday, April 20
 7 p.m.

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rezoning application submitted by Donald and Carolyn Naysmith pertaining to the Old Jail in Fincastle. The hearing is about the rezoning of the county-owned property from "Public" to "Commercial," with potential proffers for the Old Jail. At the end of last

month, a county maintenance crew along with the Naysmiths cleared out the building in preparation for the jail's upcoming revitalization.

Additional reports from Town Manager David Tickner regarding the FY 2023 budget, Big Spring

Park, and the upcoming museum move/celebration are listed as additional agenda items for council's April meeting.

For more information, visit www.townoffincastle.org.

Robotics from page 1



James River students Tim Wilson (left) and JJ Halsted (right, hat) operate their robot during a competition.



Silas Miller (left) and Wilson (right) discuss strategies with a volunteer while at the drive station.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF BOTETOURT 4-H ROBOTICS

Robotics Club has averaged 8-10 members in the last couple of years, according to Painter. They compete against teams with 20 to 30 members, if not more.

"We often joke that they are 'The Little Engine That Could' because they work so hard and do so well against larger teams with greater funding," Painter said. "I am very proud of their accomplishments and we couldn't do it without dedicated sponsors, supporters, and team mentors. We have several fabulous club volunteers that devote countless hours, as do the team members, to these endeavors. Special thanks to Larry Etzler, Ralph Hayslett, Katie Jones, and many other adults and parents that chip in to help the team."

After three recent competitions, Team 3939 managed to place 39th out of 122 teams and won two awards.

The road to the districts started in Blacksburg last month where Team 3939 ranked 20th with a record of 8-8 picking up a creativity award. Then, on the weekend of March 24-26, the team competed in Glen Allen, where they ranked 13th with a record of 7-6-1 and won the Industrial Design award that celebrates the team that demonstrates industrial design principles, striking a balance between form, function, and aesthetics. Last weekend's competition was the final event FIRST Chesapeake's six-week district championship contests.

"We were very proud of how we managed to perform against schools from all over Virginia, D.C., and Maryland," junior Ethan Spickard said in a recent email. "After all three of our competitions, we managed to place 39th out of 122 and won two awards, one for Creativity in our

robot design and one for Industrial Design. The things that make me most happy about how our robotics team did is that we were able to hold our own against teams with 10x the amount of people we had, teams that came from Governor's schools, and teams that worked very closely with some colleges and universities. It was also a very nice opportunity for us to meet other students from all over Virginia who had the same interests as us and had the same exact drive and dedication into building a good robot as we did."

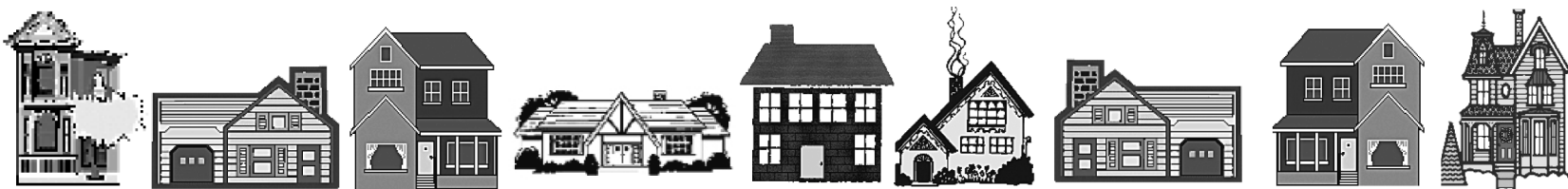
FIRST Chesapeake is an independent non-profit that brings STEM-based leadership programs to middle and high school students in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Robotics is the means to teach technical concepts and practical know-how, as well as to

build leadership skills and develop teamwork.

"We are always looking for upper middle school to high school-aged youth to join our team and we also welcome new sponsors," Painter added. "If anyone is interested in more information on how to join this group or to become a sponsor, they can feel free to contact me at 540-928-3210."

4-H has a long history of supporting robotics programs through 4-H clubs, after-school programs, camps, and curriculum. Through robotics, 4-H'ers learn teamwork, problem-solving, critical thinking, engineering, and design.

For a look at Team 3939's season stats, go to <https://www.thebluealliance.com/team/3939/2023>. To learn more about 4-H Robotics, visit team3939.com.



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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, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

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

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 Road, Blue Ridge, Virginia 24064. Pastor Steve McChesney. Phone 540-977-1686 or 540-798-7462. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m., to include Children's Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

Mill Creek Baptist Church - 11475 Lee Hwy., Fincastle, 992-3474. Danny Quirin, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday night activities begin at 6pm: Bible study, children and youth activities, choir and handbell rehearsals follow. office@millcreekbc.com
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church - 4930 Country Club Road (corner of Country Club & Haymakertown Roads), 540-992-5556. Pastor Danny Barham. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Worship can also be viewed online at the PHBC Facebook page or on Youtube (PHBCtube). Other activities and schedules can be found at www.phbcweb.com.

Springwood Baptist Church - 88 Cops 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

GOODBYE TO GUILT

Read Psalms 101:1-8; 103:1-22

Do you feel guilty long after a situation has been resolved? Do you continue to mentally kick yourself for rash words uttered in anger? Do errors you could have avoided keep you awake at night?

Such lingering self-reproach is unhealthy. When you realize you've made a mistake, take the necessary steps to correct it; then let it go. Focusing on past problems will not lead to a productive future.

If you have repented of sin and confessed it to the Lord, do not doubt God has forgiven you. His Word makes that emphatically clear.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us (Psalm 103:12).

God totally wipes clean our forgiven past. He not only removes the guilt of our sin, but the punishment we deserve. Because Jesus died for our sins, we can live eternally. He set us free from sin and guilt.

Guilt exposes the wrong committed. A forgiven sinner has no reason for guilt to remain (1 John 1:9). If you struggle with guilt, ask God to help you find release.

Thought for Today: Let guilt guide you to God. He has the solution.

Quicklook: Psalm 103:1-12

Burkhart, preschool director.

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

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

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) - 9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at osroanoke.com. Phone: 540-977-4888. 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.wheatlandlutheran.org>; teemwheatland@gmail.com

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

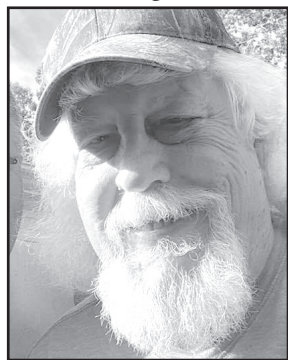
Kidd, Guy Raymond

Guy Raymond Kidd, 92, of Buchanan passed away April 15, 2020. The family of Guy Kidd invites you to join them in a celebration of Guy's life and faith. The service is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 2 p.m. in the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren, 4708 Read Mountain Road, Cloverdale. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service. At the time of Guy's death, Covid-19

was everywhere and the church and the funeral home were closed. Although the family had a private time together, we could not invite his many neighbors and friends to be with us. Now that we are in the "new normal" we hope you can join us in honoring and celebrating the life of our loved one. Those wishing to send condolences may do so at www.botetourfuneralhome.com or call 540-254-3000.

Lakes, Jerry Edwin

Jerry Edwin Lakes, 73, of Botetourt County, passed away Thursday, April 6, 2023. He was preceded in death by his son, Ronald Edwin Lakes; parents, Edwin and Eva Lakes; six siblings, Arthur D. Lakes, Elmer Lakes, Hubert Lakes, Emma Cochran, Helen Burnell, Pearl Bratcher, and Virginia Faye Ballinger. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Delma Alexander Lakes; son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Ashley Lakes;



grandchildren, Dakota, Adrienne, Anna, Alexander, Annalise, and August; sister, Jean Botkins; and numerous nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023 in Wheatland Lutheran Church Cemetery with the Rev. Tim Wilson officiating. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Loope, Carol Jean

Carol Jean Conner Mullins Loope, 70, of Buchanan, passed away peacefully on Easter morning, Sunday, April 9, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther Wilson and Bertha Mae Kelley Conner; and brother, David Parker. Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Roy Lee Loope; her children and spouses, Teresa Mullins (Michael) Hodges of Buchanan, Kevin Tyler (Connie) Loope of Buchanan, Sara Loope (Brian) Boucher of Roanoke, Lisa Mullins (Garry) Taylor; grandchildren, Conner Hodges, Kimberly (Jaimeson) Reyes, Willow and Ivie Boucher, Hillary Taylor, Skylar Witt (Xavier) Nicely, Michael Taylor, Trey Jackson Taylor, and Trenton Taylor; great-grandson, Dustin Seufert; and sister, Marie Parker Pendleton of Montvale.



Roy. Carol drove a school bus # 97 for Botetourt County for over 39 years, worked part-time for Glad Rags (Kenrose) Manufacturing, and was the church secretary for Buchanan Baptist for years. She loved to Shag and Line Dance with the Roanoke Shag Club, enjoyed the Band of Oz, the Star City Falcon Club, and was avid quilter.

The family will receive friends Friday, April 14, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Botetourt Funeral Home, 14920 Lee Highway, Buchanan. Her Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16, in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home with Pastor Scott McLucas officiating. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Carol was all about family, loved her trips with family, and bus trips with



PHOTO COURTESY OF ER RURITANS

Eagle Rock Ruritan Club officers (from left) Tommy Hunter, Steve Vaughn, Donna Vaughn and Beth Leffel discuss upcoming events during the March meeting.

Eagle Rock Ruritans will have a fish fry April 22

At the March meeting of the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club, after a meal catered by Maw & Paw's Diner, plans were discussed for a fundraising event in April. After a three-year fundraiser hiatus due to the pandemic, the club will sponsor a fish fry at the Eagle Rock Community Center from 4 to 6 p.m. on April 22. This event will be drive-thru take-out only. Tickets for the dinner are limited to a total of 200 at the cost of \$15 each, including a cupcake for dessert. As long as they last, tickets are available from Ruritan members.

Club President Beth Leffel also explained the plans for a community event to be held at the Blue Ridge Vineyard on Saturday, May 13. The event will be a "Science Fest" and promises to be an educational event and a lot of family fun.

As a community service club, the Ruritans invite others to join them in promoting their motto of "Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service."

- Eagle Rock Ruritan Club

County Chamber announces open house event this Thursday

The Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce will hold an open house this Thursday from 12-6 p.m. at 23 South Roanoke Street in Fincastle. It is inviting the public to attend and learn more about what events the Chamber has planned for this year and how it is supporting local businesses in Botetourt County.

The Chamber is proud of its 78 years as an organization supporting the thriving business community. The Chamber welcomed seven new businesses last year with ribbon cuttings, along with holding educational

and networking opportunities for the business community. The Chamber has a strong tradition of offering annual signature events, including the State of the County address, Botetourt County Fair beer garden/concert, meeting of the membership, annual dinner, golf tournament, Historic Ghost Tours, and the Tinsel Trail.

The Chamber is also honored to award \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. This year, the Chamber added another scholarship for home-schooled students, bringing the total scholarships offered to

area students to four. These events rely on partnerships with area businesses that choose to support the Chamber's investment in the communities they serve. The Chamber is supported by dedicated volunteers on committees through the events throughout the year. "We are grateful for the partnerships that strengthen the community in many ways," states Khari Ryder, Executive Director of the Botetourt Chamber. He emphasizes that it is a "win-win for everyone involved."

- Botetourt Chamber of Commerce

CHURCH NEWS

Fincastle UMC Chicken BBQ April 22

Fincastle United Methodist Church is having a chicken dinner from 4-7 p.m. on April 22, dine in or take out, at the VFW Hall on Route 220, Daleville.

The cost is \$12 per person for half a barbecued chicken (featuring Percy Bolton's sauce recipe), potato salad, baked apples, roll and choice of coffee, tea or lemonade. Desserts will be sold separately.

For questions and/or tickets, call Gayle Ross at 540-473-2437. If no answer, leave a message and the call will be returned.

Mt. Olivet Spring Bazaar April 29

The Spring Bazaar at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 26310 Lee Highway, Buchanan, is set for Saturday, April 29, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., serving breakfast and lunch, with a bake sale, yard sale, and items made by the Mount Olivet Quilters.

Yard sale space is available for \$5. For information, call 540-254-1353 or 540-798-8192.

SPRING BAZAAR, Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 26310 Lee Hwy., Buchanan, VA on Saturday, April 29th, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Serving Breakfast and Lunch, Yard Sale (Space \$5.00 each), Bake Sale and items for sale made by the

Mount Olivet Quilters. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Springwood Food Pantry open this Saturday

The Springwood Baptist Food Pantry will be open on April 15 from 9-10:30 a.m. The pantry is located at 134 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan. This is a drive-through pantry, so clients may remain in their cars and volunteers will load the food for you. The pantry is open each month on the third Saturday from 9-10:30. It partners with Feeding America Southwest Virginia and invites anyone in need of food to visit.

Revival at Daleville Baptist

Revival services will be held at Daleville Baptist Church April 16-19 with Kenny Grant from Savannah, Ga. - Sunday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and April 17-19

Serving With Compassion

Botetourt Funeral Home & Crematory
 Buchanan | Eagle Rock
 254-3000 | 884-2276
 14920 Lee Highway | 14777 Church Street
 Karen S. Smith, Funeral Director
 Locally owned & operated by I. Ray & Bobbi Sloan

at 7 p.m.

Austin & Friends will present 'Psalm 23' concerts

David Austin & Friends will present a series of concerts featuring songs inspired by and based on Psalm 23. The performances, including one in Botetourt County, will deliver all new and original compositions in a variety of musical styles.

The remaining concert venues and dates are:

- Campbell Memorial Presbyterian on April 16 at 4 p.m. (1130 Hardy Road, Vinton)
- Troutville Baptist on April 23 at 4 p.m. (5520 Lee Highway, Troutville)

The public is welcome. A love offering will be received at most venues. For more information, call 540-254-2696.

Cloverdale Brethren Thrift Store has summer clothes

The Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store now has spring and summer clothes for the family. The shop has a large selection of tops, skirts, dresses and pants. Men's shirts and pants and children's clothes are also available. Hours are Saturdays, 9 to 12. Donations are always welcome.

The Food Pantry is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Shiloh Cemetery needs donations

Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery on Shiloh Road, Eagle Rock, is asking for those who have loved ones buried in the cemetery or own plots to give monetary donations to help with the upkeep of the cemetery. Expenses for gasoline, equipment and labor have gone up. If you have any questions, call 540-620-2625, or are interested in a final resting place. Make checks payable to Shiloh Cemetery and send to: Shiloh Church Cemetery, c/o Sharon Britt, 1281 Salt Petre Cave Road, Eagle Rock, 24085.

Pastor's church anniversary celebration April 23

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church will celebrate the fourth anniversary of the Rev. David W. Halsey Sr. as pastor on Sunday, April 23, beginning at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Timothy Preston.

Lunch will be served after morning service. There will not be an afternoon service.

Everyone is invited to this and all services at Lapsleys Run Baptist Church, 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. Regular services are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS 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 hearings to be held on April 25, 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.

Buchanan District: Rachel Moss requests a private kennel Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, in accordance with *Sec. 25-73. - Uses Permissible by Special Exception* and *Sec. 25-583 Special Exceptions* of the Botetourt County Code to permit a private kennel for up to 10 dogs in the Agricultural (A-1) Use District. This 4.67-acre lot is located at 2502 Pico Road (State Route 625), Buchanan, VA, and is identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 65(9), Parcel D.

Buchanan District: Lavern J. and Jessica M. Miller request a Rural Home Business Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, to manufacture suspenders, in the Agricultural (A-1) Use District in accordance with *Sec. 25-435(3). - Rural home businesses* and *Sec. 25-583. - Special exceptions* to the Botetourt County Code. This 5.71-acre lot is located at 153 Stage Road, Buchanan, and is identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 62(1), Parcel 1.

Valley District: New River Electrical Corporation requests to rezone four contiguous parcels totaling 6.94 acres to the Industrial (M-2) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, in accordance with *Section 25-342. - Permitted Uses* and *Sec. 25-581. - Zoning map amendment—Owner-initiated.* of the Botetourt County Code. Parcels 101-162, 101-163, 101-164 are in the Agricultural Residential (AR) Use District and Parcel 101-175 is in the Industrial (M-1) Use District. Parcels 101-162, 101-163, and 101-175 are also located in the Gateway Crossing Overlay District. These parcels are located along Olde Route 604, approximately 0.1 miles east of its intersection with Lee Highway, across the street from the applicant's facilities located at 15 Olde Route 604 in Troutville and are identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 101, Parcels 175; 162; 163; and 164.

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 April 20, 2023.

Gary Larrow
Botetourt County Administrator



Marketplace



THE FINCASTLE HERALD The Vinton Messenger THE NEW CASTLE RECORD SALEM TIMES REGISTER News Messenger RADFORD News Journal

Employment

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Town of Fincastle is looking for an Administrative Assistant. The position is responsible for essential bookkeeping, secretarial and clerical duties for the Town Manager and Mayor. Applicants should be proficient in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and QuickBooks, and should be well-organized and have strong communication skills. A portion of the work performed is of confidential nature. The incumbent must be eligible to be bonded. This is a part-time position, typically 9 am to 2 pm Monday through Thursday.

Salary is commensurate with experience.

Please submit resume and cover letter to David Tickner, Town Manager, Town of Fincastle, P.O. Box 250 Fincastle, Virginia 24090, or by emailing davidtickner@townoffincastle.org

The Town of Fincastle is committed to providing jobs for all types and sizes, without discrimination based on race/color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or veteran status.

Help Wanted - General

PowerPoint. Availability to travel domestically & internationally 25% of the time, sometimes w/ limited notice. Send resume to recruitment@tmeic.com. Ref# 8010.

Positions Wanted

Quality Inn
Hiring Full/Part Time Housekeeping and Front Desk. Apply in Person. Ph-540-639-3000

Meetings

VIRGINIA GENTLEMEN ACAPELLA CHORUS

Is having a guest night on MAY, 1, 2023 From 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at GRACE CHURCH, 2731 EDGEWOOD ST. SW, ROANOKE, VA 24015

We are looking for male acapella singers. Join us and enjoy singing music in the Roanoke Valley.

Light Refreshments will be served

RSVP BY APRIL 21, 2023 Call: LARRY SHEPHERD 540-525-0709

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 170 CAMBRIDGE DR, DALEVILLE, VA 24083

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 19, 2021, in the original principal amount of \$299,475.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 210003873. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on May 15, 2023, at 12:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF THE FOLLOWING LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 2 (BLOCK 7), ACCORDING TO PLAT OF SECTION NO. 4, CAMBRIDGE, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 56, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Rockville Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-360977-1.

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Help Wanted - Construction

DD Kerns Construction Co., Inc.

is currently accepting applications for welder/fabricators, fabrication foreman, diesel/heavy equipment mechanic, skilled carpenters, carpentry foreman, skilled laborers, experienced dry wall workers, experienced industrial concrete workers, and block-layers. All work is local, year round, and paid weekly.

Benefits include: health, vision, dental, life insurance, short-term/long-term disability insurance, paid vacation and retirement IRA. Pay is based on experience. Candidates must have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a drug screening. We are accepting applications Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 5:00pm at 505 S. Lexington Ave. Covington, VA 24426. 540-962-4994

Help Wanted - General

Process Automation Engineer - Models sought in Roanoke, VA, by TMEIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

to dvlp, verify, & implmt algorithms & transfer functions that define the electro-mechanical operation of industrial machinery, primarily metal rolling mills. Min. Req: Bach's of Science Deg in physics, material science, mechanical engg, electrical engg or foreign equiv deg. 2 yrs' exp in dsngng &/or commissioning process automation/models s/ware in heavy industry, such as steelmaking, aluminum, or other process industries. 2 yrs' exp w/ High-Level Prmgng Language, such as C++ & objectoriented prmgng exp using the Microsoft dvlpmt environment. Must travel domestically & internationally, up to approximately 15% of the time, w/ limited notice. Telecommuting is allowed. Send resume to recruitment@tmeic.com. Ref# 8005

Project Manager sought by TMEIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

in Roanoke, VA. Lead & manage matrix team to complete execution of projects w/ typical project cycles exceeding 1 yr. Min Req: Bach's in Mechanical, or Metallurgical Engg or related field or foreign equiv & 24 months of exp specifying, dsngng, or commissioning electrical & automation systems for the renewable energy, oil & gas, mining, power generation, metals, material handling, or paper industries. Proficiency in MS Project & MS Word, Excel, Outlook, &

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4260 Read Mountain Rd., Cloverdale, VA 24077

Tax Map No. 107(4)30 In execution of a Deed of Trust dated October 3, 2007, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument No. 070005965, 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 that certain tract or parcel of land being 1.007 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc., dated March 12, 2003, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, in Plat Book 28, page 58. Date of Sale: April 19, 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:

- 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.
- 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 For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

Legals - City of Salem

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1. Consider the requests of Patane, LLP and Walter S. Kearns, Jr. and Laurel P. Kearns, property owners, for rezoning the properties located at 1640 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-6) and 1630 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-5) from RB Residential Business District to LM Light Manufacturing District.

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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Legals - Craig County

Mowing Bid The Craig County Fairgrounds Association

is accepting sealed bids for mowing and weed eating for the 2023 mowing season. Regular mowing services will be May 2023 thru November 2023. Bid forms can be picked up in the Treasurer's office located in the Craig County Courthouse at 182 Main Street in New Castle, VA. Sealed bids need to be returned to the Treasurer's office by April 19th, 2023.

Notice to Craig New Castle PSA customers who are on the sewer system.

To reduce sewage flow into our system, the Authority has had a policy that sump pumps tied into the sewer system are not allowed. The authority will conduct inspections at the beginning of this spring to search for such connections. When found, the customers will be notified in writing to remove such connections from the Authority's System. The customer will have ninety days from such notification to correct this situation or receive a surcharge of \$ 20.00 per month added to their sewage payment until the problem is resolved.

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RADFORD CITY RENTAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE AND VIRGINIA HOUSING OPENING WAITING LIST TO ACCEPT HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER APPLICATIONS

The Radford City Rental Assistance Office and Virginia Housing will open the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Applicants can apply starting at 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. The program will take applications online only. The website to apply is virginiahousing.apply4housing.com. The Radford City waiting list area covers Radford City. Two hundred applicants who apply will be chosen randomly by lottery to be added to the waiting list. Not everyone who applies will be added to the waiting list. Applicants will receive a confirmation number once their application is submitted indicating the application was received. Receiving a confirmation number does not guarantee you will be added to the waiting list. You may apply using a laptop or desktop computer or mobile device. Anyone can apply on behalf of another applicant. You may check to see if you were chosen in the lottery on April 28, 2023, after 12 pm by going to the following website: virginiahousing.apply4housing.com/status. You will not be able to check your status if you have previously applied to a Virginia Housing waiting list. Applications will not be taken by phone, mail or in person. If the applicant is a person with a disability and they require an accommodation in order to apply, please contact the Radford City Rental Assistance Office staff for assistance to apply during the opening time period. For more information about the application process, please contact the Radford office at 540-731-3663 or visit www.virginiahousing.com.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: An unbuilt right-of-way vacation request by Clayco LLC for an ordinance vacating unbuilt rights-of-way on Angle Drive SW from First Street SW to West Main Street for a length of approximately 400 linear feet, on First Street

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SW from Angle Drive SW to Chrisman Street for a length of approximately 365 linear feet, and a remnant piece of right-of-way located off the unbuilt portion of First Street SW for a length of approximately 88 linear feet between Tax Parcel No. 526-18-15,16 and Tax Parcel No. 526-18-2A.

Information on the preceding ordinance, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations. Written comments may be sent to the preceding address; please allow adequate mailing time.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, V. MRS. M K LANGHORNE REPS, ET AL., respondent(s).

Case No. CL22-1408

ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 084-A 48 Account No. 031018

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, with the appurtenances thereunto, situate, lying and being in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, containing 112 acres of land, more or less, described as Tax Map Number 084-A 48, S F R, Booth Rd.

And being the same real property conveyed to Margaret K. Langhorne from Robert T. Ellett, clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, by Deed dated June 1, 1889 and recorded in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 29 at Page 91 on July 30, 1889.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described. IT APPEARING that an affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Margaret L.K. Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Henry Langhorne who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Allen Payne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Jacob Kent Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Maurice Daniel Langhorne, III, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mary Kunkel Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Kent Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; J.W. Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Jacob V. Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Archer Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Ethel Langhorne Ambrose, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Edmond Gray Ambrose, Jr., whose last known address is 750 Clyde River Rd, Unit 209, Oxnard, California 93036; Anne Ambrose Jernigan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; William L. Ambrose, whose last known address is 1835 Duke of Norfolk Quay,

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Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before May 15, 2023 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this cause. Entered on the 5th day of April, 2023 K. Mike Fleenor, Jr., Judge I ask for this: John A Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffery A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No.97065) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800, Henrico Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 545-2500 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No.: 496189



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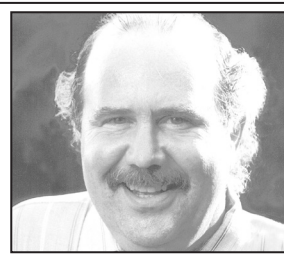
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LB baseball team returns from break with two wins


Caleb O'Quinn picks up the win in last week's LB baseball game at Blacksburg.

The Lord Botetourt baseball team returned from spring break with two wins last week. The Cavaliers beat Blacksburg and Brookville, both on the road, to improve to 5-2 on the season.

Botetourt took an 8-2 win at Blacksburg. Noah Donaho's two-run homer accounted for LB's first two runs but the game was tied at 2-2 after six innings. However, the Cavaliers exploded

for six runs in the top of the seventh with win going away.

Caleb O'Quinn opened the seventh with a single, then Ethan Deschambault and JJ Tyree both attempted sacrifice bunts but ended up beating them out for hits to load the bases. Nolan Medley walked to force in the go-ahead run and the merry-go-round was on. Jack Vargo had a key hit and LB scored a few more


Jesse Knight of Lord Botetourt kicks up some dust as he slides into second at Brookville.

PHOTOS BY JENN KING

on fielder's choice grounders.

Medley pitched the first three innings, fanning five, and O'Quinn pitched the final four to pick up the win. Medley and O'Quinn allowed just five hits combined.

A day later the Cavaliers played at Brookville and won a 10-0 game that was stopped by the slaughter rule after six innings. Jackson Smith was three-for-four with two runs batted in while Noah

Leonard and Tyree had two hits each. Vargo pitched five scoreless frames to pick up the win and Deschambault mopped up.

The Cavaliers were back in action Tuesday with a home game against William Byrd, but results were too late for publication. Blacksburg is scheduled to return the trip today for a game in Daleville and on Friday LB is at Northside.

Cavalier soccer teams split games with Salem

The Lord Botetourt soccer teams took on Salem last Thursday with mixed results. The girls took a 3-1 win over the Spartans in Salem while the boys dropped a heartbreaker, 1-0, in Daleville.

The girls were led by Emma Rice, who had two goals and assisted on Autumn Estrada's goal. Autumn assisted on one of Rice's goals as the Cavaliers bounced back from their first loss of the season to improve to 4-1.

The boys hosted the

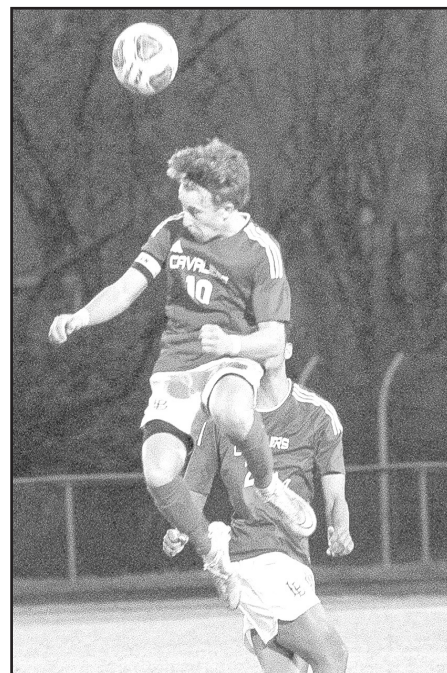
Spartans and dropped a tight 1-0 decision. Garrett Honts kept the Cavaliers in the game with some outstanding play in goal.

"Honts was pulled up to fill JB Cook's place and played an outstanding game for his first time at the varsity level," said LB coach Taylor Leonard. "He had a handful of saves, and had some great goal line stands that kept Salem off the board the majority of the match."

The loss followed a 4-1 LB win over Northside two days prior, also in Daleville.

The Vikings were the team to strike first, but the Cavaliers found a groove and did not look back. LB went into the half with a 2-1 lead and put two more scores on the board after intermission to win going away. Cadyn Bowles had a three-goal hat trick to pace the Cavaliers and Will Hall had the other goal.

The boys come into the week at 2-3 and were scheduled to play William Byrd in Vinton on Tuesday. The girls were home to Byrd on Tuesday and will play at Northside Friday.


Cadyn Bowles (10) goes high to head the ball against Salem.

Isabella Antivero (12) of LB defends a Salem player in last week's game.

PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY (BOYS) & SCOTT GARDNER (GIRLS)

Track teams will compete at William Byrd on Saturday

The Lord Botetourt and James River track teams are scheduled to compete in the "Terrier Team Challenge" track meet at William Byrd High School in Vinton Saturday. The meet is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

James River competed in a meet at Hidden Valley last Saturday in a meet that included close to 20 teams. The River girls finished fifth and the boys were eighth as Blacksburg won both the boys' and girls' championships.

Emma Francis won two first places for the River girls, winning both the shot put and discus. Emma state qualified in the discus so now she's state qualified in both

throwing events.

Navaeh Van Buren also had a good day for River, placing in three field events. Navaeh was second in the discus, third in the triple jump and fifth in the long jump. Kaia Binns was fifth in the 200, and Emma Bobbit and Ella Hutchens were fifth and sixth in the shot.

For the boys, Conner Church was fourth in the 100 and sixth in the high jump. Brian Moran was fifth in three events, the long, triple and high jumps, and he ran in the sixth place 4x100 relay with Church, Gavin Binns and Walker Wilson. George Toliver took sixth in the shot put.

Andrews fans 13 as River tops Northside in baseball

Heath Andrews struck out 13 Vikings to lead the James River baseball team to a big win over Northside last week. The Knights won 6-1 at Northside.

Andrews allowed just two hits and two walks while fanning a baker's dozen. Northside's only run was unearned as Heath went six full

innings and threw 87 pitches. Zeal Hammons pitched a clean seventh to finish the game, striking out two.

On offense, Andrews helped his own cause with three hits and two runs batted in. Taylor Wilson had two hits, including a double, and drove in three for the Knights. Hunter

Mays and Colin Cook, the first two hitters in the order, set the table with two hits each and Cook scored two runs.

With the win the Knights improved to 2-3 on the season. They were scheduled to play at Floyd County Tuesday and home against Glenvar on Thursday.

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River announces times for basketball camp

James River basketball coach Ethan Humphries and staff will conduct the second annual Youth Boys Basketball Camp this summer. The camp will be from June 5-8 at James River High School with each day going 8:45 a.m. to noon.

Doors open at 8 a.m. for camper drop off. The cost of the camp is \$100 per camper, which can be paid at the check-in table the first day of camp.

"We had a great turnout last summer and our guys had a blast," said Humphries. "We'd love to get as many young players there as possible so they can use what they learn throughout the summer and be excited about working on their game. Obviously, it's a great fundraiser for our program,



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but for the young kids to be around our players and program for a few days it can really instill some dreams that can't be replicated elsewhere. We're excited for a fun week."

To sign up visit the JRHS athletic announcements webpage for the registration link or find the link on the James River High School Boys Basketball social media pages. Campers registered by May 1 are guaranteed a camp T-shirt.

42nd Chance Crawford Benefit Softball Tournament shifts to Botetourt County

Despite ongoing renovations to the tournament's normal home, the James I. Moyer Complex, the 42nd Chance Crawford Benefit Softball Tournament is on schedule for this weekend.

More than 150 teams are set to play games April 14-16 throughout Virginia's Blue Ridge region. The Botetourt Sports Complex in Troutville will serve as the home base for this year's charitable tournament and games will be played at various fields in the cities of Salem and Roanoke and the counties of Bedford, Roanoke, and Botetourt.

Games are scheduled for the Botetourt Sports Complex and fields at the Salem Civic Center, Arnold R. Burton, Whispering Pines, Wasena Park, Huff Lane, Norwich Field, Beford Moose Lodge and Oakey Field.

This year's event will feature the following divisions - Men's Upper, Men's D, Men's E, Men's Recreation, Men's 40-plus, Women's Division and Coed.

For more information, please call Salem Parks and Recreation at (540) 375-3057 or contact the Tournament Director Scott Scharnus at scharnus@saalemva.gov You can also visit the Chance Crawford Tournament website at www.chancecrawford.org and check out the tourney on Facebook at www.facebook.com/chancecrawfordsoftballtournament.

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River beats LB, Salem on the softball diamond

The Class 2 James River Knights swept two larger schools in softball on back-to-back days last week when the Knights downed Class 3 Lord Botetourt on Wednesday and Class 4 Salem on Thursday.

The Knights hosted LB and took a 3-1 lead into the seventh inning, but had to execute a 9-2-5 double play to end the game and escape with a 3-2 win. With one out and the bases loaded, Cavalier leadoff hitter Jackson Kemper hit a hard line drive to right field that was charged and caught by Knight right fielder Keira Crawford. Crawford then made a strong throw to the plate to turn around Kaden Johnson, who was attempting to score. Knights catcher Kaycee Kincaid relayed the throw to third baseman Cloey Joynes, who applied the tag to end the game.

Lord Botetourt, held to four hits prior to the seventh inning, had four hits in the last frame but only managed to score once.

"Our defense was the difference, as it turns out," said River coach Steve Austin. "The double play at the end of the game was huge, but after Kemper led off the game with a single, we turned a 1-6-3 double play. We cut down Johnson at second base in the third inning after a lead-off gap shot to right center, 8-6. All those plays count."

After four and half innings of scoreless play, Jenna Pugh of the Knights led off the home fifth with a double. With one out, Elly Lackey singled to center to score Pugh, who had moved up to third on a wild pitch. Lackey scored on a throwing error and then courtesy runner Caitlyn Downey scored on an RBI single by Kincaid.

Trailing 3-0 in the sixth, Kemper doubled to center with one out and eventually scored on a two-out throwing error, the lone James River error of the game.

Pugh led the Knights with three hits, including two doubles and a run scored. Kincaid had two hits and an RBI. Lackey had the RBI single. Ripley Barry had the only other Knights hit along with two walks. Kemper and Johnson led Lord Botetourt with two hits apiece.

Austyn Moran scattered eight Cavalier hits while striking out three and walking only one, allowing one earned run. The Knights remained unbeaten after four games with the hard-earned victory while LB fell to 1-4.

"It was a good win for us, but above all it was a really good high school softball game," said Austin. "Lots of good defense, big plays and some timely hits."

"You can never get comfortable playing Lord Botetourt. They always have lots of talent, they are well coached and they never quit. We were



James River's Jenna Pugh signals to the dugout after hitting a double against Lord Botetourt.

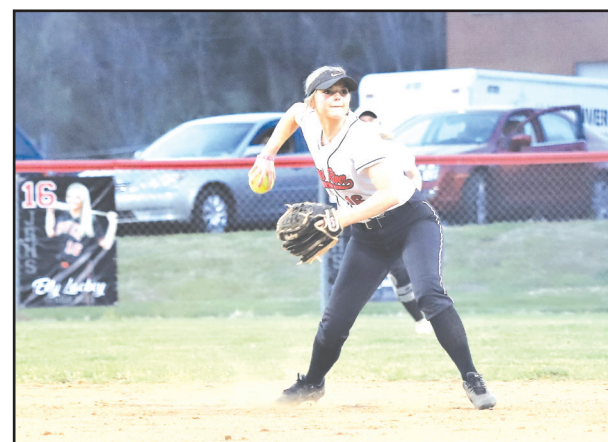
fortunate to win but our kids earned the win with their performance."

Less than 20 hours after escaping with a home win the Knights were back on the field at Salem on Thursday at the Salem Civic Center. The Knights were a bit flat early on, falling behind 3-1 after the first inning of play, but rallied to win 7-3.

The Knights had managed to scratch for one run in the top of the first inning when Kincaid's two-out bloop single plated Lackey. In the bottom of the first, Salem scored three runs on three hits and a walk and River faced its first deficit of the season. A two-out, two-run single by Taelyn Woodard was the big hit.

Knights pitcher Moran settled down the rest of the way, allowing only four hits in the final six innings. She ended up with 10 strikeouts and only two walks.

River picked up an unearned run in the third inning and took the lead, 4-3, in the fourth inning on two-out RBI singles by Jenna Pugh and Lexi



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Elly Lackey of James River fires to first.

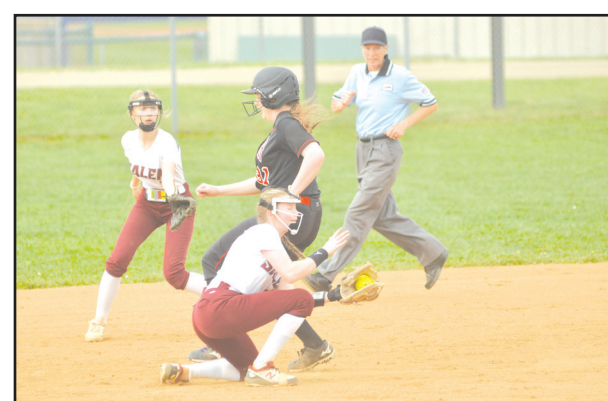


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Makayla Petty of James River is safe at second in last week's win over Salem.

McCullough. Freshman Sydney Breeding had a two-out RBI single in the fifth and then the visitors picked up two additional insurance runs in the seventh, highlighted by Moran's leadoff triple.

Pugh led the Knights with three hits for the second straight game, including a double. Moran had two hits and Ripley Barry, Abbie Wilson, Caitlyn Downey, McCullough, Kincaid, and Breeding had one hit each in the 11-hit attack.

James River improved to 5-0 on the season as the Knights prepare to enter Three Rivers District play. They were at Floyd County on Tuesday and will host Glenvar Thursday.

"It was good to face adversity on the road and methodically work through it," said Austin. "We had a lot of excuses we could have used but we chose to just buckle down and compete."

LB has a busy schedule this week. The Cavs were at William Byrd on Tuesday, they go to Blacksburg today and play at home against Northside on Friday.

Howard commits to Wake Forest



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Lord Botetourt junior Kendal Howard (0) has committed to Wake Forest University to play football and continue his education. Howard was a second team All-State and first team All-Region defensive end for the Cavaliers in the fall. The 6'3", 255-pound Howard was also a tight end for the Cavaliers but he'll play defense for the Demon Deacons.



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Tennis teams will play Rockbridge later today

The Lord Botetourt tennis teams will take on Rockbridge today with the boys at Hollins University and the girls at Rockbridge. Last week the boys lost to Salem, 8-1, on Wednesday in Salem while the girls were rained out of their home match with the Spartans on Thursday. Here, LB's Ridge Radtke hits a return against Salem.

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Jones, UNC-Greensboro play softball at Radford today

Lord Botetourt graduate Rhyann Jones, a freshman pitcher for the UNC-Greensboro softball team, is 7-1 on the season with a 3.23 earned run average. The Spartans are 23-15 and have a doubleheader at Radford University today, Wednesday, with the first game scheduled for 3 p.m.



Rhyann Jones

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