



## Attend the Buchanan Civil War History Weekend and learn about a lesser known site of the war



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Battles to take place Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

See the flash, smell the smoke and feel the ground shake as cannons echo across the valley during Buchanan's Civil War History Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

More than 100 re-enactors representing over 20 units will begin arriving to town Thursday evening through Saturday morning to take part in the event. Up to an additional 100 re-enactors are anticipated to "walk on" to add to the numbers of units and cavalry.

On Friday, students from Buchanan Elementary School will enjoy a History Walking Tour throughout the downtown highlighting the role of transportation in shaping the town's

more than 200 years of history, then end with a tour through the Living History Camps.

Highlights of the weekend's activities include a 7 p.m. Artillery Demonstration at the Town Park on Friday, a Saturday Opening Ceremony on the Town Park at 10 a.m., Living History Camps on the Town Park throughout

the weekend, skits on Main Street, movies in the Buchanan Theatre, Sam Winkler as President Jefferson Davis, Mary Houseman as a seamstress demonstrating sewing on an antique machine, battles on the Town Park on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m., a Camp Dance open to the

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## Election 2023: June's Republican primary candidates and voting precincts

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The 2023 election quickly approaches. Among the offices to be on the November ballot, Board of Supervisors seats in the Blue Ridge, Fincastle, and Valley districts will be up for grabs. In terms of the upcoming Republican primary, the Blue Ridge and Valley districts are the only districts with contested races where candidates are seeking the Republican nomination. This means only four of the 10 county precincts will be open on June 20. Amsterdam, Buchanan, and Fincastle districts do not have any contested races for the primary.

Current Blue Ridge District Supervisor Billy Martin will run in the upcoming primary against Walter Michael. Mac Scothorn, current board chair, seeks the party nomination in the Valley District with Robert R. Young as opposition.

Uncontested candidates receiving the Republican party nomination that will not appear on the June ballot consist of Brandon W. Nicely for Fincastle District Board of Supervisors, Matthew T. Ward for Sheriff (incumbent), Donna C. Boothe for Treasurer (incumbent), Chris T. Booth for Commissioner of Revenue (incumbent), John R.H. Alexander II for Commonwealth's Attorney (incumbent), Terry L. Austin for House of Delegates, 37th District (incumbent), and Chris Head (current delegate in 17th House district) for Va. Senate, 3rd District.

In-person absentee voting begins at the Botetourt County Elections and Voter Registration office at 2 East Main Street in Fincastle, Friday, May 5. The office is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. After Memorial Day (May 29), the deadline to register or update voter registration for the

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## Eagle Rock Science Festival May 13

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Science, agriculture, and Botetourt County are three good friends looking for place to have a good time. Fortunately for them, they'll have their day in the sun along with the local community at the first Eagle Rock Science Festival on May 13.

The inaugural event takes place from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Blue Ridge Vineyard. This event will feature county science fair projects, interactive games, and hands-on activities for kids of all ages.

"Since I moved back home (Botetourt), I've always wanted to do something like this," Eagle Rock Ruritan Club President Beth Leffel said in a recent interview. "Science education is very important to me and helping people understand that science is a lot more than standing in a lab over a beaker. Agriculture is also very important to me. Agriculture and STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) are a perfect match."

Leffel wanted to "marry" science and agriculture toward putting on an event in northern Botetourt. The Eagle Rock Ruritan Club members put their heads together and came up with the idea for a science festival with a focus on community outreach.

"We haven't been able to do anything for a couple of years because of COVID and everyone was excited to get back into the swing of things," Leffel said of the Ruritan Club's involvement in planning the event.

One important component of the Ruritan Club is promoting small businesses and community leaders. The club reached out to local business owners that

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## Botetourt fall sports registration is now open

Early registration for tackle football, flag football, soccer, and cheerleading opened on April 17 and closes on July 8.

Botetourt County Parks & Recreation shared a few informative facts in a recent Facebook post.

- Youth who engage in recreational sports not only grow up more physically active but also gain mental and social health benefits that follow them into adulthood.

- Research demonstrates that children engaged in youth sports are less likely to experience obesity,

report lower levels of depression, and perform better academically.

For more information about the recreational sports programs, visit a detailed FAQ on the county's website, www.bocorecreation.info. Interested parties are welcome to send an e-mail to Parks & Rec at recreation@botetourtva.gov or call the office at (540) 928-2130.

Interested in coaching? Make sure to register online at www.bocorecreation.info

Info about tackle football - https://www.botetourtva.gov/540/

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## Preserving Botetourt History

Roblyn Bland - BCBS website manager, docent



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The Botetourt Historical Society (BCBS) 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 history 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 & Culture a must-see destination.

Roblyn Bland arrived in Botetourt approximately 20 years ago after living in Roanoke. She's a central

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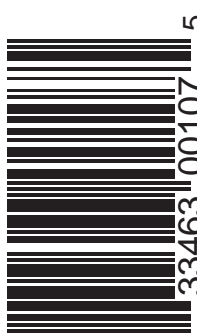
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# BCPS holds its first Career Summit

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Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) students learned more about potential careers within the area last Thursday in Bonsack.

Approximately 200 students and 30 businesses gathered at the Bonsack Community Life Center for a morning of presentations and an “employment fair” featuring local employers.

Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ and Instructional Supervisor and Botetourt Technology Education Center (BTEC) Principal Mike Ketron welcomed the students to the main hall before they ventured out into the foyer of the community center.

“One component of our strategic direction is ‘every student graduates prepared for meaningful employment, higher education opportunities, or military service,’” Russ stated when asked about last week’s event. “This commitment was at the core of our first BCPS Career Summit, during which students had the unique opportunity to meet with workplace and industry professionals.

“Students had real conversations about employment, interviewing, making smart financial decisions, building credit, personal safety, and basic vehicle maintenance.



**4-H Extension Agent Tyler Painter talks with a Botetourt County student during last Thursday’s Career Summit.**



**Students meet with Bank of Botetourt First Vice President, Marketing Strategy & Business Development Officer Mary Ann Miller of Bank of Botetourt.**

They met with local business representatives during the day-long employment fair, had the opportunity to register to vote with our county registrar, and build a network for their future.

“I appreciate everyone who contributed to making the day not only a reality but also a tremendous success.”

The summit included session presenters sharing information about jobs in finance, employment, car maintenance, and safety. During the presentations,

students heard from local professionals representing BCPS, Botetourt Sheriff’s Department, Altec, Chick-fil-A, MAAG/Gala Industries, ReMax, Union Home Mortgage, Bank of Botetourt, and Berglund.

“I am very grateful for our community partners who came out and volunteered their time to take part in this learning opportunity for our senior students,” Buchanan School Board representative Jenny Wilson said in a recent email. “I appreciated the



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**Approximately 30 local businesses were on hand to meet Botetourt County seniors at last week’s BCPS Career Summit in Bonsack.**

practical knowledge they learned about basic car maintenance, finance and home ownership, job application and interview tips as well as self-defense tactics taught by our Sheriff’s Department. This seminar had been in the works years ago, but COVID restrictions in the last several years shut it down. I am happy that our administration was able to get it off the ground again and turn it into a very successful event.”

County Administrator Gary Larrowe also visited the event and

was impressed by the information local student gained meeting with local professionals.

“The Career Summit was a great event in multiple ways,” Larrowe said when asked about the event. “Giving high school seniors and local business an insight to opportunities and talent is desperately needed by both the students and the business community. This event helped to connect Botetourt County businesses to students who will be the new talent pool no matter if it is immediately

after 12th grade or after higher education.”

According to BCPS Communication Specialist Mike Moser, the event saw a “strong” response from potential employers. Local businesses were on a wait list to participate in the employment fair. BCPS hopes this will be an annual event for county students.

To learn more about “what’s happening” in BCPS, visit <https://www.bcps.k12.va.us/calendar> for a list of upcoming meetings and events.



**“Magic” stands proud after performing during Freedom Fest 2023.**



**The color guard presents their flags during the opening ceremonies.**

## New Freedom Farm holds 5th annual ‘Freedom Fest’

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New Freedom Farm, a nonprofit organization founded by Navy veteran and forensic nurse Lois Dawn Magill in 2016, held their fifth annual Freedom Fest in Buchanan last weekend. The event is an annual fundraiser for New Freedom Farm bringing awareness to the farm’s mission of “healing heroes through horses.”

Approximately 3,000 attendees enjoyed the two-day event from 26 states and three countries. Dozens of food and craft vendors lined the farm. Attendees enjoyed musical performances and special demonstration of gentling techniques by Mary Miller Jordan of television’s “Mustang Millionaire” and her horse, Magic.

On Saturday, ceremonies were held to kick off Freedom Fest 2023 that featured County Administrator Gary Larrowe welcoming attendees noting how much of

an “asset” New Freedom Farm is not only to veterans, but also to Botetourt County. Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Khari Ryder shared thought of encouragement about the event as well.

New Freedom Farm founder/director Lois Magill and WFXR’s Mac MacDonald shared a letter sent from 6th District Congressman Ben Cline, who was unable to attend Saturday’s and Sunday’s festivities. Pastor Pam Szurek of Belvidere Presbyterian Church in Belvidere, New Jersey provided a prayer.

“I want to be sure to thank the local community for all of their support and the volunteers is what really made this entire event happen,” Magill said in a recent email. “Save the date next year for a bigger and better (Freedom Fest) April 20 and 21, (2024).”

Please visit [newfreedomfarm.org](http://newfreedomfarm.org) to learn more about New Freedom Farm.



**County Administrator Gary Larrowe shares some words during ceremonies held at New Freedom Farm Saturday during Freedom Fest.**



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**Freedom Fest 2023 saw dozens of food and craft vendors. People traveled to the event representing 26 states and three countries.**

## Isabella Middleton debuts at Virginia DAR State Conference

Isabella Claire Middleton of Troutville was one of seven Virginia Society, Children of the American Revolution debutantes presented at the 2023 Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference, at the Richmond Marriott on Friday, March 17, 2023. The event was part of the conference’s annual Opening Night Banquet, hosted by Virginia DAR State Regent Laurie Parker Nesbitt. Around 500 people from across the country were in attendance.

Middleton is the daughter of Matthew Douglas Middleton of Penicuik, Scotland and

Elizabeth Bishop Middleton of Troutville. She is the granddaughter of William Clarence Bishop, Jr. and Kathleen Oliva Proko Bishop of Blue Ridge, and of Peter Middleton (Ret., The Royal Scots) and Eileen Clayton Middleton of Dalkeith, Scotland.

She is a senior at Lord Botetourt High School. She will be the third generation of her family to graduate from Lord Botetourt, and is the fifth generation of her family to live in Botetourt County. Her grandfather, William Clarence Bishop, Jr., graduated from Lord Botetourt in 1964, and her mother, Elizabeth Bishop,

graduated in 1987.

Middleton has been a member the of the Peter Jefferson Society, Children of the American Revolution since birth, and has served in numerous roles including three years as the chapter’s president. She has also been active in CAR at both the state and national levels, having served as a page at the VSCAR State Conference for two years, held State Committee chairmanships for five years, and served as the National Society, Children of the American Revolution’s Pilgrimage Committee Chairman at its 2018 National Conference. She served as the CAR Flag

Bearer at last year’s debutante presentation at the Virginia DAR State Conference, and has attended the event each year that it has been held, since she was 6 years old.

She has 16 proven American Revolution Patriot ancestors. They are: David Anderson (VA), Henry Bishop (VA), Peter Cashwell (VA), William Cashwell (VA), Matthew Cox (VA), Cornelius Dabney (VA), Andrew Douglas (PA), John Klinger (PA), William Little (NY), Henry Stewart (VA), John Stonebraker (PA), Phillip Thurmond (VA), William Thurmond (VA),

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**Isabella Middleton**

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## James River students learn self-defense

Roanoke Okinawa Karate instructor Doug Bleecker was at James River High School on Friday, April 21, with his student instructors. They were teaching the young people how to protect themselves from predators. The class was in conjunction with the national non-profit organization called “ Help Save the Next Girl.”

~ Fincastle Herald staff report



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## Post 240 Notes

### Flag burning ceremony April 27 in Cloverdale

American Legion Post 240 will conduct a flag burning ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Cloverdale Elementary School.

~ American Legion Post 240

### Beef BBQ at Limestone Park April 29

Limestone Park will be having its annual Beef BBQ on Saturday, April 29 and dinners will be available from noon until 5 p.m. The dinners will consist of two sandwiches, baked beans, slaw and a drink for \$12. Baked goods will also be available.

For your entertainment, from 1-4, there will be live music.

All proceeds from the beef BBQ and bake sale will benefit Limestone Park Ministries. For questions and/or tickets, call Pat Shotwell at 540-

254-1616.

Also on that day, the Alaska Mission Team will be having their annual flower sale from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All proceeds from the flower sale will go to Alaska Missions.

Limestone will not be having a yard sale this year, but

Yard sale spaces will be available for \$15, beginning at 8 a.m., for anyone who would like to set up to sell. Limestone will not be having one this year.

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# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

*Botetourt County elementary schools have released the following honor rolls for the third nine-week grading period:*

### BRECKINRIDGE

#### A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Brandon Baka-Collins, Aidan Shin, Reagan Walker

FOURTH GRADE: Jamie Arthus, Ava Burton, Rilee Erickson, Jaden Herrig, Sadie May, Logan Moyers, Jocelyn Theimer

THIRD GRADE: Lennox Duty, Elizabeth Earnest, Logan McVey, Heidi Rusgrove, Aida Simmons, Sydney West

#### A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Haley Bailey, Lillian Cress, Emma Dalton, Blaine Dooley, Brooklyn Dooley, Brett Henry, David Moran, Brianna Roper, Hudson Saunders

FOURTH GRADE: Jameson Brady, Kaiden Burleson, Carson Cook, Paul John De Villa, Aubrey Dogan, Jaiden Duffy, Tanner Goyer, Ryder Hall, Anna Henry, Austin Justice, Bentley Keyser, Kirra Kitt, Harper Patterson, Jacob Powell, Brian Simmons, Johanna Sink, Luke Sprinkle, Matthew Tate, Jaden Willis, Piper Woods

THIRD GRADE: Shajeania Aronson, Hannah Cox, Leya Crawford, Autumn Cuddy, Harold Davis, Amelia Duff, Kyler Dunbar, Easton Firebaugh, Madeline Groves, Cora Lowman, Oleksii Mostovyi, Charlotte Moulton, Amelia Neighbors, Camryn Sartorius, Reece Saunders

### BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY

#### A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Wyatt Manbeck , Jasmine Montgomery, Angela Williams

FOURTH GRADE: Ruby Boblett, Lindsey Branch, Liam Camper, Wren Manbeck, Maci Silva, Rosalie Stull

THIRD GRADE: Josee Armentrout, Kasey Ayers, Jaxson Flannagan, Imelda Graham, Olivia Graves, Colton Haynes, Madeleine Huddleston, Henry Kinion, Rosalee Lash, Leon Richmond, Parker Tate

#### A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Landon Anderson, Lillian Dooley, Ridley Engstrom, Aubrey Ginapp, Kaylen Hicks, Allie Johnson, Addison Kelly, Evan Mundy, Gavin Price

FOURTH GRADE: Kyle Asbury, Myles Falls, Jovie Franklin, Easton Galanes, Autumn Ginapp, Jayden Howson, Logan Lovelace, Elliott Meador, Tucker Tate, Maddox Taylor, Roy Trivellin, Sariah Turner, Natalee Vassar, Adalyn Whitney

THIRD GRADE: Elowen Anderson, Kevin Blanton, Kenslie Blevins, Bailey Carroll, Berkley Carroll, Noah Deacon, Lily Fix, Jasper Garber, Adriana Giles, Makayla Howson, Ava Joynes, Avery Kelly, Kennedy King, Sullivan Louque-Parrish, Jake Nichols-Santos, Cullen Prill, Hayana Thompson, Mylah Young

### CLOVERDALE

#### A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Klayton Akers, Michael Aliveto, Grayson Beckner, Claire Conn, William Conn, Morgan Gartland, Ava Lee, Miles Patrick, Micah Perdue, Rebecca Stakor, Emily Taylor, Toby Zhu

FOURTH GRADE: Andrew Collins, Adrian Dzikus, Jordan Hampton, Micah Laffoon, Grayson Markham, Aubree Rogers, Leona Wilhoit, Aubrey Witt

THIRD GRADE: Harrison Akers, Nova Bailey, Adam Barbour, Everlie Beckner, Kyra Davis, Mason Nichols, Afton Patrick, Maelie Pritt, Raelyn Steinruck, Link Thacker, Josi Whitaker

#### A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Annaleigha Aldridge, Henry Ariza Bishop, Trenton Brubaker, Otto Brummer, Layla Cook, Kayloni Dunbar, Peyton Greathouse, Amaya Hathaway, Everleigh Hudson, Anastasia Lovasz, Adam McNamara,

Willow Meyers, Ethan Moore, Julia Mosley, Wyatt Naff, Meredith Purser, Asia Stephens, Walker Stevens

FOURTH GRADE: Aubreigh Arthur, Chloe Barnes, Charlotte Curulla, Luke Davis, Alexander Dzikus, Nolan Ferguson, Christopher Fields, Garrett Helms, Bailey Higgins, Grace Jensen, Taryn Kincer, Jackson Kish, Gabriel Mutter, Hannah Myers, Lucas Phillips, Charlie Pruitt, John Shuler

THIRD GRADE: Connor Bocock , Evelyn Brummer, Yitong Chen, Peyton Clarke, Jaxon Hodges, Charles Jones, Emma Markham, Augusta Payne, Hunter Ristine, Denver Thompson, Katelynn Wagner, Ryder Watson, Roman Wilhoit

### COLONIAL

#### A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Brayden Deacon, Gabriella DeHaven, Nathan Gergely, Trevor Harrison, Everly Lucas, Braelyn Miley, Alisha Poudel, Cayden Ray, Isaac Spencer, Ella Stewart, Joseph Thompson, Archer Wilkinson

FOURTH GRADE: Noah Church, Savannah Colleluori, Levi Crockett, Autumn Dale, Braeden Daniels, Kalin Guilliams, Bryson Harless, Gwenna Hartvigsen, Brooklyn Leek, Shea Legon, Nicholas Meyer, Ember Persing, Kylie Pippert, Charlotte Rock, Trevor Rock, Caleb Slaughter

THIRD GRADE: Braeden Brown, Stephanie Brown, Natalie Buehring, Mason Dalglish, Cooper Dooley, Lillian Halsey, Wesley Hilgers, Norris Johansen, Olivia Kirby, Evelyn Milko, Claire Miller, Sophia Reiner, Madelynn Roberts, Jack Roginski, Roman Spencer, Grayson Starks, Maci Walls, Harlan Winningham, Charlotte Woody

#### A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Elijah Anderson, Cailyn Booth, Braeden Camp, Ricky Carter, Ella Cook, Colbie Dix, Bentley Gibson, Eli Hall, Seth Hayslett, Brooke Heizer, Mason Hibbs, Carly Hilgers, Ian Huddleston, Kinley Huffman, Cayden Kroll, Jerrica Lee, Jack Madden, Kinleigh Manley, Jayden Martin, Hadley Milko, Caitlyn Moser, Brady O’Quinn, Ella Purves, Joseph Reiner, Luke Scott, Laney Shepherd, Fredy Solito Aleman, Carter Starks, Brayden Tars, Ryan Waggoner, Ava White, Grace Witt

FOURTH GRADE: Nikolai Baker, Emmalin Butler, Colton Carter, Jackson Cockfield, Wagner Collins, Kaiden Elkins, Easton Epperly, Brooks Ferguson, Emma Garcia, Elsie Grant, Grayson Johnson, Curtis Law, Abigail Muse, John Nancarrow, Brynn Nunley, Kinley Oliver, Brooklyn Orange, Madison Reynolds, Layla Samuel-Bolt, Caleb Sherman, Griffin Spalding, Alexa Thomas, Alizabeth Tribbett, Liam Ward, Roman Wheeler, Nate Wilson, ,

THIRD GRADE: Skylar Amos, Cooper Anderson, Henry Badgley, Colton Baker, Layla Beard, Jack Beckner, William Booth, Riley Boyd, Porter Burnett, Chadwick Dales Jr., Mia Davidson, Jeremiah Dooley, Jackson Duncan, Kolby Gillespie, Evelyn Hatfield, Hailynn Henderson, Reese Huffman, Olivia Karabin, Finn Keleher, Landon Knick, Liam Lavinder, David Lawrence, Isaac Lewis, Dana Lorenzo Nolasco, Hailey Mack, Hoyt Marion, William Meador, Brooklyn Morgan, Alyona Parrish, Katelyn Pierce, Josiah Powers, Bryson Prusak, Noah Reed, Serena Smith, Tessa Thompson, Cora Tolbert, Robert Triplett, Noah Weikel, Abigail Williamson, Emma Willmott, Elijah Wright

### EAGLE ROCK

#### A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: None

FOURTH GRADE: William Beauchamp, Mia Thurston, Micah Tingler, Adelyn Tribble, Ellymae Windsor

THIRD GRADE: Charles Ayers, Elijah Neal

#### A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Marinette Devinney, Raegan Hickey, Everly Johnson, Brayden Patterson, Braelyn Scott, Kinley Scott, Jydan Wade

FOURTH GRADE: Brady Meadows, Baylee Hylton, Jackson Lowe, Mason Mays, Mackynzie Simmons, Jaycee Wilson

THIRD GRADE: Serena Beard, Remington Depriest, Esther Hipes, Alayna Johnson, Teagan Kern, Kayleigh Morris, Rhilynn Wilson, Raymond Wimmer

### GREENFIELD

#### A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Matthew Barker, Aiden Beheler, Colleen Burton, Tristen Craddock, Josiah Dunker, Gabrielle Elmore, Piper Forren, Berkley Gray, Tayler Hatter, Grace Hoover, Noah Horne, Kara Kaufman, Dawson Lyle, Cody McLucas, John Pastrikos, Samuel Reynolds, Camden Rosenberger, Bayleigh Sieger, Kyrn Sollars, Kendall Spencer, Addison Thompson, Malachi Tribble, Macy Weddle, Laurel Wiley

FOURTH GRADE: Molly Bogen, Jericho Daniel, Lucy Dubbe’, Bryson Garner, Kaylen Hull, Noah Koon, Kyra Lake, Jalen Lin, Anastasia Lupiya,, Ella Marshall, Madison Mathews,, Leah Meadows, Haden Murphy, Claire Nagle, Gerard Pablo-Damian,, Nicholis Robtison, Nora Salsgiver, Lucy Shawn, Eleanor Shively, Julian True, Christopher Vail, Cadence Wood, Olivia Woodruff, Bodhi Woodson

THIRD GRADE: Averl Alderman, Cameron Allison, Eli Boggs, Jake Delp, Joshua Dunker, Lilia Hoover, Scarlett Hunt, Kellan Ives, Charlotte Lee, Matthew Lupiya,, London Merchant,, Katelyn Moore, Jace Newman, Ethan Peck, Elias Reynolds, Sofia Russ, Aiden Sawyer, Ethan Schermer, Ethan Tucker, Danny Ulloa Mancia, Avery Wertz

#### A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Mackenzie Akers, Mickayla Beavers, Lillian Bishop, Mason Bratton, Justin Damian-Ambrocio Kinsley Dent, Sophie Dewhirst, Mia Fields, Gracynn Gardner, Braxton Harvey, Cainen Hatter, Yan Hernandez-Mancia, Laecie King, Addison Mitchell, Berkley Murray, Aubrey Nicely, Lena Othman, Gracie Poff, Stephanie Ramirez-Mejia Jackson Rock, Greylynn Sampson, Holden Shaw, Thomas Taylor,

Christopher Wise

FOURTH GRADE: Emma Allison, Antounios Barakat, Easton Barrett, Harper Beckner, Aoife Case, Alexander Clark, Layah Combs, Gabriel Dancy, John Davis, Ethan Dooley, Kyrie Gardner, Tyler Gilmer, Matthew Hankins, Dillon Hollins, Vivian Lipscomb, Kaylee McKinney, Declan Nichols, Alexander Olin, Kiyan Patel, Cooper Pritt, Nathan Schwallenberg, Logan Simmons, Raziel Velez

THIRD GRADE: Dalilah Bridgen, Daniella Carillo, Cayden Carpenter, Jackson Daniels, Patrick Dent, Elora Farmer, Alexa Guevara-Garcia, Owen Leftwich, Madeline Linthicum, Rieley Lisle, Tucker Lisle, Liam Malaga-Artiga, Aliyah Mitchell, Jordan Murray, Benson Nicely, Kylee Payne, Olivia Poff, Adeline Rupe, Isaac Sampson, Aaron Shelton, Hayden Smith, Isaiah Tribble, Kade Underwood, Lila-Rose Waddell, Jayden Ward, Wren Wiley, Dannica Wise, Paul Yopp

### TROUTVILLE

#### A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Sydney Bergsten, Scout Dillow, Hannah Ferguson, Joshua Frederickson, William Hedrick, Brock Lough, Emma Lugar, John McNamara, Oliver Saville, Allison Vess, Cameron Vess, Isaac Williams, Levi Young

FOURTH GRADE: Landyn Foster, Samuel Jackson, Brantley McMillion, Caroline Powell, Dawson Simmons, Flora Stump

THIRD GRADE: Colby Beckner, Rylan Borba, Levi Frederickson, Grayson Houseman, Parker Lough, Luke Mullins, Emerson Race, Riggins Rutledge, Isabelle Williams

#### A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Paige Abney, Karson Anderson, Austyn Borba, Mazi Elmore, Thomas Frederickson, Evan May, Melody Moore, Camden Persinger, Brenden Reedy, Kerington Stuart

FOURTH GRADE: Lily Alls, Makenna Carswell, Ryan Cunningham, Caleb Gauldin, Mason Gilliam, Wyatt Kelley, Anthony Kelly, Keane Kitchens, Kennedy Lavinder, Ian Martin, Ruby Martin, Alex Mattarocchia, Elise Persinger, Owen-Ray Richardson, Aubrey Spence, Cora Wimmer

THIRD GRADE: Reese Cecil, John Cruise, Caleb Dogan, Meirco Elmore, Adam Lawson, Tate Rutledge, Benjamin Saville, Bria Scharf, Kristin Stuart, Autumn Wright

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# Appalachian Habitat Association offering scholarship

Botetourt County high school seniors and college students interested in or studying wildlife conservation and forestry-related fields are eligible to apply for one of the Appalachian Habitat Association scholarships (AHA) being offered this spring.

The non-profit AHA is offering four scholarships that will be awarded to students who will or are planning to pursue an education that will lead to a two-year or

higher degree in a course of study associated with Forestry, Wildlife Management, Wildlife Biology, Habitat Management, Conservation Resources, Conservation Criminal Justice or a similar field associated with improving wildlife habitat and/or protecting wildlife.

Students from the Counties of Botetourt, Alleghany, Augusta, Bath, Craig, Highland and Rockbridge, and the Cities of Buena Vista, Covington,

Lexington, Staunton and Waynesboro are eligible for the scholarships.

The non-profit AHA will accept applications from 2023 graduating high school seniors and post-secondary students currently enrolled in programs at two-year or four-year institution with an accredited program as identified above.

Scholarships in the amount of \$6,000, two for \$4,000 and \$3,000 will be awarded to the top four

applicants, respectively.

Applications are available by emailing [info@appalachianhabitat.org](mailto:info@appalachianhabitat.org) or downloaded from the AHA website at <https://appalachianhabitat.org/scholarships>.

Fully completed applications should be returned as described in the application by June 7.

For more information, contact Ed McCoy at [info@appalachianhabitat.org](mailto:info@appalachianhabitat.org) or by calling 540-339-0622.

## Botetourt Globetrotters holding meeting May 2 on 2024 student trip

Botetourt Globetrotters is a group of Botetourt County school teachers who have a passion for travel and love sharing the experience of new places and cultures with students, especially those who are in the 11-to 15-or-older age range.

In the summer of 2024, the group will travel to Eastern Europe to see sights in seven different countries.

Parents are invited to an informational meeting Tuesday, May 2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Orchard Hills Church, 6032 Cloverdale

Road.

For more information, email Angela Myers at [botetourtglobetrotters@gmail.com](mailto:botetourtglobetrotters@gmail.com).

*- Fincastle Herald staff report*

## Superintendent Russ to speak at Retired Educators meeting

The Botetourt Retired Educators will meet on Monday, May 8, at Bellacino's in Daleville. Registration begins at 10:45 a.m. with the meeting starting at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Jonathan Russ, superintendent of Botetourt County Public Schools. Each person attending will order his/her lunch from the menu. Dues (\$35) for the 2023-2024 year may be paid at the meeting. Donations for the scholarship fund and the book fund will also be accepted.

## Ruritans holding chicken barbecue May 20

The Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club will sponsor a chicken barbecue on May 20. The dinners will be available

from 4-6 p.m. by drive-thru only at Bonsack United Methodist Church, 4493 Bonsack Road. The cost is \$15

for half a chicken, baked beans, slaw and roll. Order tickets by phone at 540-330-6093 or email [smelser1995@gmail.com](mailto:smelser1995@gmail.com).

## Kiwanis Recycling Event May 20 at Lord Botetourt

The Kiwanis Club of Botetourt County invites the community to the annual recycling event to be held on May 20 from 8 a.m. to noon at upper parking lot at Lord Botetourt High School.

There will be on-site document shredding truck, Goodwill Industries collection bins for small household goods and Botetourt County Citizen

Convenience Center dumpster for electronics disposal.

Volunteers from the club, Bank of Botetourt and local library staff will be available to help receive the recycled goods.

The Botetourt County Library provides excellent resources to help promote early literacy skills. At this

year's event, donation will be accepted for the 1000 Things Before Kindergarten (1KTb4K). Reading, writing, singing, playing, and talking with your child helps young brains develop. Derived from the program, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 1KTb4K expands the concept to include STEAM and social/emotional behaviors, such as singing

songs and nursery rhymes; playing peekaboo; dancing to music; playing with blocks; and counting aloud. Each year the program has grown, and last year more than 250 1KTb4K packets were provided to the community by the library.

*- Kiwanis Club of Botetourt County*



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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](http://www.orchardhillschurch.org).

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD New Beginnings Assembly of God**, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: [pastorstvetremblay@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstvetremblay@gmail.com). Everyone welcome.

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

#### CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

**Botetourt Church of God of Prophecy** - (formerly Flatwoods COGOC & Fincastle COGOC), 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](mailto:office@cbcblueridge.org); website: [www.cbcblueridge.org](http://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](mailto:jwr56fbc@yahoo.com). Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. [fincastlefaith.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.phbcweb.com).

**Springwood Baptist Church** - 88 Copps Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email [pmike09@outlook.com](mailto: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

## GOD'S COVENANT

Read Genesis 9:1 through 11:32

A covenant is a promise or contract between two parties. However, a biblical covenant involved much more. It was a permanent arrangement designed to promote friendship and understanding between God and man. After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah and every living thing.

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:13).

This covenant had three parts. Never again would a flood devastate the earth. Season would follow season as long as the earth remained. Then God gave the rainbow to show that He could be trusted to keep His part of the covenant.

The rainbow speaks of God's grace and mercy. But His grace didn't stop with the rainbow. God wanted to have a relationship with us in spite of our unworthiness, so He sent us a Mediator—Jesus—who, by His death, opened up a new and better covenant, one that removed our sin and cleansed our conscience (Luke 22:20).

Prayer for Today: Lord, with Your help I will keep my part of the covenant—to love and honor You. Amen

Quicklook: Genesis 9:8–17

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.eck-va.org), [www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences](http://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](http://www.stmarksfincastle.org).

#### LUTHERAN

**Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)** - 9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at [osloanoke.com](http://osloanoke.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](mailto: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](http://www.buchananpresbyterian.org). Contact [www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Cary, Myrtle Deane

Myrtle Deane Cary, 78, of Botetourt County, passed away peacefully at her home Sunday, April 16, 2023.

Deane was born in Fincastle July 14, 1944 and lived in Botetourt County all of her life. She was the daughter of the late Jordan Lewis and Emily Virginia Slusser Cary. Deane was a hairdresser most of her life and was the owner of Deane's Beauty Shop for a period of time. She was a home health aide for various agencies and, most recently, was an ambassador/greeter for Rader Funeral Home in Daleville. Deane was a member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church all of her life where she currently was serving as treasurer.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Jordan Paris Cary; sisters, Violet Jane Armstrong, Stella Virginia Kidd, Dorothy Louise Cary, and Gladys Marie Eubank; nephews, Lester Lee Eubank, Jr. and Earl Lewis Eubank. Deane is survived by her niece, Emily Gale Eubank, and "The Puppies."

Deane's family would like to thank Davita Kidney Care of Daleville for their care of Deane during her dialysis sessions.

A celebration of Deane's life was 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church (White Church), 2357 Mt. Pleasant Church Road, Fincastle with Pastor Rodney Longmire and the Rev. Terry Johnson officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family received friends at the church Saturday one hour prior to the service.

Online condolences may be made to Deane's family at [www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Myrtle-Cary](http://www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Myrtle-Cary).



## Mattox, Cherie Leighann

Cherie Leighann Mattox, of Catlett and Botetourt, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at age 49. She was born on April 13, 1974, to her loving parents Carrie and Joel Mattox.

Cherie was a vibrant and adventurous woman who loved spending time outdoors. She had a passion for deer hunting, cooking, and kayaking on the river. Her wild and free spirit was contagious, and she always brought a smile to everyone's face with her sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, Rose and Charlie Gibson; grandfather, the Rev. William "Bill" Mattox, and her nephew Hunter Mattox.

Cherie is survived by her significant other. Chris King; her sons, Hayden Joel Hall and their wives, Sara and Jackie, respectively; and her grandchildren, Jaiden, Hunter, and Jason Catlett. She also leaves behind her grandmother, Ada Mattox; brother, Jay Mattox and his wife Cordelia, and nephews TJ and Leland Mattox. Cherie will be deeply missed by her aunt, Melissa Mattox, special cousins, Lauren Lindsay, Willow Lindsay, Marla Puckett, Frona Jean, and many others.

Cherie was a remarkable woman who will be remembered for her adventurous spirit and her ability to bring joy to those around her. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Services to celebrate her life will be announced at a later date.



# CHURCH NEWS

## 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.

## Potluck meal May 1 at Galatia

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, will have a Potluck Community Meal on Monday, May 1, at 12 noon. The church will furnish hot dogs and fixings, tea (sweet and unsweetened), lemonade, water and coffee. Bring a dish to share with everyone and join in for good fellowship and food.

## 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.

## Donations welcome for Mt. Bethel Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of the Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren Cemetery. The cemetery is located on Rt. 43/Narrow Passage Road near Eagle Rock. Please mail donations to Etta Alexander, P.O. Box 5, Eagle Rock, 24085.

## May 6 payment deadline for Pittsburgh trip

A Pittsburgh trip June 20-23 is being sponsored by St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Daleville.

The Joyful Journey Travel Club of St. Mark's UMC invites you to join them on their trip to Pittsburgh June 20-23; 3 days, 2 nights, \$515 per person double occupancy (\$664 per person single occupancy). The package includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, including a dinner at the Grand Concourse, Duquesne Incline, Gateway Clipper Cruise, guided tour of Pittsburgh, including the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning Nationality Room and Heinz Memorial Chapel, tour of Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens, Frank Lloyd Wright's "Fallingwater," Flight 93 Memorial & Tower of Voices Chimes, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities, motorcoach transportation and driver's tip.

Flyers and registration forms can be found on the church website [stmarksmethodist.com](http://stmarksmethodist.com).

A \$25 deposit (non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled) is required with the registration form.

Deadline for payment in full is May 6.

For more information and reservations contact Julia Greer, Joyful Journey Travel Club, St. Mark's's United Methodist Church, 19 Cedar Ridge Dr., Daleville, 24083; 540-330-7933.

# Letters

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simply a professing one), I will add my voice.

Our public libraries are sanctuaries of learning, exploration, and safety. If a citizen (of any age) has a question, a passion, or a curiosity on any subject, our libraries, and our librarians, exist to offer resources, references and services. What I may need from my library may be vastly different from what my neighbor is in need of at any given time. Just as I have no desire for my Botetourt neighbor to prevent me from accessing resources and information I may locate at my nearest library, neither should I decide what is and is not helpful for my neighbor to access.

At the last Board of

Supervisors meeting, public comment was taken regarding the removal of certain books deemed to contain "confusing" and "sexually indoctrinating" material for children. This material may be of concern to some individuals, and they may certainly choose to protect their children from such information. After 31 years as a public school teacher, I completely applaud parents who are fully present and involved in their children's growth and development and exploration. Parents SHOULD be aware of what their child is exposed to and engage in thoughtful and meaningful conversations about difficult topics

when their child is ready. When THEIR child is ready. There are different needs for different families at different times.

"Confusing" and "sexually indoctrinating" are both subjective adjectives—in other words, a universal definition cannot be pinned down to these words. Rather, they are defined based on a person's experiences and beliefs.

It is my belief that Botetourt Library Director Julie Phillips clearly and succinctly explained the protocols that are in place to address all parental concerns: in short, children under 13 are not allowed in libraries without a parent chaperone, so a parent AT

ANY TIME can maintain control of what THEIR child is reading and/or checking out. To go even further, parents maintain full control of a child's library account until the child turns 18. Any parent, at any time, can exercise their appropriate right to monitor and control their child's access to any resource in the public library. With this policy in place, my child, and my family, can access what we need while your child, and your family, can access what they need.

I am deeply saddened that simply the presence of these books on a shelf seem to present a clear and present danger. Many, many children walk by cigarette displays

at Walmart, or beer and wine shelves in Kroger. I haven't seen too many letters proposing those be removed.

I urge the board to embrace the common sense and balanced policy that is already in place in our Botetourt libraries. I wouldn't expect my neighbor to have the milk I use removed from my refrigerator based on my neighbor's opinion of what is good and healthy. Please don't let that attitude extend to our books. We have an excellent system in place, we have excellent libraries, and we have amazing librarians. Let us celebrate the quality resources and professionals we have in place in our libraries,

rather than weaken this wonderful system.

Heather Simmons  
Roanoke

# Woodland Church hosts Jarrell piano recital



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBBIE JARRELL

Debbie Jarrell of Roanoke presented her piano students in their recital on Thursday, March 23 at Woodland Church. The wide variety of music included classical, sacred, and folk tunes. They were presented in solos and duets. Many family members attended and encouraged the students.

The students are (from left): front, Julia Steryous, Piper Harden, Ava Mullins, Afton Patrick, Leona Wilhoit, Layn Burke, Clara Kingsmore, Levi Kingsmore, Avery Alderman, Nick

Meyer, and Zane Burke. Middle, Samuel Viesca, Carly Messer, Hunt Burke, Avery Harden, Kaylen Ludwinski, Sophie Pavelka, Lily Mullins, Dublin Quillen, Kristan Hale, Madison Hale, and Ben Ludwinski; back, Morgan Gartland, Miles Patrick, Cadence Davis, Cameron Matutina, Lilli Farnsworth, Nolan Farnsworth, Emma Gay, Olivia Pavelka, Adrienne Farnsworth, and Terri Frantz.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

# BUCHANAN EVENTS

## Buchanan Garden Festival

Make plans to enjoy the 9th annual Buchanan Garden Festival next Saturday, May 6. The public is invited to take part of the event as a vendor, plein air competition participant, or shopper. The Town of Buchanan is accepting applications from garden, outdoor living and home improvement vendors, artists, photographers and craft vendors for the festival. Applications are available on the town website at [www.townofbuchanan.com](http://www.townofbuchanan.com) or call the Buchanan Town Hall at 540-254-1212.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on **Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the requests listed below. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will make a final decision on the request. Information may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and is available online at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section.**

Fincastle District: Ikenberry James T et al (Virginia Blasting Services Inc., applicant) requests a Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, for a storage yard in the Agricultural (A-1) Use District in accordance with 25-73.- *Uses by special exception* and *Sec. 25-583. – Special exceptions* of the Botetourt County Code. An existing gravel road is on adjacent parcel TM #73-45 for proposed access to this 141.142-acre tract. The gravel road fronts on Blacksburg Road (State Rt. 630) and is 0.1 miles west of its intersection with Shavers Farm Road (State Route 670). The properties are identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 73, Parcels 9 and 45.

Fincastle District: Eastern Appalachian Teen Challenge Inc., requests a change of conditions associated with a Special Exception Permit for a private school approved on October 23, 2007 in the Agricultural (A-1) Use District in accordance with *Sec. 25-73.- Uses by special exception* and *Sec. 25-583. – Special exceptions* of the Botetourt County Code to allow for the permitting of an identification sign. This 6.063-acre parcel is located at 4281 Botetourt Road, approximately 0.24 miles northeast of its intersection with Mary Alice Road (State Route 681), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 48, Parcel 56.

Blue Ridge District: The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors have authorized consideration of a citizen-initiated petition that requests amendments to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan’s Sewer & Water Infrastructure Map #37 and the Future Land Use Map #9 in accordance with *Chapter 25, Zoning, Division 6. Special Development Approvals, Section 25-581.3 Comprehensive plan amendment-Owner initiated* and *Section 25-581.4 Comprehensive plan amendment and review*. The changes would extend an existing sewer and water service area along Blue Ridge Blvd between Coyner Springs Road and the Blue Ridge Pkwy which would connect three existing service areas together, and amend the future land use designation from medium density residential to commercial around several properties in the vicinity of the intersection of Blue Ridge Boulevard and Laymantown Road.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors propose text amendments to amend the zoning ordinance to add the proposed new uses of electric vehicle charging station, private and electric vehicle charging station, public as permitted land uses, along with associated definitions, regulations and permitting requirements for each as follows: *Chapter 25, Zoning, Article II . - District Regulations Generally* to add each type of charging station, as either permitted when meeting supplemental regulations or by special exception permit when meeting supplemental regulations within each zoning use district; amend *Article VI. – Definitions* to add definitions specific to charging stations; amend *Article IV. – Supplemental Regulations, Division 1. – Use Regulations* to add supplemental regulations specific to charging stations that includes the purpose and intent of the ordinance, the applicability of the regulations to existing and proposed charging stations, general requirements that apply to all charging stations, development standards that apply to each type of charging station, application requirements, and amend *Sec. 25-431. – Accessory uses and structures*; parcel limitations to charging stations, private when meeting supplemental regulations under residential, commercial, and industrial accessory structures.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors propose text amendments to amend the zoning ordinance to add small-scale, minor-scale roof, minor-scale ground and utility-scale solar energy facilities as permitted land uses, along with associated definitions, regulations and permitting requirements for each as follows: *Chapter 25, Zoning, Article II . - District Regulations Generally* to add each type of solar facility, as either permitted when meeting supplemental regulations or by special exception permit when meeting supplemental regulations within each zoning use district; amend *Article VI. – Definitions* to add definitions specific to solar energy facilities; amend *Article IV. – Supplemental Regulations, Division 1. – Use Regulations* to add supplemental regulations specific to solar energy facilities that includes the purpose and intent of the ordinance, the applicability of the regulations to existing and proposed solar facilities, general requirements that apply to all types of solar facilities, development standards that apply to specific types of solar facilities, community meeting requirements for minor-scale ground or utility-scale solar facilities, application requirements specific to minor-scale ground and utility-scale solar facilities, considerations on issuing special exception permits, requirement of annual report for minor-scale ground or utility-scale solar facilities, requirement of notice for change in ownership of minor-scale ground and utility-scale solar facilities, a requirement of a surety for decommissioning of utility-scale facilities when no longer in use, and amend *Sec. 25-431. – Accessory uses and structures*; parcel limitations to change the use of solar power panels to small-scale solar energy facilities when meeting supplemental regulations under residential, commercial, and industrial accessory structures.

**C. Nicole Pendleton, AICP, CZA, CFM**  
**Director of Community Development**

# Eagle Rock Ruritans hear from bank president at April meeting

Eagle Rock Ruritan Club members were treated to a Three Lil’ Pigs barbecue meal at the April meeting, served by and compliments of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. Ruritan members appreciate the generosity of St. Mark’s members.

The guest speaker for the evening was Michelle Austin, president of Bank of Botetourt. She gave an informative program on the banking industry in general and specifically allayed any fears that members might have concerning the solvency of the local bank in light of several larger bank failures in recent months in other parts of the country. Austin is a longtime employee at Bank of Botetourt, beginning her full-time career with the bank upon graduation from college. She reminded the Ruritans that the branch in Eagle Rock was acquired from Dominion Bank in 1993 by Bank of Buchanan, which became Bank of Botetourt in 1995. The Eagle Rock branch continues to serve the banking needs of patrons in the local area and also serves as a beautiful landmark in the community.

Among the many Community Service Committee reports at the April meeting, Donna Vaughn, chair of the Finance Committee, finalized plans for the fish fry fundraiser which was held on Saturday, April 22. Rurtian members appreciate very much the good response to the fundraiser. The proceeds will help to fund the Ruritan Community Service projects.

The Community Engagement

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## Election 2023

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Republican primary is 5 p.m. the following day (May 30). The deadline to request a mailed absentee ballot is 5 p.m. (in the Registrar’s Office or online) Friday, June 9.

The office will be open on Saturday, June 10, for in-person absentee voting from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The following Saturday (June 17), the office will be open 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. which also serves as the deadline for in-person absentee voting.

Election day for all remaining voters in the Blue Ridge and Valley districts takes place on Tuesday, June 20. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

For more information, visit the county’s Department of Elections & Voter Registration website at <https://www.botetourtva.gov/403/Department-of-Elections-Voter-Registration>.

## Civil War

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN OF BUCHANAN

**This period photograph shows Charles L. Wilson (the soldier with the chin strap), son of John and Sallie Wilson, owners of the Wilson Warehouse in Buchanan, with his unit.**

public on Saturday at 8 p.m. and period church service on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Additional activities include a breakfast fundraiser open to the public Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.; the Friends of the Buchanan Library book and yard sale on Saturday in the Carson Memorial Building, as well as Main Street sidewalk sales and food at Buchanan’s locally owned restaurants.

Visitors are requested to leave their pets at home (Certified Service Dogs are allowed).

Members of the Botetourt Artillery have worked with the town throughout the year to coordinate activities. A full schedule of activities may be found on the town’s website as well as flyers at local businesses and on kiosks throughout town.

During the Civil War, the Town of Buchanan served as an important Confederate supply depot for shipment of agricultural produce and pig iron to Richmond via the James River and Kanawha Canal. Buchanan farmers provided the Confederate quartermaster with beef, cotton, yarn and corn. Buchanan also provided troops for the Confederate war effort, most notably the Botetourt Artillery. The unit distinguished itself in the defense of Vicksburg.

Union General David Hunter marched through Buchanan on June 13, 1864 on his ill-fated raid in Lynchburg. The following day Confederate General J.D. Imboden reported that Hunter had driven Confederate troops under McCausland’s command out of Buchanan. Period letters tell how McCausland burned the covered bridge over the James River before leaving, igniting a fire which destroyed close to 30 buildings.

Personal letters of the era also tell of the devastation to Buchanan caused by the war including the burning of Col. John Anderson’s home known as Mount Joy, the three-day Federal occupation of Oak Hill, the Anchorage, the Presbyterian Manse as well as other private homes and offices throughout town. The battle flag of the Botetourt Artillery was said to have been made from the wedding dress of Cassandra Anderson, owner of Mount Joy.

The Town of Buchanan is part of the larger Virginia Civil War Trails Program, specifically the Hunter’s Raid Trail. Buchanan has four Trail markers which may be found throughout the town. The Virginia Civil War Trails Program invites visitors to experience the Civil War dramatically by tracing the five different Civil War Trails throughout the state – more than 400 sites tell stories never before told through pictures, battle maps, and clear interpretation. Travelers can spend two days or two weeks following the campaigns fought in Virginia through 79 cities and counties. Each site is car-accessible and describes events specific to that location.

**TOWN OF FINCASTLE**  
**PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Projected Revenues	
General Fund	\$173,000.00
Water/Sewer Fund	\$364,700.00
	\$537,000.00
Projected Expenditures	
General Fund	\$173,000.00
Water/Sewer Fund	\$364,700.00
	\$537,000.00

A public hearing concerning the proposed budget for the Town of Fincastle will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m, at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room, located in the upper parking lot of the Fincastle Fire Department, 25 Vine Street (the 8400 block of Roanoke Road (Route 220)), Fincastle, Virginia 24090. A copy of the budget can be obtained by calling the Town offices at (540)473-2200 or making an appointment on Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Additionally, a detailed copy of the proposed budget can also be found online at: <https://www.townoffincastle.org/budget>

Individuals are encouraged to submit comments prior to the meeting in lieu of attendance, by calling the Town offices, sending written comments to P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, Virginia, or emailing town staff at [davidtickner@townoffincastle.org](mailto:davidtickner@townoffincastle.org).

Individuals who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in or attend Town Council meetings should contact the Clerk to the Council at (540) 473-2200 at least 48 hours in advance.

April 20, 2023  
Joan Boothe, Fincastle Town Clerk  
David Tickner, Fincastle Town Manager

**PUBLIC NOTICE for**  
**June 20, 2023 Republican Party Primary**

**The only offices to be on the June ballot are Board of Supervisors Members for Blue Ridge and Valley districts. Voters in these two districts are the only voters eligible to vote in this primary. Voters in Amsterdam, Buchanan, and Fincastle districts will not be voting.**

**In-Person Early Voting Dates:** Friday, May 5, 2023 - Saturday, June 17, 2023 @ 5:00 pm  
All qualified, registered voters in the Blue Ridge and Valley districts are eligible to vote early during this time  
**Location:** Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office  
2 East Main Street, Fincastle (corner of Roanoke & Main Streets)  
**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm (Closed Monday, May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day holiday)  
**Saturday Hours:** Saturday, June 17, 2023 8:30 am-5:00 pm (Final day of early voting)  
**Deadline to register or update registration:** Tuesday, May 30, 2023 5:00 pm for in-person registrations; 11:59 pm for online registrations  
Registration can be updated in person, by mail or online at [elections.virginia.gov](https://elections.virginia.gov)  
**Deadline to submit Vote By Mail ballot application:** Friday, June 9, 2023 at 5:00 pm  
**NOTE:** Vote By Mail ballot is the same ballot used for Early Voting and at polling locations on Election Day. If you received a Vote By Mail and decide to vote in-person, you must surrender the Vote By Mail ballot.  
**Vote By Mail Drop Locations:**

- Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office  
2 East Main Street, Fincastle (corner of Roanoke & Main Streets)  
Dropbox slot for marked Vote By Mail ballots located in vestibule of office entrance
  - Voters may personally deliver their marked ballot to the Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office during regular business hours. (Hand-delivered ballots can only be accepted from voter ballot is sued to. All others must go in dropbox or be mailed.)
  - Polling locations in Blue Ridge and Valley districts on Election Day, Tuesday, June 20, 2023 from 6:00 am-7:00 pm

**Potential voters who will be 18 years old on or before November 7, 2023:**  
If you will be 18 years of age on or before November 7, 2023 you **are** eligible to register to vote at any time prior to the registration deadline for June 20, 2023 Republican Party Primary and vote in the primary if you live in one of the two designated districts. Registrations can be submitted online, by mail, or in person prior to the deadlines. Please contact our office should you have questions.

Virginia does not register by party affiliation.

Traci S. Clark  
Director of Elections & General Registrar  
Botetourt County, Virginia

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# Fall sports

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Tackle-Football  
Info about soccer - <https://www.botetourtva.gov/538/Soccer>  
Info about flag football - <https://www.botetourtva.gov/539/Flag-Football>

Info about cheerleading - <https://www.botetourtva.gov/541/Cheerleading>

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

# Bland

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Pennsylvania native who has always had an interest in American history. Bland is the acting website manager for BCHS. She currently works in information technology as a project manager and developer for Hypergen, Inc.

Her family’s history dates back to the same area where she grew up prior to the Revolutionary War. She currently lives with her husband, Harry, in Blue Ridge.

“I’ve always been involved in history,” Bland said in a recent interview. “When I moved to Roanoke 35 years ago, I would drive past Botetourt on my way home to Philadelphia and had absolutely no idea of the incredible history of Botetourt County. I just basically kind of ignored it. When I moved to Botetourt, I wanted to get more involved in the county to meet people. I joined several local organization to meet people.”

BCHS and the

Botetourt County Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) were two local organizations Bland joined; the latter being the organization that led her to becoming a volunteer at the Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture.

Bland was impressed about the original size of the county stretching to the Mississippi River and the role Botetourt played during the Revolutionary War.

“Because of my involvement with BCHS, I became involved with Greenfield and I’m on the Botetourt-Greenfield Advisory Committee,” Bland continued. “That has also been of interest to me in terms of exploring the history of the county and making the stories available to people. I think what I like most about history is exploring the stories of individual people. Because of the collection we have in the Genealogy Room and some of the artifacts we have, I just think that it

helps tell the stories of the families that lived here in the county.”

Other interesting features Bland enjoys in the museum include the visual of the mannequin on display in the witness stand on trail for being “loud of mouth,” the information about Lewis & Clark, and information about the families that made up early Botetourt County. Bland became fascinated with Botetourt’s historical connections to America and continues learning through as a docent at the museum.

“When my husband and I docent on Sundays in conjunction with other members through the DAR, we like to sit and read some of the books there,” Bland mentioned. “I never knew that Eagle Rock was such a happening place, or that Iron Gate was a destination point at one time, or all of the hotels that used to be here.”

Bland enjoys her time spent as a docent. The

“team effort” between docents and their respective interests leads them to discover new things about the county regularly.

“Especially with moving from the old location to the new location, we’ve been able to rediscover some artifacts that we had and discover some we didn’t know we had,” Bland explained. “There was an added excitement (during the move as we rediscovered stored artifacts). We have a director in Lynsey Allie who has great ideas to keep us moving forward into the future.”

To learn more about the Botetourt County Historical Society & Museum, visit [bothistsoc.wordpress.com](http://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.

# Ruritans

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PHOTO COURTESY OF EAGLE ROCK RURITAN CLUB

**Eagle Rock Ruritans cleaned up litter in the community.**

Committee announced that soon the Mobile Market Place Food Truck visits to Eagle Rock will increase from two Wednesdays to three Wednesdays per month.

Further plans were announced about the Science Fest to be held at the Blue Ridge Vineyard on Saturday, May 13, sponsored by the Ruritan Club. Details about the Science Fest can be found on the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club Facebook page.

Environment Committee Chair Barbara Holaday reminded members of the Litter Pick-Up day set for Thursday, April 20. Nine members participated in the cleanup and collected 15 or so bags of litter.

May is Ruritan Awareness Month. Ruritan National began in Holland, Va. in May of 1928. The National Office of Ruritan is now located in Dublin, Va. The long-time motto of Ruritan National is “Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service.”

As always, the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club welcomes new members to work together for the betterment of the local community.

Submitted by Jane McRae, Publicity Chair

# Science

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had a focus in ag and science to be a part of the festival performing demonstrations and other activities for participating festival-goers, all while promoting their local businesses.

Some of the experiences planned for the festival include a traditional “science fair” setup. Kids of all ages have the opportunity to participate in non-competitive presentations. There are currently students registered from Breckinridge Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Central Elementary School (Rockbridge), Eagle Rock Elementary School, Greenfield Elementary School, Lord Botetourt High School, and the Roanoke Valley Governor’s School.

“Primarily, kids– but it’s open to any age– can do a scientific experiment, and then put all that information on a trifold poster, just like a traditional school science fair,” Leffel explained, “any category of science (is applicable). If participants wanted to pair up with a parent or grandparent and do something, that would be wonderful. It doesn’t have to be an independently run experiment. The participants will set up their displays, but it is not mandatory to stand with them although they can and answer any questions (festivalgoers may ask) about their experiments.”

Roanoke Cement Company will have several interactive displays, a wildflower station will be available, a cancer education station featuring an inflatable colon, Botetourt 4-H Robotics and the Honey Bee Club will have interactive displays, Virginia Western Community College will bring a dairy cow model, and much more. Another fun feature for the event is an inflatable axe-throwing display for attendees to experience.

There will be “brain food” as well. Homestead Creamery will be on hand to give out free samples of its ice cream to the first 100 festival-goers who stop by their truck. More food trucks are expected, including Aaron’s Smokehouse & BBQ and A&A Kettle Corn.

Additionally, the tasting room at the vineyard will be open for any “scientists” ages 21 and over to better formulate their respective hypotheses, enjoy a delicious selection of wine, or both.

The event will take place rain or shine. In case of rain, there is a “Radical Rain Boots” competition planned for attendees. Live music is also planned for the festival. A full list of the event’s partnerships and activities are available at [FincastleHerald.com](http://FincastleHerald.com).

Leffel commended the efforts of the Ruritans, their corporate sponsors, and the local businesses and organizations participating in the festival.

“We’ve had overwhelming support from sponsors and a significant shout out needs to be made to the Blue Ridge Partnership for Healthcare Careers for their help with the festival,” Leffel said.

Blue Ridge Vineyard is located at 1027 Shiloh Drive in Eagle Rock. For more information about this event, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/people/Eagle-Rock-Science-Health-Festival/100089980687779/>.

Eagle Rock

Science Festival

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Saturday, May 13th

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Blue Ridge Vineyard

Hosted by the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club

Science Fair projects, interactive games and hands-on activities for kids of all ages!

Food by Aarons Smokehouse and BBQ, A&A Kettle Corn and Homestead Creamery

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**Stockyard Report**

Monday’s sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard: **164 Head**

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~ Botetourt County Museum  
of History & Culture

There is also a BMA Summer camp Monday-Thursday, June 19-22, 1-4:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. You don't have to be a member of the Botetourt Music Academy to attend Summer Camp. Register at this web page: <https://stmarksfincastle.org/info/SignUp.cfm>.

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In addition to her CAR activities, Middleton studies ballet and hip hop at Floyd Ward School of Dance, and has appeared as an extra in the Southwest Virginia Ballet's annual performance of "The Nutcracker" at the Roanoke Civic Center for five years. She was "Miss Virginia Beach Princess" in 2016, and is a member of St. Thomas of Canterbury

Anglican Catholic Church in Roanoke. She has recently become a member of the Col. William Preston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of which her mother and her late great-grandmother, Irene Simmons Bishop Jones, have also been members. She is planning studies toward a career in Criminal Justice after her high school graduation.

~ Submitted by Elizabeth Middleton

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
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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317, 20-104 Case No. CL23000084-00 CITY OF SALEM CIRCUIT COURT, 2 EAST CALHOUN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re GABRIEL SENTINELLAR SALAZAR V. MAY ANNE SALAZAR The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MAY ANNE SALAZAR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 31, 2023. APRIL 11, 2023 STACY L. OWEN, DEPUTY CLERK

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

at its regular meeting on May 10, 2023, at 7:00 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. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property at 112 Corporate Boulevard (Tax Map # 148-1-2.2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District and BCD, Business Commerce District with conditions to RSF Residential Single-Family District.
2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, to revise the Special Exception Permit approved February 28, 2011, to allow the construction of an educational facility, primary/secondary on the property located at 112 Corporate Boulevard, (Tax Map # 148-1-2.2). 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 PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

Order of Publication

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. GEORGE W. WELCH, *et al*, respondents.

Case No. **CL 23-102**

TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 39-2-5 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for one week in the *Salem Times Register*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

Order of Publication

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. MARY LUE GRAVES, *et al*, respondents.

Case No. CL 23-103

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TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 160-3-4 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Mary Lue Graves and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Mary Lue Graves, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties on or before the 19th of May, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for one week in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 20th day of April, 2023.

Chance Crawford, Clerk I ask for this: Mark D. Kidd, Esquire-VSB#24149

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Order of Publication

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. GEORGE W. WELCH, *et al*, respondents.

Case No. **CL 23-102**

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CRAIG COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Craig, Virginia will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding a proposed amendment to Chapter 18-ELECTIONS, Article II. Election Districts Precinct Boundaries §18-26. THROUGH §18-34.- of Craig County Code of Ordinances, updating Craig County Election Boundary Lines.

The public hearing will be held Thursday, May 4 th , 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Craig County Courthouse, on Main Street, New Castle, Virginia. Anyone having questions regarding the above or who would like to review the proposed map and descriptions, may contact the County Administrator's office (540) 864-5010, located at 108 Court Street, or mailed to P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Craig County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 19, 2023 to May 22, 2023 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia; 1290 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502; VPDES Permit No. VA0027952 FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center WWTP, 30 Craig Springs Circle, New Castle, Virginia PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center WWTP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters at a rate of 10,000 gallons per day into a water body. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage wastewater into Grannys Creek in Craig County in the Johns Creek watershed. A

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watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, organic matter, solids, inorganics, nutrients, and bacteria.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include:

- 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested.
- 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit.
- 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions.

A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Kevin A. Harlow; DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153 Phone: (540) 759-9855; E-mail: [Kevin.Harlow@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Kevin.Harlow@deq.virginia.gov); Fax: (804) 698-4178. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, V. CHARLES HOWARD SLATE, JR., ET AL., respondent(s).

Case No. CL23-273

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. 036-A-24A Account No. 200399 All that parcel, or land located in Price's Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows: All that parcel "A" containing 1.000 AC, as shown, and described on a plat entitled, "Plat of Survey of Boundary Line Adjustment & Minor Subdivision Between Tax Parcel Numbers 36-(A)-23 and 36-(A)-24, Along Norris Run Road, Route 708 Price's Fork Magisterial District Montgomery County, Virginia, prepared by Ralph O. Clements, Land Surveyor for Gay and Neel, Inc., dated March 13, 2011, designated as Job No. 2250.0 a copy of which plat is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of The Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument Np. 2011003829.

And Being the same real property conveyed to Charles Howard Slate, Jr., Carolyn Sue Slate, And Samantha Jean Main from Carolyn Sue Slate, by Deed dated and recorded November 09, 2017 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2017008738.

Further Being a portion of the same real property conveyed to Carolyn Sue Slate from Joshua Adam Cook by Deed dated November 26, 2003, on record in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 2004015300.

And Further Being a portion of the same real property conveyed to Carolyn Sue Slate from Loy/Mary Burch III, LLC., by Deed dated October 3, 2013, on record in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 2013009794.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not

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limited to those recorded in Instrument Number 2011003829; Deed Book 152, Page 249; Deed Book 356, Page 93; Deed Book 434, Page 20; Deed Book 865, Page 32.

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: Eddie D. Love, shoes last known address is 745 Dunlap Dr., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; April Dawn Love, whose last known address is 4977 Whitehorn Rd, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before May 25, 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.: 592925

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OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM 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:

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# Benson inducted into Roanoke Valley Wrestling HOF

Former Lord Botetourt wrestler and coach Rory “Tater” Benson was one of four area greats inducted into the Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association Hall of Fame Monday. Benson was presented by former LB coach Mark Agner at a banquet at the Holiday Inn-Tanglewood.

Benson wrestled at Lord Botetourt under Agner from 1983-1986. He was the 1985 Big Orange Champion, A two-time District Champion, and a two-time Regional Runner-Up. As a senior, Tater compiled a 30-3 record.

After graduating, Tater went to Ferrum College and played football from 1986 to 1990. He started in 41 consecutive football games and was named the Most Valuable Lineman on the 11-1 South Regional Championship team in 1988.

Following college, Tater served as the Patrick County assistant wrestling coach for 1991-1992. He then headed back home to Botetourt and became the assistant wrestling coach. From 1994 through 2006, Tater held the position of head wrestling coach at Lord Botetourt.

His teams had a dual record of 196-44. They placed 3rd in AA State in 2002 with 8 individual place winners. The Cavaliers were three-time District Champions in 1998, 2004, and 2006 and Region Champions in 1998. They were three-time Region runner-ups in 2001-2003. His teams had 3 top 5 finishes and 6 top 10 finishes in the AA State Tournament.

Tater coached yjtrr state champions—Jonas Corl, who went on to wrestle at Harvard, Ryan Broughman, who wrestled at Va. Tech, and JJ Hickman. He also had two wrestlers finish as state runner-ups, JJ Hickman and Dane Powers.

Tater was the Blue Ridge District Coach of the Year in 1998, 2004 and 2006. In 1998, he was the RVWA’s Coach of the Year. Tater is a strong promoter of the sport of wrestling.

He has been a teacher at Lord Botetourt since 1991 and was the football coach from 2005-2011. Tater was inducted into the Lord Botetourt High School Athletic Hall of Fame



Botetourt County’s Tater Benson accepts his Roanoke Valley Wrestling Hall of Fame plaque from Greg Deacon.

in 2002 and he was instrumental in developing scholarships in memory of two LB athletes.

Tater and his wife, Chrissy, have a son, Jacob, and a daughter, Audrey.

Both children play sports at James River High.

Also inducted into the RVWA Hall of Fame Monday were Rob Hale, Alan Phlegar and Brandon Semones.



Jack Vargo connects in LB’s game at Hidden Valley.



Noah Donaho slides into home against the Titans.

## Cavaliers go to Vinton for BRD baseball Friday

The Lord Botetourt baseball team will take on arch-rival William Byrd Friday night in Vinton in the second of two regular season meetings. LB won the first meeting in Daleville, 1-0, and both teams come into the week at 2-2 in Blue Ridge District play.

The Cavaliers played three games last week and went 2-1, starting with a rout of district patsy William Fleming. LB took a 29-0 win in a game mercifully stopped after five innings.

There were plenty of good stats to be had in Daleville, as Noah Leonard had three hits and Ethen Deschambault, Jackson

Smith, Noah Donaho, JJ Tyree and Brayden Wells all had two each. Smith drove in five runs and Leonard and Donaho had four RBIs each. Caleb O’Quinn, Donaho, Smith and Andrew Carter combined to no-hit the Colonels.

A day later at Hidden Valley it wasn’t as easy but LB still came out on top, 9-4 in eight innings. Botetourt led 4-1 heading into the bottom of the sixth but the Titans scored three times to tie the game, and eventually send it into extra innings. LB then put five on the board in the top of the eighth for the win.

O’Quinn picked up the win on the hill with three innings of relief, allowing two hits and no runs. Nolan Medley started and went five complete, and Nolan also had a home run in the second inning. Leonard, Tyree and Wells had two hits each.

On Friday the Cavs traveled to Rocky Mount to take on Franklin County in a big district game and were shut out, 6-0. Leonard had two hits and Jack Vargo took the loss on the mound despite giving up just one earned run.

The Cavs come into the week at 8-5 overall. They were scheduled to play at Staunton River Tuesday.

## James River will host Floyd in district baseball Friday



River’s Hunter Mays goes to one knee to make the play.



Heath Andrews picked a win last week against Carroll County.

The James River Knights will be looking to pick up a couple Three Rivers District wins this week with a trip to Alleghany Tuesday and a home game with Floyd County on Friday. River comes into the week at 2-2 in Three Rivers games.

The Knights are 4-7 overall after dropping a 14-7 decision to a talented Class 4 Amherst County team in Springwood Monday. The top two batters in the Lancers’ order scored four runs each. Evan Byers had two hits and two RBIs for River.

The Knights split district games last week, winning at home over Carroll County, 6-2, but falling to Radford at home on Friday, 5-2.

River ace Heath Andrews pitched against Carroll and, as is usually the case, the Knights won with the talented righty on the mound. Heath went five innings and allowed no earned runs while striking out 11. Zeal Hammons pitched the seventh.

Offensively, leadoff hitter Hunter Mays set the table with two hits and three runs scored. John Austin and Byers had two hits each, and Byers drove in two runs.

On Friday against Radford Taylor Wilson, Hammons and Colin Cook split time on the mound and two Bobcat pitchers held River to six hits. Austin had two hits and drove in both runs for the Knights.

## Cavaliers edge Abingdon in non-district softball game

The Lord Botetourt softball team evened the season series with Abingdon on Tuesday when the Cavaliers took an 8-7 win over the Falcons in Abingdon. The Cavs had lost to Abingdon at home in an early season game but LB is heating up with May approaching, winning three of the last four games.

Last week in Roanoke the girls had no trouble with William Fleming, taking a 14-1 win. Jackson Kemper got the start on the mound and pitched the entire game to pick up the win. LB banged out 13 hits with Riley Shupe, Gracie Sargent, Mikayla Reed and Maya Mougin getting two each.

On Wednesday of last week the girls hosted Hidden Valley and took a 10-1 win. The bats were on fire again as the Cavaliers stroked 17 hits against the Titans.

“We had an incredible game offensively,” said LB coach Megan Cook.

Kemper and Sargent led the offense with big RBI hits and Reed, Sammie Carroll, Kaden Johnson, Shupe, Autumn Russell, Grace Thomas and Bry Orange all had multiple hits. Orange went the distance in the circle and only allowed three hits and one run.

On Friday the Cavs hosted the first



Sammie Carroll of LB lays down a bunt against Hidden Valley.



Cavalier shortstop Mikayla Reed fires across the diamond.

place team in the Blue Ridge District, Franklin County, and the Eagles showed why they lead the pack with a 13-1 win. LB fell behind early due to some costly errors and solid hitting by the visitors.

“After allowing them to score six runs in the top of the first inning, we deflated mentally and could not get going offensively,” said Cook. “We struggled and only ended up having four hits total. That loss was incredibly discouraging and disappointing for all of us.”

This week the Cavaliers were scheduled to host Staunton River Tuesday and William Byrd comes to Daleville Friday.

## River loses first softball game but wins next two

After being knocked from the ranks of the unbeaten the James River girls dusted themselves off and beat Radford and Patrick Henry to improve their overall softball record to 10-1.

Last week in Springwood visiting Carroll County scored two seventh inning runs to get a 3-1 road win at James River in a battle of unbeaten. With the win Carroll improved to 7-0 and River lost for the first time this season after opening with eight wins.

The Cavaliers scored an unearned run on a hit, a walk, and two Knight errors in the top of the first inning. The score stayed 1-0 in favor of the visitors until the bottom of the sixth inning.

In the home half of the sixth, Lexi McCullough led off with a single down the third base line into shallow left field. Elly Lackey sacrificed McCullough to second base. Austyn Moran then doubled into the left field corner, scoring McCullough to tie the game. Courtesy runner Caitlyn Downey was stranded at second as Carroll pitcher Emma Leath fought back to retire the next two hitters.

In the top of the seventh, a Maci Smith single, a Kalee Easter double and a James River error led to two runs to put the game away for the Cavaliers. The Knights went quietly in the bottom of the seventh.

Moran scattered five hits, struck out five, and walked three. She did not give up an earned run. Leath also allowed five

hits, striking out a season low five batters, with no walks, and one earned run.

“This was a highly competitive game between two good teams that fought hard to win,” said River coach Steve Austin. “It was a pitchers’ duel with almost identical stats that wasn’t always pretty. They were just a little better than us tonight.”

On Friday at home the Knights bounced back with a 5-4 win over Radford. Leading 4-3, the Knights increased their lead to 5-3 in the fourth inning on consecutive singles by Sydnee Breeding and Cloey Joynes, a sacrifice bunt by Abbie Wilson and a Downey RBI groundout.

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Cloey Joynes of James River steams for home.

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# LB soccer teams battle for position in Blue Ridge District



Andres Barroso (21) of LB kicks the ball against Brookville.

The Lord Botetourt soccer teams have a big week as both the boys and girls take on Staunton River Tuesday and William Byrd Friday in key district games.

The girls come into the week unbeaten in the BRD at 3-0-1 but Friday's game in Vinton is a big one, as Byrd is also unbeaten

in the Blue Ridge after battling LB to a tie in their first meeting in Daleville. Friday's winner will most likely lead the district at week's end.

Last week the Botetourt girls won two and tied one. They beat William Fleming, 9-0, and Franklin County, 7-2, sandwiched around a



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Botetourt's Jacob Malue (14) handles the ball between two Bees.

non-district 2-2 tie against Brookville.

The boys went 1-2 last week, opening with a 6-0 loss to William Fleming. The Cavaliers bounced back with a 4-1 win over Brookville but lost to at home to Franklin County Friday, 3-1.

The boys come into the week at 4-5

overall and 2-2 in the district. Fleming is still unbeaten in district play while Staunton River comes into the week at 2-1 in the BRD. Botetourt is tied with Byrd at 2-2, so both games will be big ones for the Cavaliers this week. LB will home against the Terriers Friday evening.

## Knights bounce back to beat Alleghany in soccer

After being shut out by Radford last week the James River boys rallied for a 2-1 Three Rivers District win over Alleghany in Springwood Monday night.

"We got the win but didn't finish in the final third too well," said coach Jared Whiting. "We had a lot of shots, just most were high or wide. We gave them a goal late in the game that we shouldn't have but dominated the field most of the game."

The win followed a 6-0 loss to at Radford last Thursday.

"Radford has a solid team that we need to be at the top of our game for and we just didn't have it in us at game time," said Whiting. "We played behind the ball all night and you're not going to win that way."

The Knights had beaten Auburn, 2-0, a night prior and that was somewhat of a factor in the Radford game.

"Heavy legs from a game the night before, playing without a full roster, and



PHOTO BY BRYANT ALTIZER

Matthew Alderson of James River fights off a Bobcat attack in last week's soccer game.

playing flat was a disaster for us against Radford," said Whiting.

The Knights are now 8-2 on the season and 2-2 in the Three Rivers District. They have a non-district game at Eastern Montgomery Friday night.

## River girls soccer is off until May 4

The James River girls soccer team is 5-5 overall and 3-1 in the district with nine days off between games. River won't play again until May 4 when travel to Carroll County.

The girls were at Alleghany Monday where they shutout the home-standing Mountaineers, 7-0. The match was clearly one sided from the start, with the James River girls taking control. Konner Myers, Natalie Hughes and Drew Whitson each scored in the first half. Alise Orent started the scoring mid-way through the second period, followed by an own goal caused by heavy pressure in the Alleghany penalty area. Goals by Beanna Anduiza and Chloe Helmandollar completed the scoring at 7-0.

The win followed a 4-2 victory over arch-rival Radford in Springwood last Thursday. The game was tied at 1-1 at the half with Shay Hubbard scoring for the Knights.

The Bobcats scored first in the second half to retake the lead in the opening



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

River's Ava Thacker clears the ball in last week's game with Radford.

minutes of the period, but Drew Whitson finished a low cross from Ava Thacker minutes later to level the score at 2-2. Victoria Race-Waller followed shortly after, converting from a Myers assist to take the lead for the first time in the game.

A James River penalty threatened to tie it back up, but the kick bounced down from the top post and was quickly retrieved by Kylee Aaron in heavy traffic to maintain the lead. Another penalty, this time on Radford, led to Myers finishing the spot kick with style to give the Knights some breathing room with more than 15 minutes to play

"It is always exciting when the Knights face their district rival Radford Bobcats," said River coach Bill Smith. "This night was no exception."

## LB girls, boys win first BRD tennis matches of the season

The Lord Botetourt girls won their Blue Ridge District tennis opener when they took a 6-3 win over William Byrd last week.

LB started out with doubles and took two wins at number two with Raimee Sykes and Karis Hambrick and number three with Emmy Sprouse and Kadence Overstreet.

In singles LB won the third through sixth matches with Sykes winning 8-3 at three, and Zoe Brown, Sprouse and Hambrick all winning 8-0 from four to six.

On Friday the girls kept it going with a 9-0 win over Northside. Reagan Meade and Meredith Claterbaugh won 8-1 at first doubles. In singles Reagan won 8-5 and



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Meredith Claterbaugh serves one up for LB.

Claterbaugh took a close 9-7 match.

The boys also won twice last week, defeating Byrd 7-2 and Northside 8-1. Singles winners against Byrd were Tyler Meade, Ridge Radtke, Chase Dozier and Tyler McCarren and LB swept the doubles. Meade,

Radtke, Dozier, McCarren and Xavier Shelton all won their singles matches against Northside and LB swept the doubles again.

The girls will host Franklin County at Hollins University on Thursday and the boys are at Franklin Friday.

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PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY

Lexi McCullough drives the ball last week.

Radford cut the lead to 5-4 in the sixth but the Knights were able to hang on for the Three Rivers District win. Moran allowed only five hits, and one earned run, while striking out seven.

On Monday the Knights played their third straight home game and Moran was stellar on the mound as River shut out visiting Patrick Henry, 5-0. Moran ended up with a two hitter, striking out nine with no walks. She had a perfect game thwarted after five and two-third innings on a catcher's interference call.

Elly Lackey had a big day at the plate

with a triple and two-run homer in her first two at bats. She added an RBI double in the fifth inning and scored three runs in the game, missing a chance at hitting for the cycle by the lack of another at bat. Moran had three singles and two RBIs and Jenna Pugh had a single, a run scored, and two stolen bases.

"This was one of our better games in a while," said Austin.

The Knights were scheduled to play at Alleghany on Tuesday and Thursday they're on the road again with a non-district game at Rockbridge.

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