

Buchanan Garden Festival this Saturday

Spring is busting out all over Buchanan as flowers and trees explode with growth the Calendar of Events comes alive with the Buchanan Garden Festival this Saturday, May 6. Approximately 50 vendors will be set up on the Town Park behind the historic Wilson Warehouse/Community House.

Community Development Planner Harry Gleason noted, “A little bit of something for everyone the festival features the show and sale of annuals, perennials, trees, bird houses and garden whimsies, handmade crafts, jewelry, antiques, wind chimes, local and regional artists, as well as home and outdoor living vendors complementing the garden treasures you will find at the event.”

Local non-profits will be adding to the day’s activities while raising funds and awareness of the many charitable activities these groups perform throughout the county. Participating organizations include the Botetourt Beekeepers Association, the Roanoke Master Gardeners, the Botetourt Brawlers, Historic Fincastle, Solomon’s Mission, the Buchanan Lions Club, as well as a local group of citizens hosting a bake sale fundraiser for 7-year-old



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Jepson Neil, recently diagnosed with Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma.

Additional activities include food vendors, a wine garden tasting featuring Virginia Mountain Vineyards of Fincastle, music with DJ Randy Riddle, a live performance from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. featuring the Singing Cowgirl Rebecca Bryant, educational talks featuring guest speakers from Roanoke Master Gardener Program. The Master Gardener presentations include informative talks by Donna Haley at 11 a.m. entitled “Pollinators and Native Plants,” followed by a seed starting demonstration by Jessica Miller at 1 p.m. wrapping up with a composting presentation by Jessica Miller

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James River’s Model General Assembly participants (left to right): Tim Wilson (Chamber delegate), Ethan Spickard (Executive Office), Silas Miller (bill patron), Zackary Vernon (bill patron), Sarahgrace Laughridge (lobbyist), and Kaeli Berry (lobbyist).

James River students participate in MGA

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James River High School students recently completed their participation in the 76th Model Virginia Assembly presented by the Virginia YMCA April 16-18. This year’s program took place at the Hilton Conference

Center in Richmond. James River had six students participating in this year’s program. Ethan Spickard served as a member of the Executive Staff of the Youth Governor, Zachary Vernon and Silas Miller

served as a co-bill patrons, Tim Wilson served as a Chamber delegate on the Counties, Cities, Towns Committee, and Kaeli Berry and Sarahgrace Laughridge served as lobbyists. Del. Terry Austin and his wife, Kathy, took the students

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Board approves conditions of IRF, text amendments for Buchanan project

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors approved three Industrial Revitalization Fund grant agreements during last week’s meeting.

Director of Economic Development Ken McFadyen presented the project and agreements for the board’s consideration noting that Commonwealth of Virginia and the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) awarded Botetourt County a \$450,000 grant from the Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) program.

The grant award is proposed to serve as the principal for a loan to Factory Flats, LLC, the development company working to renovate the former Groendyk manufacturing buildings in Buchanan. Factory Flats, LLC has planned for the 3,381-square-foot building that has received the DHCD funding support to be repurposed as a commercial brewery and brewpub. To make the loan to Factory Flats for this project, the Economic Development Authority is authorized by the Code of Virginia to administer loans for the purposes of economic development in the county.

The IRF project budget to repurpose the subject building is \$913,276.50, including IRF loan funds of \$450,000 (\$433,402 for construction and \$16,598 for

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors met last week for their monthly meeting in Daleville.

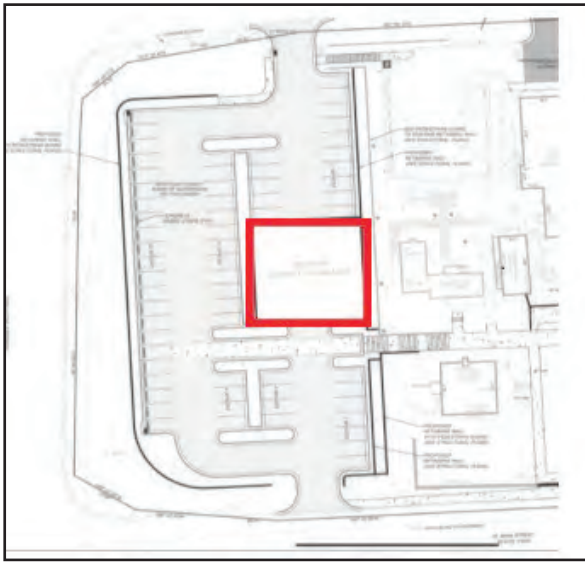


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This photo of the proposed new museum location indicates the general intent that the building is to be located in the lower parking lot for the planned Botetourt Courthouse. It is anticipated that there will be some minimal requirements for landscape architecture to plan the entrance area and interfaces with the parking and site infrastructure.

New Fincastle museum feasibility conceptual work approved, Springwood Road extension project to be ‘refreshed’

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Assistant County Administrator Jon Lanford provided a brief update last week to the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors on a new museum located in Fincastle and presented a draft scope of services for a “phase one” feasibility study and conceptual design for the new museum project in Fincastle. Del. Terry Austin appropriated funds for \$6 million

through a grant administered by the Department of Historic Resources (DHR). The county matched the appropriation with \$500,000 through civil site work at courthouse square.

AECOM, a consulting firm hired by the county, will handle the study through the conceptual design. The company

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‘Ninja Summit’ in Buchanan this weekend

Ninja could be sighted in Buchanan this weekend.

Buchanan Bujinkan Dojo holds the first “Ninja Summit” this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Adults have the chance to experience the history of Samurai and Ninja disciplines

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Citizens show support for library policies, oppose Rails to Trails at supervisors’ meeting

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The public comment period at last week’s Board of Supervisors meeting in Daleville was met with remarks in response to last month’s comment period regarding library content and more comments in opposition of the proposed Rails to Trails project from Eagle Rock to Oriskany.

Several county residents expressed their concerns over comments during the March meeting asking for books to be removed from the Fincastle Public Library due to content that could be “confusing” to younger readers.

The collective expressed support for Botetourt County libraries. Many noted that it’s up to the parents to “parent” their children, not the library.

One Botetourt resident said, “As a parent, it is your responsibility to supervise your children and make

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Botetourt County History



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Chuck and Carole Geiger donated this lighted display cabinet just before the Botetourt County Historical Museum moved from 3 West Main Street to 26 East Main Street in March of 2022. A moving company was hired to carefully move it into the newly painted parlor. Chuck Geiger placed the glass shelves in the correct positions, making it ready for artifacts. Botetourt’s Historical Society is grateful for this beautiful piece, which is now used to display antique Botetourt County china, crystal and other glass for all to enjoy for free.

~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

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Sheriff’s Office welcomes citizens to another educational Senior Social

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Botetourt County senior citizens had to the opportunity to gather at Fincastle Baptist Church last week for another “Senior Social” event presented by Sheriff Matt Ward and Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office.

The sheriff updated attendees on what was discussed at the previous event, continuing to urge local seniors to avoid fraudulent calls and to “hang up the phone” when scammers are trying to take advantage.

In Virginia last year, \$60 million was lost by citizens due to fraud (caller asking for money regarding tech support or gift cards purchases).

Cindy Markham, Community Outreach Specialist with Virginia Navigator, spoke about how to better connect senior citizens to the website’s resources. Virginia Navigator provides free information about health, aging, disability and post-military resources available in Virginia. Virginia Navigator helps people with disabilities, veterans, older Virginians, caregivers, and their families access local resources, such as transportation, caregiver support, respite care, recreation, rehabilitation, in-home assistance, benefit assistance and more.

Seniors got a chance to meet with members from local organizations. Those in attendance were: Botetourt County Parks & Rec, County Fire & EMS Dept., Moving Forward Designs, County Treasurer’s Office, VDH, Local Office on Aging, Botetourt Libraries, InnovAge, Botetourt Funeral Home, Dept. of Social Services, Botetourt Resource Center, Solomon’s Mission, Good Samaritan, and Virginia Navigator.

Ward hopes to hold a “Senior Social” quarterly moving forward.

Stay up to date on news and events from the Botetourt Sheriff’s Office by visiting the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/people/Botetourt-County-Sheriffs-Office/100064556415536/>.



Sheriff Matt Ward welcomes attendees to the spring Senior Social event.



Community Outreach Specialist Cindy Markham spoke to local seniors about the services provided by Virginia Navigator.



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Seniors had the chance to meet and speak with many local organizations.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

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

CENTRAL ACADEMY A HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Reilly Eason, Brennan Firebaugh, Richard Francis, Brooklyn Hayslett, Ayden Jennings, Selene Kelley, Kristen Kessler, Cheyenne King, Rhaya Kitt, Joran Little, Jeremiah Mays, Brennen Monaghan, Austin Myers, Kyleigh Napier, Brianna Patterson, Avery Saunders, Gillian Smith, Vivian Vernon, Mark Voight, Corinthia Winfield, Pierce Woodyard

SEVENTH GRADE: Kendall Aaron, Katelyn Barrett, Brooklyn Beckner, Carter Birkhead, Cade Cook, Bella DiBenedetto, Riley Dulaney, Grace Ferguson, Kayla Henry, Lydia Jones, Evan Joyce, Andrea Kreklow, Kaycee Lemon, Emerson Meador, Barrett Pace, Reagan Rowland, Sonny Sharp, Paige Shotwell, Jacob Snare, Lighton Tate, Virginia Thomas, Jeremy Tribble, Jacey Walker, Holly Weddle, Gracelynn Wolcott

SIXTH GRADE: Julianna Banka, Charlotte Brock, Layla Bryant, Mirai Burton, Madelyn Davidson, Olivia Elmore, Brookelyn Fadia, Zaylen Fridley, Briley Goyer, Brody Helmandollar, Charlotte Hipes, Evie Huwe, Brianna Link, Mary Lipes, Harleigh Masters, Landen McGough, Andrew Monteith, Kishi Morales-Tomas, Daniella Murray, Colton Payne, Siena Riddle, Laken Robinson, Caroline Rushing, Addison Shorter, Isaac Theimer, Emma Thurston, Ava Updike, Carolena Williams

A-B HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Jeremy Albright, Khloe Austin, Olivia Ayers, Landon Bolling, Orion Booher, Brylee Brammer-Falls, Alexis Cassell, Conor Childs, Christopher Daniels, Aidan Davis, Mason Gilliland, Emily Griswold, Adeline Hanna, Amiah Higginbotham-Sandidge, Jay Hipes, Haylee Hoffman, Gretchen Huffman, Louisa Jamison, Paisley Kitt, Caleb Longley, James Martin, Parker Melson, Crystal Muncey, Stacy Plumb, Keegan Price, Jason Rose, Jackson Sandidge, Holden Saville, Ryleigh Scott, Jaelyn Shumate, Abigail Simmons, Taylor Simmons, McKinley Sink, Lacey Smith, Leanna Steger, Charles Stull, Kyra Taylor, Trenton Taylor, Abigail Thomasson, Samuel Wilson

SEVENTH GRADE: Addison Bandy, Jayden Beale, Maggie Brewster, Gary Brunner, William Bryant, Caroline Church, Molly Dewhirst, Wyatt Dewhirst, Kaylee Dunbar, Janiya Falls, Spencer Fornecker, Taylor Fridley, Shayla Garcia, Isabell Garrett, Landon Helman, Autumn Holbrook, Sariah Jamison, Elizabeth Johnson, Ayden Keyser, Nolan Linthicum, Sawyer Lucas, Stephen Mahon, Katelyn Manspile, Mckenzie Marshall, Gracie Ann Mattox, Kenaya Mc Kenzie, Karly Mines, Luis Morales-Tomas, Denver Rinehart, Khloe Robinson, Whitleigh Ronk, Danikka Seaman, Oscar Seitz, Ethan Serrano, Easton Sink, Kolin Turner, Hailee Vassar, Huntleigh Ward, Sierra Ware, Payton White

SIXTH GRADE: Abigail Angle, Easton Arnold, Peyton Basham, Hudson Beheler, Birdie Boblett, Hadleigh Breeden, Tyler Britnell, Abigail Browning, Laura Browning, Josiah Bryant, Cohen Byer, Cheyenne Byrd, Jezreal Capo, Gavin Childs, Kendall Childs, Cora Clark, Peyton Crowder, Mercy Croy, Dylan Davis, Brayden Dudley, Mason Flannagan, Peyton Frazee, Logan Galanes, Trevor Gilmer, William Hall, Merit Hammons, Christopher Hensley, Brody Hicks, Ava Hosey, Briana Huthwaite, Jarrett Jennings, Max Link, Nora Lotts, Matthew Lowe, Kara Manspile, Easton Martin, Kyla Martin, Kinsley Matheny, Jordan Mathews, Isaac Meade, Jackson Meador, Kinley Millman, Paxton Montgomery, Camden Newman, Ashton Orange, Ronnie Otey, Camden Parker, Brianna Petty, Charles Poff, Paul Powell, Tucker Rutledge, Zoe Serrano, Savanna Sieger, Jacob Simmons, Coraline Sink, Jaxson Taylor, Charlie Tingler, Ashton Wertz, Alexander West, Ashby Wilkes, Tobyann Windsor, Johnny Woods

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EIGHTH GRADE: Asher Bolinsky, Elaina Brown, Lucas Carswell, Cody Dooley, Forest Dorsman, Noah Frederickson, Madeleine Gantzhorn, Fallon Gibson, Landen Gray, Adyson Greathouse, Owen Hilgers, Maggie Hoover, Riley Howell, Rose Janosz, Torrence Jones, Paxton Kirby, Kayla Landeros-Silva, Aaron Lyle, Javiana Lyle, Abigail Maddox, Sarah Meadows, Kinsley Milko, Maxton Mizuba, Anna Moore, Jace Pippert, Summer Sharp, Jordan Smith, Sadie Stowe, Aijah Thompson, Gabriel Towe, Preston Vaughn, Kaylee Warren, Ember Wiley, Simon Williams, Meredith Willmott, Morgan Wingler

SEVENTH GRADE: Christian Adams, Reese Adkins, Maryn Barnes, Mason Boitnott, Annika Brown, Thomas Burns, Cael Burton, Kennedy Carpenter, Rylee Crockett, Jonah Dunker, Mia Etzler, Ella Foutz, Lois Frederickson, Evan Grant, Braeden Harvey, Evie Hogan, Holden Hooven, Phoenix Humphries, Braylen Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Hailey Knick, Archer Lee, Sadaf Lemar, Hannah Lewis, Jordan Lin, Ryan Lindsay, Natalie Mullins, Addison Naff, Amelia Nicely, Piper Osborne, Eva Pendleton, Olivia Pierce, Annabelle Puckett, Anna Radtke, Haiden Reedy, Lucille Rock, Eleanor Rosine, Mason Scott, Autumn Sparks, Mathew Staley, Tyler Staley, Sam Stelter, Mason Tuck, Alyssa Walker, Finn Wilkinson, Deacon Witt, Lucas Young

SIXTH GRADE: Matthew Alban, Skylar Andert, William Ariza Bishop, Jared Atwell, Alexander Barbour, James Blevins, Evelyn Bowden, Khyron Brown, Olivia Burger, Carter Cecil, Elijah Chittum, Siomara Clark, Emery Collins, Paityn Conley, Garrett Cooper, Landon Craft, Virginia Crawford, Brody Crigger, Annika Dale, Carter Dalglish, Beahlen Deacon, JadyN Deaner, Lucas Dehr, Abigail Dillard, Brody Doss, Callie Dozier, Camden Dudding, Kailyn Edwards, Karis Edwards, Kyley Fernandez, Olivia Foster, Jayleen Galvao, Mason Gates, Brynn Gentry, Cambridge Gibson, Jordan Gilbert, Avery Goad, Evan Gordon, Oliver Greene,

Ethan Greer, Peyton Guy, Aurora Hathaway, Lucas Higgins, Liam Hogan, Samantha Hoover, Tinley Humphries, Ciera Jones, Kathryn Kidd, Porter Kincer, Lily Kitchens, Kendall Koloda, Mackenzie Kramzar, Kenzie LaVenture, Noah McCarren, Titus Megow, Noah Nagle, Marie Olivier, Alexa Olwage, Henry Ostendorf, Michael Patrikos, Noah Patterson, Ellie Persing, Gianna Pitzer, Evelyn Powell, Elena Preston, Gabriel Puckett, Emma Rickman, Madeline Sanford, Tenley Scharf, Madima Sealey, Landon Sharp, Ellie Shawn, Joshua Sherman, Bronson Shields, Sean Stewart Jr., Amelia Stump, Lyla Thomas, Layla Weber, Brianna Weikel, Madison Weppner, Jonathan Williamson, Gabriel Witt, Sophia Wolfe, Macyn Woody,

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SEVENTH GRADE: Nicholas Antivero, Ever Benavidez, Olivia Bergsten, Dalton Bradley, Jaclyn

Broyles, Analise Buyalos, Ella Carpenter, Chevy Carwile, Cole Cecil, Collin Clemons, Chloe Clowdis, Ava Cook, Mya Cunningham, Walter Duffield, Caleb Duncan, Wren Eggleston, Noah Estes, Gwyneth Farrar, Madelyn Fields, Cohen Folks, MaKenna Foster, Sara Foster, Matthew Fuller, Strummer Giffin, Tanner Gore, Kinley Graham, Jacob Guzman, Khyler Hambrick-King, Zoey Harrell, Reagan Helms, Chloe Hopkins, Bailey Hutchins, James Ingrassia, Davis Kidd, Trinity King, Destiny Kiser, Avarie Kramzar, Warner Lewis, Isabelle Lucas, Wyatt Marion, Blake Markham, Thomas Mattarocchia, Madeline May, Callum McCoy, Layla McGavock, Sharise McGowan, Hannah McNamara, Neela Megow, Brendon Miley Madeleine Moore, Nathan Moser, Grant Murphy Christopher Myers, Mathias Newton, Mackenzie Nichols, Brielle Nunley, Georgiana O'Bryan, Eliza Payne, Marshal Phillips, Carson Puckett, Kaden Reczek, Alexandria Rickman, Adelle Roberts, Emilee Rogers, Maddlynn Roop, Alexandra Salgado, Audrey Sparks, Davian Sparks, Kylie Sutler, Jackson Taylor, Paphada Thepsimuang, Josiah Tribble, Maddex Umber, Dylan Welch, Cherie Westervelt, Rylan Wilcher, Nathan Winfield, Nicholas Wright

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
FOR A 2023 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF ITS
BASE RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS
PURSUANT TO § 56-585.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUR-2023-00002

•Appalachian Power Company (“APCo”) has filed its 2023 triennial review of its base rates, terms and conditions pursuant to § 56-585.1 of the Code of Virginia.

•Among other things, APCo requests a revenue increase in the amount of approximately \$212.6 million. The overall impact of the Company’s proposals would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month by approximately \$25.03, or 15.9%. For low-income customers qualifying for the proposed basic service charge waiver, the Company’s proposals would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month by approximately \$16.53 or 10.5%.

•A Hearing Examiner appointed by the State Corporation Commission will hold a telephonic hearing in this case on August 23, 2023, at 10 a.m., for the receipt of public witness testimony.

•An evidentiary hearing will be held on August 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

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

On March 31, 2023, Appalachian Power Company (“APCo” or “Company”) filed an application (“Application”) with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 3 of the Code of Virginia (“Code”) and the Commission’s Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings (“Rate Case Rules”), for a triennial review of the Company’s rates, terms and conditions for the provision of generation, distribution and transmission services.

The Application states that this proceeding entails, among other things, determinations regarding: (i) APCo’s cost of service during the three successive 12-month periods ending December 31, 2022 (“Earnings Test Period”); (ii) whether prospective changes to APCo’s rates for generation and distribution services are necessary; and (iii) the Company’s prospective fair rate of return on common equity (“ROE”).

The Application states that, pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A 8, the Company’s earned ROE during the Earnings Test Period is compared to a 140 basis-point band of earnings that ranges from 70 basis points above a previously authorized ROE to 70 basis points below that ROE (“ROE band”). The Application further notes that Code § 56-585.1 A 8 states that if earnings fall below the ROE band during the Earnings Test Period, the Commission shall order increases to APCo’s rates necessary to provide the opportunity to fully recover the costs of providing the Company’s services and to earn not less than such fair combined rate of return, using the most recently ended 12-month test period as the basis for determining the amount of the rate increase necessary. Finally, the Application states that Code § 56-585.1 A 2 g provides that if APCo’s combined earned return is below its authorized return, “whether or not such combined return is within 70 basis points of the return as so determined,” the Company may request that the Commission approve “an increase in rates in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 8 a as if it had earned more than 70 basis points below a fair combined rate of return, and such proceeding shall otherwise be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section.”

APCo states that the ROE band for the analysis of the Earnings Test Period is based on an ROE of 9.20%, which is the return authorized by the Commission in APCo’s 2020 Triennial Review. APCo states that the Company earned a return of 5.39% on its common equity during the Earnings Test Period, which is the equivalent of over \$124 million in pre-tax earnings below 8.5%, the bottom of APCo’s authorized ROE band for the Earnings Test Period.

Based on this analysis, APCo requests approval to implement retail base generation and distribution rates that are designed to implement an overall increase in the Company’s revenues of approximately \$212.6 million over revenues from current base rates. APCo states that this is a 14.3% increase to overall revenues. The requested increase includes a \$5.4 million increase to the generation function and a \$207.2 million increase to the distribution function.

The requested revenue increase reflects, among other things, APCo’s requested authorization of a prospective ROE of 10.6%. APCo also requests that the Commission approve depreciation rates that will result in an annual increase in depreciation expenses. APCo also requests to increase distribution O&M expenses by \$47.8 million to allow it to improve its vegetation management program. APCo states that its proposal for an increased level of vegetation management funds should improve the reliability of targeted circuits and reflects higher costs of materials and labor. APCo also proposes an adjustment to increase federal tax expense in the cost of service to reflect the Company’s expected increased tax obligations under the federal Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax. Additionally, APCo requests authority to establish a regulatory liability for the credit that will offset future tax obligations and deferral authority to ensure the Company only collects its actual tax obligations from customers.

With this Application, the Company proposes to eliminate the basic service charge for qualifying low-income customers, which for these purposes the Company defines as customers who receive assistance from one (or more) state agency. At the same time, the Company proposes an increase of \$0.54 to the basic service charge from \$7.96 to \$8.50 for all other residential customers, which APCo states is designed to be revenue-neutral for the Company when combined with the estimated level of customers who will be eligible for the basic service charge waiver.

APCo states that even if the Commission finds that it should not increase the Company’s rates, the Company nevertheless requests that the Commission approve revised rates to reflect the changes in the underlying costs since 2010. APCo states that its proposed rate design reflects updates to both the functional and class allocations to reflect the current costs of serving the Company’s customer classes. Additionally, APCo proposes to incorporate Schedule MGS (Medium General Service) customers into Schedule GS (General Service) and eliminate Schedule MGS from the Company’s standard service tariff.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company’s Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review APCo’s Application and supporting documents in full for details about these and other proposals.

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo’s Application. On August 23, 2023, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned to this case will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission’s courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 17, 2023, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission’s website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

On August 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission’s Staff.

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

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company’s Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or nicoates@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the public version of the Application and other documents filed in this case from the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/Case-Information.

On or before August 17, 2023, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00002.

On or before June 23, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00002. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before July 14, 2023, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness’s testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneously with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00002.

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

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

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UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Building Resumes for Teens

Thu, May 4, 4-5pm, Eagle Rock Library
If you're a teen looking for a summer job, take advantage of this opportunity to get professional help creating a resume. The session also includes tips for successfully completing applications and acing the interview.

Hospice 101

Sat, May 6, 10:30-11:30am, Buchanan Library
What is hospice care, and how do you know when your loved one needs this form of support? Learn more with Danielle Alexander from Good Samaritan Hospice.

Adopt a Pet from RCACP

Sat, May 6, 11am-1pm, Fincastle Library
The Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP) will bring its mobile unit with cats and dogs available for adoption. Visit with the animals, find your next best animal friend, and learn more about how RCACP does and how you can help.

Yoga for Beginners

Tuesdays 10-11am, Eagle Rock Library
Wednesdays 10-11am, Fincastle Library
Free chair yoga series designed for seniors, in collaboration with Botetourt County Parks & Recreation. The class

includes gentle yoga movements and stretches both in a chair and standing with the chair as a prop. Space is limited, registration required. Call 540-928-2800 (Eagle Rock) or 540-928-2700 (Fincastle) to register.

Computer Basics

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

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Blue Ridge Library
Thu, May 18, 4-8pm; Fri, May 19, 10am-5pm; Sat, May 20, 10am-1:30pm
Build your personal book collection with these great deals! All proceeds benefit library programs and projects.

Summer Learning Challenge

May 12 - Aug 5th
"Find Your Place in Time and Space" with a reading challenge, activities and events all summer long! Pick up your events calendar at any library location and get ready to launch into summer!

See our calendar at BOCOLibraries.info or call 540-928-2900 for more great events.

Board reviews incentive funds guidelines, results from public hearings

Matt de Simone
mattdesimone@mainstreetnewspapers.org

Botetourt County Director of Parks and Recreation Mandy Adkins presented guideline changes and additions to the Recreation Incentive Fund grant timeline to the Board of Supervisors last week. The board approved the changes and additions to the fund process.

The largest change is the timeline of the grant. Previously, grants come through the department, and then are submitted to the Parks & Rec Commission. The applicants then present their project during the commission meeting. At the same time during that meeting, the commission votes on the project and the recommended funding.

"We recognize that timeline is just too tight and there needs to be more time invested in reviewing the applications, and then giving the commission time to review the projects," Adkins told the board last Tuesday afternoon.

The following timeline was added to the Recreation Incentive Fund Guidelines:

- August 1, 2023, Application acceptance window opens.
- September 15, 2023, Deadline to submit applications.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will review applications and may provide feedback to applicant for recommended changes or improvements.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit before the September 15 deadline for earlier feedback.
- October 30, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission begin application review.
- November 6, 2023 – Applicant presentations during Commission's regular meeting, 6:30 p.m.. at Greenfield Administration Center
- December 4, 2023 – Parks and Recreation Commission vote on funding recommendations during regular meeting, 6:30 P.M. at Greenfield Administration Center.
- December 19, 2023 - Applications presented to Board of Supervisors for final approval.

- June 30, 2024 – Status report one due.
- December 30, 2024 – Status report two due.
- June 30, 2025 – Project Completion Form deadline

The following changes were made to the General Policies and Program Eligibility:

- All projects must be located in Botetourt County.
- Projects submitted must benefit and be open to the general public enhance recreational related property or generally assist in the delivery of initiatives and programs sponsored by the Botetourt County Parks & Recreation Department.

Adkins noted that all funds are used annually. Last year's requests totaled \$44,551, leaving the department with less than \$500 left over (from the \$45,000 of annual funding). Historically, the department annually received applications which exceeded the funding or were right at the limit.

Board Chair Dr. Mac Scothorn added the condition that the funding be raised from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Public hearings
The board unanimously denied Rachel Moss's request for a private kennel Special Exception Permit (SEP) in the Buchanan District. The denial was brought by complaints made by neighbors about roaming dogs. The request may be re-applied, but would require approval from neighbors and the Planning Commission.

The board unanimously approved Lavern and Jessica Miller's request for a Rural Home Business Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, to manufacture suspenders, in Buchanan District.

New River Electrical Corporation's (NREC) request to rezone four contiguous parcels in the Valley District was unanimously approved by the board. This rezoning is made with the intent of NREC building a training facility to expand their operations. A substation would be built for training purposes and would not connect to any other service stations. Scothorn noted that NREC "needs this space desperately."

Kiwanis recycling event May 20

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

League for Animal Protection's
Waif of the Week
Meet Clover



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

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



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CLUES ACROSS


1. Hot meal
5. Razor clams
10. Blood-sucking African fly
12. Chauvinists
14. Windy City football player
16. An alternative (abbr.)
18. Federal Housing Administration
19. Styles hair
20. Arabic female name
22. Paddle
23. Area once separated from Germany
25. Marketplace
26. Gode Airport
27. Upset
28. Where wrestlers sweat
30. Garland
31. Robert ___, poet

33. An iPad is one
35. Fruit of the oak tree
37. Della ___, singer
38. Women's clothing retailer
40. Mailed
41. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
42. Pouch
44. Radioactivity unit
45. Month
48. Nanosecond
50. Domestic
52. What a boy becomes
53. Breezes (anc. Greek)
55. Jogged
56. At the stern
57. Lawrenceium
58. Destructive to both sides
63. Arteries
65. Removes

66. Pretentious people
67. Tropical Asian plant
CLUES DOWN

1. Type of whale
2. Type of medication
3. Land of the free
4. Formed an opinion of
5. Logo
6. No (Scottish)
7. Leaves tissue
8. Sacred state to Muslims
9. Thus
10. African nation
11. Someone who has a stake in
13. Parties
15. Subsystem producers
17. Large, flightless birds
18. Compromises visibility
21. A ballet enthusiast
23. More (Spanish)

24. Skeletal muscle
27. Hands (Span.)
29. Weighed
32. Businessman
34. Famous clock Big ___
35. Unkeyed
36. Break between words
39. Ink (slang)
40. Disappointed
43. Stroke
44. Curdled milk
46. Restaurants
47. Explosive
49. Type of terrier
51. Disfigure
54. Innermost cell layers
59. Bar bill
60. Distinct period of history
61. Mode of transportation
62. Equal (prefix)
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7 p.m.

Kentucky Derby
Free admission for the Kentucky Derby Saturday beginning at 5 p.m. Best Hat contest and other Derby games for prizes. Post time is 6:57 p.m.

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Visitors invited to ‘step back into history’ of Fincastle



Inside the “Bar Building” of the Old Western Hotel.

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On Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Town of Fincastle, Historic Fincastle, Inc., Botetourt Kiwanis, Botetourt DAR, Botetourt County Historical Society and Botetourt County Schools are sponsoring an event that will open the Town of Fincastle to provide an opportunity to visit some of the buildings and learn some history of the town.

There will be information stations throughout the town. The Early Cabin will be open with re-enactors, as well as Revolutionary era interpreters.

The “headquarters” for the event will be in the Big Spring Park on Back Street where the Monacan Indians will be demonstrating their culture. Also, a secondary “headquarters” will be located at the Courthouse Square in front of the (old) Western Hotel.

But first, a little history of the town.

Step Back Into History

*Our name is widely known:
Far, far away and from a warmer zone
Fair tourists come with spirits high
and gay –
And come to stay!*

*This is our lasting wealth:
The mineral water, and the bracing air,*

*The long romantic drives with tonic rare,
Imparting health.*

Can you imagine the Town of Fincastle as a destination place for the use of healing springs water? This partial poem by Fanny Johnston appeared in The Fincastle Herald in 1885. People from New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Vicksburg, Macon, St. Louis, and Houston traveled to Fincastle to discover the “mineral waters of the only ferromagnesian springs yet discovered on the continents.” Where did the visitors stay when they visited the town? In the 1880s there were two main hotels: The Western Hotel and Hayth’s Hotel.

Have you ever wondered why there aren’t many buildings built before 1870 on Main Street, Back Street and Roanoke Street near the center of town?

Let’s “step back into history” to understand. On the night of May 6, 1870 a fire occurred that burned a great deal of Fincastle. According to the Daily Dispatch issue of May 10, 1870, “The following special telegram, received on Saturday, brings us the sad intelligence of a terrible calamity at Fincastle, in Botetourt County, on Friday night last: ‘Fincastle, Va. May 7th, Half of the town was burned last night. More than four hundred people are left homeless. About \$200,000



A newspaper article written by I. R. Godwin in 1908, 33 years after the fire of 1870. He “stepped back into history” to “relive” the fire. This booklet is available in the museum shop as well as through HFI.

worth of property was destroyed. The county jail and the Fincastle Herald office were burned.”

The Daily Chronicle on May 12, 1870 described the fire and its devastation in this way: “The Terrible Fire In Fincastle occurred on Friday night, 6th May, commencing at 1 am and continuing its ravages until 6 am. Western Hotel buildings entire, John Luster, proprietor, partially insured; county Jail, occupied by Sam. Hedrick; William K. McDowell & Co.’s corner building, occupied by Mrs. Roland, partially insured; Carper & Brother’s dry goods and drug store, partially insured; Aunspaugh & Shue’s silversmith shop; Tom Gilliam, dwelling and barber-shop; Jacob Carper’s shoe shop; G.W. Bittle’s confectionery, J.H.H. Figgatt, residence, law office, and library, partially insured; Rev. G. Gray’s dwelling, Judge T.D. Houston’s residence, including law office of self, Martin, Dr. Carper’s drug store, and L. Houseman’s dry goods store, partially insured; Masonic Hall, basement occupied by Herald office and dwelling James Luster’s entire block of buildings.” (This is a partial quote but gets across the idea that many businesses and homes were



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Buildings of the Old Western Hotel rebuilt after 1870 fire.

destroyed.)

The cause of the fire was described in the Shenandoah Herald from May 19, 1870: “THE ORIGIN of the fire was in the livery stable attached to the Western Hotel owned by Mr. John B. Luster, on Main Street (The Western Hotel was located behind the present-day Courthouse.) It was first seen at ?? o’clock (couldn’t tell the time from the transcript) when the flames had just been ignited. The alarm was promptly sounded, and the citizens rallied to the scene, punctually, prepared to extinguish the incipient blaze. The “fire” engine was also brought forward and put in active play. But the fire had caught in a bale of hay, and a high wind was prevailing, it spread with terrible rapidity, despite the utmost efforts that were made to arrest its course. The first house that caught was the hotel itself, and several wooden outbuildings adjoining, all of which were speedily consumed. By this time the danger and tenor of conflagration began to fully develop; for the flaming hay and heavy sparks and fragments of burning timbers were flying in every direction through the

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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. Everyone welcome.
Troutville Assembly of God, 118 Conner Lane, P.O. Box 728, Troutville, VA 24175, Pastor Dennis Carroll, 540-960-1224, Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Everyone welcome.
CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Botetourt Church of God of Prophecy - (formerly Flatwoods COGOP & Fincastle COGOP), Roanoke & Academy Streets, Fincastle, Va 24090, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship 11.00 AM, Sun. Evening 6:30 PM, Wed. Evening 7:00 PM, Pastor Peggy Brown, 540-992-3696.
INDEPENDENT BAPTIST
Colonial Baptist Church - 221 Hillcrest St., Blue Ridge, VA 24064. Phone 540-977-5683. Senior Pastor Joel A. Wegner; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships; 10:30 a.m. Worship (Nursery, Tots' & Children's Church) - broadcast on Facebook Live; One Sunday evening worship per month at 6 p.m. Wednesday schedule during the school year: 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Studies; 6:45 p.m. WOL Teens, 7 p.m. WOL Gopher Buddies & Olympians (Age 3-Grade 6), 7 p.m. MERGE (College Age). E-mail: office@cbcblueridge.org; website: www.cbcblueridge.org; On Facebook, Instagram, YouTube
Crossroads Baptist Church - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M.
Faith Baptist Church- 4258 Botetourt Rd., 4 miles N. of Fincastle; Dr. John W. Reynolds, pastor- teacher, 473-2325, jwr56fbc@yahoo.com. Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. fincastlefaith.com.
Lapsleys Run Baptist Church- Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., Pastor. 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. 540-556-3504. Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00a.m.
New Hope Baptist Church- 2315 Blue Ridge Blvd. (US 460), 977-6610, Pastor David McNeill; Sunday School, 9:45AM; Worship, 10:45AM, 7PM; Wed., Bible Study 7PM; Kings Kids, 7PM; Daycare and Preschool, Mon-Fri. 6:30AM-6PM.
Valley View Baptist Church- 17471 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Daniel Boone, 254-2760 (church), 254-2570 (H). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM, Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM; Wednesday: Prayer and Youth Ministries, 7 PM, Word Of Life youth ministry for 4 year olds- 12th grade Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
SOUTHERN BAPTIST
Bonsack Baptist Church - 4845 Cloverdale Rd. (Alt. 220) Dr. Chris Cadenhead, 977-5701, Sunday School, 8:30a.m. and 11a.m.; Worship 9:45a.m.; Wed. Bible study, 6 p.m.
Buchanan Baptist Church - 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by

Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site - buchananbaptist.com; Phone - 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris
Cave Rock Baptist Church - 2233 Stoney Battery Road, Troutville. Pastor Mark Childers, 540-765-8855. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Daleville Baptist Church- Corner of Valley Rd. and Orchard Dr., 992-1570; Senior Pastor Wes Belcher; Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Youth 6:30 p.m., Children (age 4-5th grade) 6:45 p.m., Bible study & prayer 7:00 p.m.
Fincastle Baptist Church- Located at 7330 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, Rt. 220, 1 mile south of Fincastle, 540-473-2861; www.fincastlebaptist.org; Sr. Pastor Kevin B. Cummings. Sunday Mornings, we offer a dual Bible Study/Worship Service at both 9:00 am and 10:45 am. On Wednesday evenings, we offer events for the entire family: Kids Club (3 years-5th grade) 6:15-7:30 pm; Middle School Ignite (Grades 6-8) 6:15-7:15 pm; Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm; Ignite High School Group (Grades 9-12) 7:45-8:45 pm; and childcare (birth-36 months).
Forest Grove Baptist Church- 693 Mt. Moriah Rd. (Rt. 681), Eagle Rock, Rev. Jerry Marsh, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:35 a.m., Wed., Bible Study 7 p.m.
Glade Creek Baptist Church - 3148 Webster Road, Blue Ridge, Virginia 24064. Pastor Steve McChesney. Phone 540-977-1686 or 540-798-7462. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m., to include Children's Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.
Mill Creek Baptist Church -11475 Lee Hwy., Fincastle, 992-3474. Danny Quirin, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday night activities begin at 6pm: Bible study, children and youth activities, choir and handbell rehearsals follow. office@millcreekbc.com
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church - 4930 Country Club Road (corner of Country Club & Haymakertown Roads), 540-992-5556. Pastor Danny Barham. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Worship can also be viewed online at the PHBC Facebook page or on Youtube (PHBCtube). Other activities and schedules can be found at www.phbcweb.com.
Springwood Baptist Church - 88 Copps Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email pmike09@outlook.com. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.: worship 11 a.m.: Wednesday night bible study will be held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Troutville Baptist Church -P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, Pastor Dr. Jeff Ritchey. Sunday School 9:45 AM; Worship 11 AM. Wednesday: Adult Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30PM; Youth & Children Activities 6:30PM.
Zion Hill Baptist Church- Intersection of Zion Hill Road and Old Fincastle Road. Pastor Donald Goforth (540) 884-2285. Sunday School -10 AM Worship 11AM. Youth Activities (grades 6-12) and Kingdom Kids (preschool-grade 5) Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

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

OUR PATIENT GOD

Read 2 Kings 14:1 through 16:20

And since the Lord had not said he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam son of Jehoash (2 Kings 14:27).


Reading through the Old Testament can seem like an exercise in frustration. We read about privileged people who regularly rebel against God and get themselves into trouble. God becomes angry at their constant attraction to sin, and threatens to punish them. From truly remorseful hearts, they repent in sackcloth and ashes, and God stays His hand. He keeps His word by punishing the ringleaders or by allowing them all to go into slavery. However, He always comforts and rescues them. Why, we wonder, do they never learn their lesson?

Interestingly, if we are honest with ourselves, we might just see our own failings mirrored in the lives of these Israelites. Like them, we, too, experience the loyal heart of a God who is unwilling to leave us in our sin and never ever willing to abandon us.

Challenge for Today: Read through the entire Old Testament this summer. Rejoice in God's long-suffering heart of love for you.

Quicklook: 2 Kings 14:23-27

Burkhart, preschool director.
Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.
Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren- 2565 Buffalo Rd., 10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Michael Tabor, (540) 309-7595.
Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, 3732 Breckinridge Mill Road, Fincastle Virginia 24090, Pastor Dr. David A. Tozar, Worship service 11:00am every Sunday, Potluck Luncheon every 3rd Sunday of the month.
Troutville Church of the Brethren - 5133 Lee Hwy., 992-1571; Terry R. Johnson, Pastor; Don Obenshain, Choir Director. Sunday Morning Services: Sunday School, 10 am; Worship Service, 11 am. Sunday Night Meetings: Rainbows, 5:30 pm; Christ Seekers, 6:00 pm. Wednesday Night Meetings: Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Choir practice, 7:00 pm. Family Fellowship Time will be held each 3rd Sunday of the month. Handicap Accessible. Our email address is: Troutvillecob@hotmail.com.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dale Ridge Church of Christ - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., Roanoke, 24019; beside the Botetourt Athletic Club. Leave message 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Please come visit us in person or get to know about us first by visiting our web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net. Updated each week with a new sermon by Mike Mazzalongo, four minutes of video showing our nearly six acres of land and our beautiful, functional inside facilities, articles, events, news from Christian sources around the world and here locally plus much, much more. See how many ways Dale Ridge is "Reaching Out There" to the Roanoke Valley with the "Good News of Jesus. By clicking on

"visit us virtually" real time access to our Worship services is available via your computer, a tablet or smartphone: Just follow the instructions. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe the Holy Spirit is a gift to every Christian upon their response to the Gospel as demonstrated by the 3000 obedient souls in (Acts 2:38). We believe Jesus is the only author of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Have you been looking for a church family that is progressive, outside the box thinkers, led by the Holy Spirit into all truth. (John 16:13). You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. (John 13:35) Real time contact thru our website via email.
ECKANKAR
Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.
EPISCOPAL
 **St. Mark's Episcopal Church** -111 S. Roanoke St., Fincastle. P.O. Box 277 Fincastle, VA 24090. The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector. 473-2370. Worship in the sanctuary and by Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00am, with Adult Education on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:50am. Evening Prayer is Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm by Zoom. Brown Bag Bible Study on Thursdays at 12 noon in the Ministry Center and by Zoom. Links for Zoom can be found on our website, www.stmarksfincastle.org.
LUTHERAN
Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) - 9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at osroanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888. Mailing address PO Box 916, Blue Ridge, VA 24064.
Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church- 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (in person or parking lot, tune car radio to 88.9 FM). The Rev. Chuck Miller, 540-589-7553. Facebook, <http://www.wheatlandlutheran.org>; teemwheatland@gmail.com
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Grace Church of Botetourt - 148 Amsterdam Rd. (beside the south lane of 220 in Amsterdam, 1.5 miles north of LBHS). Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Pastor Jay Robinette - 855-4620.
Mt. Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock at intersection of Rt. 43 and 688; pastor, Richard Ronk; phone # (540) 884-3653; Sunday School at 10:00 A.M., Worship at 11:00 A.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M., 4th Sunday Evenings at 7:00 P.M.
Woodland Church-A Place Where You Can Grow - 45 Woodland Rd. Troutville, VA. Corner of Blacksburg/Country Club Rds., 3.5 miles W. of Fincastle; 992-1008. Sunday School, 10AM; Worship, 11AM, Wed. Prayer Meeting 7PM (Call for more information).
PRESBYTERIAN
Buchanan Presbyterian Church - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390.

Interim Pastor Skip Hastings. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 10:15 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. AA meetings are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org
Fincastle Presbyterian Church - 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The Reverend David Dickerson is the minister with the Worship Service held from 10:30 - 11:30 Sunday mornings. Services are now being held in the sanctuary with no restrictions... unvaccinated individuals are still requested to wear their masks. The service will also be live-streamed via Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastlepresbyterianchurch>). New members are welcome to join our hand bell and vocal choirs. (No musical experience is required...just a desire to worship the Lord and to have fun!) The church is handicapped accessible. For more information: fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com or (540)473-2042.
Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church - 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Rev. Emily B. Hook, pastor, 804-516-6552. Sunday School at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Morning Worship & Praise at 11a.m. each Sunday. Communion once each quarter.
Virginia Presbyterian Church - 918 Pico Road, Buchanan, 24066. Worship 9:30 a.m. (nursery provided), Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Church of the Transfiguration- 7624 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, VA 24090; Fr. Stephen McNally. 473-2656. Saturday Mass at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8:30am; Christian formation after Mass on Sunday.
UNITED METHODIST
Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church- 3936 Beaver Dam Road, just off Springwood Road, Springwood. Rev. Morris A. Bennett. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. followed by Worship, 10 a.m.
Eagle Rock United Methodist Church - 14565 Church St. Eagle Rock 10:15 AM; Glen Wilton UMC, Main St. Glen Wilton, 9:00 AM; Shiloh UMC Shiloh Rd, Eagle Rock, 11:15 AM. Pastor Ray Sandifer (540) 525-0258.
Fincastle United Methodist Church - Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. In person services Sunday, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, 136 S. Church St., Fincastle. Pastor Rev. Kwang Shin, office, 473-3001. E-mail: office@fincastleumc.org.
St. Mark's United Methodist Church - 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Rev. Terry Clark, 992-3030. Worship Times: Praise and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship often with presence of the choir--this service is live streamed and celebrates Communion on the first Sunday. Children and Youth Ministries meet for Sunday School at 10Am each Sunday! Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday 4 to 6pm unless we are doing a special monthly mission. Frogs and Tadpoles Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!
Trinity United Methodist Church - 19637 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Doug Mitchell, 254-2475 (O). Sunday School, 9:45AM, worship 10:30 AM.

OBITUARIES

Campbell, Ronnie Ernest

Ronnie Ernest Campbell, 77, of and Jeannie Campbell; grandson Blue Ridge, passed away Saturday, April 29, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert and Josie Campbell; brothers, Robert and Jimmy Campbell; and sister, Jean Blessard.

Ronnie was a US Navy Veteran serving two tours in Vietnam and presented with a purple heart. He retired from Roanoke City Schools in the maintenance department, before that he worked at Ingersoll Rand. Ronnie enjoyed golf and gambling a few dollars here and there.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Beverly LaPradd Campbell; son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie

Campbell; grandson and wife, Trevor and Katelyn Campbell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Ronnie's life will be held at a later date. Those wishing to make a contribution in his honor, please do so to the Ronald McDonald House.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to Good Samaritan Hospice for their loving care, "without them they couldn't have given him the care he needed." Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.



Proffitt, Deborah Paige

Deborah Paige "Debby" Proffitt, niece, Laurie Paige Haltom; as well as 72, of Roanoke, died Monday, April 24, 2023, at LewisGale Medical Center in Salem. She had been a resident at Friendship Health and Rehab for 3-1/2 years.

Debby was born in Woodstock, Va. but spent the majority of her life in Salisbury, Md. She graduated from Wicomico Senior High School and moved on to work at WBOC TV/Radio as a receptionist /secretary for approximately 25 years. In 2020 she moved to Roanoke with her mother and worked at Botetourt County Department of Social Services for several years.

She was predeceased by her father, Joseph Harrison Proffitt; her grandparents, Fulton and Helen (Houseman) Waid and Lawrence and Ida Mae (Hogan) Proffitt; as well as several incredible aunts and uncles.

Left to cherish her memory are her mother, Billy "Sis" Waid Proffitt of Roanoke; sister, Beverley "Jody" Haltom (Guy); nephew, Cody Harrison Haltom;



Tolley, Brian Matthew

Brian Matthew Tolley, 42, of Richardson, Debbie and Tony Myers, Roanoke, passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Terry and Bess Saunders, and Mickey and Louise Tolley.

Brian was a graduate of Lord Botetourt High School and Virginia Western Community College (mechanical engineering major). In his youth, Brian was a member of Boy Scout Troop 472, played soccer and baseball, and loved fly fishing and tying his own flies. He enjoyed NASCAR, riding his Harley Davidson, and only rooted for America's team, the Dallas Cowboys. He especially loved his Labrador Retrievers, Sampson, Riley, Duke, and Harley.

He is survived by his loving parents, Terry and Ramona Tolley; sister and brother-in-law, Lauren and Jake Tuck; nieces and nephews, Hannah, Jacob, Mason, Berkley, and Ateleigh. He is also survived by aunts and uncles, Becky and Alan Collins, Linda and Earl Davidson.

A Memorial Service was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Pastor Terry Clark officiated. The service was live-streamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTH5ZJGIACQnFcOdEwJPaA>.

Memorials in memory of Brian may be sent to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, 24083 or to the Roanoke Angels of Assisi. Online condolences may be made at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements were by Oakey's East Chapel, (540) 977-3909.



Botetourt Chamber announces Tinsel Trail partnership with First Bank

The beauty and festive spirit of the fourth annual Botetourt Chamber Tinsel Trail returns to Fincastle this winter thanks to the continued support of title sponsor First Bank. "We are pleased that First Bank chose to sponsor this event again for 2023. It speaks to the value the Tinsel Trail brings to the area and the community involvement prioritized in their mission to make a difference in the communities they serve," said Khari Ryder, Executive Director of the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce.

W. Todd Ross, Marketing President with First Bank, explains, "We're proud to have supported this hallmark event since its inception four years ago and are pleased to see it grow into such a festive event for the entire community. The Tinsel Trail offers a great holiday experience for Botetourt County and our surrounding neighbors. We look forward to sharing the excitement of the holiday season with everyone again this year."

Opening night is scheduled for December 1 and, as in prior years, the trail will remain open throughout December. There is no charge for this event. This year the Tinsel Trail Committee will add a Santa Food Court on opening night. Donnie D's Bagels and Deli will be bringing the new food trailer to opening night. Locally owned 1772 on Main & Rooftop and the Fincastle Café will also be

CHURCH NEWS

National Day of Prayer at Fincastle Presbyterian

Thursday, May 4 is the National Day of Prayer. Anyone who would like a few moments of quiet contemplation or prayer is invited to Fincastle Presbyterian Church on Back Street in Fincastle during the lunch hour, roughly from noon to one o'clock. The church's quiet, historic sanctuary will be open to welcome all seeking a peaceful space with soft, calming music playing.

National Day of Prayer observance in Troutville

The public is encouraged to attend the gathering at Troutville Park for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4. The event begins at noon.

For more information, call Pastor Terry Johnson at 540-992-1571.

PleasantDale Church yard sale Saturday

PleasantDale Church is having a yard sale this coming Saturday, May 6, 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. Refreshments will be available as well.

If anyone has vintage, antique or exotic cars, they are welcome bring their cars to exhibit for the morning.

Yard sale at Trinity UMC on May 6

United Women in Faith will be having a yard sale on May 6 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 19637 Main Street, Buchanan, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will support the group's mission projects for the coming year. Hot dogs and baked goods will also be for sale.

Senior Fashion Show at Solomon's Mission

Solomon's Mission in Buchanan is having a Senior Fashion Show from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on May 9. Activities include a fashion show, lunch, shopping and door prizes. All models will be wearing Solomon's apparel. This is a free event for seniors for fun and fellowship.

Mother's Day Tea at St. Mark's

St. Mark's United Methodist in Daleville will host a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dine in the Tea Room atmosphere and make it an event to remember with family or friends. Traditional High Tea Fair is offered. If you choose to take a tea box to go, just drive up and the order will be put in your car.

Prices are: 1 order-\$20; 2 orders-\$36; 3 orders-\$48; 4 orders-\$60. Five or more orders are \$15 each. To order, go to the St. Mark's UMC website, stmarksmethodist.com, or call the church at 540-992-3030.

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 capris, shorts, summer dresses and shirts. 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.

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.

BUCHANAN EVENTS

LEAP Farmers Market

Don't miss the monthly LEAP Farmers Market Wednesday, May 3 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Botetourt Resource Center, 33 Bedford Street in downtown Buchanan. The market is scheduled for the first Monday of each month.



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of our community, and this event offers businesses an opportunity to donate their tree to a non-profit organization to decorate," said Fridley. She also works with area elementary schools to encourage their participation in the event. "Every year I look forward to seeing the hand-painted ornaments the elementary school students have made and decorated the tree with them."

Anyone interested in purchasing a tree to decorate may visit the Chamber website at botetourtchamber.com/ events for details.

- Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce

Teresa Fridley (left), Sue Nave, Julia Clark stand beside an elementary school tree with the handmade ornaments.

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First Bank Hires W. Todd Ross as Roanoke Valley Market President

First National Corporation (the “Company” or “First National”) (NASDAQ: FXNC), the bank holding company of First Bank (the “Bank”), announced today that W. Todd Ross has been hired as Market President for the Roanoke Valley Region. Todd will be responsible for all lines of business banking, and business development, while partnering with other core functions such as retail, treasury, and mortgage banking.

“Todd’s experience clearly aligns with our culture and strategic commitment to growth in the Roanoke Valley Region, including Botetourt and Roanoke Counties, as well as Roanoke and Salem proper,” said Scott C. Harvard, CEO of First National Corporation and First Bank.

Todd has over 30 years of banking experience in the Roanoke Valley Region, including leadership and production roles with several regional and local banks.

He maintains deep relationships with commercial customers throughout the region with a focus on responsive, high-quality service. Todd has a collaborative approach to meeting the loan, deposit and treasury services needs of the market. He has a B.S. in Finance from James Madison University and a Masters in Business Administration from Virginia Tech. Lastly, Todd continues to serve the community on a number of non-profit and municipal boards and commissions.

Mr. Ross will lead First Bank’s strategic efforts in the market, following the 2021 merger with the former Bank of Fincastle, including plans to expand in the Roanoke market. “As a lifelong Roanoke native, I am excited about the opportunity to provide true community banking throughout the area. As a Virginia based financial institution, First Bank understands what is important to our current customers and is eager to share those values with

new customers.” Ross stated. “While the banking industry in Roanoke is very strong and competitive, we feel the flexibility and efficiency that we provide are key aspects of how we do business. Our team of retail and commercial banking specialists are focused on delivering banking services with a personal touch and a commitment to service. I truly believe in the Bank’s philosophy of there’s power in one. One banker; one customer; one smile; one kind gesture can all make a huge difference in our lives and our community.”

Todd and the Roanoke Valley team stand prepared to meet the banking needs of small businesses, corporations, real estate investors, individuals, municipalities and non-profits alike. Harvard added, “We’re excited for the opportunity to build our banking company in Roanoke with Todd and our legacy team.”

~ First Bank



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W. Todd Ross

Blue Ridge PBS seeks Southwest Virginia military veterans of 1983 Beirut and Grenada conflicts

Blue Ridge PBS is currently seeking military veterans who were on active duty in October 1983 and personally involved in the bombing of the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon or the United States invasion of the island of Grenada.

Of the veterans who express an interest in participating, several will be chosen to be interviewed and share their stories on-camera for a one-hour documentary slated for broadcast later this year. Produced

in association with Virginia War Memorial in Richmond and privately funded by the Virginia War Memorial Foundation, “One Week in October” seeks to chronicle the stories of Virginia veterans who were present at either of the two incidents. Family members of anyone killed in action during either campaign are also invited to share their stories.

Production is well underway and multiple interviews have already been conducted in Richmond that include veterans from the eastern half of the Commonwealth. The search now focuses on veterans from and currently residing in Southwest Virginia and the Blue Ridge PBS viewing area.

“We are so very proud to partner with the Virginia War Memorial to bring these important stories to light in order to honor the bravery of Virginians who courageously entered into battle, but also honor those who lost their lives,” says Blue Ridge PBS Executive Producer, Lisa Fenderson.

Veterans or family members interested in participating should contact Fenderson via email at lfenderson@blueridgepbs.org or voicemail at 540-983-1780 no later than Friday, May 19 at 5 p.m.

“One Week in October” will premiere on Thursday, October 26 at 8 p.m. on Blue Ridge PBS.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

DAR Chapter tours the Historic Smithfield Plantation



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT DAR
Botetourt DAR members and guests toured the Smithfield Plantation in Blacksburg.

Members and guests of the Botetourt County Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution toured the historic home and grounds of Smithfield Plantation on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg on April 15.

Built from 1772 to 1774 by Colonel William Preston, the plantation house was his residence and the headquarters of his farm. The Colonial-style home was based on homes in Williamsburg, and it stands as a fine example of an original pre-Revolutionary structure in Southwest Virginia.

The DAR group was divided into two tour groups, one led by Michael Hudson, the executive director, and the second by Jessica Vance, the Visitor Experiences manager. In addition to touring the home and the grounds, members were able to visit the Preston Family Cemetery where William Preston, his wife Susanna Smith Preston, and many other members of the Preston family are buried.

The rooms of the house are furnished with 18th and 19th century furniture, portraits and other items, while the basement level museum contains a variety of artifacts found on site. The landscape includes an 18th century kitchen garden tended by volunteers.

This historic property linked the great wilderness to the heart of the American Revolution and helped to form a new nation. Many prominent Americans descended from Preston and his wife Susanna, for whom the plantation is named. They were parents, grandparents, or ancestors to governors, senators, presidential cabinet members, university founders,

university presidents, and military leaders.

Education was important to Preston and his family, and he played an important role in the Southwest Virginia frontier where he was a surveyor, justice of the peace and landowner. For 10 years prior to building Smithfield, Colonel Preston lived in Greenfield Plantation in Botetourt County. At his death the Greenfield property was inherited by John, his eldest son, while his wife inherited the Smithfield property.

As the nation is preparing to celebrate America 250, the DAR chapter encourages everyone to learn more about Virginia’s history during the Revolutionary time period as well as the lives, histories, sites, stories and communities of the citizens in the Revolutionary time period.

Anyone interested or has questions about joining the chapter may contact Membership Chair Emily Talbot-Guillote via email at eptg1019@gmail.com or Regent Betty Holt, betty4658@gmail.com.

~ Botetourt County DAR

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NOTICE OF BOTETOURT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBSEQUENT MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SAID BUDGET		
SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
A public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Botetourt County Public Schools budget will be conducted by the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The Board of Supervisors will consider approval of the School Budget on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia.		
The funds shown are subject to change prior to adoption and appropriation.		
		Proposed FY 23 - 24
Revenues		
Local		27,967,986
Other		580,284
State		33,259,385
Federal		50,000
School General Fund Revenue		61,857,655
Self-Sustaining Fund		4,746,540
School Nutrition Fund		2,625,000
Textbook Fund		2,177,507
Capital Reserve Fund		1,624,860
School Construction Grant Fund		1,708,719
Total Revenues		74,740,281
Expenditures		
School General Operating Fund		61,857,655
Self-Sustaining Fund		4,746,540
School Nutrition Fund		2,625,000
Textbook Fund		2,177,507
Capital Reserve Fund		1,624,860
School Construction Grant Fund		1,708,719
Total Expenditures		74,740,281
Gary Larowe, County Administrator		

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.

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

Fincastle UDC Chapter hears history interpreter portray President Jefferson Davis

The Fincastle Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy welcomed many distinguished guests and visitors to the regular monthly meeting on April 1. The meeting featured a presentation by Sam Winkler, a living history interpreter who portrayed President Jefferson Davis.

Winkler's presentation included Davis's life history, marriage, government service in the Civil War and his imprisonment. The UDC was pleased to offer this important history.

Winkler lives in Roanoke and has been doing historical portrayals over the years. On Wednesdays during the season, he portrays Wilson Hix, owner of the Cloverhill Tavern at Appomattox Courthouse. The tavern was where all the parole passes were printed. Winkler gives several talks throughout the day. He also does several other portrayals. He believes that history must be taught.

~ Submitted by Chapter President Harriett Frances and Historian Dana Long



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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.

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.

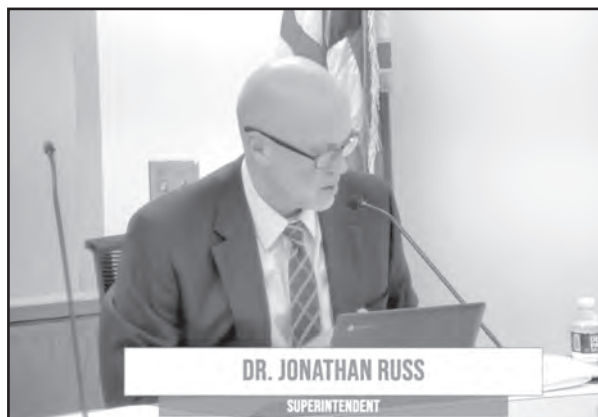


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Donations for the scholarship fund and the book fund will also be accepted.

Fincastle

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air, lighting on roofs two hundred yards distant, and multiplying the seeds of the destroying fire." Somehow the Courthouse managed to remain unharmed in this fire. (It did burn in December 1970, different fire 100-1/2 years later.)

Fortunately, though the loss of property was heavy, no serious bodily injury was sustained by any person. Judge T.D. Houston fell off a horse and was badly hurt. Mr. John Backland was struck by a falling window and knocked senseless. He subsequently rallied. No other accidents are reported. As I was reading other reports from across the Commonwealth, I was pleased that citizens from the valley, Richmond area and other areas reached out to help the citizens of Fincastle.

Many of the buildings that were burned were replaced with brick structures. As the Western Hotel was rebuilt, it served

the community in different ways in addition to being a destination location for visitors going to the Fincastle Springs (located a mile east of town on what is now Blue Ridge Turnpike). According to The Fincastle Herald, March 1894, "The lot owned by Mr. A.M. Mcflintic on the corner of Roanoke and Main streets has been cleared off preparatory to building thereon. An addition is to be made to the Western Hotel in a short time. It will consist of a large dining room, with lodging rooms above."

The Fincastle Herald in June 1891 announced new advertisements. Fresh Meat! I have opened a meat market in Fincastle, at the Western Hotel, where I will have a regular market on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. The best the country affords of beef, mutton and other meats will be kept in market."

By the summer of 1894 Fincastle was

"quite a lively town" and Hayth's Hotel was "filled to full capacity since the opening of the season" with "nearly if not quite one hundred boarders," ... We can, however, form some pictures of the activities of these summers: "Mother Goose party," donkey parties, phantom balls, musicals and other socials. (Paraphrased from "The Town of Fincastle, Virginia" by Frances J. Niederer, 1965 p. 58-59)

The replacement of two buildings of the Western Hotel is still in use behind the Courthouse in Courthouse Square. The old "bar/tavern" is now occupied by Virginia Tech Extension Office. In 1968, it was "rebuilt and restored" by Historic Fincastle, Inc. after it was partially destroyed by a fire. Lewis Summers, a local contractor, did the

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Post 240 Notes

American Legion Post 240 awards two scholarships

Two local students have been awarded \$500 each from American Legion Post 240 to assist in furthering their formal education.

Randyn Frate of Botetourt Tech received his scholarship for composing the winning historical essay. He will continue his formal education at Virginia Western and then on to Roanoke College to major in criminal Justice. His great-grandfather served in the military.

Macy Williams from James River won the Raymond A. Gabay Scholarship for her essay on military history. She's uncertain as to what field of study she will pursue. Her mother served in the Navy.

American Legion Post 240 meets Thursday

American Legion Post 240 will conduct its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 4, at the VFW Hall at the corner of Rt. 220 and Country Club Road, Daleville. Social/supper hour will be from 6-7 p.m. The business meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m.

This meeting is very important as the new board of directors will be voted into office for the 2023-2024 fiscal year."

All dues paying members are strongly advised to attend. The post also welcomes any non-member, honorably discharged veterans to attend with the possibility of becoming active members.



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Botetourt County joins International Code Council for the celebration of Building Safety Month 2023

Throughout the month of May, Botetourt County will participate in the 43rd annual Building Safety Month, a worldwide campaign presented by the International Code Council, its members, and partners to promote building safety. This year's campaign, "It Starts with YOU," raises awareness about the role county citizens play in ensuring safety in the spaces they live, work, and learn. The campaign also makes the connection between building codes and personal safety, as well as the important work done by building safety professionals in the county.

This year's campaign addresses how building safety impacts everyone on a personal, local, and global level.

- Week One: Building Safety Starts at Home, May 1-7, highlights how building safety impacts everyday life as family members, friends, and individuals at home.
- Week Two: Building Safety Professionals and You, May 8-14, share a glimpse into the world of building safety professionals by outlining different roles and their responsibilities.
- Week Three: Prepare Your Community, May 15-21, focuses on how to protect not just your home, but your community at large, from disaster.
- Week Four: Advocate for Your Community, May 22-28, provides the tips and tools needed to advocate for building safety in your community.

- Week Five: Solving Challenges Together, May 29-31, elevates Building Safety Month to a global scale by addressing how people can work together internationally to tackle the world's most important issues.

"Throughout Building Safety Month, many opportunities will be provided for citizens and contractors to learn more about the Building Department Staff and our dedication to enforcement of the Building Code in providing a level of protection they deserve and should expect," says Botetourt County Building Official Mark Bowles.

"The Building Code is in place not as an inconvenience or to raise the cost of construction, but rather to help ensure safer, more environmentally friendly buildings for living, working, learning and recreation," says Botetourt County Director of Community Development Nicole Pendleton. "Our team is always available to help educate the public on the Building Code and are excited to be able to share information with our community."

Learn more about Building Safety Month at www.buildingsafetymonth.org or join the conversation on social media using #BuildingSafety365.

~ Botetourt County Communications

work. He also built many houses in and around Fincastle in the '50s and '60s. The "Old General District Courthouse" is still in use by Botetourt County offices and will be the temporary office of the Clerk of the Court during the replacement/renovation of the present-day Courthouse. The "Old Jail was re-built in 1897 under the direction of S.L. Rice. It has delightfully decorative iron work of the balcony that represents the influence of some of the

New Orleans visitors.

A quote from 1975 (Richmond Mercury): "The town (referring to Fincastle) is a virtual museum of American architecture from the 1770s through the twentieth century with narrow streets lined with homes of tradesmen and professional men of the 18th and 19th centuries. Notable buildings include the Jeffersonian County Courthouse, the gothic style jail, the Western Hotel and the three

mid-nineteenth century churches. Fincastle is not a restoration, nor is it heavily visited by tourists. It is a living bit of America's small-town heritage."

If you step back into history and study Fincastle, you can see how fires have helped form our town of today – the very destructive fire of 1870 and the Courthouse fire of 1970, just to mention two.

~ Patsy Dickerson, Historic Fincastle Inc.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on May 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live. Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. May 11, 2023 at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_7RLwHZW_3NnylJzXaLBgEjtyJ9vKaMB1L0m_fBjiYM4fyg/viewform
or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at salbert@bcps.k12.va.us.



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500-599: \$220.00-237.00
600-699: \$209.00-123.00
700-799: \$190.00-216.50
800-899: \$145.00-184.00
900-999: \$182.00

Graded Feeder Bulls
300-399: \$214.00-237.00
400-499: \$240.00
500-599: \$170.00-235.00
600-699: \$181.00-210.00

Graded Feeder Heifers
300-399: \$183.00-201.00
400-499: \$206.00-220.00
500-599: \$179.00-206.00
600-699: \$185.00-193.00
700-799: \$143.00-188.00
800-899: \$ 64.00

Cows: \$ 57.00- 97.00
Bulls: \$ 110.50

Barbecue dinner to benefit JRHS football, girls basketball

The James River High School football and girls basketball programs will hold their second annual chicken barbeque dinner at Lord Botetourt High School on Saturday, May 13, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$14 per ticket. The meal includes half a chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, a roll, and a drink (lemonade). Desserts will be on sale at the school. Tickets are on sale from Ryan Firebaugh, email: rfirebaugh@bcps.k12.va.us or call (540) 798-5448 for more information. Funds collected will be used to support both JRHS football and girls basketball programs.

Comments

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sure they select reading materials according to your morals and values, not the library's... Do not ever, for a minute, believe that you are allowed to dictate what anybody else's children think, feel, or believe in."

One resident recommended reading the book "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury, a story set in a dystopian future where a "new world order" has control over the media, population, and censorship. The same citizen claimed the LGBTQ information found in the books in question are the reason citizens at the previous meeting were upset.

A Blue Ridge resident mentioned the "danger" in banning books. He claimed that an individual who asked for 12 books to be pulled from

the Fincastle Library's collection "suggested that changes are needed to the reconsideration process to include 50 percent professed Christians." He commended Library Director Julie Phillips' "judgements on how books are selected that is backed by a well-reasoned policy aimed at serving the diverse views of this county."

He also noted that "censorship is not a liberal or conservative issue. This is about fundamental constitutional rights enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution. Fundamental rights like freedom of expression and the limits on government establishing religion are fundamental to our democracy. Trying to justify censorship using incorrectly applied and made up words... that provoke

fear and hatred towards our citizens cannot be used to justify our fundamental rights."

The proposed Rails to Trails project will parallel Craigs Creek and run 26 miles from New Castle in Craig County to Eagle Rock in Botetourt County. It is anticipated to be a gravel trail that utilizes existing railbeds and some shared roadways. Funding will go toward bridge repairs and preparing the trail surface; a multi-use trail for walking, running, biking, and horseback riding, that provides opportunities for residents and visitors to engage with the scenic beauty of Craig and Botetourt counties and Virginia's Blue Ridge.

Four citizens provided comments opposing the project with one woman

calling the proposed project a "literal trainwreck."

An Oriskany resident who asked the board to come out to the railbed the month prior, noted, "Still, none of you have taken me up on my offer to visit Oriskany and the issues of what the purposed Craig-Botetourt scenic trail will do to our area." He said that the response from the board told him that they couldn't do anything about the project because it was "coming down" from the state. He thinks that the state will ask the county to fund a portion of the project or handling maintenance work. The man said the press releases related to the project were "50% wrong."

A group of county residents in opposition of the proposed

project had pamphlets on-hand that expressed the citizens' concerns about the project, noting in the brochure that the project is "unsafe for visitors and residents," "financially irresponsible," and "ecologically unfriendly."

Finally, a Botetourt resident suggested that the Eldor Corporation "need more workers" and claimed Eldor doesn't have much of a "workforce." He suggested that Botetourt County Public Schools along with the Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC) should work on a simulator program to understand what goes on while working for Eldor so that may increase the awareness about the company and the technologies it provides.

Ninja

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with Joseph Rae, a Botetourt native who opened the Buchanan Bujinkan Dojo last year. Rae is a deputy with the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office and is a retired Navy veteran, spending over 20 years in military service.

"I am having a bunch of students and instructors in from out of town to study historical Samurai and Ninja Martial Arts," Rae said when asked about this weekend's Ninja Summit.

"Folks in the area should definitely stop by."

Buchanan Bujinkan Dojo is located at 19785 Main Street in Buchanan. During the week, classes at the dojo take place on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6 to 7 p.m. (children) and 7:30 to 9 p.m. (adults) and the occasional Saturday. Visit the dojo's Facebook page for more information about the Buchanan Bujinkan.



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Museum

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will join the museum committee for a one-day visit to other museums to observe exhibit areas and administration spaces and they will provide several space and program workshops to the committee and county. They will also attend a meeting with the Town of Fincastle Planning Commission to discuss the feasibility study and program objectives.

During the feasibility study, the team will work with the County to determine the optimum location for the museum to sit. The museum building footprint and precise site location have not yet been determined.

Vice Chair Dr. Richard Bailey commended Lanford and his team's efforts in negotiating, feeling like the project is currently "in a good spot"

and suggested to the board to continue moving forward with the study. The board approved.

Springwood Road extension "refreshed"

At the beginning of April, the Town of Fincastle submitted a request related to the Springwood Road extension project, which was first put on the table approximately 20 years ago. The project was initially a part of the county's six-year plan around 2006, but was taken off in 2007. Lanford thinks the six-year plan "isn't the best place to place a project such as this."

In recognizing the need for a potential extension of Springwood Road, Lanford asked the board, county, and VDOT to take another look at the project and to authorize a resolution asking

for discussions to begin between the county, the town, and VDOT. The board approved moving forward with the discussions.

"One of the things suggested was kind of 'refreshing' the concept," Lanford said in a recent interview. "Not just bringing back all of the work that had already been done, and moving forward with it, but really looking at that alignment and saying, 'Does that makes sense today?' Or, should we look at other options that may not be as impactful to the homes that have been built (people's properties)."

Lanford made it clear that the county does not want to "alarm" citizens, understanding a lot has changed in 20 years.

"A lot has changed in the last 20

years since it was originally conceived," Lanford continued. "What used to be out of the way—through a hayfield or pasture—is no longer that. The first thing we need to do is see if that's the right alignment or if we need to look at an alternate alignment based on what's changed in the past 20 years."

Although the project is being revisited, Lanford noted the county will continue to review the best options. Although the Town of Fincastle asked for the Springwood Road extension to be added back into the county's six-year plan, Lanford believes that today, this project doesn't require being added back to the plan.

"The six-year plan is not the right place for it in 2023," Lanford noted. "It was 10 years ago, but it's not today."

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clearance and demolition) and \$463,276.50 in matching funds for construction from Factory Flats. To get under contract with DHCD, there are three agreements for the Board of Supervisors to consider for approval: 1. The Grant Agreement, 2. Restriction Agreement, and 3. Performance Agreement.

The Grant Agreement obligates the IRF grant funds to this project and outlines the general and

special conditions applied to this grant funding. The Restriction Agreement outlines that a deed restriction will be placed on the property by the Economic Development Authority for a period of 10 years from the date of loan closing that requires the subject building to be used only for an IRF-eligible purpose. The Performance Agreement outlines the goals for the project and outlines what is required to

happen should a change of ownership or use of the subject building occur during the first 10 years following the loan closing.

County Attorney Mike Lockaby and the economic development staff reviewed the current versions of these agreements with DHCD. Deputy County Administrator David Moorman stated that this isn't a grant to the company, but a loan. Zero county dollars are

involved in the ongoing project in Buchanan.

Additionally, the board approved text amendments Chapter 6 Buildings & Building Regulations of the Botetourt County Code to add "Article IV. Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Financing Program." According to the agenda, the developer intends "to make substantial investments in the Town of Buchanan" and made the request.

In this program, a private bank makes a loan to a private person. No county money is lent or put at risk. The county has two roles to play. First, it ensures that the financed construction will meet goals for energy efficiency, resiliency, stormwater management, or similar benefits. It then verifies the benefits at the conclusion of construction. Second, if the loan becomes delinquent, it is collectible

in the same manner as a tax lien. Therefore, the county treasurer collects the funds. In order to defray the county's costs, the borrower pays the county an upfront origination fee to do due diligence and then an annual administrative fee.

This program is common in other states, and approximately a dozen localities in Virginia have adopted this program in one form or another.

MGA

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and their staff sponsor/advisor, Kit Williams, through a tour of the capitol while they were in town for the MGA.

The Model General Assembly (MGA) program was established in 1948 and is designed to introduce high school students to the legislative process of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Legislation is debated in committees and on the floors of the actual Virginia Senate and House of Delegates. Participating students represent grades 9-12, with limited roles for 9th graders. Participants can assume the roles of senator, delegate, officer, lobbyist, reporter, or underclassmen legislator.

Virginia state legislature

receives a report following MGA learning more about the leanings of the younger generation.

Each club or school group submit at least one and no more than five bills along with their registration. The Virginia YMCA encourages the patrons of the bill to discuss the bill with a current or former state legislator during the program. All bills should reference the Code of Virginia or the Constitution of Virginia and should be thoroughly researched. Some of the bills presented fall on the topics of education reform, abortion, family life curriculum, and voting restrictions, to name a few.

The students submit their

bills (for their respective committees) from a list provided by YMCA which they receive a couple of months prior to the MGA. When the bill comes up in committee, students read their bill, explain the bill, and the students are then grilled with questions pertaining to the bill by other members of the student-run committee. Following the session, a legislative assistant will come in and sit down with the students critiquing the questions and answers proposed during session and offering any additional advice.

"As soon as the bill book came out online, we kind of hit the ground running with work," junior Ethan Spickard

explained. "To be able to save time once we actually get to the conference, we have to make ballpark decisions of what we're going to do... Everyone in the executive offices got delegated to research pros and cons and things that could be changed in amendments to bills to make it better. Our main role was to be able to talk to (patrons) so that all their ideas are fully realized to give them the best shot to get everything passed."

This was James River's fourth year participating in the program. River's participating students noted that the program is not affiliated with any political parties. James River secured donations from Botetourt's Republican and

Democratic Committees for their participation in the MGA.

Spickard explained that during the weekend a lot of the students' time is spent reviewing bills. If bills were changed during session, they have to adapt to ensure that those changes were made for the better, while constantly adapting to the changes.

Spickard was nominated for CONA (Committee of National Affair) that weekend, which takes two students in 35 out of 50 states. Out of the 500 students who attended this year's Virginia MGA, 20 students were nominated. This year's CONA conference takes place in Black Mountain, N.C. at the end of June.

Garden

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at 2 p.m.

Artists are still being accepted for the Quick Draw Plein Air Paint Competition. Entrants will check in at 9 a.m. and paint until 12 noon. The work will be displayed under the show tent in the garden of the Historic Wilson Warehouse from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30

p.m. During this time, the public will vote for their favorite piece to win the People's Choice Award. Students from Buchanan Elementary School will also have an art display in the show tent for the public to view.

Friends of the Buchanan Library will be hosting the annual spring

book and yard sale in the Carson Memorial Building on Main Street helping raise money for future library projects.

"Buchanan's Garden Festival provides an opportunity to get a last minute Mother's Day gift, learn about gardening techniques as well as the

many civic organizations throughout the county while exploring more than 200 years of history as you walk, stroll, dine, shop and play in Buchanan," Gleason said.

- Town of Buchanan



Marketplace



The Fincastle Herald

The Vinton Messenger

The New Castle Record

Salem Times-Register

News Messenger

RADFORD News Journal

Help Wanted - General

Wanted: Caregiver for adult male with special needs in Christiansburg.

Adult male is non- verbal and must have assistance with all aspects of daily living. We are looking for a long term person with a good employment record who has experience with a non-verbal adult. Safety is a priority. Candidates must be reliable; have kindness and patience; and show creativity (Music ability a plus). Hours will vary according to the needs of the gentlemen and his family. Pay is \$12.70 through Medicaid and CDCN. Candidates must pass a criminal background check and must have recent references (at least 3.). No cellphone use while working except for emergencies. If interested, please call (540)838-5037 for an interview.

General Information

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General Information

Piedmont Pentecostal Holiness Church

Sunday morning service 11am. 5007 Jewell Dr. Shawsville Va. Pastor Tim Clyburn. 8 miles from Shawsville rt 460, on Alleghany Spring Rd.

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 164 KELSEY WAY, FINCASTLE, VA 24090. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$140,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180002806. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on June 2, 2023, at 11:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT LOT AND PREMISES LOCATED IN BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A FENCE POST ON MELODY LANE; THENCE WITH MELODY LANE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 06' 00" EAST 93.08 FEET TO A PIPE FOUND; THENCE WITH MELODY LANE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT 189.74 FEET THE CHORD OF WHICH IS SOUTH 72 DEGREES 28' 30" EAST 188.85 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH MELODY LANE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 51' 00" EAST 65.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE LEAVING MELODY LANE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 09' 00" WEST 280.92 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 16' 06" WEST 321.63 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 55; 20" WEST 634.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 00' 25" EAST 356.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 09' 00" EAST 248.08 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 58' 00" EAST 327.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN AS "PARCEL 1", ON PLAT OF SURVEY DATED NOVEMBER 23, 1993, BY RONALD R. CLARK, L.S., A TRUE COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 449, PAGE 72. TOGETHER WITH A PERPETUAL RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT OVER THE 50 FT. PRIVATE ROAD AND MELODY LANE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FROM THE LAND HEREIN CONVEYED TO STATE

Legals - City of Salem

protect his/her interests on or before MAY 31, 2023. APRIL 11, 2023 STACY L. OWEN, DEPUTY CLERK

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem at its regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1.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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Legals - Montgomery County

OF BRANDON JOSUE ZUNIGA JUANES, A Minor Child. And **IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF BRITNEY ZUNIGA JUANEZ**, A Minor Child.

TO: WILMER FRANCISCO ZUNIGA, Respondent

TAKE NOTICE that pleadings seeking relief against you have been filed in the above entitled Proceedings pending before the Alamance County Clerk of Superior Court. **The nature of the relief being sought in these Proceedings are Petitions for the Name Change of the minor children, Brandon Josue Zuniga Juanes and Britney Zuniga Juanez to change the last names of the children to "Jimenez Juanez".**

You are required to make defense to such pleadings not later than the 5th day of July, 2023, said date being more than forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice and upon your failure to do so the Party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought herein.

TAKE NOTICE that you are further notified that in connection with this Action the following hearings are scheduled for hearing by the Court following the publication of this Notice: **July 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM:** Hearing by the Clerk of the pending issues at the Alamance County Historic Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Graham, NC 27253. This the 4th day of May, 2023. FREDERICK J. STERNBERG Attorney for the Petitioner NC State Bar No. 4155

OF COUNSEL: FREDERICK J. STERNBERG, P.A. 38 S.W. Court Square Graham, NC 27253-2878 Telephone: (336) 228-0273 Fax: (336) 228-1932 E-Mail: efredrickjst@triad.rr.com

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. **CL23000646-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ALVARO ALEJANDRO LIMON PEREZ v. MARIA GUADALUPE MORALES MENDOZA. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MARIA GUADALUPE MORALES MENDOZA appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 19, 2023. APRIL 19, 2023 K MIKE FLEENOR, Jr., JUDGE. TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

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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 20th 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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Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to rezone an approximately 1.1 acre portion of a 2.002 acre parcel located between the south side of Scott Street NE and the north side of Roanoke Street, and identified as Tax Parcel 499 – ((A)) – 10, Parcel ID 008134; and approximately 1.21 acres located at 1413 Scott St. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 529-7-76, Parcel ID 008136; from General Business District B-3 to Multiple-Family Residential District R-3. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. B. Conditional Use Permit request by Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to allow a Planned Housing Development for 49 single-family attached townhouses on the property located at 1413 Scott St. NE, further identified as Tax Parcels 499 - ((A)) - 10; 529 - (7) – A; 529 - (7) - 76; 499 - (17) - 48 through 56; 529 - (7) - 44 through 47; and 529 - (7) - 75; Parcel IDs 008134, 008135, 008136, and 210197, currently zoned General Business District B-3 and proposed for rezoning to Multiple-Family Residential District R-3. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 Ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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LB grad Hunnell is Co-Coach of the Year in Big South

The Big South Athletic Conference announced its Women's Golf All-Conference teams and annual award winners last week and Lord Botetourt graduate Lyndsey Hunnell was named the Co-Coach of the Year along with Charleston Southern's Jordan Jeffers.

Hunnell led her team this season to a second place finish in the Big South Women's Championship before advancing on to a second-

place finish in match play. During the 2022-23 season, the Panthers brought home two tournament titles, the Grandover Fall Classic and the Rivertowne Classic and finished in the top 10 in eight different tournaments.

Lyndsey coached Sarah Kahn of High Point to a Big South individual title and Golfer of the Year award while her roster combined for eight top 10 individual finishes.

Hunnell, a Troutville native,

became head coach for HPU women's golf in June of 2022. She arrived at High Point after spending the previous three seasons as an assistant coach at Campbell University where she helped the Fighting Camels to two straight Big South Golf Championships in her three seasons on staff.

Prior to Campbell, Hunnell herself was a student-athlete at Virginia as she graduated with her undergraduate degree in 2018 before transferring to

Xavier to play as a graduate transfer. She competed in the 2016 U.S. Women's Amateur championship and was a member of both UVA Women's Golf ACC Championship teams in 2015 and 2016.

While earning a Master's Degree in Sports Administration from Xavier, Hunnell earned Big East All-Conference honors and led the Musketeers to their first Big East title and NCAA Regional appearance.



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LB grad Lyndsey Hunnell is the Big South Women's Golf Co-Coach of the Year.

Botetourt's Medley no-hits Staunton River

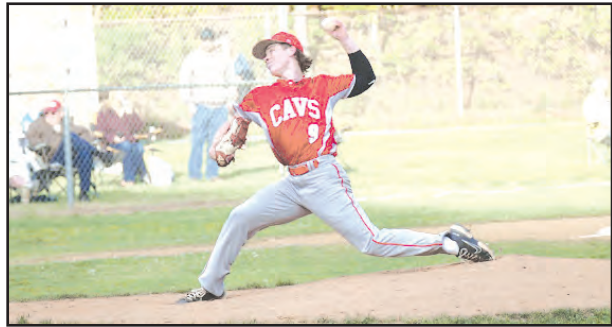


PHOTO BY JENN KING
Nolan Medley of Lord Botetourt pitches in his no-hit outing against Staunton River last week.

Last week was a big week for Lord Botetourt pitcher Noah Medley. The junior lefty pitched a no-hitter against Staunton River, then committed to play college baseball at Lenoir Rhyne University in Hickory, N.C.

The Cavaliers swept two Blue Ridge District games last week, shutting out both Staunton River and William Byrd. In Moneta, Medley struck out 16 Eagles for a complete game shutout as the Cavaliers took a 5-0 win over Staunton River. Medley struck out the last batter of the game just as he reached the VHSL pitch limit, completing the no-hit effort. He walked three batters and the 16 strikeouts were a career high. Offensively, JJ Tyree and Noah Donaho had two hits each.

The Cavaliers were scheduled to play William Byrd on Friday but that game was moved up to Thursday with inclement weather in the forecast. For the second time this season LB shut out William Byrd by a 1-0 score. Medley pitched the first shutout over Byrd, in Daleville, but this time Jack Vargo was on the mound for the win. Vargo pitched five innings, giving up just two hits and fanning six. Caleb O'Quinn pitched the last

two innings to pick up the save.

The only run of the game came in the top of the sixth. Noah Leonard opened with a single and courtesy runner O'Quinn moved to second on a botched pickoff attempt. O'Quinn then stole third when the base was left unattended as Vargo squared to bunt. Vargo grounded out, but Medley followed with a single to right to plate O'Quinn and that was all LB needed for the 1-0 win.

On Monday LB hosted Hidden Valley and dropped a 4-3 decision to the Titans. Leonard had three hits and Medley drove in two runs but the Cavaliers struggled with runners in scoring position. O'Quinn went five innings on the mound and took the loss with Cody McConnaughey pitching two scoreless innings to finish up.

"Caleb pitched good enough to earn the win, but we just left way too many guys on base," said LB coach Todd Smith.

With the loss the Cavaliers dropped to 10-6 on the season and they're 4-2 in Blue Ridge District games. LB was scheduled to host Northside on Tuesday and tonight at William Fleming in a game that was moved from Friday.

Knights are at Carroll Thursday to try and avenge only softball loss

The James River softball team will head to Hillsville Thursday with hopes of avenging their only loss of the season. The Knights lost to Carroll County in Springwood on April 20, 3-1, and that's their only loss in 14 games.

"Our team is in a good place right now but we are going to a tough place to win on Thursday," said River coach Steve Austin.

"We've lost three tight games in a row to them over the last two years. This will be another test."

On Monday the Knights won their third straight after the Carroll loss as they hosted Waynesboro and took a 10-0 win in six innings. River scored five runs in the second inning and four runs in the sixth inning and Austyn Moran pitched a one hitter with 10 strikeouts and no walks. She also had three hits, including a double and two RBIs.

Ripley Barry had three hits, as well, including a double, a solo home run, and the walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the sixth to end the game by slaughter rule. Kaycee Kincaid had two doubles and an RBI, Keira Crawford had two singles, Elly Lackey had two singles and Cloey Joynes had a two-run home run.

Monday was also Alumni Night, and 18 former players and three former coaches were recognized on a cool, damp, and windy evening.

"There was a lot going on with Senior Night, Alumni Night, a JV game, and a varsity contest,"

said Austin. "Lots of revisions to the schedule during the evening, but our kids were focused and energetic from the start."

Last Thursday in Lexington the Knights took an 11-1, five-inning win over Rockbridge. River outhit the Wildcats 10-2 in the win and Barry had a home run. Moran struck out five.

"We had only sent four batters to the plate and were up 2-0," said Austin. "I looked at Jenna Pugh and Lexi McCullough, our one and two hitters who had both scored, and they were dirty from head to toe. I knew we had come to play."

The Knights also beat Alleghany last week, coming from behind for a 17-4 win to improve their Three Rivers District record to 4-1. Trailing 4-1 with two outs in the top of the fifth the Knights hammered out 15 hits and 16 runs the rest of the way.

Pugh had four hits, including a double, with four runs, three RBIs, and two stolen bases. McCullough had three hits, including a double, with three runs and two RBIs. James River ended the game with 19 hits.

Moran pitched a complete game, spreading out 10 hits, striking out six, and walking none. Two of the five runs, two solo home runs, were earned.

"I'm proud of our kids for never quitting," said Austin. "Alleghany was in total control and we were frustrated, but we strung a few big two out hits together in the fifth inning and turned the game around."



PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY
John Austin had a walk-off walk for James River in Monday's win over Waynesboro.

Austin walks-off Little Giants for big Knights' win

James River's John Austin walked with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh to force in the winning run and give the Knights a 6-5 win over Waynesboro in Springwood Monday.

River led 5-0 at one point in this game but the Little Giants rallied to tie the game in the top of the seventh. The Knights then loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh and Austin drew the walk with two outs to end the game.

Colin Cook got the win despite giving up the tying run in the top of the seventh. River ace Heath Andrews started and pitched six strong innings, striking out 12. The Giants scored four runs off Andrews but none of the runs were earned.

Offensively, six different Knights had one hit each while Austin had two RBIs and Logan Joyce scored three times.

The victory was the second in a row for the Knights as they improved to 6-8 on the season. Last Thursday River hosted Floyd County in a Three Rivers District game and took a 7-3 win. Zeal Hammons pitched five innings, striking out five, and Cook pitched two scoreless innings to finish the job.

Three Knights had two hits each against Floyd, Hunter Mays, Evan Byers and Hammons. Mays scored three times and Byers knocked in three.

River also played Alleghany last week and dropped a 7-1 decision. Andrews pitched four innings and struck out seven in the loss.

The Knights are back in action today with a game at Rockbridge, and Thursday they have a third game at Carroll County.

Titans rally to down LB softball team



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING
Grace Thomas pitches for LB.

Hidden Valley scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to defeat Lord Botetourt in softball Monday in a game played at Hidden Valley.

The Cavaliers trailed 5-1 after four innings but scored one run in the fifth and four in the top of the sixth to take a 6-5 lead. However, the host team plated six runs in the bottom of the inning to win going away.

Grace Thomas pitched four innings for LB and Bry Orange pitched two. Of the 11 runs Hidden Valley scored only one was

earned as the Cavaliers committed six errors in the game.

Offensively, Jackson Kemper had two hits for LB and Gracie Sargent drove in a pair. Autumn

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Ripley Barry crushes a pitch on the diamond last week.

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LB soccer teams will play Fleming this week

The Lord Botetourt soccer teams will have two Blue Ridge District games this week as both the boys and girls take on Northside and William Fleming.

The girls were scheduled to host Northside on Tuesday with the boys playing at Northside. Tonight, Wednesday, the girls are at William Fleming and the boys will host the Colonels on Friday. William Fleming's stadium will be hosting the annual Cosmopolitan Track meet on Friday so the girls' game was moved up two days.

The boys came into the week at 3-2 in district matches and they're 5-6 overall after being shut out on the Daleville pitch by Glenvar Monday, 4-0. Glenvar led 1-0 at the half and put three more on the board after intermission as the Class 2 state contenders recorded their fourth straight shutout and swept the season series from the Cavaliers.

Last week the Cavs defeated Staunton River, 2-1. Jacob Malue got things started for the Cavs with 17 minutes left in the first half. Staunton River tied things up to make it 1-1 going into the half. Will Hall found open field and found the back of the net to get the game winner for LB with 33 minutes left in the second half.

The LB girls took a 3-1-2 district record and a 7-2-2 overall mark into Tuesday's game with Northside. Last week was a rough one for the Cavs, as they suffered their first district loss when they fell to Staunton River in the second overtime, 2-1 in Moneta, then tied William Byrd in two overtimes, 1-1 in Vinton. It was the second tie with Byrd this season.

Coming into this week the girls' district standings are close with Byrd leading with a 4-0-2 record. Staunton River is 4-1 and LB is close behind at 3-1-2.



Kalob Daniels of LB (2) works between two Glenvar defenders. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

River soccer teams play Alleghany tonight

The James River soccer teams will be taking on Alleghany counterparts tonight, Wednesday, with the boys playing at Alleghany and the girls hosting the Mountaineers on the Springwood pitch.

The boys' game with Eastern Montgomery scheduled for last Friday was rained out. The boys will host Carroll County in a Three Rivers District match on Thursday of this week while the girls play at Carroll. The girls have not played since beating Alleghany on April 24.



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LB tennis sweeps Fleming

The Lord Botetourt tennis teams both swept William Fleming last week, taking 9-0 win.

The boys hosted the Colonels at Hollins University and took all six singles with Tyler Meade, Jackson Wolfe, Ridge Radtke, Chase Dozier, Tyler McCarren and Xavier Shelton all picking up wins. Doubles winners were the teams of Meade and Radtke at one, Wolfe and Dozier at two and Shelton and Hunter Duncan at three.

This Friday the Cavaliers will take on William Byrd. The boys will be in Vinton and the girls will host Byrd at Hollins University.

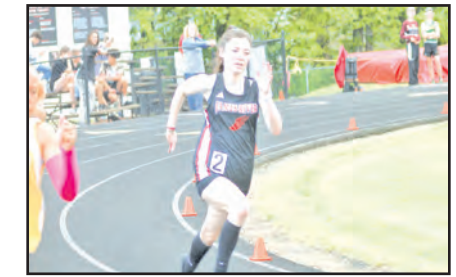


PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Tyler McCarren hits a return for LB.

Cosmopolitan track meet is this week



Brian Moran of James River triple jumps at the Knights Invitational.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Kelsey Firebaugh runs the sprints for the Knights at Cave Spring.

Lord Botetourt and James River High Schools will send teams to Roanoke this week for the annual Cosmopolitan Club Track Meet. The three-day meet is held at William Fleming High School.

The middle school field events and running trials will be Thursday. Junior Division athletes, in ninth and 10 grades, will have field events Friday at Fleming along with trials and some senior running trials. Senior field events, for juniors and seniors, will be Saturday morning and all running finals, for all three classes, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Both teams warmed up for the big meet with action last week. Lord Botetourt ran at Staunton River on Wednesday of last week and had some good results. Senior Elijah Rose qualified for the state in both the high jump and the 300 hurdles.

"The kid is scoring a pile of points for us every meet," said LB coach Paul Craft. "He wins just about every field event he does; high jump, long jump, triple jump, and he does 300 and 100 hurdles. If you invented a new field event today, he'd win it tomorrow."

Last week Rose won the high jump, was second in the long jump, and won the triple jump. He also placed third in the 100 hurdles.

"He's getting some attention from colleges," said Craft. "Look out for him running and jumping on the collegiate level next year. Coach (Michelle) Gantzhorn has done a great job with his field events."

Jillian Harris won the 100 hurdles and placed second in the 300 hurdles. Kendal Howard set a new PR in the 100m with an 11.93. Ten minutes later he set a new PR in shot at 52-09. He's now leading all of 3A with that throw and closing in on the school record, and an hour after that he set a new PR and shattered the school record in disc with a throw of 170-8. He is leading 3A with that throw and is second in the state across all divisions.

"That's a college scholarship throw,"

said Craft. "I figured he'd hit 170 feet by the end of the season. He's done it a month early. By the time he's a senior I suspect he'll be on over 200 feet."

"Coach Tina VanBuren has been coming by one or two days a week to help with disc. She's the best disc coach I've ever seen. I won't say her age but her disc records at Alleghany High School still stand and she also threw at Liberty University on scholarship. She doesn't have any kids here at LB but still comes by and volunteers her time to make our kids better. All our throwers across the board are setting PRs left and right. My hat is off to our athletes and them buying into what Coach VanBuren is teaching."

James River competed in two meets last week. The first was at Glenvar and included 13 teams. Emma Francis won both the shot and discus and Kaia Binns won the 200 and took second in the 100. Kelsey Firebaugh was second in the 200 and fifth in the 100 and Nevaeh VanBuren placed in four events, taking second in the triple jump, fourth in the high jump and fifth in the long jump and discus.

For the boys, Michael Jorgensen took second in the 1,600 and 3,200 and George Toliver was second in the shot. Brian Moran placed in four events, taking second in the high and long jumps and fifth in the 200 and triple jump.

On Saturday the Knights ran in the Cave Spring Invitational, a meet that included over 20 teams. Francis was first in the discus and second in the shot while VanBuren took third in the discus, fourth in the triple jump and seventh in the 100.

For the boys, Toliver was second in the shot and Conner Church was third in the 100 and eighth in the 200. Moran was fourth in the triple jump and fifth in the long jump and Andrew Fowler was fifth in the discus. Jorgensen state qualified with a sixth place in the 1,600.

The River boys finished sixth and the girls were ninth. The Salem boys and Heritage girls were team champions at the annual meet.

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Russell and Thomas had doubles.

With the loss LB fell to 4-9 overall. Botetourt was 2-3 in Blue Ridge District games prior to a trip to Northside on Tuesday of this week. The Cavs split two BRD games last week.

Last Tuesday, April 25, the Cavs dropped a 9-8 decision to Staunton River

in Daleville. Hadley Evans had three hits.

On Thursday the Cavaliers hosted William Byrd and took a 2-1 win, holding Byrd to just two hits. Russell's fourth inning homer proved to be the winning run.

The Cavaliers are scheduled to host William Fleming Friday.