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The Botetourt County Circuit Court will close June 2 until June 20 while facilities and staff offices change locations.

Botetourt Circuit Court closing until June 20

Beginning on June 2, Botetourt Circuit Court will be closed to accommodate the moving of facilities and staff offices to the lower floor of the Botetourt-Craig Public Safety Building at 205 N. Roanoke Street in Fincastle, and will remain closed for courtroom proceedings until June 20. Thereafter, court will be held at that location until the new Circuit Courthouse has been built.

Beginning on June 2, the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court will be closed to the public and for the transaction of business to accommodate the moving of the facilities and staff offices to the Old District Court Building, Courthouse Square, on Main Street in Fincastle, and will remain closed to the public and for the transaction of business until the new facilities and staff offices are ready for the transaction of business no later than June 20, (they hope to be back open by June 12). A notice will be posted on the front door of the Old District Court Building when the office has reopened.

"We would like to thank the community for their patience as we make the move to our temporary location," said Clerk of Court Tommy Moore.

For more information, call (540)928-2350.

- Tommy Moore, Clerk of the Court

Sunshine Girls Memorial Day veteran: Lee Saunders Anthony

By Lee Henry, Botetourt Sunshine Girls

The Sunshine Girls visited veteran Lee Saunders Anthony to tour his barn museum. We knew we were in for a treat when we were greeted with uniform mannequin at the door. We had planned on hearing Lee's stories when he served in the Navy but were overwhelmed by his WWI and Civil War collections. His dad was a WWI Veteran Lee Hill Anthony named after two generals, that being General Robert E Lee and General A.P. Hill.

The first thing that caught our eye was the 80th Division flag he has proudly

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PHOTOS BY LEE HENRY

Lee Anthony pictured here with ejection seat F-4J Phantom 2 fighter. He was in a seat exactly like this one "doing combat maneuvers."

Memorial Day service at Fairview this Monday

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As Memorial Day approaches on Monday, Buchanan is once again the place for remembrance events.

This Saturday morning, Sirens & Salutes, a local nonprofit organization that honors and memorializes veterans and first responders, along with community members will place flags on veterans' graves at Fairview Cemetery located at 36 Fairview Street (State Route T-1304) in Buchanan.

The annual Memorial Day service sponsored by Buchanan American Legion Post 93 begins at 11 a.m. this Monday followed by a "Memorial Day Dinner" at Solomon's Mission (\$12 per plate) immediately following the service. Food will be provided by Aaron's Smokehouse BBQ.

Later that day, a memorial marker dedication for World War II veteran Russell Smith will take place at Lithia Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Additionally, the 1967 classic "The Dirty Dozen" will be presented at the Buchanan Theatre

for free all Memorial Day weekend sponsored by Sirens & Salutes. Flag pickup at Fairview takes place at 10 a.m. on May 30.

Fairview has great meaning to the Buchanan community. The nearly 170-year-old memorial park has been the site for a service on Memorial Day for many, many years. There, the tradition continued by citizens placing flags at veterans' gravestones that, for many years, has been carried out by Buchanan's American Legion Post 93.

Fairview contains veterans' graves dating back to the Spanish-American War and Civil War. Currently, there are approximately 500 graves of veterans who served in the United States military, according to Bill Price, co-founder of Sirens & Salutes.

"I know I'm proud to be able to do what I can up there to make sure they have a good resting place and that (veterans) are remembered on Memorial Day and they're remembered at Christmas time," Price said in a

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BTEC

A total of 31 BTEC students signed employment commitments in Fincastle on May 15 during BTEC's annual Career Signing Day.

BTEC holds Career Signing Day

Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC) held the annual Career Signing Day for students on May 15. The event saw 31 students sign on with regional employers for full-time employment. Approximately 100

attendees representing the county, Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS), community, and local industries were on hand to congratulate the signees.

The following students signed employment commitments: Ethan

Brooks, Nathan Patterson, Shelby Deviny, Christian George, Jarred Lutz, Haleigh Oberg, Kaitlyn Day, Caden Evans, Ciara Christian, Jaelyn Lash, Kaiden Lewis, Nathan

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Bill Price plays the bagpipes at Fairview Cemetery during Buchanan's Memorial Day service in 2022.

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JUNE 9

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JUNE 17

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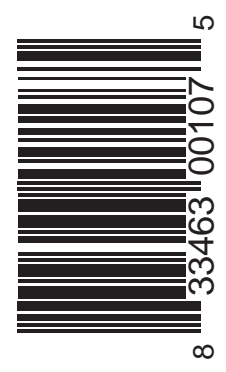




PHOTO COURTESY OF MATT WARD

Sheriff Matt Ward announces he will seek another term as sheriff

Sheriff Matthew T. Ward has announced his re-election campaign as the Republican nominee for sheriff of Botetourt County.

Sheriff Ward, who is currently serving the fourth of year of his first term, said he is proud of what he and his staff have accomplished since taking office in January of 2020.

"It is a privilege to serve as your sheriff. The past three and half years have been marked by the unprecedented and extraordinary challenges of COVID-19, and a shift in the public perception of law enforcement. Although Botetourt was not immune to these circumstances, the impact was minimal compared to other localities," Ward said. "With the commitment of our staff and the overwhelming support of our community, we overcame these obstacles ensuring Botetourt County remained a safe place to live, work, and raise our families. It is an honor to serve the citizens of Botetourt County."

Under Sheriff Ward's leadership the department implemented its first inaugural community outreach program, taking an active role in bringing together deputies and the citizens they serve in a non-enforcement environment. These community events include National Night Out, Senior Services Day, Senior Socials, and BOCO Camp Leo, and more. As sheriff, Ward said he will continue to focus on what matters most, and "that is you, your children, and your property."

"From day one, I made it a priority to staff every school with a School Resource Officer. When I took office, two School Resource Officers shared responsibility among the seven existing elementary schools. I am proud to say that every school now has an assigned School Resource Officer position."

The county's first official Inmate Work Crew Program, established by Sheriff Ward, has proven to be beneficial for both the community and the inmate, saving the taxpayer thousands of dollars and instilling values of responsibility while completing a variety of maintenance projects that would otherwise go unattended, said the news release announcing his re-election bid.

"Regardless of the circumstances inmates may find themselves behind bars, it is in our best interest that they integrate back into society as productive members in the community. This program has instilled the values of responsibility and a strong work ethic, and I look to forward to continuing this successful initiative," Ward said.

To further minimize the impact of illegal narcotics in the community, Sheriff Ward collaborated with neighboring law enforcement agencies establishing a regional Drug Task Force. This collaboration increased the Sheriff's Office's ability to combat overdoses and drug-related crimes. This force multiplier was instrumental in the resolution of the most recent homicide case. Sheriff

Ward also implemented a Drug Take Back Program which has provided the public a safe, convenient and responsible means to dispose of expired, unwanted and unused prescription medications, the news release said. The Prescription Drug Drop Box is conveniently located in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office.

"The Prescription Drug Drop Box and other proactive measures are needed to minimize accessibility to our children, recovering adults and so many of those who abuse these drugs that far too often lead to fatal overdoses and continue to cause needless tragedy," Ward said. "I support the efforts being made by our Republican state representatives to stop those responsible for distributing this poison in our communities."

Sheriff Ward enhanced the Sheriff's Office's traffic safety measures to advance highway safety by introducing the first motorcycle unit in the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office's history, officially establishing a Traffic Safety Program, "Be Safe Botetourt."

"The Motor Unit has been a fundamental tool in providing a high-visibility law enforcement presence and deterring unsafe driving behavior on our roadways. This program will continue to play an important role in the Sheriff Office's future traffic safety initiatives to ensure the safest possible traffic environment on our community's roadways."

"With so many firsts for our county and all the innovative programs implemented by my office, I am proud they have been implemented in a fiscally responsible manner. It is important to utilize all available resources efficiently and effectively, and my office has succeeded in doing so. Through alternative funding and grants, \$1.2 million of taxpayer money was saved and returned to the board during fiscal year 2022 alone," he continued.

"As your sheriff, I am proud of the professional services and accomplishments my deputies have provided the community. With your help we will continue to modernize the department while maintaining and improving upon the efficiencies and programs we have established. With surrounding localities increasing their salaries, we must remain competitive to retain and attract the most qualified law enforcement professionals to ensure the quality of life our citizens of Botetourt have come to expect," Ward said.

Sheriff Ward began his career of service in 1996 as an auxiliary deputy with the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office where he has been serving since day one of his law enforcement career for the past 27 years. "I have dedicated my adult life to serving the citizens of Botetourt County and I am asking you to join me in this continued endeavor by allowing me the privilege of serving you as your sheriff. I ask for your vote and support in my re-election campaign," Ward said.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

ARRESTS

- The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests May 15-21:
- Amber Spinks, 31, of Roanoke, assault with a caustic substance, assault and battery, domestic assault, May 15
 - Kenneth Phillips, 50, of Hot Springs, domestic assault, May 18
 - Daniel Arthur, 48, of Daleville, drunk in public, property damage, May 18
 - Robert Rudd, 57, of Vista, Calif., drunk in public, May 18
 - Jennifer Goad, 40, of Fincastle, possession of Schedule drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence of drugs, refusal, May 19
 - Lori Lowell, 43, of Blue Ridge, driving under the influence, May 20
 - Dashawn Kasey, 28, of Christiansburg, domestic assault, violation of a protective order, May 21
 - Henry Bocock, 38, of Roanoke, domestic assault, May 21

Attic's next play begins tomorrow



PHOTO COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

From left are all of the suspects in "Murder on the Orient Express," Emma Boyer as Mary Debenham, Jason Palmer as Colonel James Arbuthnot, Simon Adkins as Hector McQueen, Wendy Claunch as Helen Hubbard, Kelli Hobson as Countess Elena Andrenyi, Bria Lee as Monsieur Constantine Bouc, Gene Marrano as Michel, the Conductor, and Angela McNeil as Greta Ohlsson.

Attic Productions' next play is Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express," adapted by Ken Ludwig, and begins Thursday, May 25. This complex murder mystery finds famous Belgian detective Hercule Poirot snowbound on Europe's most luxurious train, surrounded by an exotic cast of characters, one of whom has committed murder. Set in the art-deco period of the 1930s, costuming, staging, lighting and sound effects make this production exciting for all.

David Walton directs this classic drama, and has assembled a cast of

local talent. The show will be presented at Attic's D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, May 25-28 and June 1-4. Thursday and Friday shows begin at 7:30, Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30.

Adult tickets are \$15, students and groups of 10 or more are \$12 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. A \$2 convenience fee per ticket will be added if paying with a card.

Tickets may now be purchased on the Attic Productions website by visiting www.

atticproductions.info. For questions or assistance with purchasing tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001. Volunteers are staffing the box office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Leave a message at other times and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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

- Attic Productions

Historic Fincastle awards scholarships

In 1772, Israel Christian, a landowner and merchant of Botetourt County, donated 45 acres of land to establish the town of Fincastle that would eventually become the county seat of Fincastle.

In 1968, Historic Fincastle, Inc, a non-profit organization devoted to protecting and preserving the historic town of Fincastle, was established.

In 1999, the HFI Scholarship Program began to help a graduating student from James River High School and Lord Botetourt High School who plan on continuing his/her education in Virginia. The first Elizabeth and Israel Christian Scholarship was awarded. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded yearly based on an essay on a given historical research topic. This year, the students were to research the "Old Jail" building describing its history. They were also asked if he/she were to renovate the building, what would he/she suggest for the interior.

The winner from James River High School for the 2023 Elizabeth and Christian Scholarship is Andrew Fowler.

He is the son of Amy Alphin and David Fowler in Buchanan and plans to study civil engineering next fall.

In 2016, the first Pat Simmons and Sally Eads Volunteer Scholarship was established. This \$500 scholarship is based on the number of hours of volunteering to give back to the community and an essay explaining how this has impacted the student's life. Macy Williams from James River High School was awarded the Pat Simmons and Sally Eads 2023 scholarship. She is the daughter of Barry and Melissa Williams and plans to attend Mountain Gateway Community College in the fall.

Historic Fincastle, Inc. would like to thank all the students who sent in an application and would like to thank the scholarship committee who read the applications and made the decisions about the winners. (There were no applicants from Lord Botetourt High School this year.)

- Historic Fincastle, Inc.



Andrew Fowler receiving the \$1,000 Elizabeth and Israel Christian Scholarship for historical research from HFI Vice President Patsy Dickerson.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HFI

Patsy Dickerson awards Macy Williams the Pat Simmons and Sally Eads Volunteer Scholarship for volunteering.

Annual Memorial Day Ceremony Monday at Fairview Cemetery

American Legion Post 93 of Buchanan invites the public to attend the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the pavilion in Fairview Cemetery, Buchanan, on Monday, May 29 at 11 a.m.

Activities include:

- David Austin will be performing the national anthem and other musical selections
- Botetourt Sheriff's Department will present the Colors
- Charles LeFew will play "Taps"
- Bill Price of Sirens and Salutes and his son, Keegan, will play "Amazing Grace" on bagpipes
- Rena Worthen, U.S. Navy veteran, author and genealogist, will be the keynote speaker

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BTEC

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BCPS Supervisor of Career & Technical Education Mike Ketron gives his opening remarks during the signing event.

Badgley, Zach Bryant, Grant Oliver, Davey Cahoon, Jaida Soyers, Ethan Carr, Canaan Clark, Victoria Forbes, Same Worsley, Brandon Edwards, Landen Hosey, Nick All, Adam Barr, Reagan Carter, Jaedan Coleman, Bryce Drake, Elias Echavarria, Titus Hopkins, Evelyn Scott, and Gabriella Walker.

Botetourt Technical Education Center senior Hannah Heller won first place in the Virginia SkillsUSA State Competition in cabinet making. She was recognized at the recent Education Foundation and School Board meetings. In addition to her success in the Building Trades program at BTEC, she is also a talented first year welding student.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Lord Botetourt senior wins first place at SkillsUSA

Lord Botetourt High School and



Ketron (left), Lord Botetourt senior Hannah Heller, and BCPS Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ



Heller is a first-year welding student at BTEC.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF BCPS

Anthony

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hanging in his office. WWI in the 80th Division consisting of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia provided troops for the 80th Division, all three are states that lie on the Blue Ridge Mountains, and therefore they adopted a patch with the three mountains calling it the Blue Ridge Division. His dad was in the 317th Division which was all from western Virginia places like Bedford, Roanoke, Botetourt, etc. Lee has a roster of the ones in that division.

Lee shared what he had been researching for several years of WWI history. His dad was left for dead on a field after explosion of a German artillery shell and eventually regained consciousness dragging himself about a mile in the damp cold air to the aid station. He told us he remembers his dad still had shrapnel in his body and scars on his forehead. Lee said they lost many buddies being killed, wounded and maimed, which he said was even worse than death.

Lee visited Europe in 2018 showing us a picture of him standing in the field approximately where his dad was injured in 1918 when the bombers went off as his words were, "80th division went over the top." After 100 years later for him to go there and see the area was fascinating to us. Lee's grandfather was in the Civil War at Fort Harrison in The Richmond Defensive. Lee has shadow boxes made up of both his dad and grandfathers' items. He tells us his most prized possession of his collection are his dad's tunic, gas mask, helmet, and New Testament.

Lee has a picture of a statue that was erected over there in memory of the 28th Regiment of the 1st Division that was first American troops to do battle with the German troops in WWI. Lee was there when the statue was dedicated, another trip he took overseas, one of many.

Lee was at Roanoke College at the time of the Korean War. His father said, "Son, you are not going to join the Army."

Lee joined the Naval Reserve in 1951 with an application in Officer Candidate School (OCS). During his time in Orange, Texas, on the Sabine River while waiting for his medical misdiagnosis on his ankle he served doing jobs on the deck force and then transferred to security force. Then, finally he said the Security Division chief transferred him to the Electronics Division which was where he really wanted to be

working as a technician.

Lee said he first was assigned to the clerical job being in charge of all the records and later proved himself by passing the exam becoming electronics technician third class petty officer. He was excited to be doing the electronics but the division officer was retiring and Lee chuckled when he said they told him, his job now was to break in the new division officer.

Lee followed his dad's interest in flying and took lessons. He started out in a Piper Cherokee 140 then went on to get his private and commercial license; also instrument, multi-engine and airline transport pilot rating. He flew for a time for France Flying Service. In looking at his pictures of the aircrafts, Lee said he was an intelligence officer for VAW-78. When he went to the squadron, they had the "Willy Fudd" - they would call the radar planes that, he explained, were the early warning eyes of the fleet to keep watch for enemy ships, submarines and planes.

He had experiences in a 204 plane out of Oceana and had flown in E-2 Hawkeyes. Another picture was of a P-3 Orion where he had six hours of stick time flying this aircraft from Pax River to largest field of the Azores which he said was "a display of St. Elmo's fire over the windshield."

There was so much more to be shown, the three hours was just not enough time to see all of his collection. What a privilege it was to not only get this show and tell experience but so educational and very heartening to see this veteran who has so much history and knowledge to share. This former Sunday School teacher who at one time revisited Israel to be baptized in the Jordan River was so inspiring.

When I asked him what his thoughts are on our world today in 2023, he said, "We need to get back to God, first and foremost. We need to get back to the constitution. We need to get back to what this country was when it was founded."

This Memorial Day may we all stop and remember all those who died through all the years in active military service. Lee Anthony will spend his Memorial Day returning to Europe for the 26th time to assist in the ceremonies in uniform at the Epinal American Military Cemetery.

LAND TRANSFERS

The following land transfers were recorded in the Botetourt County Courthouse in April. The names of only one seller and one buyer are listed; others may be involved in the transaction.

- David Joe Adkins to Lisa M. Adkins, lot, Stonebridge Estates, \$0
- Stefanie K. Akers to Kimberly D. Brogan, lot, Citadel Acres, \$217,500
- Emily M. Allie to Herbert J. Stauffer, lot, Cypress Court, \$245,000
- Jeremy L. Amos to Mounir Melki, lot, Tinkerview Townhouses, \$122,000
- Timothy Ray Anderson to Richard A. Clark, 4.370 acres, \$120,000
- Sherry C. Arthur to Melissa Anne Lucas, 6.232 acres, \$0
- Gregory B. Baldwin to Duygu Bostic, lot, Botetourt East, \$175,000
- BKC Properties Inc. to Scott E. Cochran, 2.89 acres, \$97,000
- Glenda W. Boothe to Christopher J. Boothe, 3.615 acres, gift deed
- Walter Darald Boothe to Samuel Layne Ross, 0.54 acres, \$120,000
- BPH Homes LLC to Eleena Mohler Patterson, 0.4395 acres, \$208,000
- David J. Cain to Danny W. Conner, lot, Ashley Plantation, \$570,000
- Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust to Bobby Kentrolis, parcel, \$182,500
- Challenge LLC to Ryan H. Davis, 1.876 acres, Windy Hill Estates, \$399,950
- Ashley Connor to Elizabeth Reeder, lot, Fox Heights, \$254,900
- Justin Cooper to Austin M. Oyler, lot, The Orchards, \$285,000
- Creative Investments Inc. to RNC Properties LLC, lot, gift deed
- Creative Nursery and Landscape to Creative Dreams LLC, 2 parcels, \$300,000
- Sheila B. Delp to Thomas Keith Rackleff, 75 acres, \$250,000
- Malcom William Dillon, executor, to Andrew N. Kennedy, 5.338 acres, \$280,000
- Ronald W. Ernest to Ernest Family Trust, 1.166 acres, \$0
- Eubank-Hartley Inc. to Extreme Design Group Inc., 2 lots, Jefferson Hills, \$18,000
- Inez L. Ewing to Jeffrey Kent Ewing, 2 parcels, gift deed
- Fralin & Waldron Inc. to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.178 acres, Daleville Town Center, \$80,000
- Ernest W. Gauldin to Jacob Aaron Luedtke, 4.04 acres, \$640,000
- Sharon Lynn Sutherland Gibson to John Skinner, lot, Altamira, \$373,000
- Marcus A. Gilbert to George G. Weidmann, 1.253 acres, \$325,000
- Carl W. Guthrie to Carl W. Guthrie, 2 parcels, gift deed
- Omar E. Guzman to Peter A. Lanteri, 2 parcels, \$351,000
- Hickory Hill Properties Group to Matthew Austin Hook, 2 parcels, \$280,000
- Charles Lee Hipes Sr. to Tyler Pauley, lot, \$230,000
- Susan Goad Huff to David Andrew Goad, 1.725 acres, gift deed
- Shaynon Lee Hughes, developer, to Michael W. Williamson Jr., 1.22 acres, \$149,000
- Hungate Fields LLC to William M. Johnson Jr., lot, The Preserve at Ashley, \$549,950
- Invest Properties LLC to Webt Holding LLC, 2 parcels, \$1,080,000
- Roy N. Lacks, Sr. to Nathan Clements, 0.261 acres, Julia A. Moomaw Subdivision, \$80,000
- Deborah Ann Laughinghouse to Dyllan G. McCallister, 2.533 acres, \$100,000
- Eric K. Layman to Sharon L. Layman, lot, Mountain Crest Subdivision, gift deed
- Glenda S. Lemon to Emory King Jr., 0.71 acres, gift deed
- Glenda S. Lemon to Christina R. Altice, 2 parcels, gift deed
- Sherry O. Manello to Daniel M. Hale, 0.513 acres, \$152,355
- Timothy R. Manello to William Arnold Arnette, 1.21 acres, \$206,000
- Larry D. McCarthy to Ross Hunter Garret, 2.555 acres, \$65,093
- Frank Edwin McLaughlin Jr. to William Joseph Price, description unavailable, \$52,500
- Dale E. McNutt to Colleen R. Sherk, 0.202 acres, Medallion Hills, \$425,000
- Celia D. Meade to T.D. Cook, lot, Cobblestone, \$678,000
- Meridian Holdings LLC to Kathleen R. Paananen, 2 parcels, \$243,000
- Christopher P. Miller to Anthony J. Pepper, 0.797 acres, \$245,000
- Gary A. Miller to Charles M. Ware, 1.78 acres, \$8,900
- Joshua Gregory Mills to Robert Evan Connor, lot, Stratford Place, \$299,000
- Brian Mullikin to Zundra Alessandri Mullikin, 0.715 acres, gift deed
- Tommy Muncy to Tommy James Muncy, 3 parcels, gift deed
- Louis W. Mundy to Prease Road Properties LLC, 1.684 acres, \$300,000

- Charles Anthony Newell Sr. to Randy J. Taylor, two parcels, \$100,000
- Susan Oliver to Mark Harless, 9.97 acres, gift deed
- Hannah G. Randall to Tyler G. Jolin, 1.76 acres, \$190,000
- Phillip Scott Richmond to Rebecca Dillon Stapleton, lot, Altamira, \$420,000
- Dennis R. Simmons to Karen E. Bryant, lot, Botetourt Manor, gift deed
- Earnest Vincent Slusser to Sherry Boothe, 14.625 acres, \$0
- Earnest Vincent Slusser to Sherry Boothe, 7.0 acres, \$0
- Earnest Vincent Slusser to Sidney Wilcher, 3 tracts, \$0
- Earnest Vincent Slusser to Leslie A. Clifton, 8.274 acres, \$335,000
- Carole C. Smith to Jessie Raymond Tate, lot, Wetherwood, \$420,000
- Berry Michelle Staton to Scott A. Maynor, 3.14 acres, \$225,000
- John G. Strickler to Carrie Elizabeth Strickler, nine parcels, gift deed
- Candice Swanson to Joseph A. Overbay, lot, \$15,000
- William E. Taylor to Crystal Rae Leamon, 2.278 acres, \$160,000
- Daniel M. Theodor to Nannette Marie Thorsen, lot, Ashley Plantation, gift deed
- Lorene H. Tolley to Patricia Tolley Naff, co-trustee, lot, Cambridge, gift deed
- Leon O. Turner Sr. to Richard Brian Caldwell, 2 parcels, \$650,000
- Priscilla D. Vaughn to Barry Scott Ayers, 8.145 acres, \$30,000
- Janice R. Viar to Leslie A. Viar, lot, Hunters Green Subdivision, \$74,000
- Paige Wright Ware to Frank M. Ware, 1.78 acres, \$5,000
- Ruby Ware to Triple Oaks Hunting Lodge, 1.78 acres, \$1,640
- Marjory S. Watson to Teresa Muse, 0.949 acres, \$55,000
- Whisper Hill LLC to Webt Holdings LLC, parcels, \$750,000
- Jeffrey Todd Widener to Benjamin Casella, lot, Wildwood Subdivision, \$257,000
- Joel S. Wilkins to Robert F. Switzer, 31.64 acres, \$160,000
- Allen V. Wodie, trustee, to Church Exalted Church, tract, \$0
- Betty Burgess Wright to RSF Properties LLC, 2 tracts, \$67,500
- E. Dianne Wright to Kassie M. Brammer, 1.773 acres, Southview Hills, \$457,000
- Randall L. Wright to Timothy A. Jennings, 44.792 acres, \$225,000

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Library BUZZ

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Libraries Closed for Memorial Day
 All library branches will be closed for the Memorial Day weekend – Sat., May 27 – Mon., May 29.

Space Art: DIY Galaxy Shirts
 Thu, May 25, 2:30-3:30pm, Fincastle Library
 Thu, May 25, 3-4pm, Blue Ridge Library

Fri, May 26, 2:30-3:30pm, Buchanan and Eagle Rock Libraries
 Turn a black shirt into a stunning galaxy design with bleach and colors. Recommended for ages 6-11. Shirts and supplies provided. Space is limited, registration required. Call 540-928-2900 or contact your local branch to register.

Movie: Aliens vs. Monsters (PG)
 Wed, May 31, 2-4pm, Blue Ridge Library

Thu, Jun 1, 2-4pm, Fincastle Library
 Fri, Jun 2, 2:30-4:30pm, Buchanan and Eagle Rock Libraries
 A woman transformed into a giant after she is struck by a meteorite on her wedding day becomes part of a team of monsters sent in by the U.S. government to defeat an alien mastermind trying to take over Earth. Recommended for families.

Larsen's Lizards
 Wed, Jun 7, 10:30-11:30am, Blue Ridge Library

Wed, Jun 7, 1-2pm, Buchanan Library
 Thu, Jun 8, 10:30-11:30am, Eagle Rock Library
 Thu, Jun 8, 1-2pm, Fincastle Library
 Touch lizards, turtles, and snakes in this hands-on experience led by reptile specialists Scot and Kim Larsen. Recommended for families.

War of the (Information) Worlds
 Thu, Jun 8, 6-7pm, Fincastle Library

Orson Welles was only 23 when he pranked the world in 1938. His radio performance of "War of the Worlds" convinced many that Martians had invaded New Jersey. (Some say they're still there...) Little has changed. Now in an age of ChatGPT, deep fakes, and artificial intelligence, something distinctly human remains: the ability to ask a good question. Join us for a lively talk and discussion with guest speaker Josh Urban. Recommended for adults and teens.

Summer Learning Challenge
 Through Aug. 5

How would you like to win an all-expenses-paid trip for 4 to the Air & Space Museum in D.C., or one of many other exciting incentives? "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! Open to all ages.

See our calendar at BOCOLibraries.info for more great events.

Botetourt County History



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY & CULTURE
 This showcase measures almost 10 feet in length. It was first known to be in the Flatwoods Filling Station. Then it was moved to the "Edgetown" Service Station which was owned by C.C. "Pat" Austin in the 1920s. When the bypass was built it was moved to the Route 220 Amoco Station. The push of pennies and nickels across the glass counter made a design of scratches that can be seen on the glass top. Although this makes viewing difficult from the top, it is part of this artifact's history and story.
 Tom Drewry donated it to the Botetourt County Historical Society and Museum many years ago. In the former museum building behind the Botetourt Courthouse, it was prominently featured across from the entrance. When movers were hired to take the large artifacts to the new museum location, this showcase was placed in the back downstairs room. The door to this room was made handicapped accessible by Edward Preston before the movers came. All of the downstairs is handicapped accessible at the new museum location of 26 East Main Street, Fincastle.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

VFW holding Flag Retirement Ceremony

VFW Post 1841 in Daleville will hold its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, May 29 at 7 p.m. at the post home at 4902 Roanoke Road (US 220). There will be dozens of old, unserviceable flags to be honored and then burned at this event. The public is invited to attend; it will last about an hour.

- VFW Post 1841

Tuesday Morning Club donates to Cancer Society

On May 9, the Tuesday Morning Club met at Troutville Church of Brethren with 13 members and one guest. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order. Gale Webb was hostess and had devotions. Nancy Goad won the hostess gift, Nancy Waddell read minutes and Faye Kessler gave the treasurer's report. The May project was a donation to the American Cancer Society. June's project will be donations to Ronald McDonald House. Game prizes were won by Nancy Goad and Cheryl Wood. Also present were Linda Harris, Barbara Harris, Dot Hillard, Pam Obenchain, Rita Bruffey, Priscilla Hedrick, Barry Knox and guest Joyce Harris. The next meeting will be on the second Tuesday in June at the church.

- Tuesday Morning Club

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 1. 007 Connery
 5. Presides over meetings (abbr.)
 9. Trefoil
 10. Father of Paris
 12. Asian nut for chewing
 13. Machine gun from the air
 16. The communion table
 17. His razor
 18. Father
 19. Doctor of philosophy
 22. Cologne
 23. Black tropical Am. cuckoo
 24. Diversifies
 28. Razor author 14th C
 31. Maple sugar fluid
 32. A corp.'s first stock offer to the public
 34. The premier bike race

CLUES DOWN
 1. Podetiums
 2. Frankenberg river
 3. Feel ill
 4. 12th state
 5. "Anything Goes"
 6. Daily time units (abbr.)
 7. Cagiva ___ motorcycle (abbr.)
 8. Drug ___ (slang)
 9. Study of poetic meter
 11. Ceremonial staffs
 12. Russian pancake served with caviar
 14. Supervises flying
 15. Large Australian flightless bird
 16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
 19. Before
 20. Hall of Fame (abbr.)
 21. Constitution Hall org.
 24. Atomic #35
 25. Ducktail hairstyle
 26. Independent ruler
 27. Oval water scorpion
 29. Modern London Gallery

author's initials
 30. On top
 33. Identicalness
 35. 2002 Olympic state
 36. Tease or ridicule
 37. Arrived extinct
 38. Opposite of begin
 39. Ol' Blue Eye's initials
 40. South Am. nation
 41. Type of salamander
 42. S. China seaport
 44. Woman (French)
 45. 007's Fleming
 47. ___ Domingo
 49. A French abbot
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Thurs., June 8 7 p.m.

See Answers, page 11

Images from Fincastle's 'Step Back into History'

The Town of Fincastle "stepped back" into history last Saturday. The annual event once again featured a host of informative and commemorative locations for visitors to experience. Here, Botetourt citizens are dressed in fashions found in the county during the late 1700s. Valerie Brugh (left) wears a dress similar to the style of dress in 1770. Kevin Roberts (center) in the garb of a gentleman walking through Fincastle in the late 18th century. Marcia Neighbors (right) stands outside of the James Early Cabin where visitors could take a tour of the home and experience Revolutionary War interpreters, who had items from that era on display (below).



PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

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recent interview. "As a community, I think we should be proud of what the cemetery means to everybody."

The cemetery is privately held, meaning that the Town of Buchanan neither owns nor maintains the property. Over the past couple of years, property maintenance has become a concern for the Fairview Cemetery Association. For over 80 years, the association was initially created to address the issue of the property's upkeep. The only duty of the association is raising funds for maintaining the cemetery's beautification and individual plots. Most of the money for upkeep is raised through donations and partly through the annual Memorial Day Dinner.

"There are two distinct entities that take care of the cemetery," Fairview Cemetery Association Board of Trustees Chairman Ray Sloan stated in a recent email. "The Cemetery Association takes care of the mowing, weed-eating, and fundraising. The trustees take care of

the capital improvements, selling and marking the graves to be dug and such."

The cemetery recently lost its primary groundskeeper and has yet to find a replacement. Recently, the association hired a professional landscaping company to maintain the property's upkeep. Due to the expense in constant maintenance during the growing/warm weather seasons, donations are needed now more than ever.

"Fairview Cemetery is an important historic landmark for the community reaching all the way back to the 1850s," Buchanan Community Development/Events Manager Harry Gleason said in a recent email. "(Fairview) Cemetery is a favorite place for residents and visitors to search for their family roots, a quiet place of contemplation and a scenic place to stroll and enjoy the beautiful views of the town. The care of the cemetery has been a longstanding call for local citizens and families to gather each year for the Memorial Service, stroll amongst the

headstones to lay peonies and gather for a community meal to raise money for the cemetery's upkeep."

Every dollar donated goes toward paying for the upkeep of the cemetery and any incidental costs such as mailings or making copies. No one in the association is paid anything for the work they do for the group, other than the groundskeeper.

In Roanoke City, two longstanding cemeteries, Fair View on Melrose Avenue and Cedar Lawn Memorial Park on Cove Road, are currently in flux. The company (FV Cemetery Co.) in charge of both locations' management recently ceased operations. Due to this, the company's board of directors has planned to turn over the cemetery's management to the City of Roanoke to decide both locations future.

Price doesn't want to see the same thing happen to Fairview in Buchanan.

"I definitely don't want to see that happen to Fairview," Price noted. "I think

there are people out there who think that the town (of Buchanan) maintains (the cemetery) or that the town budgets to maintain the cemetery. They don't. They have zero to do with the cemetery."

Price and the Fairview Cemetery Association, like many others, hope that Fairview Cemetery continues to be the beautiful, hillside memorial that's brought together so many people during such an important weekend of observance.

Donations may be sent to the Fairview Cemetery Association either by mail (Fairview Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 533, Buchanan, 24066), through its PayPal account (fairview24066@gmail.com), at in-person events like the Memorial Day Dinner at Solomon's Mission, or on the association's website: fairviewcemeteryassociation.org where visitors can find information about the cemetery's history, news and events, photos, a donation button, contacts, and more.



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OBITUARIES

Dunbar, John Gibson

John "Bill" Gibson Dunbar, 83, of Fincastle, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil, Sr. and Helen Dunbar; sister-in-law, Brenda Grice Dunbar; and nephew, Duane Allen Dunbar.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Evelyn Burger Dunbar; sons, Steve and

Greg Dunbar; grandchildren, Ashley Dunbar, Brittney Duncan and husband, Seth; great-grandchildren, Kyler Dunbar, Tucker Duncan, and Makenna Duncan; and brother, CW "Buddy" Dunbar, Jr.

Services were private. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Layman, Henry Mack, Jr.

Henry Mack Layman, Jr., 82, of Evington, Va., originally from Buchanan, passed away at his home on March 16, 2023.

He was the son of the late Henry and Madaline Layman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Kay Campbell Layman; three sons, Steven Layman (wife Chris), Brian Layman, (wife Amy), and Eric Layman; one daughter, Jackie Sue Layman; seven grandchildren, Trevor, Jacob, Melissa, Christopher, Laura Kay, Taylor and James; six great-grandchildren; nieces, Karen Craig (Sprue) and Pam Austin (Mark);



three nephews, Drew Keese, Kevin and Johnathan Austin; a sister, Sue Layman Watts of Buchanan.

Mack was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Mack served in the United States Air Force and was retired from Hunting Hills Country Club. He was a member of Buchanan Presbyterian Church. Mack loved

hunting, fishing, the outdoors and doing for others. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on June 3 in Fairview Cemetery, Buchanan.

DAR remembers patriot ancestors

In recognition of the upcoming 250th celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the DAR America 250! Committee of the Botetourt County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is placing a spotlight on our patriot ancestors who helped the country achieve American Independence. Elijah Gillenwater is the patriot ancestor of members JoElla, Lisa and Beverley John.

When the Revolutionary War began, Elijah joined the Fincastle County Militia enlisting on February 12, 1776. The unit consisted largely of men recruited in what became Washington County and then Scott County in 1814. When Elijah was 16 years of age, Patrick Henry made his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech at St. John's Episcopal Church in Richmond. In 1776, Elijah was age 17 and Thomas Jefferson's American Declaration of Independence was endorsed by the Continental Congress.

When Elijah C. Gillenwater was born in 1759 in Amherst, Va., British Colonial America, his father, Thomas John Gillenwater, was 27 and his mother, Martha Jane Slaughter, was 17. Elijah married Mary Elizabeth Clarke about 1783. They became the parents of 10

sons and six daughters. Elijah registered again for military service in the War of 1812. He died in October 1832, on his farm along the Holston River in Scott County, Va., United States, at the age of 73, and was buried in the Gillenwater Cemetery.

After the war he returned to farming where he was a prosperous farmer with a deep sense of social responsibility. His father, Thomas John Gillenwater, also served during the Revolutionary War. Four of his 10 sons served in the War of 1812 and two in the American Civil War.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political organization open to any woman who has lineage to a patriot who contributed to the success of the American Revolution. Founded over 125 years ago, it is focused on service to the community and fosters Patriotism, Education and Service.

If you are interested or have questions about joining the chapter, contact Membership Chair Emily Talbot-Guillote via email at eptg1019@gmail.com or the Registrar at jjohnregistrar@gmail.com.

- Botetourt County DAR

Kiwanis Club of Botetourt awards scholarships to James River seniors

On Tuesday May 16th, the Kiwanis Club of Botetourt awarded scholarships to two seniors from James River High School on May 16. Andrew Fowler received the John Blake & Ray Orey \$1,500 scholarship, and Levi Miller was awarded the James A. Bushong \$1,000 Scholarship as a Botetourt Technical Education student. Both recipients are planning to continue their studies; Levi at Bryan College, and Andrew at Mississippi State University.



Andrew Fowler



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT KIWANIS CLUB
Levi Miller

- Botetourt Kiwanis Club

CHURCH NEWS

Buchanan Food Pantry open this Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, May 27 from 9-11 a.m. The church is located at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan. Volunteers from St. Mark's United Methodist Church will be distributing food curbside to those in need in Botetourt County.

Pleasant Hill VBS, Remembrance Service

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 4-7, 6-8:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light!" with four nights of fun, games, crafts, and interactive Bible lessons. VBS is open to children ages preschool through sixth grade. Parents are welcome to attend with their child or drop them off and pick up. Snacks and refreshments will be provided each night. Wednesday, June 7 will be Water Night and kids will be asked to provide their own towels. Register prior to the event or the day of the event. To register, visit <https://vbsof.org/events/p/events/phbcvbs2023>.

Pleasant Hill will also be hosting a Remembrance Service Sunday, June 11 at 11 a.m. for those members who have lost loved ones since June 2022 to honor their memory.

Revival services at Trouville Church of the Brethren

Everyone is invited to Troutville Church of the Brethren on June 11 at 11 a.m. and June 12 -14 at 7 p.m. for revival services. The speaker will be Greg Fleshman from the Mount Union Church of the Brthren. There will be special music at each service. The church is located at 5133 Lee Highway in Troutville.

Galatia church picnic June 11

Galatia EPC will have its church picnic on June 11 at the pavilion (across the road from the church). Services will start at 10:30 a.m. with lunch following. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship at Galatia EPC, 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock.

Children's Game Day in Troutville Park

Troutville Baptist Church will sponsor Children's Game Day in Troutville Park on Saturday, June 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will include games, prizes and a free hot dog lunch. All area children are invited to participate.

They also are invited to Vacation Bible School June 19-23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

BUCHANAN EVENTS

Buchanan Farmers/Community Market

Rediscover "small town America" this Saturday in downtown Buchanan with a visit to the Buchanan Farmers/Community Market. The market features local entrepreneurs who offer locally grown products, handmade crafts, antiques, art and more. Vendors are still being accepted for the market season - May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, and September 23, along with November 25 and December 9. For more information, call the Buchanan Town Hall at 540-254-1212, Ext. 5.

Buchanan businesses. Tickets may be acquired from the Town Hall Monday-Friday, regular office hours. For more information, call 540-254-1212.

FSWVA Farmers Market

The Feeding Southwest Virginia Mobile Market Place will set up in the parking lot of the Botetourt Resource Center today, Wednesday, May 24, from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The group sets up on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Botetourt Flower Festival

Save the Date of Saturday, June 3 for the Botetourt Flower Festival

BOCO Wild

Save the Date of Saturday, June 10th for BOCO Wild.

Buchanan Community Carnival Big Prize Tickets

Looking for your Big Prize Tickets full of great prizes? Tickets are available at the Buchanan Town Hall and many

Fish fry May 27 at Mill Creek

The Mill Creek Standing Rock Mission Team will have a fish fry on Saturday, May 27, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Mill Creek Baptist Church, eat in the fellowship hall or carry out.

The meal will consist of two pieces of fish, parsley potatoes, slaw, hushpuppies

and a beverage (for eat in only) for \$12. Desserts will be available for an additional charge.

All proceeds will benefit the Standing Rock Mission Trip in July.

Reserve tickets by calling 540-797-2304 or texting jssweet04@hotmail.com.

Pork loin dinner at Limestone Park

Limestone Park will have a pork loin dinner on Saturday, May 27 and dinners will be available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The dinners will consist of a pork loin sandwich, baked apples, green beans, dessert and a drink for \$10. All proceeds from the dinner will benefit Limestone Park Ministries.

To reserve tickets or if you have questions, call Pat Shotwell at 540-254-1616 or Nancy Epperly at 540-254-2616.

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Following the ceremony, all are invited to attend the annual Memorial Day Dinner at Solomon's Mission on Lowe Street. All proceeds and donations go to the preservation and upkeep of Fairview Cemetery.

At 2 p.m., a headstone will be placed in Lithia Baptist Church Cemetery for Russell Smith, a WWII veteran who was killed in action.

The American Legion Post looks forward to the public's attendance and participation.

- American Legion Post 93

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PLANNING COMMISSION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the requests listed below. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will make a final decision on the request. Information may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and is available online at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section.

Valley District: The Western Virginia Water Authority requests a commission permit, in accordance with Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia and Section 25-576. - *Commission Permit ("2232 Review")* of the Botetourt County Code, for a capital improvements project involving the construction of approximately 5,000 feet of waterline within the right of way of Sanderson Dr (SR 605) from Stonegate Dr (SR 1295) to Read Mountain Rd (SR 654) that will loop two existing water lines and provide more consistent water pressure/service within the existing system.

Valley District: Shamus Equity Corporation LLC requests a change of proffered conditions associated with an Industrial (M-2) rezoning approved on July 28, 2015 in accordance with Section 25-47. - *Conditional Zoning* of the Botetourt County Code, located on Lee Hwy (US Route 11), approximately 0.10-mile northeast of its intersection with 2nd Ave (SR 1003), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 107, Parcels 126, 128, 129 & 130.

Valley District: Robert W. Jr. & Diane G. Poehner request a change of proffered conditions associated with a Business (B-1) and Industrial (M-2) rezoning approved on March 17, 1998 in accordance with Section 25-47. - *Conditional Zoning* of the Botetourt County Code, located at 4510 Read Mountain Rd, identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 107(4), Parcel 22.

Blue Ridge District: JM Industrial Properties, LLC requests a Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, for a hospital in the Industrial (M-1) Use District in accordance with Section 25-323(9).- *Uses by special exception* and Section 25-583. - *Special exceptions* of the Botetourt County Code, located at the end of Avery Row (SR 1400), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 112(3), Parcel C.

Amsterdam District: The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors have authorized consideration of a property owner-initiated petition for an amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map #9 in accordance with Section 25-581.3 *Comprehensive plan amendment-Owner initiated* and Section 25-581.4 *Comprehensive plan amendment and review*, to amend the future land use designation from Mixed Use Highway Commercial to Industrial / Flex for a 49.9-acre parcel, located on Lee Hwy (US Route 11), approximately 0.10 miles southwest of its intersection with Old RT 604 (SR 811), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 101, Parcel 145.

Amsterdam District: SR Investments Inc. requests to rezone a 49.9-acre parcel from the Business (B-2) Use District to the Industrial (M-1) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, in accordance with Section 25-323.- *Permitted Uses* and Sec. 25-581. - *Zoning map amendment—Owner-initiated.*, as well as a Special Exception Permit pertaining to building height in accordance with Section 25-326(d) *Building Requirements* and Section 25-583. - *Special exceptions* of the Botetourt County Code, located on Lee Hwy (US Route 11), approximately 0.10 miles southwest of its intersection with Old RT 604 (SR 811), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 101, Parcel 145.

Blue Ridge District: Higginbotham Farms LLC, and Four H Investment LLC (Sheetz, Inc., contractual purchaser) request rezoning of two contiguous parcels totaling 3.434 acres from the Agricultural (A-1) and Industrial (M-1) Use Districts to the Business (B-2) Use District with possible proffered conditions in accordance with Section 25-242.- *Permitted uses*, with a Special Exception Permit for a convenience store, with possible conditions in accordance with Section 25-243(10). - *Convenience store* and Section 25-583. - *Special exceptions* of the Botetourt County Code, located at the corner of Laymantown Rd (SR 659) and Blue Ridge Blvd (US Route 460 & 221), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 108C(1), Parcels 1 & 2 and 3.


Blue Ridge District: ML Properties LLC requests to rezone 2.052 acres of a 3.692-acre parcel from the Business (B-1) Use District to the Business (B-3) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, in accordance with Section 25-262.- *Permitted Uses* and Section 25-581. - *Zoning map amendment—Owner- initiated.* of the Botetourt County Code with a change of proffered conditions associated with the Business (B-3) rezoning approved on June 18, 1996 in accordance with Section 25-47. - *Conditional Zoning* of the Botetourt County Code, located at 2655 Blue Ridge Boulevard, (US Routes 460 and 221), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 108, Parcels 221A.

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

TOWN of FINCASTLE

This shall serve as notification of pending action by the Fincastle Town Council at its meeting on June 8 at 7 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse. Pursuant to the terms of the Voluntary Boundary Adjustment agreement entered into between Botetourt County and the Town of Fincastle, the Fincastle Planning Commission has recommended to the Town Council that the Botetourt R1, R2, R3, R4, B1 and B2 zoning classifications, in their entirety, be incorporated into the Town's zoning ordinance, to be applied to those areas taken into the Town as part of this agreement. These additions to the zoning ordinance will not change the existing zoning on any land in the Town. Details of these zoning classifications can be found on the Botetourt County zoning ordinance site or by contacting the Fincastle Town Office during regular office hours.

Mary Bess Smith-Mayor
Town of Fincastle



Route 460 (Blue Ridge Boulevard) and Route 659 (Laymantown Road) Intersection Improvements Botetourt County

Find out about a project to reduce congestion and improve safety at the intersection of Route 460 (Blue Ridge Boulevard) and Route 659 (Laymantown Road) in Botetourt County. The project entails added a right turn lane from westbound Route 460 onto Route 659. In addition, the bridge on Route 659 over Laymantown Creek will be replaced with a concrete box culvert.

Review the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353 1-800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Jesse Weitzenfeld, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153 on or prior to **June 8, 2023**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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Karleigh Luckado



David Aaron

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The following students, Lord Botetourt senior Karleigh Luckado and James River senior David Aaron, were identified incorrectly and/or did not appear in last week's 2023 graduation section. Congratulations to these Botetourt County students.

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The Town of Buchanan gives notice of public hearing for receiving comment on the proposed Town budget for fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The hearing will be held on **Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00PM in Town Hall at 19753 Main St., Buchanan.** Any citizen may attend and present their views on the proposed budget. A copy of the complete proposal is available for review at the Town office weekdays from 8:00AM to 5:00PM or on the Town's website. The following is a summary of the budget.

General Fund		
Revenues:	Expenditures:	
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Total 1,269,175	1,269,175	
Water Fund		
Revenues:	Expenditures:	
Charges for Service 365,700	Operations 151,332	
	Water Plant 23,200	
	Water Project 3,500	
	Debt Service 187,668	
Total 365,700	365,700	
Sewer Fund		
Revenues:	Expenditures:	
Charges for Service 207,578	Operations 159,062	
	Sewer Projects 48,516	
Total 207,578	207,578	
Taxes and Rates Proposed		
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Water Rate - Base Residential (up to 4000 gallons)	\$48.25	\$48.25

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River is top seed in Region 2C softball



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Ripley Barry (23) of James River has a welcoming pat at the plate after blasting a first inning home run in last week's win at Glenvar.

The James River softball team is 19-1 and riding an 11-game winning streak as the Knights prepare for this week's Region 2C tournament. River will open region play either Thursday or Friday, depending on results from Tuesday's opening round.

Nelson County, the fourth seed, was scheduled to host fifth seeded Glenvar on Tuesday in Lovingston. If Nelson won that game, River would host the Governors on Thursday. However, if Glenvar won that game, River would open at home on Friday with the Highlanders.

Either way, the Knights will be solid favorites for their region opener. Last Friday they wrapped up their regular season with a decisive 14-0 win over Glenvar in Roanoke County. This one got late early as the Knights struck for seven first inning runs on eight hits, highlighted by a two-run home run by Ripley Barry deep in the trees in dead center at Glenvar's field. The Knights had four extra base hits in the first inning alone.

Barry had a big day with the homer, a triple, two doubles, three runs scored and six RBIs. Elly Lackey had two triples, two singles, three runs scored and two RBIs and Jenna Pugh compiled a triple, two singles, two stolen bases, two RBIs and a run.

Also in the hit parade was Kaycee Kincaid, who had three singles, two runs and an RBI. Caitlyn Downey had two singles and Lexi McCullough, Austyn

Moran, Sydnee Breeding, Cloey Joynes and Keira Crawford had one hit each in the 21-hit attack.

Austyn Moran improved her mound record to 19-1 with her sixth shutout of the season, scattering three hits and striking out five. She threw only 63 pitches in five innings.

"Glenvar has an exceptionally young team and our hot start made it really hard for them," said River coach Steve Austin. "I do commend our squad for coming focused and ready to play. Our bats were the story of the game but we also had outstanding pitching and very good defense."

On Tuesday of last week the Knights hosted district rival Floyd and took a 4-1 win. The Knights scored three runs in the first inning and Moran made that hold up with a four-hit effort on the mound.

"Floyd came in playing really good softball," said Austin. "They had gotten back to .500, at 9-9, after a very slow start. This was a good win."

The Knights could run into the Buffalo gals again in the near future. Floyd will play Patrick County in region tournament Friday and the winner will play the winner of River's game in the next round on Tuesday of next week at the Botetourt Sports Complex.

"Our challenge heading into the post season is to stay tight and keep doing what we have been doing," said Austin. "The layoff and the distractions before we play are always a concern."



PHOTO BY JENN KING

The Lord Botetourt baseball team poses for a group shot after winning the Blue Ridge District tournament at William Byrd last Thursday.

Cavaliers win Blue Ridge baseball tournament, open the region with Christiansburg on Friday

The Lord Botetourt baseball team will take a 15-7 record and the fifth seed into the Region 3D tournament this week. The Cavaliers will open Friday at fourth seeded Christiansburg at 6 p.m.

The Cavaliers are riding high going into the region after winning the Blue Ridge District tournament last week. Botetourt beat William Byrd in Daleville, 3-0, then beat Franklin County in Thursday's championship game at Walthall Park in Vinton.

In the semifinal win over Byrd, Nolan Medley pitched six and two-thirds shutout innings before his pitch count expired. Caleb O'Quinn got the last batter to ground out as Botetourt

shut out Byrd for the third time this season. The Cavaliers beat the Terriers twice by 1-0 scores during the regular season.

Offensively, Medley helped his cause with two hits and Seth Richards also had two hits. Jackson Smith, Noah Donaho, Brayden Wells and Jack Vargo also had hits in the win.

The victory set up a championship game against Franklin County at William Byrd High School, the site of all BRD championship games. Botetourt stayed hot with a 7-5 win as Vargo pitched the first three innings and O'Quinn picked up the "W" with four innings of

relief, allowing just one unearned run. Donaho had a double and two runs batted in while Smith, Medley and JJ Tyree joined Noah with two hits each.

"We've been playing well," said LB coach Todd Smith. "We've been having good at bats, and winning the district should give us some confidence for the region."

If the Cavs win Friday they would meet the winner of a Friday game between top seeded Cave Spring and either Byrd or Northside, who will play Thursday for the right to play Cave Spring on Friday. That game would be Tuesday, May 30, and the region championship is Friday, June 2.

LB boys open region soccer at home tonight

Seventh seeded Lord Botetourt will host 10th seeded Staunton River tonight, Wednesday, to open the Region 3D soccer tournament. Game time is 6 p.m.

This will be the third meeting between the two Blue Ridge District rivals. LB won both previous matches, although both were close. The Cavs won 2-1 in Daleville and 1-0 on the Moneta pitch.

The Cavaliers come into the tournament with an overall record of 8-10. Last week they dropped a 4-0 decision to Franklin County in the semifinal round of the Blue Ridge District tournament.

"The Franklin County squad is a very strong and physical team that had a



PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Carson Peery controls the ball for the LB soccer team.

very solid year in the district," said LB coach Taylor Leonard. "We had a few shots on goal which were solid attempts."

If LB can pull off the win tonight the Cavs would advance to a Friday game against second seeded Tunstall in Dry Fork.

River girls open region soccer at Nelson County tonight

The James River girls will be in Lovingston tonight, Wednesday, to open the Region 2C soccer tournament. The fifth seeded Knights will take on fourth seeded Nelson County at 6 p.m.

The River girls come in with an 8-9 overall record after splitting their final two regular season games last week. On Wednesday in Lexington they took a 3-2 win over host Rockbridge County, avenging a prior 6-2 loss to the Class 3 Wildcats when they played in Springwood.

Rockbridge scored first in last week's game but the Knights answered with a goal by Alise Orent, followed by a Konner Meyers score, assisted by Natalie Hughes. That gave River a 2-1 lead at intermission.

Victoria Race-Waller scored in the

second half, assisted by Myers, to up the lead to 3-1. Rockbridge scored late in the game but the Knights were able to hang on for a big win.

A night later they traveled to Glenvar where they dropped a 6-1 decision to the defending Class 2 state champion Highlanders. Hughes scored River's goal, assisted by Orent.

Despite the loss, coach Bill Smith was encouraged with the team's play late in the season. If the Knights can win tonight they would travel to Appomattox for the next round on Tuesday of next week.

"We struggled in the early games, but the team really grew a lot and they finished well," said Smith. "I am proud of the girls and look forward to post season play."



Ella Monaghan (10) of James River guards the crease.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

River's Haylee Harris (9) beats a Glenvar girl to the ball in last week's match.

River boys open region soccer Friday

The James River boys will open Region 2C soccer play on Friday of this week when the Knights travel to Appomattox for an evening game. River is the fifth seed and Appomattox is fourth seeded.

The winner of that game will advance to next Tuesday's semifinal round at Glenvar, hosted by the top-seeded Highlanders. Glenvar finished the regular season at 14-1-1 after downsing James River in Springwood last Thursday, 3-1.

"Glenvar is a strong team for sure," said River coach Jared Whiting. "Even though we lost we gained a lot of ground on them

compared to the first game with them when they blew us out big time. We made some changes and shut down their attack for most of the game. The game could have easily gone in our favor if it wasn't for a couple unlucky bounces.

"Though we lost, it felt good that we can play tight with them. Looking forward to maybe getting another game with them in the playoffs."

River finished the regular season with an 11-5-1 record. The Knights also played Rockbridge County to a scoreless draw in Lexington last week.



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Levi Miller sends the ball up the field for the Knights.

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Knights will have to beat Glenvar again in Region 2C baseball today

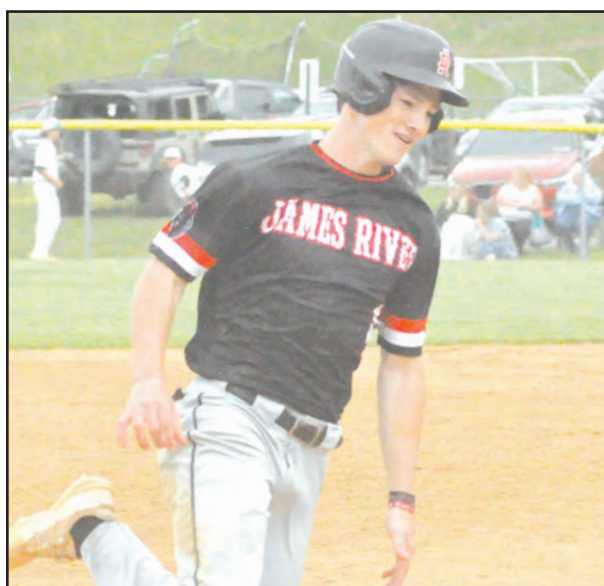
The James River baseball team will try to spoil graduation for Glenvar's senior players when the two meet on the River diamond at noon today. River and Glenvar will open the Region 2C tournament in Springwood.

The early start is due to Glenvar having graduation tonight, Wednesday, and it will be the third meeting between the two rivals this season. The Highlanders won the first game, 15-7 in Springwood, but the Knights returned the favor with a 7-6 win at Glenvar last Thursday.

Last week's game was a back-and-forth affair that went down to the wire. Glenvar scored five runs in the first

inning off River starting pitcher Zeal Hammons to take the early lead. However, Kody Park relieved to start the second and settled things down, pitching five solid innings and allowing just one unearned run as the Knights chipped away on offense. NC State signee Heath Andrews ripped a three-run homer in the second inning to start the comeback.

River took the lead in the top of the sixth. Trailing 6-5 with two on, Colin Cook cleared the bases with a two-run double to give the Knights their first lead of the game. Cook then pitched the seventh, retiring the side in order on 13 pitches to pick up the save as Park got

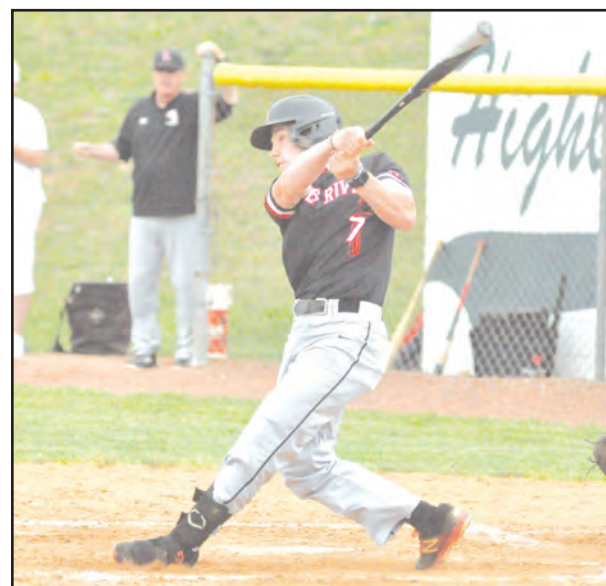


NC State-bound Heath Andrews rounds third for a big sixth inning run in last week's James River win at Glenvar.

the well-deserved win.

With the victory the Knights improved to 9-13 on the season and, as luck

would have it, the Region 2C tournament lined up with a rematch. James River got the home game as the



Colin Cook of James River slams a big hit against Glenvar.

fourth seed and Glenvar is fifth seeded. Today's winner will advance to Friday's second round

against top-seeded Allegheny on the Mountaineers' home field.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Autumn Russell of LB shouts encouragement from first after singling in last week's BRD tournament.

Cavaliers will host Tunstall in softball today

The Lord Botetourt softball team will open Region 3D play today, Wednesday, when the Cavaliers host Tunstall in Daleville. Game time is 6 p.m.

The Cavaliers haven't played since they were upset by William Byrd in the first round of the Blue Ridge District tournament on May 15. The Cavs are still smarting from that loss and would like to get the taste out of

their mouths with an opening round district win over Tunstall today.

Botetourt comes into the tournament as the eighth seed with a 10-12 record. Tunstall is the ninth seed and has a 10-11 record. The two teams have no common opponents.

The winner of today's game will advance to a Friday game at either Cave Spring or Carroll County.

LB girls fall in district soccer final, open their region tournament at home Friday

The Lord Botetourt and William Byrd girls soccer teams met for the third time last week, and for the first time a winner was declared. Unfortunately for LB, it was not the Cavaliers.

After tying twice during the regular season, 2-2 and 1-1, the William Byrd girls took a 4-3 win in the Blue Ridge District tournament final in Vinton last week. And they're on a collision course to meet

again in the Region 3D tournament semifinals.

Botetourt will open region play this Friday at 6 p.m. in Daleville against the winner of a Wednesday game between Christiansburg and Cave Spring. Byrd will play at home against Carroll County Friday, and the two winners will play in the region semifinals next Tuesday.

For soccer fans, a fourth meeting between

the two BRD rivals would be a treat. Last week in Vinton it was another close game. Bria Harvey had two goals and an assist for LB, Emma Rice had a goal and an assist and Janey Farrar had an assist for the Cavaliers.

"It was a great game to watch," said LB coach Giuseppe D'Arpa, "back and forth the whole game."

With the loss the Cavaliers dropped to 12-3-3 on the season.



Emma Ruhlman of LB (7) battles Byrd's Maddy Simmons in the BRD championship game.



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

Botetourt's Lauren Uoetinen dribbles by a Byrd defender.

Region track meets for River, LB are Thursday

Region 2C and 3D track meets are both scheduled for Thursday, including the two Botetourt County high schools.

The Region 3D meet will be hosted by Cave Spring, with field events beginning at 2 p.m. The Region 2C meet will be at Christiansburg, and that's scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Nevaeh VanBuren competes in the jumping event for James River.

LB boys win tennis opener, girls eliminated

The Region 3D tennis tournaments for team play opened on Saturday and Lord Botetourt had mixed results. The boys took a 5-4 win over Northside while the girls lost to Bassett, 6-3.

Playing at Hollins University, the boys split singles play with the Vikings as Tyler Meade won at one, Chase Dozier at four and Xavier Shelton at

six. Meade and Ridge Radtke won at first doubles while Dozier and Jackson Wolfe won at two to give LB the win, advancing the Cavs to the semifinal round of play against second seeded Christiansburg.

Singles and doubles tournaments for both boys and girls will begin on Friday at Virginia Tech.



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