



Buchanan holds 76th Memorial Day service

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The Town of Buchanan held the 76th annual Memorial Day service on Monday. Due to the inclement weather, the service was moved inside of Solomon's Mission. American Legion Post 93 Commander Charlie Alphin welcomed guests to the event. David Austin and Keith Wood provided music at the beginning of the program.

American District 9 Commander Dan Garrett and county genealogist Rena Worthen served as guest speakers.

"No matter where their battlefield was... the stories of the fallen matter and need to be told," Garrett said. "And we, as Americans, need to be reminded... to honor a debt that can truly never be repaid."

Worthen, a Navy veteran, has helped identify approximately 900 cemeteries in this area and beyond. She spoke about veterans' graves that she recently identified and encouraged efforts to find more in the county.

Following the service, the annual Memorial Day dinner followed consisting of food from Aaron's Smokehouse BBQ. All proceeds from the dinner went directly to the preservation of Fairview Cemetery. The day's activities were sponsored by American Legion Post 93, Ricky Sink VFW Post 5895, and the Fairview Cemetery Association. Any further inquiries or donations may

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The 76th Buchanan Memorial Day Service took place Monday at Solomon's Mission.



Guest speaker American District 9 Commander Dan Garrett



Keynote speaker, Botetourt Genealogist Rena Worthen

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Botetourt County Fire & EMS receives national achievement award for Girls Fire Camp

The Botetourt County Fire & EMS Girls Fire Camp has been recognized with an achievement award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

It's a common fact that fire and EMS is a male-dominated field. Only 4% of career firefighters and 11% of volunteer firefighters are women. Botetourt Fire & EMS

is working on changing this stigma, one girl at a time and they made huge strides by hosting the inaugural Girls' Fire Camp on June 18, 2022. This event was inspired by career and volunteer female firefighters in the department's workforce. Planning for the event began in May of 2021. During the months of planning and revising the program, personnel were also successful in securing a grant totaling \$5,000 from the International

Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer Workforce Solutions Grant program to offset costs and make the camp a reality.

The fire service has an ever-growing need for a diverse workforce and this camp showed girls that this job isn't just for guys. The one-day camp was offered for rising 1st-12th graders and was established to inspire girls of all ages to see possible career opportunities in

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Breckinridge holds end of the year awards ceremony



Fifth grader Brentley Zalewski receives his promotion certificate from Breckinridge principal Wyatt Turner as fifth grade teachers Brittany Teubert and Sandy Linkous look on.



Emma Dalton reads her winning D.A.R.E. speech at the Breckinridge Elementary Fifth Grade Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday, May 23.



Paige Ware represents the Coon family in presenting the Jennifer Coon Award for outstanding citizenship to Reagan Walker and Naima Minnis.

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Seniors and their families celebrate 2023 graduation



James River High School held the graduation ceremony outdoors on the football field last Tuesday.



Lord Botetourt High School held the 2023 graduation ceremony at the Salem Civic Center last Monday.

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Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) graduating seniors from Lord Botetourt and James River high schools received their recognitions and diplomas in

ceremonies held last week in Salem and Springwood. Congratulations, Botetourt's graduating seniors!

Lord Botetourt senior Jonah Clark shared a poem

he wrote for his graduating ceremony.

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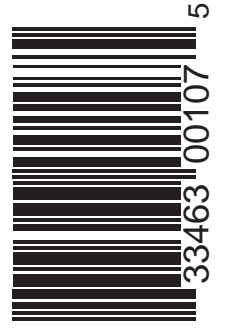
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Botetourt County History



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Three years after the Civil War ended, an organization of Union veterans established Decoration Day on May 5, 1868, as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. In 1971 an act of Congress went into effect changing the name to Memorial Day. It became a federal holiday to honor those lost in every major conflict. These four 1860s rifles were used in the Civil War and donated to the Botetourt History Museum by Liz Deisher. They were used by her great-grandfather, James Quincy Deisher, who traveled from Ohio to his home in Eagle Rock during the War Between the States. They are a part of the present museum exhibit titled "The Figgats' Fincastle-Life in Botetourt in the 1800s."

- Botetourt Museum of History & Culture

Botetourt County is getting 'Wild' June 10

Botetourt County Parks & Recreation and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources are partnering to present the Second Annual "BOCO WILD," a celebration and expo of outdoor recreation in the great Botetourt area, on June 10 at Buchanan Town Park, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Previously known as the Botetourt Fishing Carnival, BOCO WILD is a free community event that will encompass a diverse array of outdoor interests— all are welcome to explore a wide range of activities including the popular community tradition of fishing instruction, as well as wildlife education, hunting safety, river activities, rock climbing, boating education

and so much more.

The first 300 youth participants, ages 15 and under, to check-in at the event will receive a free T-shirt and lunch.

Interested in sponsoring or volunteering? Visit www.botetourtva.gov/bocowild for all the details.

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"BOCO WILD," formerly known as the Botetourt Fishing Carnival, takes place at Buchanan Town Park on June 10.

Murder on the Orient Express' continues June 1-4

Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express," adapted by Ken Ludwig, continues June 14 at Attic Productions' D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle. Thursday and Friday shows begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30.



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Lyle Blake Smythers as Hercule Poirot (left) and Brian Lee, his good friend Monsieur Constantine Bouc of the Orient Express

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 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 Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Leave a message at other times and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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Supervisors approve electric vehicle charging and solar facility text amendments

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors held its monthly meeting at the County Administration Offices in Daleville last Tuesday.

During the public hearings, the board approved text amendments regarding electric vehicle charging stations and solar energy facilities.

Senior Planner Drew Pearson made a presentation to the board about electric charging stations, the types of stations, and where they are commonly located in other localities. In a document provided at the May 8 Planning Commission meeting, Pearson explained that Botetourt County received multiple inquiries from developers requesting to incorporate electric vehicle charging stations into their development plans and/or to establish charging stations as principal uses.

He mentioned three types of charging stations: convenience store charging station, electric vehicle charging station (private), and electric vehicle charging station (public).

The current zoning ordinance as of last Tuesday didn't address electric charging stations specifically. Those stations had only been approved as a principal use in association with a convenience store that allows fuel sales. As an accessory use, charging stations were previously approved when associated with a use that could contain electric vehicles, but those stations were not offered for public retail usage.

Pearson added that Tesla is looking to have a charging station in the Botetourt area. He mentioned locations interested in potentially housing a charging station – the Daleville Food Lion, the new Hampton Inn coming to the Daleville Town Center, as well as other business locations.

In terms of the text amendments about solar energy facilities, this adds small-scale, minor-scale roof, minor-scale ground, and utility-scale solar energy

facilities as permitted land uses, along with associated definitions, regulations, and permitting requirements.

The goal of the proposed text amendments for local solar energy facilities is to create an ordinance that allows for the permitting and regulation of solar energy facilities while maintaining the rural nature of the county. Solar energy facilities are not listed as a permitted or special exception use in the current version of the zoning ordinance, according to the agenda document.

The proposed amendments seek to add clarity by amending the district regulations, supplemental regulations and definitions to add specific language related to solar energy facilities. County staff made one change to the draft ordinance since the Planning Commission meeting on May 8.

Language found in section (h), application requirements, that required a copy of the cultural resources review conducted in conjunction with the state Department of Historic Resources for the Department of Environmental Quality permit by rule process has been removed. Removing this language provides greater clarity for the applicant and avoids any overlap with language already found in the same section.

According to the county, the solar text amendments would not impact the continued operation or maintenance of existing solar facilities located at homes, businesses, or other uses, which is covered in the following language included in the amendments: "Applicability - this section shall apply to all solar energy facilities constructed after the effective date of this section, including any physical modifications to any existing solar energy facilities that materially alter the type, configuration, generation capacity, or physical size."

To read about all agenda items covered in last week's meeting, visit the Botetourt County Agenda Center at <https://www.botetourtva.gov/AgendaCenter>.

Altec Industries expanding in Botetourt County



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Altec Industries announced last week that the company will be investing \$1.4 million to reconfigure the Botetourt County operation for a new product line which will result in the creation of 150 new jobs. Gov. Glenn Youngkin made the official announcement last Tuesday, May 23.

Altec, located in the Botetourt Center at Greenfield in Daleville, is a leading provider of products and services to the electric utility, telecommunications, tree care, lights, signs, and contractor market.

"Congratulations to Altec on another successful chapter in its long and storied history producing high-quality products that garner international recognition," said Delegate Terry L. Austin. "The company's facility in Daleville is an economic driver. With this investment, it is now one of the largest employers in the region. We are grateful for Altec's continued commitment to advanced manufacturing and are proud of the men and women who build these world-class products right here in Botetourt."

"Altec is in its third decade operating in Botetourt County. The team at Altec has proven again and again that they are true corporate and community partners who are committed to providing fantastic manufacturing jobs in our region," said Dr. Mac Scothorn, chairman of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors.

"Botetourt County is proud to call Altec Industries a member of our corporate family," said Botetourt County Administrator Gary Larrow. "We want to congratulate them on this expansion and are thankful for the economic partner that they are right here in Botetourt County."

"The expansion of Altec Industries is a fantastic success story and a testament to the region's capabilities in supporting business investment and growth, as well as Altec's solid foundation of strong business leadership," said John Hull, Executive Director of the Roanoke Regional Partnership. "Altec is a longstanding community and regional partner, and the growth of this enterprise in Botetourt County will have positive, significant regional impact."

Altec Industries joined the Botetourt County corporate family when it opened the 80-acre campus in 2001 at Greenfield. In 2018 the company announced an expansion of the facility which brought 180 new jobs and \$30.2 million in capital investment. This new expansion will be built on eight additional acres.

These two most recent expansions support an additional 287 indirect and induced jobs and provide a total economic impact in the Roanoke region of approximately \$196 million annually. Indirect and induced economic impacts represent those benefits created by the additional spending on goods and services in the region by a company and its new employees.

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with Botetourt County and the Roanoke Regional Partnership to secure the project for Virginia and will support Altec's job creation through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP), which provides consultative services and funding to companies creating new jobs in order to support employee recruitment and training activities.

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Graduation

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Brandon Barger (left) of Eagle Rock and Landon Barger of Buchanan were among the graduates in the James River Class of 2023.

“Forest of faces” by Jonah Clark, Lord Botetourt senior 2023

*Where is the proof that we have changed?
It is the hand-me-down clothing exchange,
Only it's friends, not shoes, we've outgrown long the way?
Is it the brothers and sisters who we know cannot stay?*

*Could there be joy looking back,
On pictures of our past, waring clothes which are now too small,
Seeing the old days through picture frames, laughing at the height we did lack,
But now like trees we've grown tall?*

*Yes. We are like trees.
We have outgrown the soil, and now our roots are thirsty.
We feel the urge to run like rivers and bend our knees.
We know the sacrifice of growing, but it's necessity.*

*The proof of our change is in the mundane,
Our backyard swing-sets, gone years without play,
Our bruised baby blankets, our mothers tuck them away.
These fond parts of childhood, lost to growing-pain.*

*And it is a somber thing to know,
That we won't share next February's snow,
But it is best this way.
Come Autumn, nothing gold can stay.*

*We are like a grove, us and our faces.
For years we have loomed in all the same places.
We've grown and bloomed with every new fall.
We make up a forest, but it's time for the saw.*

*For now, There is a familiarity in this forest of faces,
A faint fondness, in the falling of red leaf.
Come Autumn, the orange glow mountain laments over past places
The golden hills still remember us in remnants. We see time as a thief.*

*Now we are tall, with blooming branches,
We are rooted, Deep in Damp Dark Dirt.
Now, this moment, is when Time has decided we are ripe,
Ripe to be cut and crafted by life.*

*So the logging trucks come, they come every May.
We, the young bark, go willingly, knowing we can't stay.
Us, the youthful trees, fall gladly, thankful for the ride.
The trucks leave full by fall, our parents feel them as unkind.*

*Time, again, drives the fresh cut logs to the Carpenter of life,
Pruning with saw and sand, bending wood like river's bend,
Until we are lumber of the highest grade, free of knots and finished smooth
Life creates us, the beams of a new age.*

*Forest of faces,
How time will change you.
From seed to stump, now building to higher places,
The work of strong struts creates the tallest view.*

*So, be cut of this old soil
Remembering the days gone by,
While looking forward to the new.
Fall hard to the forest floors,
With a grin, with the excitement of change.*

*Be uprooted,
Be chiseled clean by hard times,
Knowing the reward will be strength.
Be Scraped smooth by adversity,
Because the splinters of the past will not fall away without a fight.*

*Be mended by failures, remember them well.
Be made strong with time.
Then, after all of the sanding down is done,
Find the house you wish to build strong.
Join with fellow joists – bound by steel screws,
Leave here to create something new.*

Forest of faces, we go now, adieu.



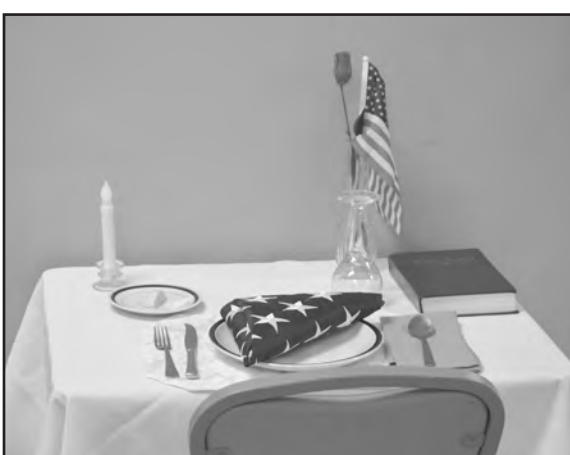
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Lord Botetourt senior Jonah Clark reads a poem he wrote for his graduating classmates.

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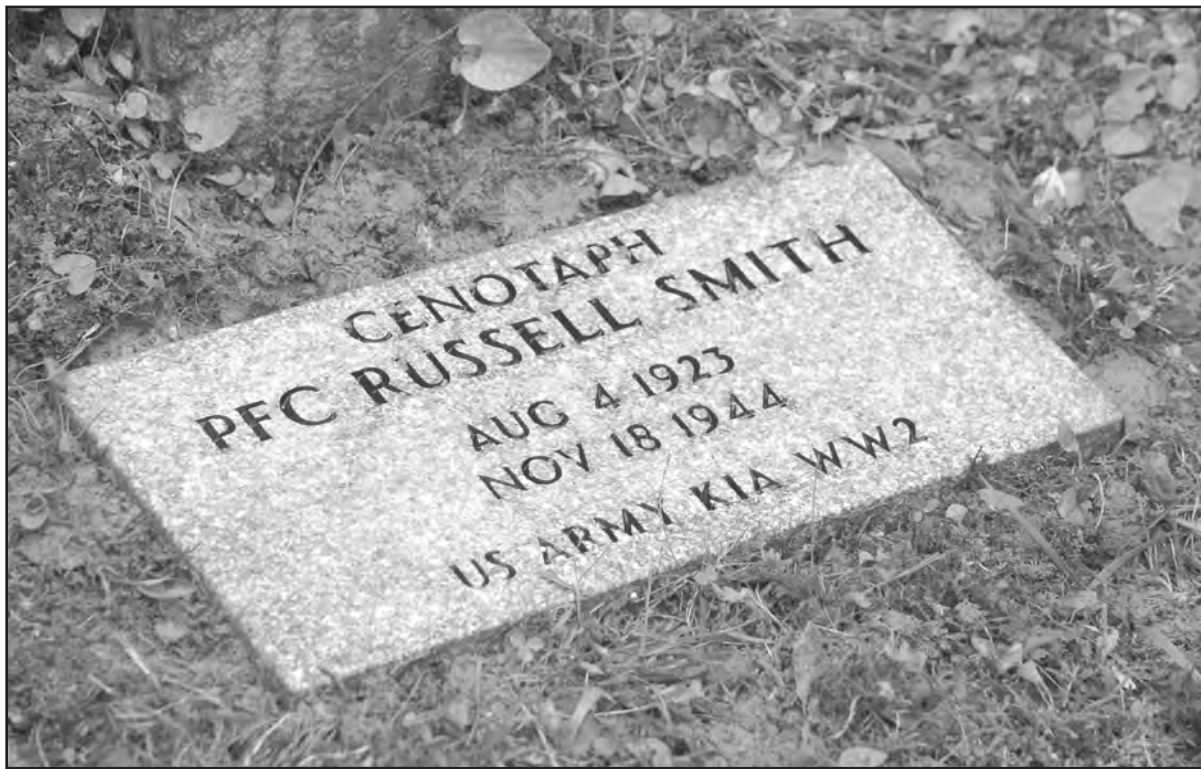
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The Fallen Soldiers table prepared by Sirens & Salutes.



Community members gathered at Lithia Baptist Church for the installation of the cenotaph for veteran Russell Smith.



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Community members gathered at Lithia Baptist Church to pay tribute to World War II veteran Russell Smith.

be made to fairview24066@gmail.com.

At 2 p.m., community members joined American Legion Post 93 Commander Bill Price and his wife, Cindy, at Lithia Baptist Church where a dedication ceremony was

held for veteran and Buchanan native PFC Russell Smith of the U.S. Army who was killed in action during World War II. A cenotaph was placed in the church's cemetery. Smith lived in Buchanan until the death of his mother when

he was a teenager. His father moved the remaining family members to Ohio, save Smith's sister who stayed in Buchanan. Smith enlisted in the Army while living in Ohio. He was killed in action when he was 21.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY,
FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
PURSUANT TO VA. CODE § 56-585.1 A 4
CASE NO. PUR-2023-00061

•Appalachian Power Company (“APCo”) requests approval of a revenue requirement of \$413.2 million for its T-RAC for the September 2023 through August 2024 rate year. According to APCo, if approved, this would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by approximately \$4.15.

•A Hearing Examiner appointed by the State Corporation Commission will hear public witness testimony on the case on June 21, 2023, at 10 a.m., and testimony and evidence of APCo, Commission Staff, and any respondents on June 22, 2023.

•Further information about this case is available on the Commission’s website at: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On May 4, 2023, Appalachian Power Company (“APCo” or “Company”) filed an application (“Application”) with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 4 of the Code of Virginia for approval to implement factors to recover an increase to its revenue requirement through its transmission rate adjustment clause (“T-RAC”).

In its Application, APCo requests permission to recover a proposed total revenue requirement of \$413.2 million through the T-RAC for the September 2023 through August 2024 rate year (“Rate Year”). The Company states that its proposed revenue requirement consists of the following: a forecasted Virginia jurisdictional current-period formula rate (current) revenue requirement of \$379 million for the Rate Year, based on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-approved PJM rates for transmission service that went into effect on January 1, 2023; a cumulative Virginia jurisdictional actual under-recovery formula rate balance, through March 2023 (true-up) of \$18.5 million; a forecasted Virginia jurisdictional under-recovery amount of \$13.7 million for the period April 2023—August 2023 (update); and a forecasted Virginia jurisdictional revenue requirement of \$2.2 million associated with the Business Park Pilot Program.

APCo states that its proposed revenue requirement is an increase of approximately \$45.1 million from the annual T-RAC revenue requirement approved by the Commission in 2022. The Company indicates that its proposed T-RAC rates would increase the monthly bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$4.15.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of 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 that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo’s Application. On June 21, 2023, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses, with no public witness present in the Commission’s courtroom. On or before June 14, 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 sec.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@sec.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at sec.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 21, 2023, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On June 22, 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, respondents, and the Staff on the Application.

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 require 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, James G. Ritter, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or jritter@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: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before June 16, 2023, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission’s website: sec.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00061.

On or before June 9, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00061.

On or before June 9, 2023, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at sec.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 Commission’s Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00061.

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

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

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY



Library Buzz

Windows, Doors, Mirrors

Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop, an American educator and children's literature researcher, observed: "Books are sometimes windows, offering views of worlds that may be real or imagined, familiar or strange. These windows are also sliding glass doors, and readers have only to walk through in imagination to become part of whatever world has been created or recreated by the author. When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a mirror."

In recent months, certain books, movies, and other items in Botetourt County libraries have been targeted by some as pornography or pedophilia. While these terms are often subjectively used to describe content that some find objectionable, county libraries provide multiple protections to ensure that no pornographic, pedophilic, or obscene material makes its way into the collection.

- The library only purchases materials provided by reputable publishers who are prohibited by law from selling obscene materials to libraries. Any publisher violating the law would be subject to criminal felony conviction.
- County librarians are professionally educated

and trained to objectively select materials that offer a broad range of content to serve all persons equally without bias or judgment.

- All materials located in the children's and young adult collections have been identified by publishers and reviewers as intended and appropriate for those audiences. Every family and child is unique, and only parents or legal guardians can decide what is appropriate for their own children and families.
- Botetourt County Library protects parental rights. Children access materials only with their parent or guardian's consent. Parents and guardians have full control of minors' library accounts until they turn 18. Children under age 13 must be supervised by a responsible adult when visiting any Botetourt County library branch.
- Botetourt County Library provides transparency. All titles in the Botetourt County Library can be viewed on an online catalog.
- The library welcomes patron input for the collection, including purchase requests and selection concerns. A patron who feels that a specific title is unsuitable for community access is first encouraged to have a conversation with a

librarian. In addition to ensuring that librarians receive direct community feedback, this discussion can help clarify why the material may have been selected in the first place.

- If a concerned patron is still dissatisfied after a conversation with a librarian, they may (if eligible) request a formal review of the material in question, called a "request for reconsideration." This puts the title through an extensive review process to determine its suitability for the Botetourt County Library collection, specifically its adherence to the library's Collection Development Policy. Requests for reconsideration are taken very seriously, and decisions are made only after careful, thorough research and deliberation.

Learn more about how the library supports parental rights and selects materials, how our reconsideration process works, and read the library's Reconsideration Policy by contacting your librarian or visiting www.BoCoLibraries.info > How Do I... > Find > "Collection FAQs" and "For Parents & Caregivers." You can also check for more details at www.bocofacts4u.info.

- Botetourt County Libraries

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Business leaders endorse candidates

I am pleased to announce that on May 18, 2023, the Business Leadership Fund, a local political action committee representing the regional business community, announced its endorsement of incumbents Billy Martin (Blue Ridge District) and Mac Scothorn (Valley District) for re-election to the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors in the upcoming Republican primary election on June 20. In addition, the BLF announced its endorsement of Brandon Nicely, who is running to replace retiring incumbent Richard Bailey in the Fincastle District.

Candidates for the Board of Supervisors were sent questionnaires that asked for their positions on local and regional issues that affect the region's business climate and quality of life. After receipt and review of candidate responses, the board of directors of the Business Leadership Fund endorsed the candidates it believed were best suited to support or enhance Botetourt County's role in regional partnerships and that would promote pro-economic development policies and would support quality education and community development.

Supports Scothorn for supervisor

I am writing this letter in support of Dr. Mac Scothorn, as he runs for re-election to the Valley District seat on the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors. During his tenure on the board, Mac has fostered a thriving local economy that provides opportunities for us all. He and his fellow board members have not only attracted new businesses, they have also supported existing businesses, large and small, to create jobs and increase the quality of life for everyone in our community.

Under his leadership, the board has promoted an environment that encourages growth and innovation, collaborating with local organizations and businesses to streamline processes and offer incentives for business development. By investing in our

I have been a strong advocate of the work of the Business Leadership and was a founding member of the organization. The Business Leadership Fund has strived to promote pro-regional cooperation and pro-economic development candidates for local government office in the Roanoke Valley for the last 20 years. They believe Botetourt County is an integral part of the economic vitality and quality of life in the region.

Early in-person voting is occurring now through June 17 to nominate our Republican candidates for Board of Supervisors for the Blue Ridge and Valley Magisterial Districts, who will represent the Republican Party in the general election in November. You can also vote in-person on June 20 at your normal polling place.

Please join me, the board of directors of the Business Leadership Fund and your neighbors and friends who believe in quality local government and give Billy Martin, Mac Scothorn and Brandon Nicely your vote and your support for election to the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors.

John Williamson
Buchanan

infrastructure and promoting our county's unique assets, he has helped position Botetourt County as a prime location for business and entrepreneurs.

I have personally known Mac for almost 35 years. Mac is a caring, dedicated, and kind person who gives his all to his family, friends, patients and community. Botetourt County is lucky to have someone like Dr. Scothorn to continue to dedicate his time, energy and guidance to our current and future challenges and opportunities.

Please join me in supporting Mac with your vote. Early voting is now available and will continue through June 17 at the Registrar's Office in Fincastle, or you can vote in person on June 20 at your regular Valley polling location.

G. Lyn Hayth
Buchanan

Fringer Trail unofficially moves up on VDOT Six-Year Plan

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During a work session at the May Botetourt County Board of Supervisors meeting, the board voted to move up maintenance on Fringer Trail, located in Buchanan, on the FY24-29 Secondary System Six-Year Plan (SSYP), which was originally proposed during a 2012 board meeting.

The plan had Fringer Trail set for repair in 2028, behind other areas, including Back Creek Lane. (First on VDOT's priority list). A public comment at the

beginning of Tuesday's meeting heard a Buchanan woman who lives on the road comment on the need for the road's upkeep and surface maintenance. She noted that "a huge increase in daily traffic" causes a large amount of dust that has steadily increased over the last 20 years and prevents residents and drivers from opening any windows along the road.

According to the county, the Board of Supervisors still has to hold the public hearing in June on the Six-Year Plan before an "official vote" on the plan can take place. Moving up the Fringer Trail maintenance project was just a recommendation to the priority list. This doesn't "finalize" the Six-Year Plan.



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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Meet Sprinkle

Sprinkle joined the LAP family on May 12. He is 3 years old, taking HW prevention and chipped. Sprinkle is very gentle, about 45 pounds, and is fine with other dogs. He does require a lot of exercise, please keep that in mind. This is a busy dog and wants to be busy and have a job. A fenced yard is required.

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Botetourt Democratic Committee awards scholarships

The Botetourt County Democratic Committee has awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to local high school seniors.

Levi Miller, a 2023 graduate of James River High School, and Aidan Mayhue, a 2023 graduate of Lord Botetourt High School, were selected from a group of students who entered the annual scholarship competition. Miller and Mayhue were chosen based on the essay portion of their application, in which they were asked to describe "How the Balance of Power in Our Three Branches of Government Preserves Democracy in Our Republic."

The scholarship competition is non-partisan and



Aidan Mayhue

independently judged, and applicants may have any political affiliation, GPA or financial status.

This fall, Mayhue will attend the University of Virginia. Outside of class, he has participated in the American Legion Virginia Boys State, Project Forum at Roanoke Valley Governor's School, and high school concert band. He has also volunteered at



Levi Miller

Harmony Assisted Living and spent time shadowing an anesthesiologist.

Miller plans to attend Bryan College, where he will study mechanical engineering. His favorite activities outside of class are playing soccer, playing the drums, reading, fishing and going kayaking.

- Botetourt Democratic Committee



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Kiwanis Club of Botetourt awards scholarships to Lord Botetourt seniors

The Kiwanis Club of Botetourt awarded scholarships to two seniors from Lord Botetourt High School on Friday May 19. Leonard Travis Goad (left) received the John Blake & Ray Otey \$1,500 Scholarship, and Josie Gore (right) was awarded the BTEC \$1,500 Scholarship, presented by Kiwanis member Lynne Bolton. Both recipients are planning to continue their studies; Leonard at VCU, and Josie at Virginia Tech.

- Kiwanis Club of Botetourt

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Fire Camp

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Fire & EMS. Through multiple age-appropriate modules, girls were able to learn what fire and EMS is all about. This camp was also dedicated in honor of the late Fire & EMS Captain Helen "Gracey" Humbert, who served within the department for over a decade. Gracey passed away in April of 2022 after battling breast cancer. She was the essence of what a female can be in the fire service and her story and legacy were shared as part of the camp. Registration was limited to 50 girls, and it sold out in one day.

Campers were able to:

- Use a hose to "put out a fire" and "save" a victim

- Climb over an obstacle course
- CPR and basic first aid
- Participate in a dummy drag relay
- Learn about fire science
- Learn vehicle extrication

"We are very proud that our Fire & EMS Department is being recognized at the national level for this innovative opportunity for young women in our community," said Botetourt County Board of Supervisors Chair Dr. Mac Scothorn. "Girls Fire Camp has also been recognized by the Virginia Association of Counties and the Public Relations Society of America. We are thrilled that our Fire & EMS personnel are being

honored for a job well done."

Each year, NACo's Achievement Awards are given in 18 categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and more. Launched in 1970, the program is designed to recognize innovation in county government. Each nominated program is judged on its own merits and not against other applications.

"The Achievement Awards demonstrate excellence in county government and the commitment to

serve our residents every day," said NACo President Denise Winfrey. "This year's winners represent some of the most innovative and collaborative efforts we have seen in over 50 years of presenting these awards."

Girls Fire Camp will be returning to Botetourt County in June. Registrations for this camp sold out in one day. For more information about Girls Fire Camp, visit www.botetourtva.gov/fireems. Check out this link for a video recap! For more information about NACo's Achievement Awards, visit <https://www.naco.org/topics/awards-programs>.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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Orchard Hills Church - 6032 Cloverdale Rd. next to Read Mountain Fire Station. Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays. Home group Bible studies available throughout the week. Pastor Scott McLucas, 977-6800. To find out more about Orchard Hills Church go to the website at www.orchardhillchurch.org.

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Botetourt Church of God of Prophecy - (formerly Flatwoods COGOP & Fincastle COGOP), Roanoke & Academy Streets, Fincastle, Va 24090, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship 11:00 AM, Sun. Evening 6:30 PM, Wed. Evening 7:00 PM, Pastor Peggy Brown, 540-992-3696.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

Colonial Baptist Church - 221 Hillcrest St., Blue Ridge, VA 24064. Phone 540-977-5683. Senior Pastor Joel A. Wegner; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships; 10:30 a.m. Worship (Nursery, Tots' & Children's Church) - broadcast on Facebook Live; One Sunday evening worship per month at 6 p.m. Wednesday schedule during the school year: 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Studies; 6:45 p.m. WOL Teens, 7 p.m. WOL Gopher Buddies & Olympians (Age 3-Grade 6), 7 p.m. MERGE (College Age). E-mail: office@cbcbclueridge.org; website: www.cbcbclueridge.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 11:00 a.m.

New Hope Baptist Church- 2315 Blue Ridge Blvd. (US 460), 977-6610, Pastor David McNeill; Sunday School, 9:45 AM; Worship, 10:45 AM, 7 PM; Wed., Bible Study 7 PM; Kings Kids, 7 PM; Daycare and Preschool, Mon-Fri. 6:30 AM-6 PM.

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, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Worship 9:45 a.m.; Wed. Bible study, 6 p.m.

Buchanan Baptist Church - 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by

Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site - buchananbaptist.com; Phone - 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

Cave Rock Baptist Church - 2233 Stoney Battery Road, Troutville. Pastor Mark Childers, 540-765-8855. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Daleville Baptist Church- Corner of Valley Rd. and Orchard Dr., 992-1570; Senior Pastor Wes Belcher; Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Youth 6:30 p.m., Children (age 4-5th grade) 6:45 p.m., Bible study & prayer 7:00 p.m.

Fincastle Baptist Church- Located at 7330 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, Rt. 220, 1 mile south of Fincastle, 540-473-2861; www.fincastlebaptist.org; Sr. Pastor Kevin B. Cummings. Sunday Mornings, we offer a dual Bible Study/Worship Service at both 9:00 am and 10:45 am. On Wednesday evenings, we offer events for the entire family: Kids Club (3 years-5th grade) 6:15-7:30 pm; Middle School Ignite (Grades 6-8) 6:15-7:15 pm; Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm; Ignite High School Group (Grades 9-12) 7:45-8:45 pm; and childcare (birth-36 months).

Forest Grove Baptist Church- 693 Mt. Moriah Rd. (Rt. 681), Eagle Rock, Rev. Jerry Marsh, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:35 a.m., Wed., Bible Study 7 p.m.

Glade Creek Baptist Church - 3148 Webster Road, Blue Ridge, Virginia 24064. Pastor Steve McChesney, Phone 540-977-1686 or 540-798-7462. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m., to include Children's Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

Mill Creek Baptist Church - 11475 Lee Hwy., Fincastle, 992-3474. Danny Quirin, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday night activities begin at 6pm: Bible study, children and youth activities, choir and handbell rehearsals follow. office@millcreekbc.com

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church - 4930 Country Club Road (corner of Country Club & Haymakertown Roads), 540-992-5556. Pastor Danny Barham. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Worship can also be viewed online at the PHBC Facebook page or on Youtube (PHBCtube). Other activities and schedules can be found at www.phbcweb.com.

Springwood Baptist Church - 88 Cops Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email pmike09@outlook.com. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.: worship 11 a.m.: Wednesday night bible study will be held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Troutville Baptist Church - P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, Pastor Dr. Jeff Ritchey. Sunday School 9:45 AM; Worship 11 AM. Wednesday: Adult Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 PM; Youth & Children Activities 6:30 PM.

Zion Hill Baptist Church- Intersection of Zion Hill Road and Old Fincastle Road. Pastor Donald Goforth (540) 884-2285. Sunday School - 10 AM Worship 11 AM. 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

Finding Strength in God

Lead 1 Samuel 27:1 through 31:1

David was greatly distressed because the men were talking about killing him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sorrowful daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God (1 Samuel 30:6).

David and his men, just arriving home from battle, discovered that the enemy had kidnapped their families. His men were distraught, and they wanted someone to blame. David, their leader as the obvious scapegoat, and they discussed taking revenge on him.

David, grieved at his own family's disappearance, now faced by assaults and accusations from his friends. Here, at an extremely low point, David did what always works. He turned to God and found strength in Him.

Exactly how David found strength in God is displayed throughout his psalms. David remembered God's promises, and more so, he reminded himself of who God is: his Rock of refuge; his compassionate, gentle Father; his faithful Provider; his all-wise Father, and so much more. As David turned to God, he gained the strength to rally his men on his rescue mission.

Prayer for Today: Father, please help me turn to You for strength in all things.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 30: 3-8,18-1

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

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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 osloanoke.com. Phone: 540-977-4888. Mailing address PO Box 916, Blue Ridge, VA 24064.

Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church- 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (in person or parking lot, tune car radio to 88.9 FM). The Rev. Chuck Miller, 540-589-7553. Facebook, <http://www.wheatlandlutheran.org>; teemwheatland@gmail.com

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

Mt. Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock at intersection of Rt. 43 and 688; pastor, Richard Ronk; phone # (540) 884-3653; Sunday School at 10:00 A.M., Worship at 11:00 A.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M., 4th Sunday Evenings at 10:00 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 11 a.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.

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

Carter, Karen Sophr

Karen Sophr Carter, 87, of Daleville enriched by a deep appreciation of classical music and art. She sculpted, played guitar, harp, and cello and more recently spent most of her free time caring for her flowers. She was most recently an active member in the Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.



In addition to her parents, preceding her is her husband of 60 years Clyde; brother, Roderich Schultze. Karen is survived by her daughter, Claudia Carter Egge of Cary, N.C.; sons and daughters-in-law Kermon (Jennifer) Carter of Daleville, Leonard C. (Michelle) Carter III, Los Angeles, Calif.; sisters, Sabine Gross and Veronika Dehnhard, both of Germany; and five grandchildren: Corinna, Bailee, Alexia, Cecilia, and Ava.

A memorial service honoring Karen's life will be held at The Glebe Retirement Community (Botetourt Room), 200 The Glebe Boulevard, Daleville, at 2 p.m. Saturday June 3. Officiating will be Gerri McDaniel and Ben Brannon.

Online condolences may be made to Karen's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com.

Karen was born on June 25, 1935 in Berlin, Germany. She was the daughter of classical composer Norbert Schultze and actress Vera Spohr. The turmoil and struggles of having grown up in World War II Germany and experiencing several childhood evacuations helped shape Karen into a resilient and fiercely determined person.

Karen emigrated to the U.S. in 1959 and married L. Clyde Carter Jr. that same year. She had three children, and as a full-time stay-at-home mother, she volunteered with the American Red Cross and as a nurse's aide. She completed her college degree and graduated summa cum laude from Hollins University. Soon after, she attended University of Tuebingen Seminary in Germany, and then Bethany Theological Seminary in Elgin, Ill., to earn her Masters' in Theology. She was ordained into the Church of the Brethren and served the denomination at a national, district, and local level.

Karen's life has been punctuated by social and political activism, and

CHURCH NEWS

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://vbspro.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.

Food Pantry open June 10 at Pleasant Hill, Eagle Rock Library

The Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Food Pantry will be distributing boxes of food the second Saturday of every month. The next food box giveaway will be Saturday, June 10 from 9-10:30 a.m. You can pick up a box from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church at 4930 Country Club Road, Troutville, or at the Eagle Rock Library at 55 Eagles Nest Drive, Eagle Rock. Anyone in need is encouraged to stop by.

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.

First Baptist Women sponsoring yard/bake sale

The Women's Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Fincastle will sponsor a yard sale/ bake sale on Saturday, June 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Roanoke Road. Anyone interested in selling may contact Sis. Dr. Maxine Casey at 540- 529- 4964 or Sis. Carolyn Brown at 540-392-5959.

Post 240 Notes

AL Post 240 will install new directors Thursday

American Legion Post 240, Daleville, will conduct its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 1, at the VFW Hall at the corner of Country Club Road and Rt. 220. Social hour and dinner will be from 6-7 p.m. The business meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m.

This important meeting will involve

the installation of the new board of directors. The swearing-in phase of the process will be conducted by the District 9 commander and the District 9 adjutant. The new directors will then take their respective places at the head table and the monthly meeting will continue.

All current members and honorably discharged veterans of all military branches are invited to this meeting.

- AL Post 240

Over \$1 million available to farmers in Botetourt

A record amount of funding is available to Botetourt County farmers from cost share programs administered by Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District (MCSWCD). Most of the funding is tied to efforts to improve the health of the James River and the Chesapeake Bay, although farms in other parts of the county are also eligible to receive cost share.

"We probably have the money to fence cattle out of every stream in Botetourt where they still have access," said Dan Naff, new conservation technician for MCSWCD. Agriculture remains the largest contributor to nonpoint source pollution in the upper James, but the cost of installing infrastructure such as fences and alternative watering systems can be a large deterrent to farms whose "bottom line" continues to shrink. Through district programs, farmers can be reimbursed for up to 100% of the costs for certain conservation initiatives.

The process begins with a call or email to Naff, who will schedule a site visit to the farm. "We want to identify issues that are affecting the stream, such as animal waste and erosion, but we

also want to learn about the goals and objectives of the farm. We obviously care about protecting water, but we also want to do things that are in the best financial interests of the farm," said Naff. As it turns out, many of the "best management practices" Naff recommends do both.

On June 9 at 6 p.m., MCSWCD will host a field day at Beaver Dam Farm to talk more about their programs and to give the public a chance to meet Naff, who has been with the district since mid-March. Activities will include dinner and a hay wagon ride to view conservation practices that have been implemented on the farm. The program will include a presentation from VSU's Small Farm Outreach Program, so individuals new to farming and those who have small farms are encouraged to attend.

The event is free, but RSVPs are required. Call (540) 400-0707 or email tim.miller@mountaincastles.org for more information or to reserve your space.

- MCSWCD

Lions donate to Character Academy



PHOTO COURTESY OF DALEVILLE-FINCASTLE LIONS CLUB

At the recent meeting of the Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club, the club presented a donation of \$750 to the Youth with Character Academy, sponsored by the Botetourt County Character Counts! Leadership Council. From left are Robin Ward, vice president; Jim Reynolds, president; Wanda Martin, chairperson, Character Academy; and Botetourt Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Chad Simmons.

- Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club

Finley graduates from helicopter school

Sam Finley of Blue Ridge graduated Thursday, May 18, from Black Hawk helicopter school at Fort Novasel (formerly Fort Rucker) in Alabama. He has now relocated to Chesterfield where he will join the Virginia National Guard Aviation Wing. He and wife Emily are expecting their first baby, a girl, in August.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOT FINLEY



PHOTO COURTESY OF MCSWCD

Buchanan Presbyterian has new pastor

Matt de Simone
mattdesimone@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Buchanan Presbyterian Church's new pastor, the Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt, will conduct her first pastoral service this Sunday, June 4.

Britt has previously preached at Buchanan Presbyterian, filling in for the former pastor, the Rev. Matthew Aldas. Britt has spent the last few years teaching child abuse prevention at Children's Trust, an organization focusing on public

education outreach and children's advocacy, and is a chaplain at Gentiva Hospice.

Prior to that, Britt served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke as an associate pastor and then senior pastor for nearly 20 years. Following her time at Calvary, she and her family attended Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, where she met Aldas.

"It's exciting," Britt said in a recent interview. "I'm starting as a

stated supply, learning more about the church and the presbytery over the next year."

Donna's husband Brian has worked in the IT and Operations Department of WBDJ-7 for the last 35 years. Their children, Noah and Lauren, both attend James Madison University.

Buchanan Presbyterian Church is located at 19559 Main Street. Sunday worship services begin at 11 a.m. To learn more, visit buchananpresbyterian.org.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BRITT FAMILY
Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt

Serving With Compassion

Botetourt Funeral Home & Crematory

Buchanan	Eagle Rock
254-3000	884-2276
14920 Lee Highway	14777 Church Street

Karen S. Smith,
Funeral Director
Locally owned & operated
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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on **Monday, 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 25-583. – *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.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Jesse Weitzenfeld at the phone numbers listed above.

UPC 119452
State Project: 0460-011-844, C501, P101, R201
Federal Project: HSIP-5128(471)
From: 0.01 mile west of Laymantown Road
To: 0.09 mile east of Laymantown Road
Length: 0.1 mile

**Saturday market,
yard sales at
Fincastle fire house**

The Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department will host a monthly farmers market-yard sale in the upper parking lot. It will be held on the first Saturday through September, except for July when it will be the second Saturday. The cost to set up is a donation of the seller’s choosing for each parking spot.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 8, 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. June 8, 2023 at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_7RLwHZW_3NnyJzXaLbGjEjtyJ9vKaMBIL0m_fBjiYM4fy/viewform or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at salbert@bcps.k12.va.us.

Stockyard Report
Monday’s sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:
89 Head
Graded Feeder Steers
400-499: \$219.00-229.50
500-599: \$226.00-229.00
600-699: \$226.00

Graded Feeder Bulls
400-499: \$198.00-210.00
500-599: \$191.00
600-699: \$201.00

Graded Feeder Heifers
400-499: \$125.00-212.00
500-599: \$146.00-210.00
600-699: \$201.50
700-799: \$171.00

Cows: \$ 72.00-99.00
Head Cows: \$1,000.00-1,400.00
Pairs: \$1,400.00-1,600.00



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BUCHANAN
PROPOSED BUDGET JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024**

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:	
Property taxes	150,000	Administration	297,005
Other local taxes	247,550	Public Safety	50,100
Garbage fees	99,300	Public Works	250,970
Carnival	138,200	Parks, Events, Com. D	144,460
From Commonwealth	584,425	Capital	2,200
From Federal	0	ARPA	515,290
Misc.	49,700	Misc	9,150
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
Total	207,578	Sewer Projects	48,516
			207,578
Taxes and Rates Proposed			
	Current	Proposed	
Property Tax	\$0.19/\$100	\$0.19/\$100	
Personal Property	\$0.32/\$100	\$0.32/\$100	
Trash Fee - Residential	\$16.50/mo	\$17.00/mo	
Trash Fee - Commercial	\$22.00/mo	\$22.50/mo	
Sewer Rate	\$38.25/mo	\$38.25/mo	
Water Rate - Base Residential (up to 4000 gallons)	\$48.25	\$48.25	

The figures shown in the proposed budget are subject to change prior to adoption. The Town Council will not take any action at the hearing; any action on the budget and adoption of tax rates will take place at the June regular Town Council meeting.

Town Council, Town of Buchanan



Marketplace



The Fincastle Herald

The Vinton Messenger

The New Castle Record

Salem Times-Register

News Messenger

RADFORD News Journal

Yard Sales - Botetourt County

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE
June 2&3 8am-2pm multi-family sale. Riding mowers, Kate Spade purses, porcelain dolls, weed eaters, blowers, furniture, clothes, lots of misc. 1 mile psst Troutville fire dept.

Treasure Hunt Sale Troutville

Assembly of God
118 Conner Lane
June 10, 2023
8 am-2pm
Rain or Shine
Handmade Crafts
Baby & Toddler clothes
Baby Items & Toys
Household Items
Bake Sale
FOOD-
Hot dogs, chilli, Fixings, Chips, Petros & drinks

Employment

Data Scientist, Blacksburg, VA.
Design, develop, & operationalize quantitative solutions that provide actionable insights reqd for institutional decision making. Drive collection of new data & refine, process, integrate existing data sources. Perform data analysis, develop insights, & communicate results to stakeholders. Criminal conviction check reqd. Apply online w/VA Tech at <https://jobs.vt.edu/>

Help Wanted - General



Director of Fund Development

Responsible for planning and implementing a comprehensive fund development plan for TAP that includes planned giving and individual and corporate donor development.

Develop, lead, and manage a fundraising strategy and program that includes individual and corporate donations, and a planned giving program to ensure that TAP meets or exceeds its fundraising goals. The Board's Generosity Connections Commission, which is the Marketing and Fund Development committee for the board, will participate in the development and approval of the plan.

•Actively identify, cultivate, and close gifts in support of TAP. This includes both financial and in-kind donations.

•Build and manage a portfolio of 75-100 individual and corporate donors and prospects with an annual giving capacity of \$1,000+. Within this list, identify, actively cultivate, and close gifts. This portfolio movement will be reviewed monthly with the President/CEO to ensure it reflects significant prospect movement from identification to cultivation to solicitation to stewardship.

•Work in coordination with the President/CEO to seek out and secure quarterly speaking engagements at civic or community events to promote TAP and its programs and cultivate prospective donors.

•Must have a bachelor's degree in communications, marketing, public relations, or related field

•Must have a minimum of 6 years' experience with demonstrated success in closing gifts of \$1,000+.

•Experience in strategic planning for development, major gifts, capital campaigns, corporate and marketing initiatives.

For a full job description please visit Indeed.com or at our website www.tapintohope.org

Salary: \$60,000-\$75,000/yr. Submit cover letter and resume to: TAP, Human Resources, Job Code DFD-CA, PO Box 2868, 302 2nd St SW Roanoke VA 24011 or fax to 540-345-1944

TTY: 540-345-4096
AA/EOE/Drug Free Workplace
Bilinguals encouraged to apply

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 201 CULPEPPER AVE, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 5, 2011, in the original principal amount of \$92,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 110000138. 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 July 3, 2023, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA; BEING LOT NO. 4 AND THE WESTERN ONE-HALF OF LOT NO. 5, BLOCK 204, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE BUCHANAN REALTY COMPANY, INC., RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK NO. 2, AT PAGE 11. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwmsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwmsales.com. VA-356503-1.

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 17 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$111,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Book 0000 at Page 0167 as Instrument No. 0307051. 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 July 3, 2023, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SECTION 1, KNOLLWOOD, MADE BY T.P. PARKER AND SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 76. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwmsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwmsales.com. VA-208643-6.

Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL23000635-00**
ROANOKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 305 EAST MAIN ST, SALEM VIRGINIA 24153
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* OLDSON, HUDSON, LEE DAVID v. LOVE, HUDSON LEE DAVID
The object of this suit is: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL LEE OLDSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 6, 2023 @ 11:00 AM.
MAY 16, 2023
BENJAMIN GUERRANT, DEPUTY CLERK

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

VERONICA PERKINS, trading as HAMMER & STAIN ROANOKE LLC., 901 S. COLORADO ST. SALEM VA. 24153

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VERONICA PERKINS OWNER

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons

that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on June 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. The request of Joshua Davis, lessee, and Dallas Scaggs, Jr., and Paul Walrond, property owners, for the issuance of a special exception permit to allow for a pawn shop on the property located at 1617 West Main Street (Tax Map # 139 - 3 - 4).
2. The request of Terry Steele, lessee, and Kieu Thi Thuy Do, property owner, for the issuance of a special exception permit to allow for personal service (barber shop) on the property located at 514 West Main Street (Tax Map # 123 - 3 - 5).
3. The request of J S Salem LLC, contract purchaser, and the Trustees Faith Assembly of God, property owner, for rezoning the property of 500 block of White Street (Tax Map # 161 - 4 - 2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to CBD Community Business District.

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

ABC NOTICE

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Ayeda Sati, Owner

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Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY 486 Waterworks Road, Radford, VA 24141

Tax Map No. 020697
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For Information Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

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GEORGES ABBOUD OWNER

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL23000949-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* MAKALA ANN POFF v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR: CAIDEN LEE HAMBRICK It is ORDERED that BRANDON SCOTT appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 24, 2023.
MAY 25, 2023
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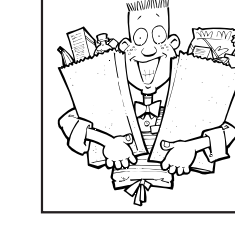
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Demons end LB baseball season in region quarterfinal



Noah Donaho slides home with a run against Christiansburg.



LB catcher Noah Leonard blocks a low pitch.

PHOTOS BY JENN KING

The Lord Botetourt baseball team saw the season come to an end when the Cavaliers fell to Christiansburg Friday. The Blue Demons took a 9-2 win in Christiansburg in a Region 3D quarterfinal game.

"We didn't play very well, but they were good," said LB coach Todd Smith. "It's tough to win when you only have three hits."

The Cavs took the lead with two runs in the second inning, highlighted by a Noah Donaho double and an RBI single by Nolan Medley. Jack Vargo had the only other hit for LB.

Christiansburg then took the lead with four runs in the bottom of the second. The Demons added on with two in the fifth and three in the sixth to pull away for the win.

Medley pitched the first four innings and took the loss. He struck out six while yielding six hits and was hurt by six

walks. Vargo pitched the last two innings and gave up three runs on one hit and two walks.

With the loss LB ended the season with a 15-8 overall record. The highlight of the season was three shutout wins over William Byrd, including a win in the Blue Ridge District tournament final that gave the Cavs the BRD tourney championship.

"We won the district tournament and 15 wins is a good season," said Smith. "We played well at times, we just came up a little short."

Botetourt had four first team all-district selections, Donaho, Medley, JJ Tyree and Noah Leonard. Jackson Smith, Caleb O'Quinn and Brayden Wells make the second team. The Cavs will lose six seniors but have some good talent returning.

"We have some pieces coming back," said Smith. "We should be okay next year."

River baseball season ends with eight-inning loss to Glenvar



PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY

John Austin gives the ball a drive.

Glenvar scored three runs in the top of the eighth inning to break up a pitchers' duel and end James River's baseball season last week. The Knights dropped a 4-1 game in Springwood in the first round of the Region 2C tournament.

This one was a battle between starting pitchers Heath Andrews of James River and Glenvar's Dawson Anderson. Glenvar drew first blood in the top of the first inning but River tied the game at 1-1 when Taylor Wilson's sacrifice fly scored John Austin in the bottom of the third. That's how it stood through seven innings and extra innings were needed to decide a winner between two Three Rivers District rivals who split wins during the regular season.

Andrews struck out 11 before leaving with no outs in the top of the eighth when he reached his pitch limit after allowing a leadoff single. Colin Cook relieved and gave up a two-run single as the Highlanders rallied for three runs, tagging Andrews with a tough-luck loss. Ashton Meadows then relieved Anderson on the mound for Glenvar and he retired the Knights in the bottom of the eighth for a save.

"The boys came out and played hard today," said River coach Matt Gouker. "Things didn't work out for us but we continue to take steps in the right direction. This is the second season that we have hosted a regional game. We will find the formula to punch

through that first game and continue to be successful."

River had five hits for the game, one each by Hunter Mays, Evan Byers, Logan Joyce, Austin and Wilson. With the loss the Knights finished the season at 9-14. It was the last game for Gouker, who is leaving after five seasons to become an assistant principal in the Roanoke County School System.

"I feel very blessed to be a part of this program over the last five years," said Gouker. "From the COVID season to winning the Three Rivers District, we have developed a successful program that takes our team to the next level and builds respectful young men. I would like to thank the players, coaches, parents, and the James River community for their support in building and maintaining this program."

LB had big soccer game with Byrd girls on Tuesday



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Will Hall pushes the ball downfield for LB.

The Lord Botetourt girls were preparing to host William Byrd in a huge Region 3D soccer game as the paper went to press this week. Botetourt and Byrd had a Tuesday game in Daleville, with the winner clinching a spot in the state tournament and the loser seeing their season come to an end.

Tuesday's game was the fourth meeting of the season between the two Blue Ridge District rivals. Both regular season games ended in a draw, while Byrd won the BRD tournament final, 4-3, on the Terriers' home pitch. Byrd had the better season record, but LB was awarded the higher seed in the regional due to strength of schedule so the Cavs got to host this week's region game.

Tuesday's winner



PHOTO BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

LB's Nancy Maclachlan heads the ball.

will advance to Friday's Region 3D championship game against the winner of a game between top-seeded Magna Vista and Hidden Valley. If Magna Vista wins that game they would host Friday's game, but if Hidden Valley prevails then the LB-Byrd winner would get to be home. Both region finalists

advance to state play with the region champ getting a quarterfinal home game.

LB was 12-3-3 prior to Tuesday's game. They opened region play with a 3-0 win over Christiansburg in Daleville last Friday. Emma Rice had two goals and Bria Harvey had a goal and an assist.

Staunton River eliminates LB from region soccer with overtime goal

The Lord Botetourt and Staunton River soccer teams met on the Daleville pitch last week in a Region 3D quarterfinal soccer game, and it took overtime to decide a winner. Unfortunately for the home team, the visiting Eagles prevailed, 2-1, on a penalty kick in the third overtime.

LB scored first in this game when Hunter

Atkinson headed one in off an Andres Barroso corner kick. The Eagles drew level with a goal shortly thereafter and that's how it stood at the end of regulation.

After two five-minute overtimes nothing was settled, resulting in a "Golden Goal" overtime period which used to be called "sudden death." The Eagles were

awarded a penalty kick in that period which they converted to end the game.

With the loss LB ended the season at 8-11. Cadyn Bowles was the Cavaliers' lone recipient of first team All-Blue Ridge District honors at forward. Second team all-district went to Will Hall at forward and goalie JB Cook.

James River boys win a shootout to advance in region soccer tournament

The James River boys were hoping to turn the tables on Glenvar Tuesday when they traveled to Roanoke County for a Region 2C semifinal soccer game. Results were too late for press deadlines.

Glenvar beat River twice during the regular season, but after losing 9-1 at Glenvar the Knights lost just 3-1 in Springwood two weeks ago. They were hoping to close the gap again and pull an upset, which would send them into Thursday's region semifinal at the Smith River Complex.

The Knights earned the right to play Glenvar with an exciting win over Appomattox on the Raiders' home pitch last



PHOTO BY BRYANT ALTIZER

Maddox Potter of James River is ready to kick the ball.

Friday. The game was tied 3-3 after regulation and nothing was settled in four overtime periods, sending the game into a shootout. River then hit all five penalty shots to advance in the tournament.

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Meade is in region singles final

Lord Botetourt senior Tyler Meade was set to play in the Region 3D tennis singles final as the paper went to press Tuesday. Meade was scheduled to play at 11 a.m. at Virginia Tech.

Tyler won his first two matches in the region tournament with a 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 win over Cave Spring's number one and a 7-6 (7-5), 6-1 win over Abingdon's top singles player. He was scheduled to meet Lucas Beasley of Christiansburg in the championship Tuesday, with the winner advancing to state play.



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Tyler Meade of LB is ready to hit a backhand in region tennis last week.

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River will host Patrick County in region softball tonight at the Botetourt Sports Complex

The James River softball team can clinch a spot in the state tournament with a win over Patrick County tonight. The Knights will host Patrick at 7 p.m. at the Botetourt Sports Complex in a Region 2C semifinal game.

Patrick comes in at 13-9 overall after defeating Floyd County, 11-1, in a quarterfinal region game. The Knights slipped by Nelson County, 1-0, last Thursday in their quarterfinal game in Springwood. Tonight's winner will advance to the Region 2C championship game at the BSC on Thursday at 7 p.m., and both of those teams will advance to state play with the winner getting a quarterfinal home game.

The Knights come into tonight's game at 20-1 after getting a scare from Nelson, who beat Glenvar 1-0 in an opening round game. Kaycee Kincaid's drive up the right center field gap scored pinch runner Caitlyn Downey in exciting fashion in the bottom of the seventh inning with the only run of the game for River. The River players ran to mob Kincaid at second base after the walk-off win.

The first six innings of the game had been a high-level pitching duel. For the third time in recent weeks, Knights' pitcher Austyn Moran had a perfect game heading into the last inning, having retired the first 18 batters she faced. Governors' pitcher Ambrye Taylor had only allowed a walk and an infield hit in the same time period while striking out 13 batters.

In the top of the seventh, Moran retired a 19th straight batter before Nelson catcher Ansley Jenkins, a left-handed hitter, sliced a double into the left field corner just out of the reach of a diving Ripley Barry. Kincaid made an outstanding catch on Taylor's high pop up behind the plate for the second out before Moran struck out Nelson's clean-up hitter, Meghan Nuckols, for the third time.

In the home seventh, with one out, Moran looped a fly ball to right field that dropped for a hit and Moran reached second base on a throwing error. Downey came in to as a courtesy runner for the pitcher, then Kincaid drove a 1-2 pitch to the right center gap setting off a

home team celebration.

James River played errorless softball on defense and they made several notable plays to give themselves a chance to win late in the fashion that they did. Keira Crawford, who made a couple of stellar defensive plays in right field, had the only other River hit, an infield hit in the sixth.

"First off, I give enormous credit to Governors' pitcher Ambrye Taylor," said River coach Steve Austin. "We struck out 13 times in six innings. We came in averaging 3.4 strikeouts per game on the season and we have faced several other tough pitchers. We made different adjustments but until late in the game she totally shut us down."

"Our pitcher, Austyn Moran, was as dominating to Nelson, or more, than Taylor was to us. She was the story of the game for us, keeping the score even until we got a couple of hits in the last inning."

Tonight's winner will play the winner of a semifinal game between Chatham and Appomattox on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Botetourt Sports Complex.



PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY
Kiera Crawford (left) and Elle Lackey

LB softball season ends with close loss to Carroll County



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Jackson Kemper slides home for the Cavs on a successful suicide squeeze bunt.

Carroll County edged Lord Botetourt, 1-0, in a quarterfinal Region 3D softball game last Friday to end the Cavaliers' season in Hillsville. Carroll is the number one seed in the region.

The Cavaliers lost despite outhitting Carroll, five to four, but the host team was able to squeeze one run across against LB pitcher Grace Thomas, who went the full seven innings on the rubber.

"Grace pitched an incredible game for us," said LB coach Megan Cook. "I was extremely proud of her and the fight she showed."

Riley Shupe was three-for-three to lead LB's offense but she was left on base all three times. That wasn't the case two days prior when the Cavs opened the tournament with a 13-8 win

over Tunstall in Daleville. The Cavaliers had 10 hits in that game, including multiple hit games by Mikayla Reed and Bry Orange. Shupe, Thomas, Hadley Evans, Autumn Russell, KB Johnson and Jackson Kemper also had hits for the Cavs, and Thomas picked up the win on the mound.

"It was a true team win and so much fun to see our bats explode against a good Tunstall team," said Cook.

Lord Botetourt finished the season with an 11-13 record. There are no seniors on the team.

"It was a huge growing season for us both athletically and mentally," said Cook. "It's one of those rare situations where we do not have any seniors so I cannot wait to pick it back up with all of them again next year."

Nelson edges River girls in region soccer



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
James River keeper Kylee Aaron clears the ball.

The James River girls saw their soccer season come to an end last week with a loss to Nelson County in the Region 2C soccer tournament. The host Governors took a 2-1 win in Lovingston.

The two teams had split games during the regular season, and this one went down to the wire before Nelson prevailed. The Governors scored two first period goals to take the lead but Drew Whitson scored early

in the second period to draw River to within a goal. However, that was the last score of the night and Nelson advanced in the tournament while River saw the season come to an end at 8-10.

"I am really proud of the improvements our girls made over the season and the way they carried themselves in tough times," said River coach Bill Smith. "I would love to have done better, but I wouldn't trade our time together for anything."



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING
James River teammates Kesley Firebaugh (left) and Kaia Binns placed second and third in the 200-meter dash at the Region 2C track and field championships at Christiansburg on Thursday.

Class 1 & 2 state track is at James Madison University

The James River track team will send a large group to Harrisonburg this weekend for the state Class 2 track meet. James Madison University will host the Class 1&2 state meets on Friday and Saturday.

The River girls were fourth and the boys were sixth at last week's Region 2C meet at Christiansburg High School. The Floyd girls and Glenvar boys won the meet and the top four in each event advance to the state meet, along with others who prequalified.

For the girls, River senior Emma Francis swept the shot put and discus events. Emma won the discus by almost 10 feet with a throw of 103' 10" and took the shot put at 37'9", which was over eight feet better than second place.

Sophomore Kelsey Firebaugh was second in both the 100 and 200, as Ricky Mitchell-Hairinton won both events. Firebaugh was edged in the 100 in 0.26 seconds and in the 200 by 0.36 seconds. River teammate Kaia Binns, a freshman, qualified for state in both events with a third in the 200 and a fourth in the 100 meters.

River's Naveah VanBuren was third in both the high jump and discus and fifth in the long jump. Emma Bobbitt made the state with a fourth in the shot and also scored with a fifth in the discus. Kyleigh Mills was fifth in the 400 and Ella Hutchens took sixth in the shot put. River's 4x100 relay team of Firebaugh, Binns, VanBuren and Mills was fourth.

For the boys, George Toliver won the shot put with a heave of 46'7", winning by over three feet. Brian Moran took second in the high jump, fourth in both the triple and long jumps and fifth in the 200 meters.

Michael Jorgensen was third in both the 1,600 and 3,200 while Conner Church was fourth in the 100 and sixth in the 200. The 4x100 relay team of Church, Moran, Gavin Binns and Walker Wilson took third.

Also scoring were Andrew Fowler with a fifth in the discus and Binns with an eighth in the 100 meters.

LB boys are sixth, girls eighth in Region 3D track meet

The Lord Botetourt High boys took sixth place and the girls were eighth at the Region 3D track meet at Cave Spring High School last Thursday. The William Byrd boys and Abingdon girls were team winners.

LB's boys finished with 42 points, just six fewer than third place Christiansburg. The boys had one region champion in two events, as junior Kendal Howard won both the discus and shot put. He won the discus event with a toss of 163'18", an inch shy of 14 feet better than second place. In the shot he won at 48' 4.25" while teammate DJ Toliver was second at 47'10" and LB's Kesean Anderson was 10th.

"For Kendal Howard it was business as usual in shot and disc," said coach Paul Craft. "He's leading the state in 3A in both events. If he continues throwing like he has all season then we should have plenty to talk about after the state meet."

The top four in each event advance to this week's state meet and Elijah Rose was third in the high jump, clearing six feet even. The 4x100 team of Tristan Overbay, Zion Woody, Cade Lang and Howard took fourth.

Others who scored but did not advance included

Woody with a fifth in the 100, Rye Jackson with a sixth in the 800, Caleb Miller with a sixth in the 110 hurdles and a seventh in the 300 hurdles and two Cavs in long jump, with Tristan Graves taking seventh and Jahki Emmons-Mayo placing eighth.

The girls' top finish was by freshman Alina Toliver with a third in the shot put, while fellow freshman Jaiden Dann was seventh. Jillian Harris advanced to the state in two events with a fourth in both the 100 meters and triple jump, and she was fifth in the 300 hurdles. Also scoring were Toliver with a sixth in the discus, and Meredith Griffin was eighth in that event.

"Alina Toliver placed third in shot and threw four feet farther than her previous PR," said Craft. "Jaiden Dann placed seventh in it and PR'd as well. It really came together for them yesterday. Both girls are freshmen, and for them to accomplish that in a junior- and senior-laden field is outstanding. They're both going to be very good over the next few years."

The state Class 3 and 4 meets are scheduled for Friday and Saturday of this week at Liberty University in Lynchburg.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Kendal Howard of LB cuts loose in a winning effort in the discus competition.

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"We were the stronger team in the four overtime periods but still couldn't find the back of the net,"

said River coach Jared Whiting. "In the shootout we went five-for-five and Appomattox didn't, giving

us the win and another game to play. It was definitely the most exciting game of the season so far,

the guys left everything they had on the field."

With the win the Knights improved to 12-5-1.