



Supervisors provided with scope and fee of upcoming assessment of Route 220 corridor study

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors approved an upcoming study provided by AECOM, a consulting firm, to provide a study of a section of the Route 220 corridor from Route 460/Alternate 220 intersection to International Parkway.

Botetourt County Assistant Administrator Jon Lanford provided the board with an overview of a proposed scope and fee for assessment/analysis of transportation options along US 220 from I-81, Exit 150 North to Catawba Road (Route 779), as discussed during the July 31 board meeting.

Last month, Lanford spoke about the county acquiring the services of AECOM to assist the county in this study. In the scope of studies found in the agenda packet, Lanford explained that prior work by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) included a recently completed study through VDOT's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) that resulted in several recommendations in the corridor between Route 11 and Commons Parkway. Prior to that, VDOT completed a study that resulted in a "superstreet" concept between

Commons Parkway and Catawba Road (Route 779). That concept was used to make application for both Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and Smart Scale funds. Success was achieved through STBG but not Smart Scale and the project has not moved forward.

During his presentation, Lanford went over some of the history of the area and the studies previously conducted. He noted studies around Tinker Mountain Road, the Botetourt Commons, the exit ramps, the park and ride off of Exit 150, and accommodations around the Appalachian Trail.

The scope of study went on to say that the scope of their work is intended to further develop and consider transportation options along Route 220 and will focus only that portion of the corridor from the I-81 interchange north to Catawba Road. The county indicated a desire for other potential land use changes and development growth beyond what may have been considered within the time frames for the two previous corridor studies. These growth opportunities may include revisions to the street network parallel to and/or connecting to the Route 220 corridor.

Lanford explained what AECOM's role



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Assistant Administrator Jon Lanford provides Botetourt County Board of Supervisors with a plan for the upcoming assessment of the Route 220 corridor.

will be in this study that includes a review of the land use, generating new vehicle trips based on agreed upon land uses, determining the distribution of potential new vehicle trips within the study area, considering new surface street alternatives, performing traffic analysis, evaluating proposed transportation solutions, and preparing a summary and recommendations. The fee for the study of this initial segment totals \$96,900. Lanford believes there is an opportunity to fund this by way of one-time revenues from timber

sales from the landfill. "Some of the challenges look at the conditions in their current state and projects improvements needed not to meet conditions 15 or 20 years from now, but the traffic conditions around an area with the land use that exists today, and we're well aware that land use around exit 150 is changing dramatically," Lanford added. "So, in effort to be forward-thinking and

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TRACK Trail project coming to Cherry Blossom Trail

A TRACK Trail Partnership memorandum of understanding (MOU) was approved by the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors during the August meeting last Tuesday in Daleville. County Parks & Rec Director Mandy Adkins presented the board with the scope of a proposed TRACK Trail project for Cherry Blossom Trail at Greenfield.

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation program, Kids in Parks, is a network of family-friendly outdoor adventures dedicated to getting families outside. The Kids in Parks program began in 2008 with the vision to improve the health of children and the health of parks by making existing trails more attractive and fun for novice users. The

Kids in Parks program offers a network of family-friendly outdoor adventures called TRACK Trails. Each TRACK Trail features self-guided brochures and signs that turn your visit into a fun and exciting outdoor experience. Best of all, children can earn prizes for tracking their adventures.

The trail will feature an informational sign at the trailhead designed specifically for the Cherry Blossom Trail. Under the sign will be four different brochures children can use while walking on the trail. This trail will be a part of a national network of trails on the Kids in Parks website (kidsinparks.com). Every kid

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GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

An example of a TRACK Trail sign used on a trail in Easley, S.C. The sign on the Cherry Blossom Trail will be designed specifically to the trail.

Amendment hearing approved by board for 'Taxation of Solar Energy Generation'

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Deputy County Administrator David Moorman presented the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors with a consideration last week to authorize a public hearing regarding an amendment to the county code that would add section 23-341: taxation of solar energy generation facilities during the September board meeting. The board approved to hold an upcoming hearing.

Moorman noted that state law provides for local revenue collection from solar generation

facilities either through 1) local taxation, or 2) by exempting them from local taxation and receiving a share of facility revenues. Localities may elect the method of their choice.

An estimation of comparative projects shows that Botetourt County would realize more revenue by taxing solar energy generation facilities than by participating in revenue sharing. To implement a local tax, the county's tax code would need to be amended to add a tax on solar generation facilities. Moorman recommended that the county maximize the revenues by levying a local tax.

The amendment to section 23-341 is as follows:

(a) Pursuant to section 58.1-2606.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, solar photovoltaic facilities less than five megawatts in alternating current generating capacity shall be exempt from taxation on the following portions of their values: For the first five years after commencement of operation, 80%; for the second five years of operation, 70%; and 60% thereafter. Solar photovoltaic facilities that

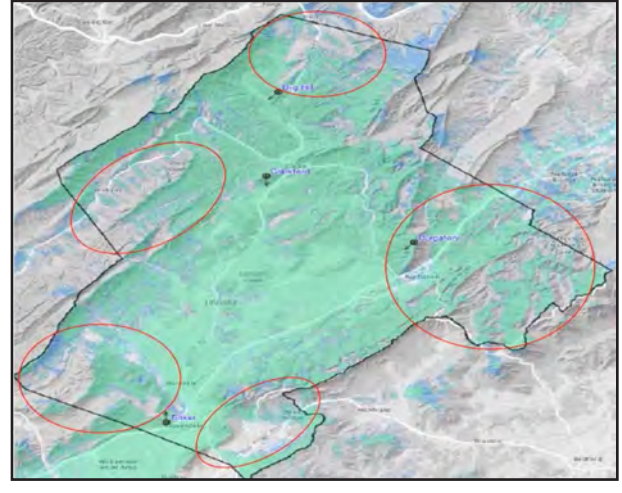
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Motorola to improve county's Public Safety Radio System

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved awarding Motorola Solutions Inc. as the vendor for a new Public Safety Radio System in Botetourt. Additionally, the board approved awarding the request for proposal (RFP) to Motorola and



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

The current map of existing coverage in Botetourt (green). The red circles indicate radio deficiencies in the county. The new emergency radio system will ensure the county has 95% coverage countywide.

to enter negotiations with the county for an interim agreement. Should county staff negotiate a successful interim agreement, the Emergency Communications

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Board adopts setting percentage for personal property tax relief

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has adopted a resolution setting the percentage for personal property tax relief for the 2023 tax year ahead of the approaching November 1 due date for county personal property and real estate taxes.

According to administrator notes included in the August meeting packet, the board adopted ordinance amendments in 2005 regarding the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA). These amendments addressed the new reimbursement method for car tax relief for vehicle values from

\$1,001 to \$20,000, with no taxing of vehicles having a value of \$1,000 or less.

In determining how to distribute relief among taxpayers, the board adopted the Specific Relief Method in December 2005. This method gives localities the option to apply state relief on a per-vehicle basis and show the specific amount of relief on each tax bill. This method is reflected in the county's current billing format.

Since 2006, the county has received a state block grant (\$3,418,137.01) that will remain unchanged

in future years unless General Assembly legislation is enacted. This fixed amount has served to reduce the state's subsidy from a targeted 70% (prior to 2006 under the Car Tax Program) to a smaller percentage.

This year, based upon projected vehicle values and the amount of tax relief to be provided by the state, the county's reimbursement is projected to be 41% based upon providing citizens with the \$3.4 million

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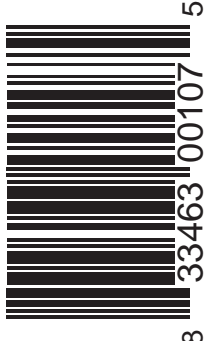
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who registers their adventure on a TRACK Trail will receive prizes from the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. “We are very fortunate to be given this opportunity,” Adkins said during her presentation. “We are responsible for the maintenance of the sign. We’re responsible for maintaining the trail, which we already do. And there’s a very limited cost once we use up the brochures and the initial grant, we’ll be responsible for replenishing (the brochures) but that’s a pretty nominal fee, depending how quickly they go.”

The foundation describes these trails as a network of hiking, biking, paddling and disc golf trails outfitted with free activity guides for children and families. The mission behind these TRACK Trails is to encourage kids to be physically active and help them build meaningful connections with nature. In turn, these goals help

inspire the next generation of stewards, who will care for all public lands, including the Blue Ridge Parkway. Through a grant courtesy of Carilion Clinic and the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, Botetourt County has a unique opportunity to create a TRACK Trail at the Cherry Blossom Trail. Through this grant (valued at approximately \$6,500) Botetourt County will receive the following:

- A TRACK Trails trailhead kiosk/sign frame, which is custom designed specific to the Cherry Blossom Trail.
- Four brochure holders
- Four sets of standard self-guided brochures (2,000 copies of each)
- A trail page on the Kids in Parks website
- Prizes disseminated to the Cherry Blossom

TRACK Trail registrants.

- Annual data reports regarding the use of the Cherry Blossom TRACK Trail users.

Botetourt County Parks and Recreation will be responsible for:

- Constructing and installing the TRACK Trail trailhead kiosk
- Maintaining the appearance of the TRACK Trail trailhead
- Purchasing and restocking the brochures as needed
- Maintaining the TRACK Trail
- Coordinating a grand opening celebration

For more information about the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, visit www.brpfoundation.org. To learn more about Botetourt County Parks & Recreation and its programs, visit www.botetourtva.gov/162/Parks-Recreation.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SPECIAL COMMISSIONER’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA and the TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to the terms of those certain Decrees of Sale entered in the Circuit Court of County of Botetourt, the undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale at a simulcast (with online and in person bidding) public auction the following described real estate at Greenfield Auditorium, Room 212, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia 24083, on September 19, 2023 at 12:00 PM.

The sale of such property is subject to the terms and conditions below, and any term or conditions which may be subsequently posted or announced by Dudley Resources (“Auctioneer”) and Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC (“TACS”). Subsequent announcements take precedence over any prior written or verbal terms of sale.

	Property Owner(s)	Parcel ID	Account No.	TACS No.	Property Description
1	Mary R. Burrell Estate c/o Nellie Toliver	61-83	21433	639620	364 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle
2	Mary R. Burrell Estate c/o Nellie Toliver	73A(1)74B	24247	639620	Vacant; Back Street, Fincastle
3	Bessie Miller Dunbar c/o Ella Jeffries	9-9	27417	639654	Vacant; Wood Town Road, Eagle Rock
4	George Ross c/o Bruce, Sr. & Emily Ross	5-59	20254	639646	Vacant; near McDaniel Drive, Eagle Rock
5	Joanna W. Phelps	61-41B	21369	496424	Vacant; Poor Farm Road, Fincastle
6	Richard Moore Estate c/o Rosetta Moore	19-8	17590	319458	Vacant; Scotts Hollow Road, Eagle Rock
7	Mattie Redmond	38-22	18872	216318	Vacant; Near Lapsley Run Road, Eagle Rock
8	Mary Lou Z. Sweet**	65A-111A	22901	648935	Vacant; Newtown Road, Buchanan
9	Charles M. & Constance B. Botkin**	65A(3)15A & 16	22592	365822	419 1st Street, Buchanan
10	John F. Eldredge & Mary E. Wilcher	87B(1)31	26160	639622	199 Jamestown Road, Daleville
11	Joseph W. & Carol O. Martin c/o Beryl Martin	103C(4)BK D- 14	12578	612890	585 Blue Ridge Drive, Blue Ridge

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GENERAL TERMS OF SALE: All sales are subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court. The Special Commissioner has the right to reject any bids determined to be unreasonable in relation to the estimated value of the Property. Any unsold property will be offered for sale again at the next auction, whenever that may be.

Properties are conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to any easements, covenants, agreements, restrictions, reservations, and any and all rights of record which may affect the property. Properties are offered for sale as-is, where-is, and if-is, with all faults and without any warranty, either expressed or implied. Persons are encouraged to make a visual inspection of the property within the limits of the law and to obtain an independent title search, at their own expense, prior to bidding on any of the properties to determine the suitability of the property for their purposes. It is not guaranteed that the property has a right-of-way or that it is not landlocked. Property is sold in gross and not by the acre. There is no warranty as to the accuracy of any information contained in the GIS system, nor is the information contained therein a legal representation of any of the features of the property which it depicts. We do not provide, and do not assist, with obtaining title insurance or title to personal property.

The sale of property to the highest bidder is not contingent upon obtaining financing. Financing, if needed, is the sole responsibility of the high bidder. By bidding, parties are entering into a legally binding contract, waive all rescission rights, and understand that their bid is immediately binding, irrevocable, and enforceable. Additionally, by bidding, parties are representing that they have read, and agree to be bound by, all terms and conditions for this sale. Failure to complete the property purchase will result in forfeiture of any funds paid and may subject the highest bidder to additional damages, which may include expenses and any deficit upon resale.

PAYMENT TERMS: The highest bidder shall make a deposit in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), whichever is higher, along with a 10% buyer’s premium, subject to a minimum of \$150.00, added to the final bid. Bids which are less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be paid in full at the time of the auction. Deposits shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) per parcel. Such sum shall be held by the Special Commissioner and credited towards the purchase price following confirmation of the sale. Subsequent taxes will be prorated from the auction date, and the highest bidder will be responsible for taxes from that date forward.

The balance of the purchase price and recording costs for deed recordation shall be deposited by the highest bidder with the Special Commissioner within fifteen (15) days of confirmation of the sale by the Court.

Terms applicable to In-Person Bidders ONLY: The deposit and buyer’s premium are due on the day of the auction. All payments must be made in the form of personal check, cashier’s check or money order. No cash will be accepted.

Terms applicable to Online Bidders ONLY: All interested parties must register and be approved by the Auctioneer. Registration and bidding are free of charge and are done through the Auctioneer’s website dudleyresources.auction. If any interested bidders are unable to attend for in-person bidding and wish to bid on property, but do not have access to the internet, please contact Dudley Resources, at (804) 709-1954 for assistance.

The highest bidder will receive their purchase contract and balance due via email following the close of the auction. The contract shall immediately be executed and returned to TACS. The deposit and buyer’s premium must be received in full within seven (7) days following the auction closing (no later than September 26, 2023). All payments must be made in the form of certified funds, cashier’s check, money order or wire transfer. Cash and personal checks will not be accepted. Checks and money orders shall be made payable to the County of Botetourt and forwarded to TACS, at the address shown below. Wire transfer instructions will be provided to the highest bidder upon request.

GENERAL TERMS: To qualify as a purchaser at this auction, you may not owe delinquent taxes to the County of Botetourt and you may not be a Defendant in any pending delinquent tax matter. Questions concerning the registration and bidding process should be directed to the Auctioneer online at dudleyresources.auction, by email to info@dudleyresources.com or by phone to Dudley Resources, at (804) 709-1954. Questions concerning the property subject to sale should be directed to TACS online at www.taxva.com, by email to taxsales@taxva.com, by phone to (804) 612-0629, or by writing to the address below.

Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC
Attn: Tax Sales, P.O. Box 31800, Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800

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Committee (ECC) would subsequently bring the agreement back to the board for approval.

Emergency Systems Communications Manager Matthew Hinkle made a brief presentation during last week’s meeting to review proposal submissions and to provide a scope of county emergency services communication coverage today and what it will look like once it’s expanded.

Hinkle also explained the critical criteria of a radio system including how many “neighbors” the county is able to communicate with at the moment. He showed a map of existing coverage that included coverage deficiencies in Eagle Rock, Oriskany, Catawba Valley, Blue Ridge, and Arcadia.

In August 2021, Fire & EMS Chief Ferguson presented the board with a proposal expanding the county’s emergency communications system, explaining that the county’s outdated analog system of communication was becoming problematic in communicating with neighboring localities.

Hinkle explained the emergency services will remain using the four existing tower sites in Botetourt and will add three new sites – two that are currently privately owned and a third in Catawba that will be built up from scratch. The Iron Gate site will cover the Rt. 220 corridor, Blue Ridge will cover the Rt. 460 corridor and deficiencies, and Catawba will handle Carvins Cove, Catawba Valley, and the Appalachian Trail.

Oriskany and Arcadia currently have coverage deficiencies as well. Hinkle explained their current limiting factors.

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try to come up with projects that meet our transportation needs in the future with land use changes there we would recommend the engagement with AECOM,” Lanford added.

Amsterdam District Supervisor Steve Clinton applauded the need and goal of the study, but wasn’t sure what would happen following the study. He noted that he wants the study to be “part of (the board’s) daily conversation,” to promote it with the regional commission and VDOT, and doesn’t want the study to end up as a “grandiose plan collecting dust.” Clinton wants to push the study and keep it at the forefront of future discussions.

Lanford explained that he thought this document couldn’t make a determination on future land use cases, but could take into account what future cases could look like.

Chairman Mac Scothorn asked Lanford if the study could potentially make a market difference in applications for Smart Scale and an STBG. Lanford thought that “it could” and has “value” in determining future projects. He noted that some capital could be put into future projects to help them score better.

County Administrator Gary Larowe noted the county has continually tried to get studies done from Bonsack to International Parkway. Although “bits and pieces” of studies have taken place since 2016, VDOT doesn’t have the “entire picture.” Larowe feels this study will provide the county with helpful information.

“I know that, in reality, we hear about traffic in Daleville,” Larowe explained. “In the phase of development, I think we’re [the county] at a point where we probably need to have something [a study] outside of VDOT to be able to reflect to VDOT what needs to end up taking place. They’re going to end up being more reactive and that’s what happens over time. This [study] would end up being more of a proactive

approach about trying to get some development taking place along that corridor with traffic is what the idea is, I think.”

Larowe mentioned that he believes this type of study would end up helping Botetourt and VDOT in future planning. He noted other localities who have benefited from similar studies provided by consulting firms.

Buchanan District Supervisor Amy White asked Lanford about the longevity of this upcoming study. The assistant administrator wasn’t able to answer her question specifically, but explained the county’s award-winning work on their land use planning around Exit 150 and this study could be “wedded together” to improve the document’s shelf life.

“The one word I find missing in all this is ‘safety,’” White added. “We hear so much about safety, especially along that roadway. If we do proceed with a study of this magnitude, I think that we should certainly have some attention to safe solutions for transportation.”

Scothorn noted difficulty some drivers face when coming onto or crossing 220 and wanted safety issues involved into the study that include Read Mountain Road and all corridors off of 220 in Botetourt. He added, “We’re looking at proactivity within our county; we’re looking at VDOT for reactivity. So, hopefully we can push that as much as we can. If this (study) gives us a boost, I’m all for it.”

Fincastle District Supervisor Dick Bailey asked about the last study done on this section of the corridor. Larowe noted there hasn’t been a “comprehensive” study, which is why the proposal was made to better their chances at scoring higher in future projects.

The county is currently working to set a time and date for a kickoff meeting where the schedule of the study will be finalized, according to a county official.

More information can be found in the board’s August meeting agenda packet found at www.botetourtva.gov/AgendaCenter.

Botetourt County History

Academy Hill School historic marker dedicated in Fincastle

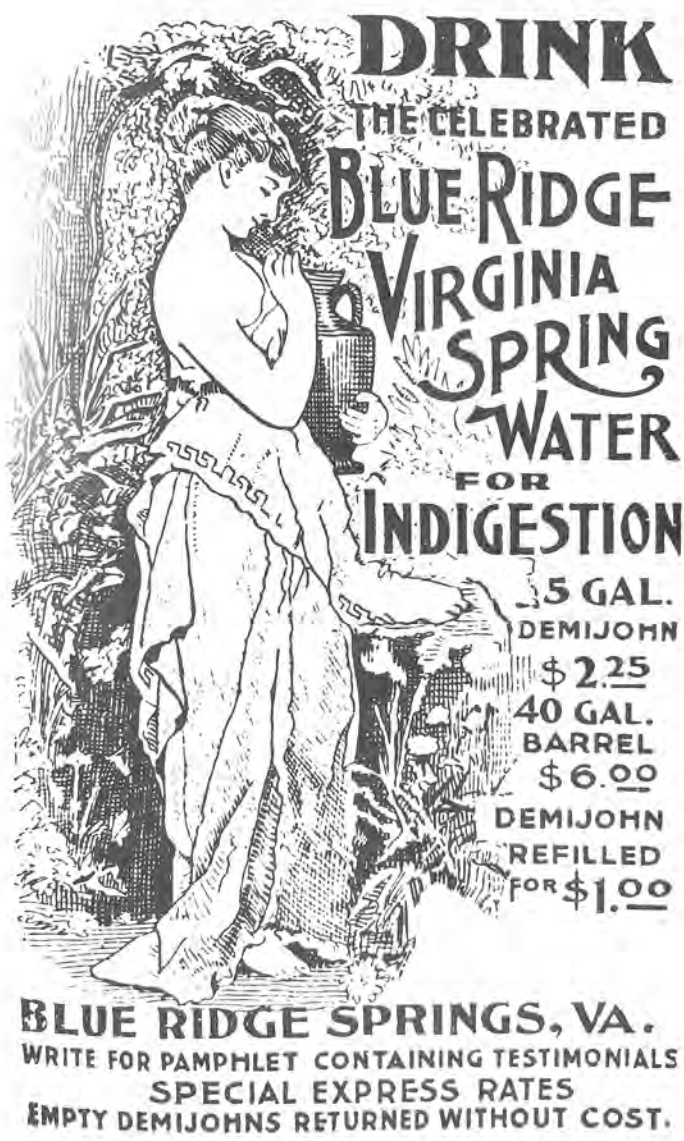
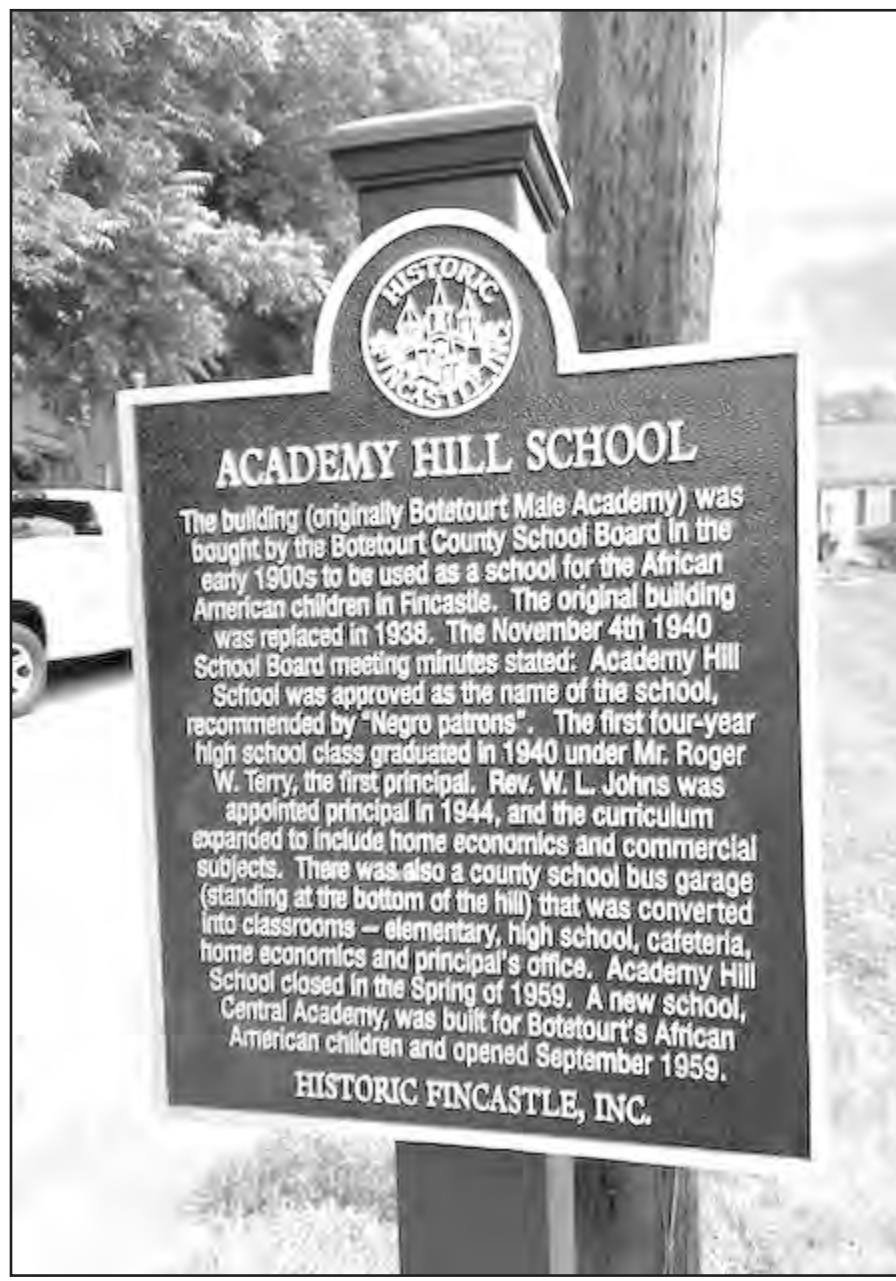


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This advertisement was created about 1878 when Captain Phillip Brown was hired to manage the Blue Ridge Springs Hotel. Native Americans shared the spring with early travelers and it became very popular. As time passed the area became known as Flukes. Then in 1866 a newly built hotel took over the Fluke train depot and the name was changed to Blue Ridge Springs. The resort went through many changes until Mary Hastings became the proprietor in 1934. She was killed by a man she hired, Major Robert C. Kent. He was tried in Fincastle in the Botetourt County Courthouse and pleaded insanity. He was sentenced to 13 years in the penitentiary, where he died in 1937. In 1939, the Blue Ridge Springs Hotel was burned by arson. Today, only the ruins of the spring house survive on private property. This and other pictures of the resort are upstairs in the Botetourt History Museum.

- Botetourt Museum of History & Culture



A group of citizens gathered on Main Street in Fincastle on Wednesday, August 23, to honor and dedicate the historic marker noting the history of what was known throughout much of the 20th century as Academy Hill School.

Historic Fincastle Inc. President Lynne Bolton spoke briefly of the history of both the school and of the efforts to finally have a sign erected, and Botetourt Supervisor Steve Clinton shared his thoughts on the importance of the marker and the history it reflects.

The school, located on the "real" Academy Hill when it opened in the early 1900s, was where the African American children of Botetourt County went for an education. Prior to the opening of this school, these children were either educated in homes, or they had to find transportation to other areas outside of Botetourt to attend school. When Botetourt County decided to open a school, officials took over a building previously used as an all-white boys' school on Academy Hill, and then later, they converted a county

vehicle garage into a second building to expand what was offered to the attending students. The school did not have indoor plumbing, and the insulation was insufficient, but at last the students had a school in the area to attend.

The Academy Hill School continued in operation until 1958 when Central Academy School was constructed and welcomed these students to its new, modern facilities in 1959. The two former school buildings are now apartments, but they can be viewed from the historic marker when visitors look up and to their right at the hill above. One gentleman who was at the ceremony, Leroy Worrell, actually attended the Academy Hill School in 1958, its final year of operation.

Interested folks are encouraged to stop in the side parking spaces at the intersection of Main Street and Monroe Street and read the Academy Hill School historic marker for themselves.

- HFI President Lynne Bolton

HFI Quilt Show part of the upcoming Fincastle Festival

When visiting the 2023 Historic Fincastle Festival on September 23, be sure to make time to visit the HFI Quilt Show, located at the corner of Main and Church Streets in the former home of the Fincastle Baptist Church, now the private residence of the Saunders family. An assortment of both new and old quilts from area quilters will be on display on the sanctuary's curved pews and quilt racks. Last year HFI had more than 50 entries and is hoping for even more this year. Visitors will be invited to vote for their favorite quilt and ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place People's Choice.

New this year, the area's Quilts Of Valor group, the Roanoke QOV Stitches, will have a display at the show. Nomination forms will be available as well as information on when and where the group meets. Plans are in the works for a QOV presentation during the day

of the festival for a local veteran.

An added bonus to seeing many beautiful quilts in one place is the beautiful setting the Saunders family has agreed to share. The gorgeous stained glass windows of the former sanctuary can really only be appreciated from inside the building and provide a wonderful backdrop to the colorful assortment of quilts draped over the pews.

The quilt show will run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 23 and there is no admission charge. For those interested in participating in the show, entry forms can be found at Hisfin.org and scrolling down on the site links to Fall Festival. The entry deadline is September 13. To volunteer to help with the show, contact Cathy Henderson at 540-797-3914.

- Historic Fincastle Inc.



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Last week for 'Oliver!' at Attic Productions

Attic Productions' summer musical presentation of Lionel Bart's "Oliver!" ends this week.

The show will be presented at the D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle; Thursday and Friday shows, August 31 and September 1, begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees, September 2 and 3, begin at 2:30.

Adult tickets are \$18; students and groups of 10 or more are \$15 when paid in cash or by check at the box office.

Tickets may be purchased on the Attic Productions website. For questions or assistance with purchasing

tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001.

- Attic Productions



PHOTO COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

Attic's youth and teen ensemble plays many roles, most notably, the workhouse kids and Fagin's gang of thieves. They join in many memorable musical numbers as well. From left are: center front, Declan Knox; first row, Meara Knox, Eden Groth, Clara Preston, Calla Groth, Adeline Vargas, Eli Bremner, Caleb Bremner; second row, Bella Vargas, Lydia Clubb, Hannah Clubb; Judah Groth, Joy Knox, Sarah Bremner, Josie Ingrassia; back, Veronica Helms, Abby Bjorklund, Eva Campbell, Moriah Bremner, Elena Preston, Ailidh Knox.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HFI

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests August 21-26:

- Colter J. Neufeld, 31, of Daleville, violation of a protective order, drunk in public, August 21
- Tara G. Rock, 41, of Troutville, trespassing, two charges of obstruction of justice, August 21
- Cameron L. Brown, 37, of Morgantown, N.C., fugitive from justice, August 22
- Lloyd N. Furrow, 45, of Montvale, driving under the influence, driving on a revoked license, refusing breath test, August 22
- Arturo Medina Lopez, 25, of Roanoke, driving under the influence, August 22
- Judith A. Sowers, 51, of Roanoke, burglary, possession of Schedule drugs, August 26
- David W. Howard, 44, of Roanoke, burglary, grand larceny, obstruction of justice, possession of a concealed weapon by a felon, possession of Schedule drugs, giving false identification to law enforcement, August 26

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LEGO Club
 Tue, Sept. 5, 3:30-4:30pm, Buchanan
 Thu, Sept. 14, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge
 Mon, Sept. 18, 4-5pm, Fincastle
 Tue, Sept. 26, 2:30-3:30pm, Eagle Rock

STEM Club
 Tue, Sept. 5, 4-5pm, Fincastle
 Wed, Sept. 13, 3:30-4:30pm, Buchanan
 Tue, Sept. 19, 2:30-3:30pm, Eagle Rock
 Tue, Sept. 26, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge
Teen Time
 Thu, Sept. 7 & 21, 4:30-5:30pm, Eagle Rock & Fincastle
 Tue, Sept. 12 & 26, 4:30-5:30pm, Buchanan
 Mon, Sept. 18, 4:30-5:30pm, Blue Ridge

Youth Chess Club
 Tue, Sept. 12, 19 & 20, 4-5:30pm, Eagle Rock
 Learn and improve your chess game. For tweens/teens. Registration required, call 540-928-2800.

Deaf Awareness
 Tue, Sept. 26, 6-7pm, Blue Ridge
 Learn about Deaf culture and sign language as we celebrate Deaf Awareness Week with the International Christian Centers for the Deaf.

Affordable Care Act
 Wed, Sept. 6, 1-2pm, Blue Ridge
 Thu, Sept. 14, 4-5pm, Buchanan
 Learn about different benefits and how to enroll in programs like the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, and Medicare. Presented by Lois Caliri, Virginia Certified Health Insurance Navigator

Beekkeeping
 Sat, Sept. 9, 11am-12pm, Buchanan
 Learn about beekkeeping, products made by bees, and the important role bees play as pollinators in gardens and agriculture. Presented by Julie Baker of Blue Hive Apiary.

Foraging Year-Round
 Tue, Sept. 12, 6:30-7:30pm, Blue Ridge
 Local author and locavore Bruce Ingram discusses foraging year-round for berries, nuts, mushrooms, and the wild foods that grow in yards.

Garden Club
 First Wednesday of every month, 11am-12pm, Eagle Rock
 Discover the joy of gardening and hone your gardening skills through monthly presentations with experts and hands-on projects.

Hydroponics
 Wed, Sept. 13, 1-2pm, Blue Ridge
 Learn about hydroponics: what it is, different systems, how to set up a system at home, and how to maintain plants. Presented by Brian Ellis of Old Hallow Road Farms.

Meet a British Soldier: Revolutionary War Reenactor
 Sat, Sept. 9, 11am-12pm, Blue Ridge
 Tue, Sept. 12, 6-7pm, Fincastle
 Historical interpreter Jeff Briggs will appear in historically accurate attire and the persona of a British soldier. He will discuss how he enlisted into the British Army and talk about his service. Audience members can ask him questions about the life of an infantryman and about items on display.

Hospice 101
 Sat, Sept. 16, 10:30-11:30am, Buchanan
 Learn what hospice is and is not, the signs that indicate need for hospice care, and resources available to patients and their families. Presented by Danielle Alexander of Good Samaritan Hospice.

Life of Sorrow: The Life and Times of Carter Stanley
 Thu, Sept. 21, 6-7pm, Blue Ridge
 Gary Reid will present a one-man performance with storytelling and music to bring to the life the saga of an Appalachian mountain music treasure.

Puzzle Sale
 August 21-25, normal library hours, Blue Ridge
 Find your next favorite puzzle for 50 cents! Proceeds will benefit library programs and projects through the Friends of the Blue Ridge Library.

September Reading Challenge: STEAM at Home
 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math are all around us! Learn more about STEAM in this

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Encourages viewing B.R.A.C.E. website for children's library books' content

I am responding to Alex Stewart's letter attacking the Botetourt Residents Against Child Exploitation (B.R.A.C.E.), a citizens group of which I am a member.
 Mr. Stewart touts the rights of parents who accept the pornographic children's library books. He inadvertently rejects the rights of parents on the opposing side – those who raise moral objections to these materials. This issue needs to be settled by informing our citizens at large as to the content and images within these

library books.
 Only B.R.A.C.E. supporters have been bold enough to discuss and show examples of these books. If you are either unaware of this issue or are skeptical about the serious nature of these books, please check out: www.WeAreBrace.org and then go to the "The Books" section. Take some time to examine the images and read the text excerpts that are right there on the website from 25 of these questionable books. The target age group varies, but in some cases is as low as age 2 to 5.
 After reviewing, would you characterize these materials as merely "sex education" as Mr. Stewart did? To the contrary, this material encourages sexual interest and/or perversion in young children, with an obvious emphasis on the LGBTQ agenda. This cannot be categorized as "sex

education," but to use the modern vernacular, it is "grooming" which robs young children of their innocence.
 I am not, nor have I ever been a librarian. I am simply a citizen of Botetourt County, having lived here for over 30 years. We homeschooled our three boys and spent a good deal of time in the Botetourt libraries. In the '90s and early 2000s we enjoyed visiting these libraries, which were without obscene books for children.
 The Botetourt Residents Against Child Exploitation is a group of morally concerned citizens that includes parents and grandparents – with many children and grandchildren. Now judge for yourself. Please visit the website to see the true nature of these books.
Russell Bennett Troutville

BRE to meet September 11

The Botetourt Retired Educators will meet on Monday, September 11, at Bellacino's in Daleville. All retired school personnel living in the area are invited to attend. Registration will begin at 10:45 a.m., with the meeting beginning at 11 a.m. Attendees will order lunch from the menu.
 Tyler Painter from the Botetourt County Extension Office will present the program. He will emphasize what

is new about the 4-H programs in the county. Dues (\$35) may be paid at the meeting and donations for the Scholarship Fund and the Book Fund will be accepted. New members are always welcome.
 For more information, contact Susan Martin at 473-2636 or email: susanmartin730@gmail.com.
- Botetourt Retired Educators



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Longbeards host Women In The Outdoors

The Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation hosted a Women In The Outdoors field day at Blue Ridge Vineyard on Saturday, August 19. Twenty-eight women enjoyed opportunities to experience archery, shotgun, .22 rifle, .22 pistol, and .223 rifle under the supervision of certified instructors. The five stations were followed by lunch at the vineyard
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interactive challenge. Log into the Beanstack app or botetourtva.beanstack.org to participate and win prizes.
 Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Meet Clover



Clover came from Washington County. She is 4 years old, spayed, up to date on vaccines and heartworm negative.

The LAP Shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

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 19. Coastal Scottish town
 20. Triangular lower back bones
 22. Trouble
 23. A way to smile
 25. Something that is not what it seems
 26. Of she
 27. Temporary living quarters
 28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
 30. Indicates near
 31. Spiritual leader
 33. Soup dish
 35. Philippine island
 37. No longer fashionable
 38. Peaks
 40. Alabama football team
 41. ___ King Cole
 42. Digital audiotape
 44. Open trough
 45. The woman
 48. Cools down
 50. Turkic language
 52. Body part
 53. Pulse steadily
 55. Embedded computer hardware company
 56. Indicates shape
 57. Thou (plural)
 58. Old and remarkable
 63. An evening party
 65. National capital of Zambia
 66. Tantalizes
 67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN
 1. Not naturally outgoing
 2. Exclamation of pain
 3. Polynesian garland of flowers
 4. Surrounded by water
 5. Church towers
 6. Hot beverage
 7. Body parts
 8. Travel documents
 9. Railway
 10. Gradually wear away
 11. Measuring instrument
 13. Minor dust-ups
 15. Strongly alkaline solution
 17. Extreme scarcity of food
 18. Dash
 21. Philly culinary specialty
 23. Popular lager ___ Adams
 24. Snitch
 27. Trimmed
 29. Greek god of desire
 32. Take to the limit
 34. Cool!
 35. Sound mental health
 36. Native American group
 39. Test for high schoolers
 40. Rocky peak
 43. Preferences
 44. Bother
 46. Call attention to (slang)
 47. Snake-like fish
 49. Bulgarian capital
 51. Don't know when yet
 54. Italian Seaport
 59. Brooklyn hoopster
 60. Where to bathe
 61. Equal, prefix
 62. Beverage container
 64. Denotes openness

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Barbie
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Haunted Mansion
 A single mom named Gabbie hires a tour guide, a psychic, a priest and a historian to help exorcise her newly bought mansion after discovering it is inhabited by ghosts.

Fri. & Sat. Sept. 1 & 2 7 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 3 3 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 7 7 p.m.

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Breckinridge students celebrate Summer Reading

Breckinridge Elementary students who completed their Summer Reading celebrated with a pool party at Ashley Plantation Swim Club last week. The pool party was also a kickoff for this year's reading theme, "Dive Into Reading."

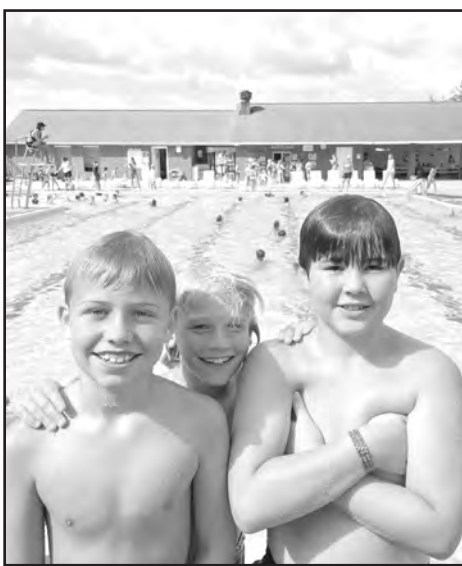
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Breckinridge students Ryleigh Griswold, Wyatt Edwards, Kurtis Kaufman, Dalton Brogan, and Logan Moyers enjoy the perfect pool weather.



Kindergartners Hannah Walker and Nash Sartorius take their first field trip as Breckinridge Bears to the Ashley Plantation pool.



Breckinridge students Carson Cook, Tanner Boyer, and Liam Griswold kick off their fifth grade year with a great trip to the pool.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRECKINRIDGE ELEM. Paul Turman, a third grader at Breckinridge, "Dives Into Reading" at the summer reading pool party.

Solar

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serve the electricity needs solely of property on which they are located, as provided in section 15.2-2288.7 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, are exempt from taxation on 100% of their value.

(b) The tax rate applied to the taxable portion of the fair market value of solar photovoltaic facilities mentioned in subsection (a), if any, shall be the same as the real estate tax rate for the county.

(c) The commissioner of the revenue shall assess the fair market value of the solar photovoltaic facilities mentioned in subsection (a) as real, personal, or public service corporation property in the manner provided by general law.

Additionally, following a public hearing, the board unanimously approved an amendment to the county comprehensive plan's future land use map #9 amending the future land designation from Mixed Use Highway Commercial to Industrial/Flex and a rezoning request 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) plus rezoning that parcel from B-2 to M-1, with conditions. The requests are for a future stand-

alone battery energy storage system (BESS) located on the property, interconnecting to the adjacent Appalachian Power-owned 230kV transmission lines. Gateway Grid LLC is developing this energy storage project near an intersection of high-voltage transmission lines. This allows the energy storage facility to provide large amounts of power when load requires it and to serve a broad region.

During citizen comments, the board heard concerns about potential runoff issues with the new energy facility. In the request found in the agenda packet, Gateway Grid specified that the company met with and corresponded with Botetourt County Fire & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson regarding the proposed project. Based on feedback from Chief Ferguson, Gateway included a proffer to coordinate with the chief and provide information satisfactory to the chief to develop an emergency operations plan prior to commercial operation of the proposed facility.

To read more about the request, visit the August meeting's agenda packet on the Botetourt County website at www.botetourtva.gov/AgendaCenter.

Tax relief

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state block grant. For 2022, the approved relief percentage was 39%, with the taxpayer portion set at 61% of the full tax amount.

Therefore, the tax burden to Botetourt County citizens based on this year's recommended relief percentage vs. last year's recommended percentage decreases from 61% to 59%.

The 2023 relief (41%) and taxpayer portion (59%) percentages take into consideration the impact of changes in used car values, a slight reduction for the number of qualifying vehicles, and an increase in the assessed values base. This calculation is mandated by the Virginia General Assembly.

Team members

involved in this task were the treasurer and commissioner of revenue.

As required by the state, the Board of Supervisors is required to annually adopt a resolution setting the percentage reduction in personal property for that year.

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Botetourt Worship Directory

ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

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

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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

Crossroads Baptist Church - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M.

Faith Baptist Church - 4258 Botetourt Rd., 4 miles N. of Fincastle; Dr. John W. Reynolds, pastor- teacher, 473-2325, jwr56fbc@yahoo.com. Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. fincastlefaith.com.

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church - Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., Pastor. 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. 540-556-3504. Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00a.m.

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

Valley View Baptist Church - 17471 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Daniel Boone, 254-2760 (church), 254-2570 (H). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM, Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM; Wednesday: Prayer and Youth Ministries, 7 PM, Word Of Life youth ministry for 4 year olds-12th grade Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Bonsack Baptist Church - 4845 Cloverdale Rd. (Alt. 220) Dr. Chris Cadenhead, 977-5701, Sunday School, 8:30a.m. and 11a.m.; Worship 9:45a.m.; Wed. Bible study, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Zion Hill Baptist Church - Intersection of Zion Hill Road and Old Fincastle Road. Pastor Donald Goforth (540) 884-2285. Sunday School -10 AM Worship 11AM. Youth Activities (grades 6-12) and Kingdom Kids (preschool-grade 5) Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren - 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA

God Repays

Read Ezekiel 24:1 through 27:36

Why do people sometimes seem to get away with sinning? Does God look away when these evils come against His children?

“Your wealth, merchandise and wares, your mariners, sailors and shipwrights, your merchants and all your soldiers, and everyone else on board will sink into the heart of the sea on the day of your shipwreck” (Ezekiel 27:27).

When Israel turned away from the Lord, the people became prey for the enemies of God. The nations that attacked Israel assumed God would not judge their sin, but they were mistaken. God watched and recorded every evil deed. A day of accounting was decreed. In time, Israel's enemies lost wealth, status, and strength. Some even disappeared from the world altogether.

When trials come, Christians should not presume that God is unconcerned with their struggles. He sometimes uses difficulties to discipline and train them for righteousness. As His people wait upon Him, their faith grows.

One day you will be lifted above your trials, and retribution will be given to those who would plunder you.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, I trust You even now.

Quicklook: Ezekiel 27:26-31

24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren - 2565 Buffalo Rd., 10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Michael Tabor, (540) 309-7595.

Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren - 3732 Breckinridge Mill Road, Fincastle Virginia 24090, Pastor Dr. David A. Tozar, Worship service 11:00am every Sunday, Potluck Luncheon every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Troutville Church of the Brethren - 5133 Lee Hwy., 992-1571; Terry R. Johnson, Pastor; Don Obenshain, Choir Director. Sunday Morning Services: Sunday School, 10 am; Worship Service, 11 am. Sunday Night Meetings: Rainbows, 5:30 pm; Christ Seekers, 6:00 pm. Wednesday Night Meetings: Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Choir practice, 7:00 pm. Family Fellowship Time will be held each 3rd Sunday of the month. Handicap Accessible. Our email address is: Troutvillecob@hotmail.com.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dale Ridge Church of Christ - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., Roanoke, 24019; beside the Botetourt Athletic Club. Leave message 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Please come visit us in person or get to know about us first by visiting our web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net. Updated each week with a new sermon by Mike Mazzalongo, four minutes of video showing our nearly six acres of land and our beautiful, functional inside facilities, articles, events, news from Christian sources around the world and here locally plus much, much more. See how many ways Dale Ridge is "Reaching Out There" to the Roanoke Valley with the "Good News of Jesus. By clicking on "visit us virtually" real time access to our Worship services is available via your computer, a tablet or smartphone: Just

follow the instructions. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe the Holy Spirit is a gift to every Christian upon their response to the Gospel as demonstrated by the 3000 obedient souls in (Acts 2:38). We believe Jesus is the only author of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Have you been looking for a church family that is progressive, outside the box thinkers, led by the Holy Spirit into all truth. (John 16:13). You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. (John 13:35) Real time contact thru our website via email.

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

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

NON-**DENOMINATIONAL**

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

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

Woodland Church - A Place Where You Can Grow - 45 Woodland Rd. Troutville, VA. Corner of Blacksburg/Country Club Rds., 3.5 miles W. of Fincastle; 992-1008. Sunday School, 10AM; Worship, 11AM, Wed. Prayer Meeting 7PM (Call for more information).

PRESBYTERIAN

Buchanan Presbyterian Church - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 9:30 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. of the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. AA meetings are held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org

Fincastle Presbyterian Church - 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The Reverend David Dickerson is the minister with the Worship Service held from 10:30 - 11:30 Sunday mornings. Services are now being held in the sanctuary with no restrictions... unvaccinated individuals are still requested to wear their masks. The service will also be live-streamed via Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastlepresbyterianchurch>). New members are welcome to join our hand bell and vocal choirs. (No musical experience is required...just a desire to worship the Lord and to have fun!) The church is handicapped accessible. For more information: fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com or (540)473-2042.

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church - 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Rev. Emily B. Hook, pastor, 804-516-6552. Sunday School at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Morning Worship & Praise at 11a.m. each Sunday. Communion once each quarter. **Virginia Presbyterian Church** - 918 Pico Road, Buchanan, 24066. Worship 9:30 a.m. (nursery provided), Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Church of the Transfiguration - 7624 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, VA 24090; Fr. Paul Lagco. 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 Reverend Jim Bollinger, office, 473-3001. E-mail: office@fincastleumc.org.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church - 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Pastor Samuel Plymale, 992-3030. Worship Times: Praise and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship often with presence of the choir--this service is live streamed and celebrates Communion on the first Sunday. Children and Youth Ministries meet for Sunday School at 10Am each Sunday! Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday 4 to 6pm unless we are doing a special monthly mission. Frogs and Tadpoles Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!

Trinity United Methodist Church - 19637 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Doug Mitchell, 254-2475 (O). Sunday School, 9:45AM, worship 10:30 AM.

OBITUARIES

Markham, Frances E.

Frances E. "Sue" Markham, 77, of Buchanan, passed away Friday, August 25, 2023 at Carrington Place of Botetourt following a brief illness.

Sue was born in Fincastle April 30, 1946 and was the daughter of the late Otho G. and Eloise Flanagan Markham. She lived in Buchanan for the past 21 years.

Sue enjoyed animals and especially was a cat lover. She played bingo and board games, and avidly explored yard sales and thrift stores.

Sue is survived by her husband of 23 years, Steven Lawhorn; daughter, Angie (Garnett) Wilburn of Troutville; step-son, Andrew (Andrea) Lawhorn of Bulls Gap, Tennessee; brothers: Otho (Nancy) Markham of



Vero Beach, Florida, and Tim (Deena) Markham of Buckeye, Arizona; five nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Sue's life will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 30, at Rader Funeral Home, 630 Roanoke Road, Daleville with Pastor David O'Dell officiating. Burial will be in Old Dominion Memorial Gardens. The family received friends at the funeral home 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to League for Animal Protection, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

Online condolences may be made to the family and service live stream may be found at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Frances-Markham.

Stickler, Maggie

Maggie Stickler, 21, of Botetourt County, passed away.

Maggie was born in Morristown, New Jersey January 12, 2001 and lived in Botetourt since 2005. She was the daughter of the late Benjamin N. Stickler and Mary A. Melvin Stickler who survives.

Maggie was a 2019 graduate of Lord Botetourt High School. She enjoyed playing soccer in high school, loved all animals, working out in the gym, and was a member of Church of the Transfiguration. Maggie was always full of life and was always one to "live on the edge."

In addition to her father, Maggie was preceded in death by her grandparents, LaVerne Stickler, and Henry and Margaret Melvin; uncles: Henry Melvin, Jr., and Christopher Stickler.

In addition to her mother Mary, Maggie is survived by her brothers, Benjamin (Hillary) Stickler of The United States Navy, Daniel Stickler of Brooklyn, New York, Noah Stickler of Daleville, and Ethan Stickler of Washington, D.C.; grandfather,

David Stickler of Brooklyn, New York; uncles and aunts, Jim Stickler of New York, Cynthia Stickler of Brooklyn, New York, Maureen DiGiaino of Freehold, New Jersey, and Bridget Melvin of Roanoke; and one niece, Carmen Stickler.

A funeral mass to celebrate and honor Maggie's life will be held at noon Saturday, September 2 at Church of the Transfiguration, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle with the Rev. Fr. Paul Lagco officiating. A private burial will take place later. Maggie's family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Friday, September 1 at Rader Funeral Home, 630 Roanoke Road, Daleville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Adult and Teen Challenge, Eastern Appalachian Region, P.O. Box 19385, Roanoke, 24019; or to League for Animal Protection, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

Online condolences may be offered to Maggie's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Maggie-Stickler.



Webb attends CyberCamp at MGCC

Victoria Webb, a student at James River High School, was among eight area teenagers who attended a week of CyberCamp in July at Mountain Gateway Community College in Clifton Forge. The students were introduced to cybersecurity principles, online safety, cyber ethics, virtual machines, cyber threats, and securing various operating systems, such as Linux and Windows. The camp concluded with a competition that challenged the students to secure both a Linux and Windows environment.

MGCC offers an Associate Degree in Information Systems Technology and career study certificates in cybersecurity, as well as a pathway to earning a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity through Old Dominion University. For more information, call (540) 863-2896



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or email tlipscomb@mgcc.edu.

-Mountain Gateway Community College

Fish Fry Sept. 8 in Fincastle

The Knights of Columbus will have a fish fry on Friday, September 8, 5-7 p.m., at Church of the Transfiguration, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle; eat-in or take-out, \$12, ages 7 and under are free; no advance ticket sales.

The meal will consist of ample portions of lightly breaded flounder or chicken nuggets, sweet cornbread, crispy fries, creamy coleslaw, and choice of dessert. A 50/50 drawing will be held.

Proceeds will benefit several Botetourt County charities: Greenfield

Elementary Backpack Ministry, Botetourt Food Pantry, New Freedom Farm Veteran Support, and Botetourt Resource Center. For more information, call 540-904-3126.

- Knights of Columbus

Local teen wins the first race he enters

Gary Smith of Springwood won the first race he ever entered on Saturday night, August 12 at Franklin County Speedway.

Due to his inexperience, he had to take the green flag from last place. The Rookie Class races are shorter than most of the other classes, 15 laps.

With so little time and starting last, it seemed unlikely he would be able to get a good finish, as it was his first time in a competitive race. Also, the 15-year-old only recently got his learner's permit.



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See Smith, page 11

CHURCH NEWS

Half-off sale at Cloverdale Thrift Shop

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Shop is celebrating month of September with an end-of-season sale. Everything in the shop is one-half off except Halloween items. The shop is open every Saturday, 9 to 12.

PleasantDale to celebrate 107th anniversary

PleasantDale Church of the Brethren will celebrate the church's 107th anniversary on Sunday, September 10.

Austin Myers and Avery Saunders will be playing music guests arrive, so come early for this. Austin and Avery will also play a couple of hymns during the worship service from 11-11:45 a.m.

Professional bluegrass players Heather and Tony Mabe will be playing from 11:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. A potluck dinner will immediately follow. All are invited.

Pleasant Hill Baptist upcoming activities

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is raffling off a quilt to raise money for the Playground Fund. The tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Tickets may be purchased by calling the church line at 540-992-5556 or by emailing phbcweb@gmail.com.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church members will be walking in the Walk to Defeat ALS on September 16 at Green Hill Park in Salem. To join the team, call the church line at 540-992-5556 or email phbcweb@gmail.com.

The PHBC Quilters Group meets every Wednesday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. If you are interested in learning this skill or would like to participate, call the church line at 540-992-5556 or email phbcweb@gmail.com.

Pleasant Hill Baptist will have revival services on Sunday, September 17 through Wednesday, September 20. Dr. Tom Stocks will be leading the revival each night at 7 p.m. There will be special music and fellowship nightly.

Jennings Creek Homecoming September 10

Jennings Creek Gospel Church will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, September 10. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m.

A potluck-style lunch. Bring a side dish or dessert (or both) to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be

provided.

Everyone is welcome.

Anyone interested in submitting photos, memorabilia, stories, historical facts or sharing a special poem or singing a special song during the service should contact Pastor Darren Meadows at 540-791-1090 by September 3.

The church is located at 5486 Jennings Creek Road, Buchanan.

Salad lunch at Galatia September 11

Galatia EPC, 78 Gala Loop Road Eagle Rock, will have a potluck salad lunch at noon on Monday, September 11.

Galatia members will fix a tossed salad with all the fixings and dressings, plus tea (sweet and unsweetened), lemonade, water and coffee. Bring a salad or dessert and join in for food and fellowship.

Trips with the Joyful Journey Travelers

The Joyful Journey Travelers of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville invite interested persons to join them for two day trips.

The Billy Graham Museum and Library, September 19. Cost is \$100 per person. The bus leaves from St. Mark's at 7 a.m., then make a pick-up for people in Rocky Mount. Travelers will spend the day at the museum and library; lunch on your own in the cafe there. The bus will stop for dinner, on your own, on the way home. Suggested tip for the driver is \$3 per person.

The bus will return to St. Mark's by 8 pm. The registration form can be found on the church website, stmarksmethodist.com, or by calling Julia Greer at 540-330-7933. The deadline for registering and payment in full is September 1.

Wohlfhart Haus Christmas Show and Meal, Wytheville, November 15. Cost is \$95.50 per person and includes the bus, show, and meal. A \$3 tip for the driver is recommended. The bus will leave from St. Mark's at 10 a.m. and return by 6:30 pm. to St. Mark's. The bus will stop at the Lowe's in Salem to pick up at 10:20 a.m. and drop off at 6 p.m. The registration form can be found on the church website at stmarksmethodist.com or by calling Julia Greer at 540-330-7933. The deadline is as soon as possible. The theatre says that seating for groups usually begins to fill up by the end of August. The bus will be chartered from Sunshine Tours.

The Joyful Journey Travelers is an outreach ministry of St. Mark's UMC to provide safe and fun trips for senior citizens; however, any age is welcome.



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FHS Class of 1959 meets at Frank's

The Fincastle High School Class of 1959 met August 25 for a buffet lunch at Frank's Italian Restaurant, Roanoke. From left are: front, Doris Hall, Angela Coon, and Peggy Wood; second row, Marty Kamm, Rosalie Goad, Corrine Wood, Doris June Caldwell, and Patsy Duffy; third row, Peter Shick, John David Lucas, Douglas Duffy, Lynwood Cox and David Rhodes.

- FHS Class of 1959

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A Note of Thanks

On behalf of the family of Doug Bruce, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone that has reached out to us during this difficult time. We have received so many cards, calls, visits, flowers, food and prayers both during the time when Doug was in the hospital and after he passed. We so greatly appreciate everything that everyone has done for us. We are overwhelmed with all of the love, kindness and support that we have received.

Thank you all and may God Bless You All.

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Autos - Cars

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2007 Toyota Camry LE 169k miles very good condition. Lots of new equipment such as battery and alternator \$5200 Dsgriggs6@gmail.com

Meetings

Trail Information Exhibit: Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail

September 9, 11 am to 1:30 pm
September 11, 4 pm to 7 pm
Fincastle Public Library meeting room
11 Academy St.
Fincastle, VA 24090
Sponsored by DeRail the Trail

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3465 WEBSTER ROAD, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 26, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$105,539.12 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 070000271. 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 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on October 2, 2023, at 9:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEING THAT CERTAIN 0.713 ACRE, AS SHOWN ON HTAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY JACK G. BESS, C.L.S., FOR GERALDINE B. CARTER, DATED APRIL 3, 1980. 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, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incidental to the sale to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com

Legals - Botetourt County

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.bwwsales.com. VA-359323-1.

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 740 Elizabeth Avenue, Salem, VA 24153

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated July 31, 2002 and recorded at Instrument Number 020003402 in the Clerk's Office for the City of Salem Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$87,400.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps for the Circuit Court for the City of Salem located at 2 E Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153-7933. September 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit: BEGINNING at a point on the south side of Elizabeth Avenue, said point being N. 82 degs. 58' E. 339.50 feet from the intersection of Arch Street and Elizabeth Avenue; thence N. 82 degs. 58' E. 62.50 feet to an iron; thence S. 7 degs. 02' E. 158.05 feet to an iron; thence S. 87 degs. 37' W. 62.71 feet to an iron; thence N. 7 degs. 02' W. 152.96 feet to the place of BEGINNING and being part of Lots 7 and 8, Section 3, Map of Puckett Addition; and BEING the same property conveyed unto the Grantor herein by deed dated July 30, 2002 from James M. George and Buddy D. Mason and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office immediately prior hereto. AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incidental to the sale to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com

Legals - City of Salem

Trustee's Sale 1442 Filson St, Salem, VA 24153 (Parcel ID: 239-6-1)

Default hearing been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 18, 2004, in the original principal amount of \$74,000.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Salem, Virginia on November 15, 2004, as Instrument Number 040004736, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on September 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM, in front of the building housing the City of Salem Circuit Court, 2 East Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153, the property designated as Lot 10, Block 6, according to the Map of Section 3, South Side Hills, made by Raymond E. Robertson, SCE, February 26, 1955, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Roanoke County, Virginia, in Plat Book 6, page 43. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$7,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 413 Stuart Circle, Suite 314, Richmond, VA 23220, File No. 22-001096, Tel: 804-525-1570.

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of David A. Thompson, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a 1,500 square foot detached garage on the property located at 640 Joan Circle, (Tax Map # 243 -2 -16). 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

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316
Case No. JJ00376703-03
RADOFRD CITY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Miranda Sue Simpkins. Toney Lee Martin, Christopher and Christa Simpkins, Tammy Sue Davidson v. Karen Sue Webb
The object of this suit is to: DETERMINE CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE MINOR CHILD. It is ORDERED that TONY LEE MARTIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 22, 2023.
July 21, 2023
Sally Davis, CLERK

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY 201 S. Main Street and 105 Lee Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tax Map Nos. 257-A 47 and 257-A 48
Parcel ID Nos. 002611 and 002612
In execution of a Credit Line Deed of Trust dated February 20, 2020, in the principal amount of \$2,109,000.00, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 2020001260, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on September 8, 2023 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All of the following tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Blacksburg, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, County of Montgomery, State of Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: Two parcels of adjacent real estate in the Town of Blacksburg, County of Montgomery, Virginia bounded in part by South Main, Lee, and Church Streets, Blacksburg, Virginia. Tax Map Numbers 257-A 47 (PID 002611) and 257-A 48 (PID 002612), beginning at the corner of Main and Lee Street and running with the south line of Lee Street in an easterly direction 268 feet to the corner of Lee and Church Street in a southerly direction 100 feet to a point on said line; thence in a westerly direction parallel to Lee Street 268 feet to a point on the east line of Main Street; and thence with the east line of Main Street in a northerly direction 100 feet to the place of Beginning.

TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale. WOODS ROGERS VANDEVENTER BLACK PLC, Substitute Trustee

For Information Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. CL23000992-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re NANNIE FAY LONG, THOMAS LONG AND EDWARD LONG v. NONE
It is ORDERED that GAIL LONG, BETHANY LONG, SABRINA LONG, SCOTTY W. LONG, BILLY W. LONG appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 20, 2023 AT 8:30 AM.
AUGUST 9, 2023
TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

Notice of Public Hearing

Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item: ROW 23-0001/ORD 2036-Request to vacate approximately 20,439 square feet of Town-owned Right-of-Way known as Rimrock Drive (adjacent to Tax Parcel 347-8 1) at 2600 Research Center Drive by Snyder- Hunt Company, LLP (owner). A request to vacate approximately 20,439 square feet (0.47 acres) of Town-owned Right-of-Way known as Rimrock Drive from Research Center Drive to its termination at Route 460 Bypass. The application states that the vacated property will be absorbed into Tax Parcel 347-8 1 and used as a private driveway to access the Blue Ridge Cancer Center. Rimrock Drive ROW is a built street and includes sidewalk and utilities. RZN 23-0002/ORD 2035-Request to rezone approximately 1.1 acres from R-4 Low Density Residential to PR Planned Residential in the 1200 block of Airport Road (Tax Map Number 317-2 31, 32, 34A & 317-2 32A, 33, 34) by Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley (contract purchaser) for Blacksburg Fire Safety Foundation (owner). A request to rezone approximately 1.1 acres of land from R-4 Low Density Residential to PR Planned Residential for the development of 11 income-restricted townhomes with 33 bedrooms total in the 1200-block of Airport Road. Townhomes will be sold to buyers earning between 30%-80% of Area Median Income (AMI). The Future Land Use Designation for this parcel is Medium-Density Residential. This development request represents an increase in the allowable bedroom density above the Future Land Use density of 20 bedrooms per acre. ROW 23-0002/ORD 2032-Request to vacate approximately 0.13 and 0.09 acres (total of 0.22 acres) of Town-owned Right-of-Way in the 1200 block of Airport Road by Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley (contract purchaser). This is a request accompanying RZN 23-0002 to vacate approximately 0.22 acres of unbuilt Town-owned Right-of-Way adjacent to Tax Map Number 317-2 31, 32, 34A and Tax Map Number 317-2 32A, 33, 34 known as unbuilt Airport Drive and unbuilt Virginia Street. The land to be vacated would be incorporated in the proposed Habitat for Humanity townhome development as driveway and rear yard space. Persons affected by or interested in the rezoning request and right-of-way vacation requests may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission will take action. Copies of the request and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

Legals - Montgomery County

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, September 12, 2023

beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:
Ordinance 2023: An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Space on the North Main Street Water Tank to New River Valley Unwired Ventures, LLC. The proposed ordinance request is to provide New River Valley Unwired Ventures, LLC the opportunity for a one year lease term to place wireless equipment on the Town's water tank with an option to extend for an additional year.
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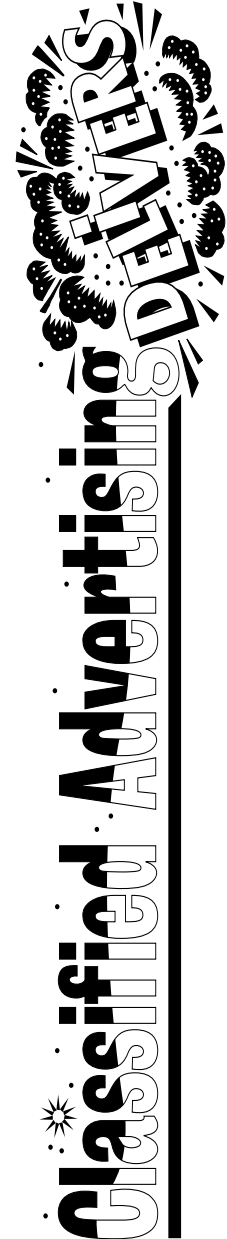
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Cavaliers look for a win Friday in Blacksburg

The Lord Botetourt football team will be looking to pick up their first win Friday night when they travel to Blacksburg for a non-district football game. The Cavaliers opened the season in Lynchburg last Friday with a 14-7 loss to host E.C. Glass.

“We could have won that game, we had a lot of first game errors,” said LB coach Jamie Harless. “We had almost 300 yards of total offense.”

Botetourt fell behind 7-0 at the half when a 46-yard completion set up a 15-yard touchdown run by Mike Thomas of Glass. The Hilltoppers made it 14-0 in the third period when quarterback Marty Kittrell ran 38 yards for a score.

LB finally got on the board with 2:20 left in the game when Jakari Nicely hit Seth Williamson with a 67-yard touchdown pass and Dean Webb’s extra point kick brought the Cavaliers to within seven points at 14-7. However, the Cavs couldn’t successfully pull off an on-sides kick and Glass was able to hold on for the win.

“The difference was, we made too many mistakes,” said Harless. “We had a punt blocked, snapped the ball over the punter’s head another time. You can’t make mistakes like that against a good

team.” While Harless was disappointed with the execution, he wasn’t upset with the effort against a Glass team that won the Region 4D championship last fall.

“Overall, our whole group fought hard,” he said. “They cared. They wanted to win, but you can’t win making mistakes like that.”

Nicely led the Cavaliers with 82 yards rushing on 22 attempts, and he completed seven passes for 119 yards. Williamson had two catches for 85 yards, Tristan Overbay had three receptions for 12 yards and Cade Lang and Cody McConnaughey had one reception each. Overbay also had 70 yards rushing on nine carries.

The Cavaliers should be able to turn it around this week when they travel to Blacksburg. The Bruins lost their 28th straight game when they opened with a 35-8 loss to Giles in Pearisburg last Friday. Blacksburg hasn’t won a game since October of 2019, including a 70-0 loss to LB last year and a 42-6 win by the Cavs in 2021.

“They’re doing their best to compete,” said Harless.

Lord Botetourt’s home opener will be September 8 against Pulaski County.



Botetourt quarterback Jakari Nicely tries to break free from a Hilltopper.



Tristan Overbay of the Cavaliers breaks free for a nice gain.

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LB's DJ Toliver (75) blocks in last week's game at E.C. Glass.

River girls look to make it three in a row

The James River girls will be looking for their third straight volleyball win on Thursday when the host Bassett High in Springwood. The girls beat the Bengals in four sets in Bassett last week.

Last Thursday the Knights won the first two sets over Bassett, 25-20 and 25-16, before the Bengals rallied to win the third, 25-18. River put it away with a 25-13 win in the fourth set.

“Ava Thacker stepped up big in the fourth set with a couple of digs and some big swings to help us take the match,” said River coach Linsey Firebaugh. “We executed our game plan well, and were very consistent. Our middles were able to execute well.”

Ripley Barry and Caitlin Canada had 13 kills each to lead the Knights. Brea Anduiza dished out 38 assists in the win.



Konner Myers serves one up for James River.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The victory followed a three-set win over Bath County in Hot Springs last Tuesday. River won 25-17, 25-25 and 25-15.

Barry had 15 kills and Canada had 10 in that win. Anduiza had 26 assists and

Konner Myers had nine digs.

Now 2-1, River will open Three Rivers District play next Tuesday, September 5, with a home match against Floyd County.

Cavalier golfers are second at BG&SC

The Blue Ridge District golf tour made a stop at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club Monday and the host Cavaliers finished second to district leader Northside.

The Cavs shot a nine-hole total of 156 in a match that was originally scheduled for 18 holes but shortened to nine due to the weather. Northside was low for the day with 149 while William Byrd took third at 160, Franklin County carded 162 and Staunton River shot 189.

Individually, Northside’s Michael Pankey had a big day with a two-under-par round of 33. Nathan Carter of Byrd and Northside’s Nick Crawford shot two over 37s for next best while LB’s low score was 38 by both Aiden Mitchell and Jeremy Simmons. Also scoring for the Cavaliers were Hayden Firestone and Alicia Davidov with 40 each and Garrett Honts had a 41.

With Monday’s results Northside now has a season score of 937, and LB is second overall at 952. Franklin County hangs in at third with 970, Byrd has 984 and Staunton River has 1,201. William Fleming does not have a full team.

“We had been playing pretty good and were trying to cut into Northside’s lead, but we took a step



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Lord Botetourt’s Garrett Honts chips from an uphill lie.

back today,” said LB coach Todd Smith. “We didn’t play our best and lost some strokes to them. We still came in second, but we need to work a little harder to get ready for next week’s match.”

Last week at Hanging Rock Lord Botetourt had the low score with a nine-hole 149, two strokes better than Northside. Franklin County was third with 162, Byrd had 165 and Staunton River had 204.

LB’s Mitchell tied Joel Hetherington of Northside for medalist with a one over 36. Mitchell is in third place in the individual season standings behind Byrd’s Carter and Northside’s Crawford.

The next stop on the BRD tour will be Tuesday, September 5, at Mariner’s Landing, hosted by Staunton River.

Cross country season opens this week

The high school cross country season will officially take the gun this week with both James River and Lord Botetourt scheduled to run in big meets.

The Knights will run on Thursday in a meet at the Monogram Foods Smith River Sports Complex in Axton, Va. The meet is hosted by Bassett and the Knights will have a full team in both the boys and girls

paces.

Lord Botetourt will open Saturday at Northside High School. There will be five races with the middle school girls starting at 8:45 a.m. with a 3K, followed by a 3K for the middle school boys at 9:30 a.m.

The girls varsity race is a 5K, and it’s scheduled to

go off at 10:15 a.m. with the boys 5K to follow at approximately 10:45 a.m. The last race of the day is a junior varsity 5K for both boys and girls at 11:30 a.m.

Both the James River and Lord Botetourt teams will be participating in the big “Knights Invitational” at Green Hill Park in West Roanoke County on September 9.

Smith

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The experience Gary does have comes from the I racing simulator he bought two years ago (which he won the championship in his league as a Rookie last month) and being raised on a small farm, driving everything from tractors and trucks down to four-wheelers as soon as physically possible.

By lap 2 Saturday night, he had already raced his way to third. On lap 3, he dove to the inside in turn 4 to take second. Then a fierce (but clean) side-by-side battle ensued for three laps as Gary and the 21 car ran door to door. Finally Gary, in his black No. 97, pulled away stretching the lead every lap until

he took the checkered flag.

Climbing out of his car, he took the microphone and thanked his grandfather and cousin for helping him buy his car, for which he had also earned money for a couple years. Then he remembered his sponsors – Sink Septic, MECS Pawn and Gun, and Dr. Misty Lenk of Lenk

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Smith is a sophomore at Roanoke Valley Christian Schools.

Submitted by Will Smith

Knights come from behind twice to win opening football game



Gavin Binns runs the ball for James River.



Jack Beheler (71) blocks for Zeal Hammons.

Buffalo Gap held James River scoreless for three quarters and nine minutes before the Knights rallied, twice, for a big opening night football win Friday. River took a 13-12 victory in Springwood.

"Our kids kept fighting back," said River coach Tim Jennings. "Our defense played lights out and our kids never gave up."

River trailed 6-0 at the half on a 33-yard touchdown run by Blake Robertson of the Bison. However, the extra point kick failed and that's the way the score stayed when River took possession with time running out in the third quarter.

At that point, River went on a 17-play, 62-yard march to pay dirt that ate up nine minutes and 20 seconds of clock, including running plays on 15 of the 17 snaps. River converted four times on fourth downs with Gavin Binns scoring on a fourth down run from the 11-yard line. Evan Byers kicked the extra point to give the Knights a 7-6 lead.

The euphoria of that score was short-lived; however, as Robertson ran the ensuing kickoff back 85 yards. After River used 9:20 to take the lead they only needed 12 seconds to lose it, but the Knights were able to stuff a two-point conversion attempt and that would prove to be big with a 12-7 deficit and 2:47 still remaining.

"That's the second year in a row they ran back a kickoff for a touchdown, and we just can't allow that to happen," said Jennings. "They went straight up the middle."

Down five points with time running out, the Knights didn't panic. Senior quarterback Zeal Hammons engineered a scoring drive in just a minute and 26 seconds to regain the lead. The possession included a

Zeal to Trey Jackson to Binns "hook and ladder" play that went for 21 yards on fourth down with seven yards to go, keeping the drive alive. River had run the play unsuccessfully just before the half, but this time it worked like a charm.

With the ball at the 17 and about a minute and a half on the clock, Hammons found Taylor on a slant and he took it 17 yards to the house. The extra point kick failed but that was a moot point as the Knights had a 13-12 lead. And this time, Jennings instructed the kickoff to be on the ground toward the sidelines to prevent another long run back.

"It actually went right down the middle to the 10-yard line, so we might as well have kicked it deep," he said. "At least we were able to cover it this time."

The River defense, that was stout all night, prevented the Bison from answering and River had a big win to open the season. Jennings credited his senior quarterback, Hammons, for staying cool down the stretch. The final drive included eight passes on nine plays as the Knights worked the sidelines with the clock running down.

"Zeal did a great job," said Jennings. "As young as we are it's huge to have a senior quarterback. You just knew he was in control of the huddle and he did a great job managing the clock."

Hammons finished 10 for 17 passing for 138 yards, with Taylor catching six passes for 98 yards. Binns ran the ball 23 times for 121 yards as River finished with 262 total yards of offense.

On defense, Keegan Mundy led with 11 tackles, including four solos. Gabe Staton had nine tackles and Hammons had eight.

This Friday, the Knights will try to make it two in



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Trey Taylor catches a pass for the Knights.

a row when they host Randolph-Henry, who is new to the schedule. The Statesmen opened with a 28-14 loss to Nelson County last week.

"They have some big linemen and three running backs who run hard behind the pads," said Jennings. "In the open field it's like tackling a truck."

"I hope we have another good crowd this week and benefit from the home field advantage. The crowd was great last week."

River golfers have a good day at The Rock

The James River girls shot a team score of 310 to finish in second place in a Three Rivers District golf match at the Hanging Rock Golf Course in Roanoke County last week.

"The team played fantastic," said River coach Donna Cox. "A team score of 310, the lowest in several years!"

River was only four strokes behind winner Floyd, who shot 306 and is the season leader. Radford was third at 329 followed by Glenvar at 341, Patrick County at 345, Carroll County at 347 and Alleghany at 352.

Peyton Mason of Floyd was the individual medalist with a 73, followed by Lucas Beeler of Radford at 74. River's



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Mason Gilliland putts at Hanging Rock last week.

Mason Gilliland was just two strokes off the best of the day when he recorded a 75 and teammate Landon Bolling followed with a 76. Also scoring for the Knights were Haden Parker at 79 and Dylan Hicks at 80, giving

River four scores of 80 or better.

Monday's match scheduled for the Olde Mill course was postponed by rain and will now be played on Tuesday, September 5, at 2 p.m.

Lord Botetourt girls have volleyball match at Liberty Christian Thursday night

The Lord Botetourt girls will be in Lynchburg Thursday for a non-district volleyball match against Liberty Christian Academy. The Cavaliers split their first two matches and were scheduled to host Cave Spring on Tuesday of this week.

Last Thursday in Blacksburg the girls dropped a four-set match to the host Bruins, 26-24, 15-25, 25-19, 25-17.

"We played well to start the match and controlled the second set but were not able to maintain that consistency

throughout the entire match," said LB coach Julie Conner.

Emma Rice had a dozen kills to lead the Cavs, while Becca Huddleston had 11. Erica Gergely had eight kills, 15 digs, an ace and three blocks. Skylar Morris led LB with 40 assists and had nine digs and Maddie Caron had 12 digs.

After Thursday's match in Lynchburg the girls won't play again until Monday, September 11, when they return the trip to Cave Spring.



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Skylar Morris runs the Lord Botetourt offense against Blacksburg.

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