



Citizen information meeting about Craig-Botetourt scenic trail Sept. 20 & 21

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has scheduled a citizen information meeting regarding the proposed project of constructing a 26-mile recreational scenic trail along the former Chesapeake & Ohio Craig Valley Branch railbed between Last Lock Park near Eagle Rock in Botetourt County and Craig County High School near New Castle in Craig County.

The meetings will take place Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 4-6 p.m. at Eagle Rock Elementary School and Thursday, Sept. 21, from 4-6 p.m. at Craig County High School in New Castle.

In a recent legal advertisement, VDOT explains the trail will be used for walking, running, biking, and horseback riding, is anticipated to be approximately 10-foot wide and mostly gravel. It will follow the former railbed and some low-volume secondary roads and consist of “share the road/trail” sections which will permit the use of motorized vehicles as well as sections of non-motorized use.

County Assistant Administrator Jon

Lanford said in a recent email that “VDOT has flown the corridor and completed ortho(photo) survey.” He explained that, in certain areas, a required “topo(graphic) survey” has been ordered.

Eight existing bridges along the former railbed will be modified to accommodate trail use. The meetings will be held in an “open-house” format and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions. The same information will be presented at both meetings.

“The meeting will be an opportunity for citizens to talk with us directly and to also give feedback to us on our comment form at the meeting or via an online survey that will be posted the day of the first meeting,” VDOT Communications Specialist Jen Ward said in an email Tuesday. “In addition, we will be particularly interested in hearing feedback about proposed trailheads along the trail.”

Citizens may review the conceptual plans and project information at the meeting or after at VDOT’s Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in



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Salem, or by calling 540-387-5353, 800-367-7623, or TTY/TDD 711. VDOT asks to please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

Additionally, citizens may submit written or oral comments at the meetings or may send them to Project Manager Kelly Dunn at the Salem office or emailing CBST@vdot.virginia.gov by Oct. 1. VDOT requests that the subject heading should contain “Craig Botetourt

Scenic Trail Comment.” An online survey will be available at www.virginiadot.org/cbst beginning Sept. 20, the day of the first meeting, for citizens to share their comments about the project.

In case of inclement weather or other issues, the meeting in Eagle Rock will be held Sept. 27 and the meeting in New Castle will be held Sept. 28 at the same times and locations.

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9/11 Memorial Walk this Saturday in Buchanan

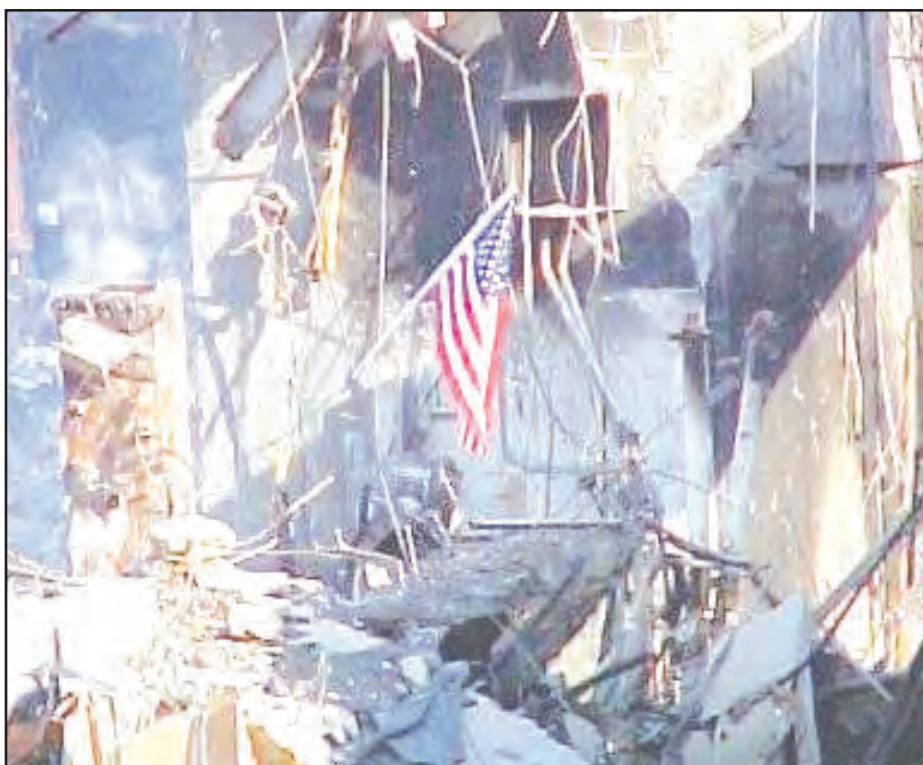


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A flag flown during the rescue efforts after Sept. 11, 2001 will appear at this year's 9/11 Memorial Walk in Buchanan this Saturday.

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Over the last four years, Buchanan volunteer firefighter Bill Price and his non-profit organization, Sirens and Salutes, have put together a memorial walk in Buchanan Town Park honoring the individuals who gave their lives in service during the morning of September 11, 2001.

This year, Sirens and Salutes invites citizens to join them at Buchanan Town Park this Saturday, Sept. 9 in remembrance of that tragic day in American history. The walk lasts for 102 minutes with pauses throughout the walk to recognize significant moments during that tragic morning. Guests are invited to arrive at Town Park at 8 a.m. for a brief ceremony preceding the walk.

This year, the organization welcomes

back retired New York City firefighter Al Weber, who returns to the event. He previously spoke at the walk in 2021. Also joining Weber will be John Dester, a retired New York/New Jersey Port Authority police officer who was also on site during the events of 9/11.

Dove Release Ministries also returns to release a single dove for every significant moment in which the walk will pause in a moment of silence, and will release 22 doves at the end of the walk.

An American flag flown over ground zero for three months during the rescue efforts in 2001 will also be on hand during the walk. Numerous military branches have flown this flag all over the world. The flag will be on a flagpole and in possession of the participants during the walk who wish to carry it. Everyone who comes in contact with the flag has an opportunity

to sign a log owned by John Sullivan, a flag shop owner in Richmond who came in possession of the flag. Sullivan is currently filling the flag's sixth log book. The names from Saturday's walk will then be logged electronically.

Sullivan had a flag shop in New Jersey on Sept. 11, 2001. He was asked by the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) to fly an American flag he was selling to fly over the debris field from the fallen towers. The flag was later returned by PAPD. Since then, Sullivan has allowed the same flag to be flown in memorial services all over the world.

There will also be a piece of marble recovered from the South Tower on display and can be carried if anyone wishes to take it with them on the walk.

To learn more about the 9/11 Memorial Walk, visit www.sirensandsalutes.org/ featured-project for more information.



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A stock image of how the batting cages may appear inside the Botetourt Training Center at Mountain View Plaza

Batting cages, Bingo cards, and new diagnostic facility coming to Botetourt Co.

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on Aug. 22 at the County Administrative Offices in Daleville that saw the board unanimously

approve proposals for upcoming businesses and rezoning within the county.

In the Valley District, Martlet Group Properties LLC requested an SEP for Commercial Recreation Uses, Indoor, with possible conditions, in the Shopping Center

(SC) Use District and Gateway Corridor Overlay District, at 2708 Lee Highway. The group purchased the Mountain View Plaza shopping center in 2021, renovating a vacant, 18,000-sq.-ft. section

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Chamber holds annual ag dinner



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The Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual ag dinner last Thursday in Fincastle. Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Matt Lohr (right) served as keynote speaker.

The Botetourt Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual agriculture dinner at The Preserve at Crooked Run in Fincastle last Thursday. Members of Botetourt County's ag community, local dignitaries, family, and friends gathered for an evening celebrating agriculture in Botetourt County and the state of Virginia.

Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Matt Lohr served as the event's keynote speaker. He discussed issues concerning the industry locally and statewide.

In partnership with local producers in Botetourt County, the Chamber presented a smokehouse meal prepared by Aaron's Smokehouse highlighting locally raised beef from Williamson Farms, and locally raised chickens from Fincastle Farm.

The dinner featured a local menu, including products from the Homestead Creamery, Layman Family Farms, Ikenberry Orchards, Little Wasprock

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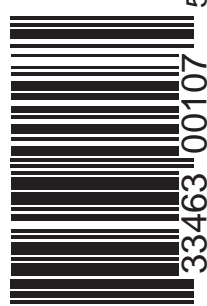
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Town of Fincastle holding public hearings September 14

The Town of Fincastle will hold two public hearings at the upcoming September 14 meeting at the Fincastle Volunteer Firehouse training room. The hearings are scheduled so Tow Council and the town’s Planning Commission can gain public input on the matters discussed.

The first hearing will take place during the Fincastle Planning Commission meeting at 6 p.m. The commission is proposing an

ordinance that would establish the procedure and requirements prior to the issuing of a demolition permit for any historic building that is 100 years old or older within the Town of Fincastle. This ordinance would only apply to primary buildings and will not apply to accessory structures such as sheds, garages, or storage buildings.

Following the meeting of the Planning Commission, Fincastle Town Council will hold two public

hearings. The first is about a proposal made by the Fincastle Planning Commission to create an Uptown Mixed Use Expansion district extending one block out from the intersection of Main and Roanoke Streets applicable to properties that have frontage on those streets. This proposal will not change the existing zoning for current uses in this district.

The other hearing regards proposed text amendments are to

the accessory building or structures ordinance. These amendments are for the purpose of better clarifying several of the terms in the existing ordinance and defining the number of such structures that are allowed.

A copy of this proposed text amendment may be obtained at the Fincastle Town office during regular business hours.

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Elections 2023: Botetourt County General Election information

As the first Tuesday in November fastly approaches, here is an updated list of the qualified candidates in the 2023 Botetourt County elections.

- Botetourt County School Board**
 - Matthew J. East, School Board – Blue Ridge District (incumbent)
 - Dana C. McCaleb, School Board – Fincastle District (incumbent)
 - Timothy “Tim” Davidick – Valley District (incumbent)
- State Senate District 3**
 - Chris Head (R)
 - Jade Harris (D)
- House of Delegates – District 37**
 - Terry L. Austin (R)
 - Stephanie Clark (D)
- Botetourt County Sheriff**
 - Matthew T. Ward
- Botetourt County Commissioner of Revenue**
 - Chris T. Booth
- Botetourt County Treasurer**
 - Donna C. Boothe
- Botetourt County Commonwealth’s Attorney**
 - John R. H. Alexander, II
- Botetourt County Clerk of Circuit Court**
 - Tommy Moore
- Botetourt County Board of Supervisors – Fincastle District**
 - Brandon W. Nicely (R)
 - Donald Obenshain (I)
- Botetourt County Board of Supervisors – Blue Ridge District**
 - Walter G. Michael
- Botetourt County Board of Supervisors – Valley District**
 - Donald M. “Mac” Scothorn
- Soil and Water Conservation Director Mountain Castles District (2 seats open)**
 - F. Preston Wickline III
- Member Town Council – Buchanan (2 seats open)**
 - Marlon Rickman
- Member Town Council – Troutville (3 seats open)**
 - Laura C. Bumgarner

The deadline to submit certificates for candidacy was June 20 to be on the ballot. The second seat for Buchanan Town Council, the two other seats for Troutville Town Council, and the second seat for Soil & Water Conservation Director (S&WCD) will be write-ins.

Botetourt County is comprised of five magisterial districts each containing two precincts. Voters are registered by their residence address and must vote in their assigned precinct on Election Day.

Here are the current polling places for Botetourt County residents:

- Amsterdam Magisterial District**
 - Daleville Precinct (101) - Polling Location: Lord Botetourt High School, 1435 Roanoke Road, Daleville
- Greenfield Precinct (102) - Polling Location: Greenfield Elementary School, 288 Etzler Road, Troutville**
- Blue Ridge Magisterial District**
 - Blue Ridge Precinct (201) - Polling Location: Colonial Baptist Church, 221 Hillcrest Street, Blue Ridge
 - Rainbow Forest Precinct (202) - Polling Location: Colonial Elementary School, 142 Murray Drive, Troutville
- Buchanan Magisterial District**
 - Buchanan Precinct (301) (includes Town of Buchanan) - Polling Location: Buchanan Elementary School, 255 Schoolhouse Road, Buchanan
 - Mill Creek Precinct (302) - Polling Location: Mill Creek Baptist Church, 11475 Lee Highway, Fincastle
- Fincastle Magisterial District**
 - Eagle Rock Precinct (403) - Polling Location: Eagle Rock Elementary School, 145 Eagles Nest Drive, Eagle Rock
 - Fincastle Precinct (406) (includes Town of Fincastle) - Polling Location: Fincastle Baptist Church, 7330 Roanoke Road, Fincastle
- Valley Magisterial District**
 - Troutville Precinct (501) (includes Town of Troutville) - Polling Location: Troutville Elementary School, 12 Barron Road, Troutville
 - Cloverdale Precinct (502) - Polling Location: Read Mountain Middle School, 182 Orchard Hill Drive, Cloverdale

For more information about the upcoming 2023 General Election in Botetourt County, visit www.botetourtva.gov/403/Department-of-Elections-Voter-Registrati.

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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 |
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| 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.

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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.

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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
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Botetourt County History



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Purses were originally made for Egyptian men thousands of years ago and they have evolved throughout history. In the 19th century, purses were made more durable for women to carry their essentials. This small leather and metal handbag (circa 1880) belonged to Ann Eliza Smith Bigler (1847-1928). She was married to Mark Bigler IV and they had five children. They lived on a Botetourt farm where the roads were often impassable. Eliza would travel with herbs, linen strips, mutton tallow and her faith to treat the sick and even set broken bones. She died after a protracted illness and many relatives and friends attended her funeral, which was published in the January 19,1928, “Buchanan News.” Her daughters, Ruth and Irene Bigler, donated Eliza’s purse to the Botetourt History Museum to honor their mother.

~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Botetourt youth collects peanut butter for program



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Gavin Price of Buchanan recently donated 2,178 jars of peanut butter for local schools’ Backpack Buddies Program to feed children in need. The peanut butter came from community members and individuals as far as Maine, Texas, and Utah. Price has donated over 10,000 jars of peanut butter to the cause over the last couple of years. Backpack Buddies has donated more than 5,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to Virginia students (preK-12th grade) in need in the last 10 years.

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ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office reported the following arrests August 29-September 2:

- Anthony W. Martin, 35, of Clifton Forge, giving false identity to law enforcement, obstruction of justice, August 29
- Megan H. Carter, 37, of Roanoke, domestic assault, violation of a protective order, August 30
- Jason L. Scruggs, 49, of Roanoke, reckless driving,

no operator’s license, August 31

- Lyndsey N. Barger, 25, of Troutville, domestic assault, September 1
- Rangbin Wu, 40, of Brooklyn, N.Y., driving under the influence, possession of Schedule drugs, eluding law enforcement, September 1
- Meghan R. Hale, 22, of Montvale, domestic assault, September 2



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE OF BOTETOURT

From left, Stephanie Clark, Botetourt Democratic Committee Chair Becky Clark, and Jade Harris

Democratic Committee hosts candidate meet and greet

The Democratic Committee of Botetourt hosted a well-attended meet and greet with Jade Harris and Stephanie Clark on August 20. Harris is running against Republican Christopher Head in Virginia’s Third Senate District. She formerly served on the town council in Glasgow before she was elected vice mayor of the town. She is a Rockbridge County native and a graduate of Mary Baldwin University.

Stephanie Clark is vying for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates District 37 against Republican Terry Austin. She is a minister who formerly served on the Covington City Council and was later elected as mayor of Covington. She was the first African American woman to hold that seat. She serves on numerous community boards.. The Alleghany Chamber of Commerce is holding a meet and

greet with Clark on September 18 from 6:45-7:45 p.m. at the Historic Masonic Theatre in Clifton Forge. Harris will be a guest at the Rockbridge Regional Fair on September 7-9, the SWVA Pride Fest on September 16 and the Lexington Farmer’s Market Apple Festival on September 17.

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Farms, and Bryant Orchards. Other contributing local vendors were Sarah’s Petals Cut Flower Farm, Nick of Thyme Bakery and Catering, Three Li’l Pigs Barbeque, Brugh’s Mill Country Store, Foot of the Mountain Café, Patrick Perkins Photography, Food Lion, and Kroger. Virginia Mountain Vineyards provided a selection of award-winning estate wines for guests. The event included local producer tables sharing their products and information about their business. Mountain Thyme Honey and Gifts, Fincastle Farm, and Sarah’s Petals had displays during the event. Virginia Western Community College and The Advancement Foundation provided information about their respective programs that support innovative business development in the agricultural industry and agricultural education. Executive Director of the Botetourt

Chamber Khari Ryder called the dinner “a phenomenal event” when recently asked. He hopes that this event is “only a catalyst to other informative and educational events for our ag industry.” The Chamber’s Agriculture Committee planned this year’s dinner. Members of the committee include Emily Bailey, Jenna Lawrence, Amy White, Kevin Sutton, Scott Stevens, Clayton Taylor, and Granville Grant. Sponsors for the dinner were First Bank and Trust Company, Bank of Botetourt, Farm Credit of the Virginias, and Rockingham Cooperative/ACE Hardware. More information about the event can be found at the Chamber’s website: www.botetourtchamber.com. A portion of the proceeds of the dinner went to the Future Farmers of America (FFA), benefiting the five chapters in Botetourt County.

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between the Dollar General Market and Elite Nails into a fitness center.

Team Botetourt Wrestling Club, doing business as “Botetourt Training Center,” operates a non-profit fitness center out of the facility. The proposal is for the space to house batting cages during training hours at the fitness center and weekly Bingo held in the building during hours when the fitness center isn’t in operation. Under county and state code, non-profit Bingo operations cannot be conducted more than two times every week.

The batting cages will have retractable nets that are lowered/raised from the ceiling of the facility with turf that will be applied in the area where athletes work on their hitting skills. There will soon be motorized pitching machines in the facility to aid with baseball/softball training.

Founder and Executive Director of the Botetourt Wrestling Club and James River High School wrestling coach Bobby Stewart, who noted “a massive demand for indoor batting” training, was on hand to explain the needs for the upcoming additions to the active training center.

“I moved back here in 2000 and I realized that there weren’t enough kids training for the next level (of sports), whether that is D-1 (Collegiate Division 1 schools), D-2 (Division 2), or D-3 (Division 3),” Stewart explained to the board. “Today, even trade schools have sports, and why? Confidence. The reason they (kids) don’t have confidence, they don’t have the training. The kids that did compete at those levels were overtly goal-driven or they had the funding to get the training they need... We have a lot in mind for the kids in our community.”

The suggested conditions noted include that commercial recreation uses are only limited to the tenant space (2708 Lee Highway), uses will be limited to Bingo and batting cages, and noises generated by the development will not violate the county’s noise ordinance.

Stewart noted that the goal of his group was to give back to Botetourt and assist in training the county’s student athletes. Roanoke Valley Star soccer and the Maroon Crush softball programs were inspirations in giving the group the idea to hold weekly Bingo fundraising events on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Residents shared their support for the training facility’s efforts in bettering local youth on the field and in life.

One Buchanan resident shared support for the proposed Bingo club program and batting cages. “Obviously, it’s going to make it so that more kids can get involved, but there are other reasons Bingo is good for a community. It encourages social interaction... and when people participate in Bingo, a lot of times they can feel a part of a community and that can foster a sense of belonging.

“It’s a safe environment where everybody can get involved and enjoy the activity that is provided there. Regularly playing Bingo can keep your mind sharp and this can especially benefit our senior population. For parents, it’s going to make it more affordable for our kids to participate in wrestling or other sports. We can make our kids volunteer at Bingo and that teaches them responsibility and gives them a sense of ownership and helps them buy in more to what they are doing... Bringing Bingo to Botetourt would be a way to foster a stronger sense of community and to help more youth get involved and become more active, which I think is a win for everybody.”

Currently, the training center works with approximately 65 registered student athletes from Botetourt and surrounding localities. The center offers CrossFit, tumbling, wrestling, volleyball, and football training activities.

Supervisors Chairman Mac Scothorn noted that Botetourt “is absolutely in need” of a sports training facility like the one Stewart and his group offer student athletes in the area.

In the Amsterdam District, a proposed medical facility at 1645 Roanoke Road in Daleville requested a Special Exceptions Permit (SEP) to help provide specialized services in Botetourt that would operate a diagnostic facility for an ADHD, depression, and anxiety testing and treatment planning. The layout will include a waiting room, an administrative office, and two exam rooms. The medical care facility will not allow a drug rehabilitation clinic. Any patient with a history of drug abuse in their medical records will be “screened out,” according to the notes provided by the planning and zoning representative.



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A proposed medical facility at 1645 Roanoke Road in Daleville will soon provide specialized services in Botetourt that would operate a diagnostic facility for ADHD, depression, and anxiety testing and treatment planning.

The property’s current zoning (B-1) needs special exception to allow for a medical facility. The total space utilized by this use is 2,000 square feet, encompassing the entire downstairs portion of the building. The county’s Planning Commission voted unanimously in favor of the proposal during its August meeting.

The currently unoccupied location would house the facility on the first floor of the building. The lessee, Renew Psychiatry

Services, will bring three staff members: Michie Bolden, a nurse practitioner based out of Roanoke, and two administrative staff members. Bolden

estimates 8-10 patients visiting the site per day. Bolden explained to the board during the hearing that she will be practicing out of the Daleville location full time.

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

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., 992-1570; Senior Pastor Wes Belcher; Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Youth 6:30 p.m., Children (age 4-5th grade) 6:45 p.m., Bible study & prayer 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

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

Honor in Work

Read Proverbs 5:1 through 8:36

In past generations, parents taught their children the value of hard work and faithfulness to their families. People had at least one job. When a person lost a job, he worked very hard to get a new one as soon as possible. He knew hard work honored his family and God.

Maybe times and values have changed, but today it seems like more and more young adults would rather not work at all. An entire generation of young people have been lured away by different types of leisure activities. Scripture warns against neglecting one's work:

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man (Proverbs 6:10–11).

God created people to work hard with the giftedness and talents He gave us. Like no other generation in the world, we have access to education and job training to prepare us for our work. It is good for parents to provide for the needs of their family through the work God has provided.

Prayer Suggestion: Thank God for your talents and abilities and for the work He has placed before you.

Quicklook: Proverbs 6:6–11

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

ECKANKAR
Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

EPISCOPAL
St. Mark's Episcopal Church - 111 S. Roanoke St., Fincastle. P.O. Box 277 Fincastle, VA 24090. The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector. 473-2370. Worship in the sanctuary and by Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00am, with Adult Education on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:50am. Evening Prayer is Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm by Zoom. Brown Bag Bible Study on Thursdays at 12 noon in the Ministry Center and by Zoom. Links for Zoom can be found on our website, www.stmarksfincastle.org.

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) - 9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at oslroanoke.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. on 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.

Fincastle Festival will feature ‘History Talks’ and much more

Fincastle, known as a town with lots of history, is the county seat of Botetourt County, a county with lots of history.

During this year’s Historic Fincastle Fall Festival on Saturday, September 23, Historic Fincastle Inc. (HFI) will be celebrating some of this history – from the 1700s to present day. One reason HFI sponsors the yearly historic festival is to encourage people to visit and walk around the Town of Fincastle to see its historic churches and homes. This year is no exception. Self-guided tour brochures of the town will be provided at the information tents. The Botetourt County Museum will be open for visitors as well as the two HFI properties, the Early Cabin and the Wysong Blacksmith Shop.

This year’s “History Talks” will be held at the Wysong Blacksmith Classroom due to the changes taking place in the present courtroom in the courthouse (plus there has been some water damage from a broken pipe).

At the Early Cabin, Mrs. Early will be showing her cabin and talk about some of the stresses and strains of raising a family in the 18th century. There will also be an encampment of Revolutionary Era interpreters with a living history display. The re-enactors will be dressed in period attire and will be explaining the stresses and strains of life without electricity or refrigeration.

Descendants from the Monacan native tribes who lived in this region for centuries will also be at the cabin explaining how early tribes lived in the Shenandoah Valley.

The Wysong Blacksmith Shop will have a blacksmith demonstrating how to make horseshoes, nails and other items that were made by the local blacksmith. This is where the “History Talks” will be held in the classroom in the Wysong building.

At 10 a.m., Tommy Moore, Clerk of Botetourt Circuit Court, will be showing some of the record books that are kept in the courthouse. Moore will also be dressed in appropriate attire of the 1770s. Thomas Jefferson’s signature, as well as other documents of historic interest, will be on display.

At 11 a.m., there will be a showing of a film, “A River Called Home” by Jessica Wiegandt. She and three of her friends chronicled their 21-day adventure paddling the waters and white waters of the James, from the headwaters to the Chesapeake Bay. During their trip, they conducted a water quality study on pollution and how the waterways are being protected and what more needs to be done.

The noon “History Talk” will be held at the main music stage in the Courthouse Square. Chuck Geiger and Kip Burton will be honored with presentations of “Quilts of Valor” by the Roanoke chapter of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Burton was an attack pilot and Geiger was a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War. They both served their country for many years, and this honor is long overdue. Come hear their stories.

At 1 p.m., the “History Talks” will continue back at the Wysong Blacksmith Classroom. During this time, there will be a round table conversation with people who grew up in Fincastle in the 1940s, ’50s and ’60s. Come find out how Fincastle has changed during the decades and how it has stayed the same. Bring questions and listen to their stories.

The last “History Talks” (at 2 p.m.) will be a 15-minute video of the 1965 First Outdoor Bluegrass Festival held in the United States. It was held at Cantrell’s Horse Farm just outside Fincastle. Flatt and Scruggs, Bill Monroe and Doc Watson were just some of the bluegrass entertainers who performed at this historic three-day event.

Preserving and sharing history is very important to the residents of Fincastle and Botetourt County. Come to the “History Talks” to find out something new. In Courthouse Square there is a display of banners of present-day Botetourt County with QR codes offering more information about the towns and settlements in Botetourt County. On Murray Street more banners and QR codes that explain more of the early history of Botetourt County will be on display. There will also be the first previews of some of the new banners that will

be put up around the destruction and re-construction of the Botetourt County Courthouse.

At 7 p.m. the Lawson Theater/Attic Productions will hold a concert (“The Most Unique Concert of the Year”) presented by Botetourt Preservation Partnership, Inc. Again, the history of the county will be explored through music.

Remember, along with visiting the craftsmen, artists, musical performances, food trucks, quilt show, petting zoo, and touch-a-truck, come to the “History Talks” in the Wysong Blacksmith Classroom at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

- Submitted by Historic Fincastle Inc.



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The Fincastle Festival returns Sept. 23.

CHURCH NEWS

Austin and Friends return with ‘Psalm 23’ concerts

David Austin and Friends continue their series of concerts featuring songs inspired by and based on Psalm 23. The performances will deliver all new and original compositions in a variety of musical styles.

The concert venues and dates are:

• Community Advent Christian Church on Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. (4512 Old Mountain Road, Roanoke)

• Springwood Baptist Church on Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. (88 Capps Hill Rd., Buchanan)

Members of the band include Robert Smith, Jacob Holdren, Keith Wood, Kristen Smith, and David Austin.

The public is welcome. A love offering will be received. For more information, call 540-254-2696.

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 Sunday

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 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.

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.

Springwood Food Pantry open September 16

The Springwood Baptist Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, September 16 from 9-10:30 a.m. The pantry is located at 88 Capps Hill Road, Buchanan. This pantry is a drive-through pantry, so clients may remain in their cars and volunteers will load the food for them.

The pantry is open each month on the third Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m. It is a partner with Feeding America Southwest Virginia and anyone in need of food is invited.

NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to Virginia Code §58.1-3975, the following real property will be auctioned for sale to the highest bidder at a **simulcast** (with online and in person bidding) public auction to be held at the **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 terms or conditions which may be posted or announced 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 |
|----|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|--|
| N1 | James E. Ailstock, et als | 87-149 | 25902 | 839824 | Vacant; Catawba Road, Troutville |
| N2 | Fannie Guy | 107-179B | 20314 | 216316 | Vacant; Near Basham Lane and Cloverdale Road, Troutville |
| N3 | Six Dogs LLC | 101-33B | 31313 | 319465 | Vacant; College Drive, Daleville |

GENERAL TERMS OF SALE: The Treasurer has the right to reject any bids determined to be unreasonable in relation to 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 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 pay the high bid in full, along with the buyer’s premium and deed recording costs, following the close of the auction. **There will be a 10% buyer’s premium, subject to a minimum of \$150.00, added to the winning bid.**

Terms applicable to In-Person Bidders ONLY: The highest bidder shall make payment in full on the day of the auction. All payments must be made in the form of personal check, traveler’s check, cashier’s check, or money order. **No cash will be accepted.**

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Discount formalwear sale at LBHS September 16

Lord Botetourt High School Prom Committee is organizing a second hand formalwear sale, “The Glass Slipper Boutique,” at the school on September 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. The formalwear will be sold at a discount to benefit students purchasing clothing for homecoming and prom.

~ LBHS Prom Committee

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF FINCASTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2285 and 15.2-2204, as amended, this shall serve as notice that the Fincastle Town Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 14, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse for the purpose of soliciting public input on:

A proposed ordinance which, in accordance with Section 15.2-2306 of the Code of Virginia, will establish the procedure and requirements prior to the issuing of a demolition permit by the Town Planning Commission for any historic building within the Town of Fincastle, which is 100 years old or older. This shall only apply to primary buildings. It does not apply to accessory structures such as sheds, garages, or storage buildings.

Copies of this proposed ordinance can be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town office during regular office hours or by contacting Scott Critzer at 540-473-3377.

Scott Critzer, Chairman
Fincastle Planning Commission

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF FINCASTLE

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2285 and 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia the Fincastle Town Council will hold two (2) public hearings for the purpose of soliciting public input on the matters referenced below at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 14 at 7 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse.

A proposal by the Fincastle Planning Commission to create an Uptown Mixed Use Expansion district to extend one block out from the intersection of Main and Roanoke streets that shall be applicable to properties that have frontage on those streets. This proposal will not change the existing zoning for current uses in this district.

Copies of this proposal may be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town office during regular office hours.

Proposed text amendments to the accessory building or structures ordinance. These amendments are for the purpose of better clarifying several of the terms in the existing ordinance and defining the number of such structures that are allowed.

A copy of this proposed text amendment may be obtained at the Fincastle Town office during regular business hours.

Mary Bess Smith, Mayor
Town of Fincastle

Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club donates Beanie Babies to Vinton firefighters and police for use in crisis situations

The Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club recently made a donation of Beanie Babies to Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Station 2 in Vinton and the Vinton Police Department for them to hand out to children during crisis situations.

The club has been serving Eastern Roanoke and South Botetourt

Counties for over 70 years— since 1952. The organization has been instrumental in the transitioning of a rural community to a suburban one (connecting what is now East Ruritan and West Ruritan Roads, installing streetlights, and the building of a school, fire station, and library).

The Ruritans’ stated

objective is to continue to meet the community’s needs. The club sponsors blood drives, awards a scholarship to a graduating senior at William Byrd High School, and places

flags on military graves on patriotic holidays.

Visit the Facebook page for more information.

Submitted by Bonsack/
Blue Ridge Ruritan Club



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From left, Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club member Danny Washburn presents Beanie Babies to Cpl. Brandon Charlton, Sgt. Todd Bailey, Det. Justin Baker, and Officer Andrew Hagy of the Vinton Police Department. These stuffed toys will be given to children who need comfort in crisis situations.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live. Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. September 14, 2023 at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_7RLwHZW_3NnylJzXaLBgEjtyJ9vKaMB1L0m_fBjiYM4fyg/viewform

or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at salbert@bcps.k12.va.us.

Stockyard Report

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Interstate 81 Widening Exit 143 to Exit 150 Roanoke County and Botetourt County

Design Public Hearing

<https://www.virginiadot.org/I81exit143to150>

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 5-7 p.m.

Lord Botetourt High School
1435 Roanoke Road
Daleville, VA 24083

Find out about a project to provide additional capacity and improve safety by widening seven miles of Interstate 81 from two lanes to three lanes in both directions between exit 143 in Roanoke County and exit 150 in Botetourt County. New lanes will be built at locations along I-81’s right and left shoulders.

The project also includes replacing eight bridges on I-81, installing approximately 8,500 feet of sound barrier along the northbound lanes and realigning two ramps and removing one ramp at exit 150. This project will involve a change and/or break in limited access.

The hearing will be held in an “open-house” format and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions.

Review the project information and the National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion at the public hearing or after the hearing at VDOT’s Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Ave, Salem VA, 540-387-5353, 800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

Property impact information, relocation assistance policies and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above address and will be available at the public hearing.

Give your written or oral comments at the meeting or submit them by **September 29, 2023**, to Craig Moore, Project Manager, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153. You may also email your comments to I81-Exit143-150@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference “I-81 Exits 143 to 150 Widening Public Comment” in the subject heading.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Craig Moore at the phone numbers listed above.

Federal Project: NHPP-0812(321), UPC: 116201 State Project: 0081-080-947, B601, B602, B603, B604, B605, B696, B697, B698, B699, C501, P101, R201

In case of inclement weather or other issues, the hearing will be held September 26, 2023, at the same time and location.

VDOT Virginia Department
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Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail Botetourt and Craig Counties Citizen Information Meeting

<https://www.virginiadot.org/cbst>

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
4 – 6 p.m.

Eagle Rock Elementary School
145 Eagles Nest Drive
Eagle Rock, VA 24085

Thursday, September 21, 2023
4 – 6 p.m.

Craig County High School
25239 Craigs Creek Road
New Castle, VA 24127

Find out about a project to construct a 26-mile recreational scenic trail along the former Chesapeake and Ohio Craig Valley Branch railbed between Last Lock Park near Eagle Rock in Botetourt County and Craig County High School near New Castle in Craig County.

The multiuse trail for walking, running, biking, and horseback riding is anticipated to be approximately 10-foot-wide and mostly gravel. It will follow the former railbed and some low-volume secondary roads and consist of “share the road/trail” sections which will permit the use of motorized vehicles as well as sections of non-motorized use. Eight existing bridges along the former railbed will be modified to accommodate trail use.

The meetings will be held in an “open-house” format and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions. The same information will be presented at both meetings.

Review the conceptual plans and project information at the meeting or after at VDOT’s Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem VA, 540-387-5353, 800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

Give your written or oral comments at the meetings or submit them by **October 1, 2023**, to Kelly Dunn, Project Manager, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153. Comments also can be emailed to CBST@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference “Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail Comment” in the subject heading. An online survey will be available at <https://www.virginiadot.org/cbst> beginning September 20, the day of the first meeting, for citizens to share their comments about the project.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Kelly Dunn at the phone numbers listed above.

State Project: CBST-011-858, P101 Federal Project: STP-011-2(036)
UPC 122492

In case of inclement weather or other issues, the meeting in Eagle Rock will be held September 27 and the meeting in New Castle will be held September 28 at the same times and locations.

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Brian Hoffman

Sports Editor



Zeal Hammons (10) runs past Randolph Henry defenders.



The Knights converge on a RHHS ballcarrier.



Evan Byers (8) is a fan of his matchup last Friday.

PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY

Knights finish strong for second straight win

The James River football team has started off 2-0 for the first time since 2018, and you can chalk that up to their work in the fourth quarter. River finished strong for the second time in as many weeks to take a 34-16 win over Randolph-Henry in Springwood last Friday.

“We’ve become a second-half team, and that’s not something we’re used to,” said River coach Tim Jennings. “Last year the fourth quarter was our nemesis.”

In River’s opening game the Knights were scoreless through three quarters before rallying for a 13-12 win over Buffalo Gap. Last Friday the Knights led 7-0 at the half but the visiting Statesmen scored with 28 seconds remaining in the third quarter, then hit on a two-point conversion to take an 8-7 lead.

But the Knights were only getting started. Maddox Woodyard ran the ensuing kickoff back 85 yards to regain the lead after just 16 seconds, and a Zeal Hammons to Trey Taylor two-point conversion put River back on top, 15-7.

Taylor then recovered an onside kick and the Knights drove to paydirt again with Gavin Binns scoring on a 28-yard run. Evan Byers’ extra point kick made it 22-8.

On Randolph-Henry’s next possession, Binns intercepted a pass and took it 48 yards to the house for another score. The kick failed, but River now led 28-8 after three touchdowns within a span of five minutes and 14 seconds.

The stunned Statesmen were able to regroup and answer on a 34-yard scoring pass, and the two-point conversion made it 28-16 with four and a half minutes to go. However, River put it away by killing the clock and putting some icing on the cake with Byers running for a nine-yard score with 1:08 on the clock.

“Our kids are getting some confidence,” said Jennings. “We’re 2-0 and they’re very coachable.”

Binns, a sophomore, has been a big weapon for the Knights. The speedy back scored three touchdowns while rushing for 157 yards on 20 carries. He also caught a pass and had the big “pick six” in the fourth quarter.

“He’s been something else,” said Jennings. “He’s fast, he sees the field well and he’s tough to tackle. He’s not big but he’s strong.”

Taylor rushed twice for 31 yards and Woodyard had 11 yards rushing as the Knights outgained Randolph-Henry on the ground, 173-55. Hammons was six for 13 passing for 76 yards with four to Taylor for 72 of those yards.

The Knights came up big again on defense, holding the Statesmen scoreless through the half and giving up a total of seven first downs and an average of 3.9 yards per play. Gabe Staton led the team with 15 tackles, including seven solos, two sacks and three for losses. Keegan Mundy had 11 tackles and Woodyard had nine.

This Friday the Knights will be home for the third straight week as they host Parry McCluer at 7 p.m. This is always a special game for Jennings, who played his high school football for the Blues.

“This year is special because one of my best friends is the coach there,” said Jennings. “We were in each other’s weddings and he has a couple guys on the staff who played with us.”

Jeremiah Brockenbrough is off to a good start as the first year coach at the Buena Vista school. He took over a team that went 4-7 last year and has won his first two games by decisive margins, 55-14 over Rockbridge County and 44-8 over Cumberland. Both teams come in at 2-0 and you can leave the tuxedos at the gate this Friday.

“This is a little more special than usual,” said Jennings. “And besides, this is the only game my mom comes to.”

Lord Botetourt’s Zack Kelly will pitch three games for Salem Red Sox

Lord Botetourt graduate Zack Kelly is back in the Roanoke Valley this week to pitch three rehab games for the Carolina League’s Salem Red Sox. Kelly was scheduled to start Tuesday’s game against the Carolina Mudcats and, if all goes well, he’ll pitch again Friday and Sunday.

Kelly won a spot on the Boston Red Sox roster out of spring training in March after getting called up late in the 2022 season, when he went 1-0 with a 3.95 ERA to go with 11 strikeouts in 13 2/3 innings. He pitched in six regular season games this spring with a 3.68 ERA before developing elbow soreness that resulted in surgery, putting him on the disabled list.

Zack returned to action last Friday with one inning of work for the “High

A” Greenville Drive of the South Atlantic League. He started the game and pitched a scoreless inning, throwing 11 strikes out of 17 pitches. Kelly struck out two and walked one as the Drive took a 3-0 win over the Brooklyn Cyclones.

Kelly was scheduled to start Tuesday’s game in Salem against Carolina, a Milwaukee Brewers farm team, then pitch one inning of relief in both the Friday and Sunday games.

Tuesday’s results were too late for publication while Friday’s game is scheduled to begin at 7:05 p.m. and it’s “Fan Appreciation Night.” Sunday’s game is a 1:05 p.m. start and it will be Salem’s last game of the season, as the Sox failed to make the Carolina League playoffs this year.

River girls win third straight volleyball match

The James River volleyball team won their third match in a row last Thursday when they beat Bassett High in three sets. That swept the season series against the Bengals and improved River’s record to 3-1 after a season opening loss to Lord Botetourt.

“I was overall pleased with our energy and our level of play during the game,” said coach Linsey Firebaugh. “We were able to keep them out of system most of

the night. We made some silly errors, but our serving and ball control helped us stay ahead in each set and take the match. My girls are very coachable and were able to perform our game plan very well.”

Ripley Barry led the Knights with nine kills. Brea Anduiza had 22 assists.

This week the Knights will open Three Rivers District play with a home

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PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Bria Harvey (3) handles a serve for the LB volleyball team.

Cavalier volleyball team wins two

The Lord Botetourt girls won two volleyball games last week to improve their record to 3-1 on the season. The Cavaliers are idle this week before returning to the hardwood at Cave Spring next Monday, September 11.

If Monday’s match is anything like the one when the Knights and Cavs met in Daleville last week, it should be a good one. In that match Cave Spring won the first two sets, 25-23 and 25-16, before the LB girls battled back to win the match.

Botetourt won the next two to tie things up,

25-13 and 25-17, then won the deciding set to 15 in extra points, 16-14.

Becca Huddleston led the Cavaliers with 15 kills while adding four digs and two blocks. Erica Gergely had 10 kills and 21 digs while Emma Rice had eight kills, five digs and three blocks.

Setter Skylar Morris had a busy night with 39 assists, 21 digs, two kills and a pair of aces. Bria Harvey had 33 digs and Maddie Caron had 13 digs and four aces.

On Thursday the girls traveled to Lynchburg to take on Liberty Christian

Academy and they made it a perfect week with a four-set win. Botetourt won the first two sets, 25-20 and 25-16, lost the third set 25-19 but put the Bulldogs away with a 25-18 win in the fourth.

Huddleston again led in kills with 14 to go with four blocks and two aces. Rice and Gracelynn Clark had six kills apiece and Gergely had four. Harvey led in digs with 18 and Morris dished out 35 assists.

After traveling to Cave Spring Monday the girls will host county rival James River on Thursday, September 14.

LB, River will run in big cross country meet at Green Hill Park Saturday

Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County will be the site of the 19th annual Knights Crossing Invitational, hosted by Cave Spring High School.

This yearly meet is always one of the biggest of the season in Virginia for high school runners from all over. Knights Crossing has been ranked as the third best invitational in the state according to the web site MileStat. Green Hill Park is a fast course that will once again host the Virginia High School League Class 1, 2 and 3 state championships

in November.

“We are very excited about this year’s invitational that currently has 107 high schools and 67 middle school teams attending,” said Cave Spring’s Tommy Maguire, the meet organizer. “This will be our biggest Knights Crossing Cross Country Invitational yet and one of the largest athletic events held in the Roanoke Valley this year. This historic year also looks to be one of the fastest fields in our 19 years of hosting.” This year’s Knights Crossing event will include

over 3,000 runners with races for schools of all sizes. There are 15 teams traveling from North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia and several teams making the trip from the Richmond and Northern Virginia areas. Every local school will be represented.

The course will open at 7 a.m. and the first race is scheduled to take the gun at 8 a.m. Races run through mid-afternoon.

Both James River and Lord Botetourt are entered in this Saturday’s event after both opened the season

with meets last week. The Knights ran in the Bengal Clash at the River at the Smith River Complex in Axton on Thursday, and the Cavaliers competed in the Viking Invitational at Northside High School in Roanoke County on Saturday morning.

The River girls were 11th and the boys were 12th in the match in Axton hosted by Bassett High School. Cave Spring swept the meet among 14 teams of girls and 16 teams of boys.

“We did very well for the first meet of the season,” said River coach Butch Lewis.

Drew Whitson was River’s top finisher in the girls race, placing 14th in a time of 22:26. Drew is a senior and this is the first time she has run cross country.

“She has been on the cheer team and is dividing time between that and cross country,” said Lewis. “All the girls ran well.”

Also scoring for the girls were Georgia Miller in 42nd place, Victoria Race-Waller in 65th, Rhaya Kitt in 75th and Jacmyn Rinehart in 80th place among 107 girls who finished.

For the boys, Tristian Capolopez led the Knights with a

59th place finish in 21:03.18. Also scoring were Silas Miller in 64th, Braden Jones in 66th, Aiden Bartulis in 67th

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Cavaliers put up record number of points in blowout win

The Lord Botetourt football team set a school record for points in a game when the Cavaliers won at Blacksburg last Friday, 83-6. That was six more than the previous record of 77.

For the longest time LB wasn't known for putting big numbers on the scoreboard. The school first had football in 1959 and for the first 36 years the team only scored 50 or more once. That was in 1962 against the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind and the final score was 52-19.

The Cavs had never reached the 60 mark before Jamie Harless came on the scene to coach in 2012, and since then they've put up some big numbers with regularity. Prior to last Friday the school record was 77, and that was accomplished on three occasions. The Cavs had back-to-back 77-point games against Bassett and Ft. Defiance in 2016 and in 2019 they hung 77 on the board against Staunton High School.

Last Friday they had 77 at halftime! Botetourt scored 29 points in the first quarter, then found the end zone seven times in the second quarter to score 48 more and take a 77-6 lead into the locker room. Needless to say, the clock ran continuously in the second half.

"We had three defensive touchdowns and another time they turned it over deep in their territory," said Harless. "We started pulling people near the end of the second quarter and we got to play a lot of kids. Everyone got in the game."

LB had nine rushing touchdowns. Quarterback Jakari Nicely ran eight times for 162 yards and four scores before taking a seat. That's an average of just over 20 yards per attempt, and he didn't throw a single pass. Cade Lang, LB's top receiver, didn't see a pass come his way from Nicely but he had two "pick sixes" on defense.

Zion Woody had 115 yards rushing on eight carries



Lord Botetourt's Cade Lang gets the Cavaliers started off right with a long opening kickoff return against Blacksburg.

and Tristan Overbay had 17 yards on three attempts, and they both scored. Senior TJ McGinnis came off the bench to rush for 84 yards and three TDs.

This week, it won't be as easy. The Cavaliers will be at home against a Pulaski County team coming off a bye. The Cougars are 1-0 after winning their opening game with Northside, 42-7. They're coached by Cam Akers, a former Cougar standout who is in his second year at the helm.

"They do a great job coaching," said Harless.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Lord Botetourt's Eric Irons returns an interception against Blacksburg during a blowout win over the Bruins.

"They're almost identical to us on defense."

Lord Botetourt has never beaten Pulaski, but they haven't played each other since 2008 when the Cougars won 40-6. Botetourt is 0-5-1 overall against Pulaski but all those years the Cougars were in a different classification than LB. This year, however, Pulaski has dropped down to Class 3 with Botetourt so there's a chance these two could meet again in the playoffs.

"This is a big game for us," said Harless. "We're going to have to control the line of scrimmage."

River golfers take second at Cascades

The James River golfers had a non-district match at the Cascades course on Thursday of last week and finished second among four teams. The Knights finished second to Greenbrier East in a match that also included Pocahontas County High of West Virginia and Bath County.

"We placed second by six

strokes," said coach Donna Cox. "The guys played really well on a difficult course."

Senior Dylan Hicks and freshman Landon Bolling shot 83 each to lead the team. Senior Haden Parker and freshman Mason Gilliland shot 87 each as River finished with a team score of 340.

This week the Knights are

scheduled to play at Old Mill on Tuesday and then travel to Floyd County for a match at Great Oaks on Thursday. Both are Three Rivers District events.

The jayvees played a nine-hole match with Glenvar and Alleghany last week. The Knights tied Glenvar for first behind a 43 from Caden Hoyt.

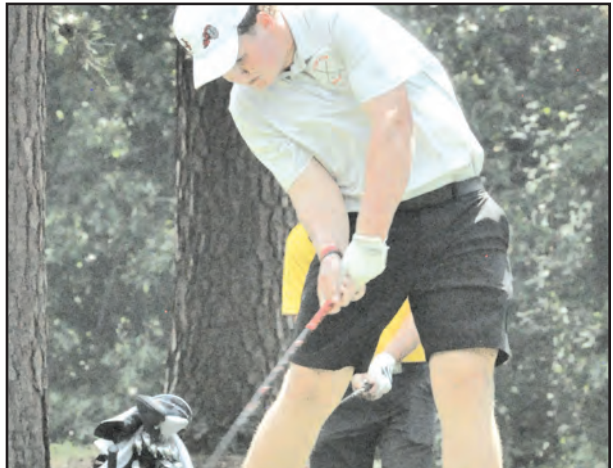


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Landon Bolling tees off for James River.



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LB golfers have one match this week

The Lord Botetourt golfers were scheduled to play a Blue Ridge District "mini-match" on Tuesday of this week at the Mariner's Landing course. Staunton River was the host of that round of the BRD tour, but results were too late for publication.

Lord Botetourt came into Tuesday's

match in second place in the Blue Ridge District standings. Northside had a 15-stroke lead with a season total of 937 compared to LB's 952. Franklin County was third at 970 followed by William Byrd at 984 and Staunton River at 1,201.

Tuesday's match was the only scheduled round of the week for LB. Next Tuesday, September 12, William Byrd will host a match at Blue Hills.

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match against Floyd County on Tuesday, followed by a trip to Alleghany on Thursday. A busy schedule continues next week with a home match against

Bath County Monday, a Three Rivers match at Carroll on Tuesday and a trip to county rival Lord Botetourt on Thursday, September 14, in Daleville.

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Preston Vaughn (3111), Tristen Marshall (3107) and John Moughrabi (3113) are in the middle of the pack as the varsity boys take off in the Viking Invitational Saturday.

and Zachary Griswald in 83rd. There were 137 boys in the race.

On Saturday at Northside the Pacers Home School team dominated the meet, winning both the girls and boys team titles. Lord Botetourt's boys were seventh and the girls did not have a team score as many runners were missing due to the holiday weekend.

"Our varsity boys team did a great job of running

close together, which will be a strength as we move forward," said Cavalier coach Elizabeth Wilson. "Tristan Marshall led the team with 20:38 and a 29th place finish. Behind him were John Moughrabi and Preston Vaughn.

"Our girls team was made up of Lexi Anglin, Ember Wiley, and Jillian Harris. These ladies worked hard to stay close together during the race."

Archer Lee, an eighth grader, ran his first cross

country race in the middle school event and came in 22nd place out of 86. Maddie Moore also ran her first middle school race, coming in with a time of 13:41.

The JV boys team was led by Christian Rakes with a time of 23:06, followed closely by Brody Nunley.

"We look forward to the Knights Crossing," said Wilson. "This is a big race for everyone, and we will have the majority of our team racing."