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## Nicely and Obenshain contend for Fincastle District supervisor

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Election Day approaches this Tuesday. In Botetourt County, there are 16 items on the ballot this year, featuring a contested race for Fincastle District supervisor. The two candidates running for Fincastle supervisor are Brandon Nicely (R) and Don Obenshain (I).

Nicely moved to Botetourt from Alleghany in 1978. He is a small business owner and farmer who retired after over 30 years of service in various positions in local government (19 years in Botetourt). He currently serves on the Botetourt County Planning Commission as the Fincastle District representative. Nicely is a husband, father, and a grandfather. His family has owned a farm in the county since the 1890s.

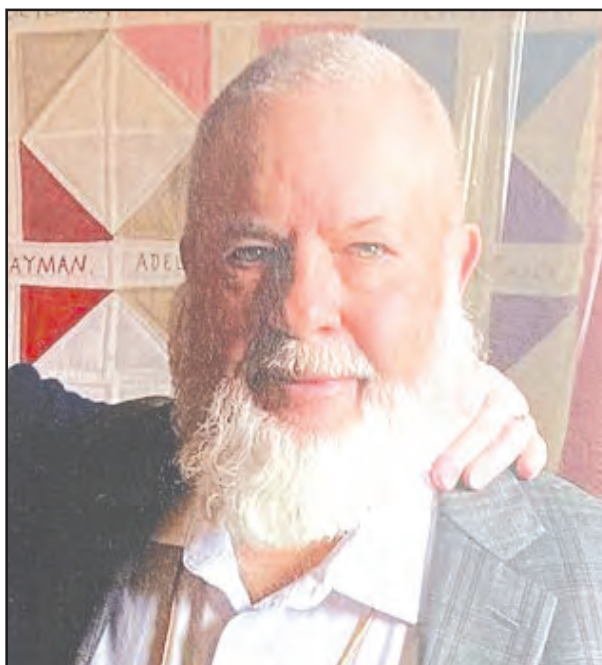
Obenshain is a 10th generation Botetourt resident who grew up in Troutville. He

previously worked at LewisGale Medical Center as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. Obenshain started the Case Management Department before going to the Commonwealth of Virginia Catawba Hospital where he established the Corporate Compliance and HIPPA programs. He retired after 20 years of service as their Corporate Compliance Officer. He and his wife, Pam, have been married for 37 years.

Both candidates were recently asked a series of questions. Listed below are their responses.

**What are your main points of focus for the Fincastle District in your campaign for District Supervisor?**

**BRANDON NICELY:** We must take a proactive approach when it comes to the opportunities and challenges we are facing in northern Botetourt



**Don Obenshain (I)**

PHOTO COURTESY OF DON OBENSHAIN

County. We need to have honest conversations regarding what levels of service (Police, EMS, Fire) we expect, and how we will fund the people and infrastructure to provide these services. We have to plan for and support the right mix of development to provide jobs, homes

and a diverse tax base to support our public services and schools, without endangering our rural landscapes and historic assets and places. We need to continue to encourage and support small businesses and farmers and find a suitable location for a permanent farmer's



**Brandon Nicely (R)**

PHOTO COURTESY OF BRANDON NICELY

market. **DON OBENSHAIN:** Be proactive instead of reactionary concerning infrastructure, manage development so it preserves and honors Botetourt County's rich history, while supporting farmers and encouraging small business. I would promote streamlining

government in order to reduce the tax burden on residents and maintaining ongoing open communication with residents.

**How would you manage conflicting interests among your constituents?**

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PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

The old Colonial Elementary School, located at 2941 Webster Road in Blue Ridge, will be repurposed as a private school owned by Six Forty Corp.

## Board approves request to repurpose old Colonial Elementary School

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the development of a new private school in Blue Ridge during a public hearing at its October meeting last week.

The proposed development is to operate a new private school located in the 78,000-sq.-ft. building that formerly housed the old Colonial Elementary School. Six Forty Corp. will be the owners and operators of the school. Six Forty is a registered non-profit specializing in expanding Christian education options and mission opportunities to students in Southwest Virginia. The

See **New school**, page 3

## RVRA appoints Lanford as new CEO

The Board of Directors of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA) recently announced the appointment of current Botetourt County Assistant Administrator Jon Lanford as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He will succeed Dan Miles, who is retiring after 16½ years in the RVRA CEO position. Lanford's last day as acting County Assistant Administrator is Nov. 10.

The RVRA is the regional solid waste management organization serving residents and businesses of the cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, and the Town of Vinton. It operates the Tinker Creek Transfer Station in the City of Roanoke, the Salem Transfer Station in the City of Salem, and the Smith Gap Landfill, processing approximately 250,000 tons of regional solid waste annually. The CEO is responsible for directing the staff and operations of the Authority and reports to a nine-member board of directors made up of representatives of the four member localities. At its meeting on October 25, the RVRA Board of Directors approved an employment agreement with Lanford.



FILE PHOTO

**Botetourt County Assistant Administrator Jon Lanford was recently announced as the new CEO of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority.**

Board Chair Rebecca Owens said, "We are pleased to have found someone

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**Army veteran Everett "Stan" Diez and his wife, Connie.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF LEE HENRY

## Troutville Sunshine Girls' Veterans Day veteran: Everett 'Stan' Diez

By Lee Henry, Troutville Sunshine Girls

Everett Stanwood "Stan" Diez is our featured veteran for this Veteran's Day. The Troutville Sunshine Girls

know Stan from the Troutville Loins Club where he served as past president when they met at Town Hall.

Stan was born in St. Louis, Mo. and attended Washington University

before entering West Point with the Class of 1956. He tells us his dad was able to talk to a man who knew a congressman at a cocktail

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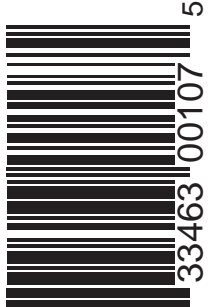
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# Elections 2023: Delay in results expected; candidates

Election Day is just around the corner and the anticipation of who will be elected grows daily. With reporting totals by precinct for all absentee voting comes the increased time after the polls close to obtain the unofficial results.

"Results may not be available as early as in past elections," County Registrar Traci Clark said in a recent email. "This is due to the change in reporting absentee totals by precinct and the time it takes for the results tapes to run once the polls are closed. There are more offices and candidates on this ballot than last November's ballots as well. It took over 45 minutes for the final results tape to run with less than 200 ballots being scanned during our logic and accuracy testing. There are also several offices that have candidates running write-in campaigns which also increases the time to run the results tapes.

"Some precincts may take less time depending on the number of offices and candidates on their ballots but overall, you may notice a delay. Be assured that my office and the election officers will work diligently to get the results reported as accurately and soon as possible."

For town offices, there will also be a delay due to the write-ins for the open seats. Write-ins will not be reviewed until the day after the election during the canvass of votes. The total number of write-in votes will be reported on election night but the breakdown by specific name will not come until after canvass is completed. Again, these results will be reported as soon as possible.

"As leaders in the parties, county, and as candidates, I ask that you help spread the word on the potential delay," Clark added. "Voters have little concept of the processes required after the polls close on election night and I am sure a delay may fuel rumors of misconduct. As laws change, so do the processes and usually they add time to the end-of-night requirements. No totals can be pulled until the polls close at 7 p.m. per state law."

Saturday, November 4 is the final day for early voting. The Registrar's Office will be open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Voters must report to their assigned precincts

on Election Day to vote. No voting takes place in the Registrar's Office on Election Day. Voters can check their polling location on the Virginia Department of Elections website (vote.virginia.gov) or by calling the Registrar's Office at 540-928-2120.

**The 2023 Election Day Ballot**  
Write-in candidates are allowed on all offices if not choosing a listed candidate. Offices with multiple seats open can have multiple write-ins. The total number of candidates a voter can vote for is listed below each office name on the ballot. Below is a list of the items on the November 2023 ballot in Botetourt County that include the state Senate race in the 3rd District between Christopher Head (R) and Jade D. Harris (D) and the 37th District House of Delegates contest between Terry Austin (R) and Stephanie R. Clark (D).

Seats are open in the elections for Buchanan (2) and Troutville (3) town councils. Marlon Rickman (Buchanan) and Laura Bumgarner (Troutville) are the only names on those ballots for both town's council seats, respectively.

**Member Senate of Virginia - 3rd District**

- Christopher T. Head (R)
- Jade D. Harris (D)

**Member House of Delegates - 37th District**

- Terry L. Austin (R)
- Stephanie R. Clark (D)

**Clerk of Court**

- Tommy L. Moore

**Commonwealth's Attorney**

- John R.H. Alexander II

**Sheriff**

- Matthew T. Ward

**Commissioner of Revenue**

- Chris T. Booth

**Treasurer**

- Donna C. Boothe

**Soil & Water Conservation Director**

## Botetourt County History



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCMHC

October was Virginia Archaeology Month. This is a fossil that was found buried in the late 1980s in Botetourt County and donated to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture. It is hard to imagine that prehistoric Botetourt was once under the ocean, but fossils like this sea shell are found in this area. Archaeology is celebrated every year in Virginia through special events like the BCHS Founder's Day program last month. Brendan Burke is the only underwater archaeologist for Virginia's Department of Historic Resources. He showed pictures of the undisturbed artifacts in the Marshall Tunnel. Come learn more at your free Botetourt Museum in Fincastle.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

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| <p><b>Mountain Castles District (2 seats open)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F. Preston Wickline III</li> <li>• Write-in</li> </ul>                   | <p><b>Member Board of Supervisors -- Valley District</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donald M. "Mac" Scothorn</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Member Board of Supervisors -- Blue Ridge District</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walter G. Michael</li> </ul>                                   | <p><b>Member School Board -- Valley District</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timothy J. "Tim" Davidick</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Member School Board -- Blue Ridge District</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew J. East</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Member Town Council - Town of Buchanan (2 seats open)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marlon E. Rickman</li> <li>• Write-In</li> </ul>                         |
| <p><b>Member Board of Supervisors -- Fincastle District</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brandon W. Nicely</li> <li>• Donald Thomas Obenshain</li> </ul> | <p><b>Member Town Council -- Town of Troutville (3 seats open)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura C. Bumgarner</li> <li>• Write-In</li> <li>• Write-In</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Member School Board -- Fincastle District</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dana C. McCaleb</li> </ul>  | <p>- Fincastle Herald staff report</p>  |

# DON OBENSHAIN

## for Fincastle District Supervisor Botetourt County Board of Supervisors

"We need a local leader who is a native of Botetourt County like Don Obenshain. He is an Independent who will put citizens ahead of government."  
- Larry Ceola, former Botetourt Board member of the Fincastle District

- I will be your voice for:**
- ✔ Controlling Runaway Development
  - ✔ Promoting Better Traffic Solutions
  - ✔ Reducing Taxes
  - ✔ Giving You a Voice in Local Government
  - ✔ Preserving the County's Rich History



Pam and Don Obenshain

- My background:**
- 20 years' experience as Commonwealth of Virginia Corporate Compliance Officer
  - Master's Degree in Business Administration /Counseling at Liberty University
  - BA in Psychology from Roanoke College
  - 10th Generation Botetourt County resident

Scan for **YouTube** videos  
Don Obenshain for Fincastle District Supervisor  
**Email:** donobenshain@gmail.com

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### Do you want uncontrolled development in your area???

**My opponent approved everything listed below** while serving the past 5 years on the Botetourt County Planning Commission:

- **280 Apts, 34 Townhomes, plus more**  
*Fieldstone Place (Ikenberry Orchards)*
- **254 Units**  
*TPB Enterprises (Old Howard Johnson location) in Daleville*
- **162 Apts, 122 Single Family Homes, 99 Townhomes, plus more**  
*The Harvest in Blue Ridge (Murray Cider Farm)*
- **188 Units**  
*The Reserve in Daleville*
- **95 Units added to the original 122 Units**  
*Daleville Town Center*

Source: Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes 2018-2023

# Daleville golfer wins RVSGT tournament

Cecil Gibson of Daleville was the overall winner of the Roanoke Valley Senior Golf Tour's tournament on Monday, October 23 at Roanoke Country Club in Roanoke. Playing in Division 2, Gibson recorded a net score of 63. Other Division 2 winners were: 2nd, Jimmy Gibson - 67; 3rd, Paul Yengst - 73; 4th, Ken Kornegay - 74; 5th, John Mimmis - 74.

In Division 1, Butch Blessard of Roanoke County carded a net score of 72 for 1st place. Other Division 1 winners were: 2nd, Dennis Laliberte - 73; 3rd, Rick Crofts - 74; 4th, James Switzer - 75; 5th, Bee Hopkins - 76.

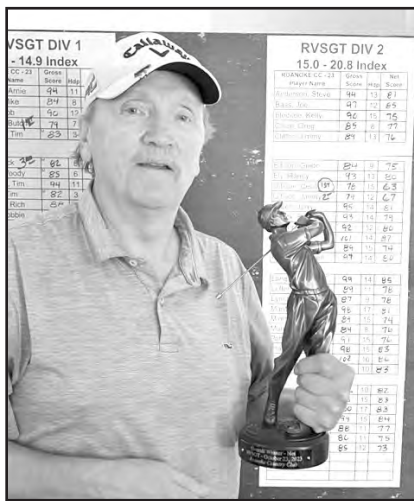


PHOTO COURTESY OF TOMMY FIREBAUGH  
**Cecil Gibson**

Playing in Division 3, John Horton of Huddleston finished in 1st Place with a net score of 69. Other Division 3 winners were: 2nd, Jeffrey Blessard - 70; 3rd, Roger Byrd - 71; 4th, Gary Webb - 72; 5th, Steve Echols - 72.

The Low Gross went to Cecil Gibson with a 76

- Submitted by Tommy Firebaugh

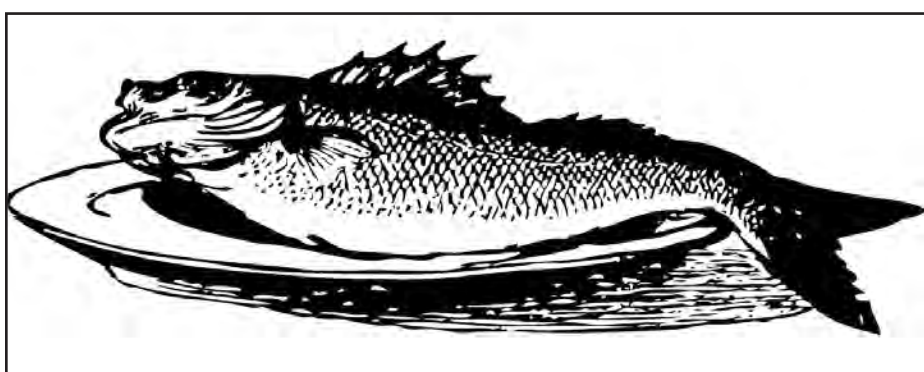


PHOTO COURTESY OF PIXABAY

# KoC fish fry Friday; now five fryers, no wait

The Knights of Columbus will have a fish fry on Friday, November 3, 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. They have additional fryers and should have fish until 7 p.m.

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, Sirens & Salutes Veteran Support, and Botetourt Resource Center. For more information, call 540-904-3126.

- Knights of Columbus

# New school

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project will be overseen by a board of directors. Enrollment is proposed to be Kindergarten through 12th grade. Hours of operation will be from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. No external changes are being proposed to the site.

Blue Ridge District Supervisor Billy Martin shared during the hearing, "It's something that they (Six Forty) are proud of. It's something they've worked on for months. They want to see this (school) start and use it for what it's been used for in the past and that's to educate

children. I would certainly support this and I would like to see us approve this so they can get on with the work and get this thing opened up and working for the community. I think they've done good work trying to get this built up."

The building will feature an administrative office space, approximately 20 classrooms, an auditorium, a library, a multimedia center, nurse's office, music room, gymnasium, and cafeteria. The former elementary school facility hasn't been used since it was vacated in 2021.

Repairs are required to the interior of the building, primarily caused by damage to the building's roof. In addition to education and administrative staff, the school will employ both a building manager and a maintenance manager. According to Six Forty's website, the school seeks to occupy at least 92% of the building's allowable occupancy in order to achieve financial self-sustainment. A building and zoning permit will be required to show conformance to

all applicable building and zoning standards. In addition to educational and administrative staff, the school will employ a building manager and a maintenance manager.

A county representative shared that they received comments prior to the meeting "all in favor" of the request. During the hearing the board heard comments from citizens who also spoke in support of the new school and thanked the supervisors for their consideration of the project.

# Lanford

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with diverse experience in local government management, public works, and capital project management and who is familiar with the Roanoke Valley and its localities. The board was also impressed by his past successes with regional initiatives. We look forward to working with Jon to improve

services to the regional partners, their citizens and businesses, and to strengthening the long-term financial sustainability of the Authority."

The RVRA board conducted a national search for the new CEO, assisted by The Berkley Group, of Bridgewater. The Berkley Group received

applications and conducted initial interviews with the most qualified candidates. It then assisted with selecting finalists for interviews with the board.

Lanford shared these thoughts on his appointment, "I am honored and excited to have this opportunity to serve as the next Chief Executive

Officer of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority. I have a strong commitment to providing regional solutions that benefit our communities and this is a core mission of the RVRA. I look forward to working with the board and staff, along with the governing bodies of the partner localities, to strengthen the

Authority to meet new challenges and continue to provide excellent solid waste management services to our region."

Lanford will assume his duties as Chief Executive Officer of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority on November 13.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

# Diez

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party and that led him to receive an appointment at West Point. After four years and graduating at West Point, Stan selected the infantry branch and began training at Fort Benning, Ga., including Airborne and Ranger school. He then reported to Fort Bragg, N.C. for duty with the 82nd Airborne Division. Stan tells us he was married the day after Easter in 1957 to Connie, whom he met on a blind date and were only together seven times before they married. At Fort Bragg, their daughter Lesa was born and we laughed when he said she was born 9 months and 7 days later!

Stan was sent to Mainz, Germany for three years in the 504th Airborne Battle Group as first lieutenant and became an adjutant up in the headquarters. His primary job was executive officer of Airborne Rifle Company. In Germany their son Eric was born. In 1961 Stan returned to Fort Benning for the Officers Advance Course, followed by two years at the University of Southern California to earn master's degrees in both Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering. He then served three years on the West Point Faculty in the Department of Earth, Space, and Graphic Science.

During his teaching he taught the first computer course to the cadets. Stan said they brought the first modern day computers into the classroom and it was as tough on them as it was the cadets! In 1967, Stan headed for Vietnam, served with 173rd Airborne Brigade six months on the staff and then six months out in the field during the major military assault of North Vietnamese and communist Viet Cong with South Vietnam. One experience Stan tells us of the first big day of the TET Offensive, he was in a little Air Force plane flying over Northern Vietnam dumping out leaflets. It was one of many dangerous days to be there when both Vietnamese and U.S. military forces suffered massive casualties.

Stan went to the Pentagon after graduating from the Command & General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and served in the office of the Army Assistant Vice Chief of Staff. We did find it interesting that when he was operation officer he had to write the "Battle of Dak To," writing a presidential units citation for the 173rd Airborne Brigade; the writing of the battalions that were hurt badly but were heroes. The draft was written up and approved later on.

Stan also worked on and reviewed the recommendations to the Chief of Staff when he was in the Pentagon with the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff. This was also a challenge as he said no one liked them as this was a difficult job making this job description for the



PHOTO COURTESY OF LEE HENRY  
**Stan Diez was a member of the 504th Airborne Battle Group.**

Four-Star Officer. During his time at the Pentagon he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. In 1972 Stan deployed to Korea and the 2nd Infantry Division, where he commanded 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 17th Infantry.

A year later, he was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff of the Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Va. It was interesting to learn how the towns there have changed over time as the houses are now all occupied by civilians and not soldiers. Stan also attended the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., then returning to Fort Monroe. His last assignment was Chief of Training Development and Director, Programs, and Resources for the Deputy Chief of Staff for training.

In 1980, Stan retired from military service and joined Burdeshaw Associates in Bethesda, Md., as their second employee. He became Chief Financial Officer as the company made the INC 500 list and grew into a successful business. Stan continued to impress us when in 1993 he returned to work for additional 10-year career with Cubic Defense Systems as Director of Eastern Business Development.

It was a grandchild that brought them to Troutville where they have resided since 1988. While sitting next to Connie on the couch, we were fascinated by her unique pewter like bracelet with Stan's name engraved from USMA. She said it was Stan's napkin ring holder that he used everyday in the mess hall all four years as a cadet. The bracelet is absolutely stunning and Connie never takes it off to this day. Stan celebrated his 90th birthday last March with a large gathering of his family and friends at the local Stoney Brook Vineyard in Troutville.

It was a pleasure to get to know more about Stan's military career and we look forward to seeing Stan at our Veterans Day program next week in Troutville.

The Sunshine Girls 14th Annual Veterans Day Program and Lunch will be held at Troutville Town Hall on Friday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m.

# ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for October 23-28:

- Christopher S. Gillmore, 39, of Blue Ridge, domestic assault, October 23
- Ricky A, Painter, 37, of Buchanan, domestic assault, October 23
- William J. Thorpe, 27, of Dayton, Ohio, drunk in public, October 27
- Jason Baker, 42, of Roanoke, child abuse, October 27
- Richard L. Mabry, 34, of Troutville, possession of Schedule drugs, October 27
- Tony L. Wilson, 42, of Bedford, petit larceny, October 28

# Today is the deadline to pay real estate, personal property taxes

The Botetourt County Treasurer's Office reminds residents that the deadline for payment of real estate and personal property taxes is November 1. Payment for these taxes must be postmarked or received by the Treasurer's Office by that date to avoid penalty for late payments.

Payments also can be made at Botetourt County branches of Bank of Botetourt and First Bank. Additional information and payment options can be found on the Treasurer's Office website at [www.botetourtva.gov/payments](http://www.botetourtva.gov/payments).

- Botetourt County Treasurer's Office

# Retired educators to meet Nov. 13

The Botetourt Retired Educators will meet on Monday, November 13, at Mill Creek Baptist Church, 11475 Lee Highway, Fincastle. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 11 a.m. Rudy Taylor will present a program about bee keeping. Donations for the Botetourt Food Pantry will be collected.

The church are preparing lunch for the group at a cost of \$15 per person. If you would like to attend and plan to eat lunch, let Susan Martin (540-473-2636) know by November 6.

Anyone retired from the field of education living in this area is eligible for membership. Dues (\$35) may be paid at any meeting. If you have questions, contact

Susan Martin.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

### LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to §3.2-6569 Code of Virginia - Notice is hereby given by Animal Control Officers:

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office seized one white and red male pig, approximately 20 pounds, in the 3000 block of Webster Road, Blue Ridge, VA 24064.

A hearing date to determine the disposition of the animal is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. November 8 at the Botetourt County General District Courthouse, 20 East Back Street, Fincastle.

For additional information, contact Deputy B.E. Olinger at (540) 473-8631.

**DEADLINE TO VOTE EARLY**  
**Saturday, November 4, 2023**  
**Office Hours: 8:30 am-5:00 pm**  
**Office Location:**  
**Dept of Elections & Voter Registration, 2 East Main Street, Fincastle**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fincastle supervisor says Ruhl's statements untrue

I am writing this letter to correct gross misstatements made in the letters to the editor in last week's Fincastle Herald, and is now being broadcast across social media in a last-ditch effort to sway voters as we approach Election Day.

In his letter in support of the Independent candidate for the Fincastle Board of Supervisors seat, Charles Ruhl stated that the county is "\$119 million in debt." His statement is intended to lead the reader to believe that the county has borrowed this amount of money. This statement is not true. In fact, the county's most recent audited financial statements show that the total amount of the county's borrowings is \$74.8 million. This balance is comprised of the following:

- Construction of the new Colonial Elementary School – \$19,780,000
- Firefighting Equipment, a remaining school loan and debt premium costs – \$3,680,683
- Remaining balance on Jail Construction Costs – \$9,935,000
- Remaining balance on James River High School renovations – \$5,525,000
- Multiple School Building Renovations – \$5,088,950
- Greenfield Industrial Park Expansion – \$3,240,000
- Planned construction of a new County Courthouse – \$27,550,000
- Total – \$74,799,633

Mr. Ruhl's comments are intended to imply fiscal irresponsibility on behalf of the board. This, too, is untrue. The county works with financial advisors to carefully plan any potential financing, and to ensure that appropriate debt limits are maintained. For fiscal year 2024, debt payments comprised 5% of the total county and school budgets. The county holds a bond issuer Aa1 credit rating, and its debt level is in line with, or less than, comparable Virginia localities. This board has performed its duties and met its obligations in a fiscally responsible manner, all the while keeping taxes low (as he notes in the final sentence of his letter).

The county's financial statements are subject to annual independent audits, and these independent auditors, in their associated reports, consistently commend the county's fiscal management. In addition, for the past 16 years in a row, the county has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The amount of the county's borrowing to support county services and facilities, and ultimately what level of services is appropriate, is a fair topic for public debate. Misrepresenting the facts for partisan promotion of a candidate is inappropriate and deceitful.

The Fincastle District needs a pragmatic and dedicated leader to protect our fiscal strength, with a proper mix of development and diversification of our tax base. That leader is Brandon Nicely.

Additionally, the Valley District needs to re-elect

Dr. Mac Scothorn to continue our tradition of fiscally responsible county management.

Please join me in supporting Brandon Nicely and Dr. Mac Scothorn on November 7.

*Dick Bailey*  
Fincastle District Supervisor

## Vote for Obenshain to change the status quo

Botetourt County is in need of change of the status quo of runaway development as well as the lack of transparency from the Board of Supervisors. Please join me on November 7 and vote for Don Obenshain, Board of Supervisors, Fincastle District. Don will support common sense development, the farming community, and better communication with Botetourt residents in the Fincastle District.

*Pamela F. Obenshain*  
Troutville

## Alderson supports Nicely for supervisor

I am writing this letter in support of Brandon Nicely, as he runs for election to the Fincastle seat on the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors.

Brandon is the Republican nominee for this seat, and he is experienced in the operations of local government. He currently serves on the county's Planning Commission and has been dedicated to other public service activities for many years, specifically serving on the board of the Botetourt County Education Foundation to help support our students. Brandon is a farmer and small businessman who understands the issues we face in northern Botetourt County with aging population and infrastructure, and he will work with the rest of the board to develop actionable strategies to meet the needs of the future.

I am proud to endorse Brandon, and I encourage everyone to vote for him for him on November 7.

*John E. Alderson*  
Fincastle

## Obenshain is voice of reason, responsibility

Dear citizens of the Fincastle District: This coming Tuesday, November 7, you will have the ability to change the course of history for Botetourt County when you vote for Fincastle District supervisor. The choice is clear. Do we vote to add more to the county's \$119 debt? Or do we vote the voice of reason and responsibility? Do we vote for the candidate who has been a part of this fiscal irresponsibility or do we vote for Don Obenshain?

*Greg Rieley*  
Troutville

## Bring government back to the people with Obenshain

Many of us are frustrated with the current political environment, to say the least. We've discovered that it doesn't seem to matter whether there's a D or an R behind the candidate's name anymore, no one seems to represent the voters as we have elected them to do. The politicians seem more beholden to their party than to their constituents. Now is your chance to do something about that.

The Fincastle District has a candidate who is

refreshingly independent from these parties and the influences that come with them. He has promised to listen to the people and make himself available to hear our concerns. That is a breath of fresh air compared to what we have currently, since most citizens can't even contact their supervisor and expect to hear back. And if you've ever attended a Board of Supervisors meeting, you've probably experienced the disdain they often show for the citizens. They've forgotten that they work for us and not the county administration that has gotten consistently larger over the last 10 years and seems to be making the decisions themselves instead of letting the board that the people elected do so.

Most of us moved here because we love the rural atmosphere and don't want to live in a crowded environment, and we are losing that. If we don't turn things around soon, it may be too late. Coming from someone who has seen this happen in other places where I've lived, I can't turn my back and ignore it. Let's keep Botetourt rural!

If you want to bring the government back to the people, please vote for Don Obenshain for Fincastle District on November 7. He is extremely qualified for this position, having a diversified background in business, psychology, and farming, among other experiences, and genuinely cares about the people and the future of Botetourt County. He has promised to encourage responsible growth but to curb the out-of-control development that we are currently experiencing, much of which originated while his opponent was on the Planning Commission board that approved the Gateway Crossing plan.

Don is not a part of the current establishment and will listen to his voters and do what's best for us, not the county administration, who has a vested interest in growing itself. If you want more information, please contact Don and he'll be happy to discuss his plans with you.

*Candace Poling*  
Fincastle

## Reader supports Obenshain for Fincastle Supervisor

We have wasteful spending in our county. As the taxes pile up, we are supposed to just accept that along with all the secretly and poorly planned development that they say is good for the residents. How do they know what's good for us, they never ask us, they appear to listen at public comments but still vote for what the people don't want. Just look at Daleville!

The only way to get this under control is to change our county supervisors. That's why I have been supporting Don Obenshain for Fincastle District supervisor! He is common sense, does the right thing and is all-in for the people in Botetourt County.

Don's opponent has never voted "No" for anything and his largest financial supporter is a developer. I'll leave that up to you to figure out.

Vote for Don Obenshain for Fincastle District supervisor November 7.

*Dennis Deacon*  
Troutville

**Submit all Letters to the Editor to [fincastle@ourvalley.com](mailto:fincastle@ourvalley.com)**

### League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

#### Meet Scout



Scout is 3-4 years old, a 30-pound Beagle that came to the LAP Shelter from Wise County. He is heartworm negative.



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15. Famed Mexican painter
16. Song
17. ticks outward from the crown
18. Doddering
19. Resist authority (slang)
20. Antsy
22. Wrath
23. Spills the beans
24. Past
27. The woman
30. One has 24 hours
31. Talk
32. It can sting
35. Astronomy unit
37. Halfway
38. Chinese dynasty
39. Australian river
40. Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
41. Fabric
42. Crucifix
43. Drucefnx European economic group
44. "Hotel California" rockers
45. Michael Knight's car
46. Actress Ryan
47. A digital tape recording of sound
48. Insecticide
49. Scientific instrument
52. Golden-\_\_\_ corn
55. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
56. Sword
60. Ottoman military title
61. Aromatic plants
63. Cold wind
64. Large, semiaquatic reptile (slang)
65. Political unit
66. Indiscreetly reveal secrets
67. Comfort food dish
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

**CLUES DOWN**

1. One point east of southeast
2. Italian monetary unit
3. Warship prison
4. Tropical American tree
5. Alias
6. Normal or sound powers of mind
7. English county
8. Not compatible with
9. Female deer
10. Not late
11. La \_\_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood
12. "Jupiter's Legacy" actress Leslie
13. Impudence
21. Advises
23. Founder of Babism
25. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
26. Male parent
27. A type of plug
28. Capital of Vietnam
29. Fungal disease
32. Shelter
33. Finished
34. Excrete
36. Unhappy
37. Partner to cheese
38. Coffee receptacle
40. Spend time dully
41. Makes full
43. Snake-like fish
44. Take in solid food
46. \_\_\_ student, learns healing
47. A way to take away
49. Impart a lesson to
50. "Transformers" actress Fox
51. Spiritual leader
52. Every one of two or more things
53. Indian city
54. 17th stars
57. Weapon
58. Amounts of time
59. Isodor \_\_\_, American Nobel physicist
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness



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**Sunday, Nov. 5 3 p.m.**

**Thursday, Nov. 9 7 p.m.**

[www.FincastleHerald.com](http://www.FincastleHerald.com)

See Answers, page 8

# Bank of Botetourt posts profitable third quarter financial results

Buchanan-based Bank of Botetourt has released its unaudited financial results for the three and nine months-ended September 30, 2023. The bank produced net income amounting to \$2,085,000 or \$1.01 per basic share in the third quarter. This amount compares to a net income of \$2,308,000 or \$1.19 per share, for the same period last year. For the nine months-ended the bank produced net income amounting to \$6,372,000 or \$3.09 per basic share. This amount compares to a net income of \$5,614,000 or \$2.91 per share, for the same period last year.

At September 30, select financial information and key highlights include:

- Return on average assets of 1.16%
- Return on average equity of 12.30%
- Book value of \$36.54

- Total deposit growth of 0.91%
- Total asset growth of 3.69%
- Total loan growth of 16.26%
- Community Bank Leverage Ratio of 10.51%
- Net interest margin of 3.21%, compared to 3.63% one year prior.

As a result of the solid financial performance, the Board of Directors voted to pay the 7% preferred dividend, which calculates to \$0.49 per share on November 9, 2023 to preferred shareholders of record November 2, 2023. The Board of Directors also voted to pay the \$0.1925 per share quarterly dividend, or \$0.77 per share annualized which is payable on November 17, 2023 to common shareholders of record November 10, 2023.

CEO & Vice-Chairman G. Lyn

Hayth, III said, "Despite navigating a challenging net interest margin landscape, we produced strong financial results for the third quarter. We remain committed to giving back to the communities that sustain us. It is our privilege to not only thrive as a business but also to contribute to the well-being of those around us."

### Financial Condition

At September 30, 2023, total assets amounted to \$741,916,000, an increase of 3.69% above total assets at December 31, 2022 of \$715,514,000, an increase of \$26,402,000. Total net loans increased \$78,398,000 or 16.26% from \$482,163,000 at December 31, 2022 to \$560,561,000 at September 30, 2023. Total deposits at December 31, 2022 amounted to \$645,720,000, compared to \$651,575,000 at September 30, 2023,

an increase of 0.91% or \$5,855,000.

As of September 30, 2023 Bank of Botetourt reported its CBLR ratio at 10.51% which meets the required regulatory minimum ratio. This compares to a CBLR ratio of 10.32% at December 31, 2022.

Bank of Botetourt was chartered in 1899 and operates 13 retail offices in Botetourt, Rockbridge, Roanoke, and Franklin counties, the City of Salem, and the Town of Vinton. Bank of Botetourt also operates a mortgage division, Virginia Mountain Mortgage, and a financial services division, Botetourt Wealth Management.

- Bank of Botetourt

# James River marching band performs well in October's Cavalier Classic

The James River Marching Knights nearly swept the day at The Cavalier Classic Band Competition held at Lord Botetourt High School on October 21. The final results show the hours of hard work spent to perfect an outstanding field performance:

- Drum major - 1st place
- Percussion - 3rd place
- Color Guard - 1st place
- Marching - 1st place
- General Effect - 1st place
- Music - 1st place
- Overall Rating - 1st place

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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The 2023 JRHS Marching Knights are: David Merritt, Madison Muncney, Bella DiBenedetto, Regan Childs, Randall McClung, Brianna Petty, Aaron Petty, Nathaniel Graff, Evangelyn Clonch, Ethan Spickard, Silas Miller, Aaron Mejia, Georgia Miller, Arianna Cason, Chase Britnell, Courtney Hodge, Izzy Keith, Faith Worsley, Molly McGee, Kyra Taylor, Jeana Keith, Lilly Tingler, Dannika Seamans, and Ellie Eubank

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Cloverleaf 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 Burkhart, preschool director.

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

### CONSEQUENCES

Read 2 Kings 14:26-29; Amos 1:1 through 2:16

Perhaps we learned it in the principal's office after committing a misdeed or when a traffic court judge determined the fine for our traffic infraction. But at some point, we all learned that our actions have consequences.

God judged Israel's neighbors for atrocities they committed. When His attention turned to His chosen people, their "crimes" centered on how they had treated the living God as well as their fellow countrymen. Judah and Israel were living in moral deterioration.

Because they have rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept his decrees, because they have been led astray by false gods, the gods their ancestors followed, I will send fire on Judah that will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem (Amos 2:4,5).

Our attitude toward God and His Word has consequences. If we follow the instructions He has so plainly laid out for us, He promises blessing. The reverse is also true. If we persist in ignoring what He wants us to do, we will have to live with the consequences which may not be very pleasant. God leaves the choice to us.

Challenge for Today: Keep what God says in His Word front and center in your life.

Quicklook: Amos 2:4-16

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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**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 Plymmer, 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

## Layman, Janie Adkins

April 9, 1948 - October 28, 2023  
Janie Lynn Adkins Layman of Botetourt County passed away at the age of 75 on Saturday, October 28, 2023, after a battle with dementia.



Adkins; nephews, Jordan Gilliam, Eric Layman, Bobby and Lori Layman, and Christopher Adkins; niece, Shannon Adkins Haney; as well as a host of cousins and friends.

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks and deep gratitude to the staff at The Glebe for her care over the last few years and to Good Samaritan Hospice for their help in the last few months.

Visitation will be held at Oakey's East Chapel on Friday, November 3, 2023, from 4 to 6 p.m. with a memorial service following at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to The Glebe Employee Education Scholarship Fund, 200 The Glebe Blvd., Daleville, 24083. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.Oakeys.com](http://www.Oakeys.com). Arrangements are by Oakey's East Chapel, 540-977-3909.

## Riddle, Bonnie

Bonnie Riddle, 80, of Troutville, went to be with her Lord on Monday, October 23, 2023.

She was a member of Harvest Ministries and was preceded in death by her husband, John Riddle; her parents, Walter and Ella Ball; and son, Walter Riddle.

Bonnie is survived by her son, Steve Riddle and his wife, Stephanie; two granddaughters, Kaela and Siena Riddle; niece Ginny Alls; and many family members and friends.



A private graveside service was held at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park. The family will schedule a Celebration of Life at a later date. Arrangements were by Oakey's East Chapel, 540-977-3909.

## Turner, Virginia Drawbond

Virginia "Jenny" Drawbond (Stacy), Lauren Erickson (Christian), Turner, 82, of Daleville passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glendon and Gertrude Drawbond, as well as her sisters, Laura "Liz" Hagee and Lynda Gallimore.

Jenny was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. For many years she worked for Dr. Harry B. Stone and later worked for Dr. Daniel Drysdale. She attended Fincastle Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Leon O. Turner, Sr.; daughter, Rhonda J. Trafton (Rob); grandsons, Zachary Trafton and Benjamin Trafton; sister, Dottie Stroupe (Bill); step-children, Lee Turner (Debbie), Leslie Leedy and Victoria White (Allen); step-grandchildren, Noel Leigh Turner, Creek Turner (Chelsea), Jason Cornett



Tori White and Lukas White; five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023 in the Chapel of Simpson Funeral Home, 5160 Peters Creek Road with the Rev. Kevin Cummings officiating. Interment will follow in Sherwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, at Simpson Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Western Virginia or to Good Samaritan Hospice, 2408 Electric Road, Roanoke, 24018.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.simpsonfuneral.com](http://www.simpsonfuneral.com).

## McMurry, Reid

A memorial gathering for Reid McMurry will be held on Friday, November 3, 2023 beginning at 4 p.m. on the steps of the Botetourt County Courthouse.

Please come and share your stories and memories of Reid. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Thanksgiving meal at Galatia EPC

All are invited to a potluck Thanksgiving community meal Monday, November 6 at noon at Galatia EPC, 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock. Turkey, dressing, gravy and cranberry sauce will be furnished by the church along with tea, unsweet tea and coffee.

accompanying by the choir from Mt Zion A.M.E. Church of Roanoke. Everyone is welcome to these celebrations.

Regular services are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Everyone is invited to attend all services at Lapsleys Run Baptist Church, 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle.

## Homecoming, anniversary celebration at Lapsleys Run

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church will celebrate the annual Harvest Homecoming and 155th Church Anniversary on Sunday, November 12. Homecoming begins at 11 a.m. The church pastor, the Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., will be the speaker for this service. Dinner will be served after the morning service.

## Flu Shot Clinic, food distribution at Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will be holding a Flu Shot Clinic on Saturday, November 4 from 8-10 a.m. Anthem, Optima, Medicare, and Cigna will be accepted. Call the church line to reserve a time, (540) 992-5556. Walk-ins are also welcome, first-come, first-served.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will be giving out free boxes of food staples on Saturday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Boxes will be available at the church, 4930 Country Club Road, and at the Eagle Rock Library.

The 155th Church Anniversary service will begin at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Amy Hodge, who will be

# Post 240 Notes

## American Legion Post 240 meets Thursday

American Legion Post 240 will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 2 in the VFW Hall at 4902 Roanoke Road in Daleville, on the corner of US 220 and Country Club Road. The social hour with a complimentary dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

- AL Post 240

# NASA recruiting local community college students



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF MGCC

Representatives from the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Langley Research Center will be at Mountain Gateway Community College's Moomaw Center in Clifton Forge on Monday, November 13, from 2 to 4 p.m.

NASA personnel are deploying across Virginia to visit and recruit students from community colleges. NASA needs students from all degree programs, including computer and IT, engineering, physical sciences, marketing, human

resources, administrative, finance and accounting, art, technology, robotics, automotive and general education.

Opportunities for students, including internships, apprenticeships and volunteers, will be showcased. NASA personnel will be on hand to explain their personnel paths from community college to NASA.

- Mountain Gateway Community College



# Library BUZZ

## #BOCOGrateful

This year marks our third annual #BOCOGrateful campaign, a time for all of us to reflect on our many blessings in Botetourt County. Stop by the library and fill out a flower petal with something you're grateful for, and we'll decorate our desks with BOCO gratitude flowers for everyone to enjoy. We have so many reasons to be thankful that we live, work, and play in Botetourt County. What are you most #BOCOGrateful for?

stories. Log your reading and activities in Beanstack (app or website) to earn badges throughout the challenge.

## November Holiday Closures

The library will be closed on these dates:  
Tue, Nov 7  
Fri, Nov 10 - Sat, Nov 11  
Wed, Nov 22 - close at noon  
Thu, Nov 23 - Sat, Nov 25

## Outdoor Book Club

Tue, Nov 14, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Troutville Town Park  
Join a leisurely 20-minute group walk around Troutville Town Park, then discuss what you're reading and share book recommendations over warm (or cool) beverages at One Love Coffee across the

street (group discount provided).

## Veterans' Voices

Thu, Nov 9, 6-7pm, Fincastle  
The Botetourt County Historical Society & Museum (BCHS) is collecting stories from Botetourt veterans for the historical record. Come tell your stories of military service or listen to others' stories in this evening of remembrance.

## Senior Bingo

Thu, Nov 16, 11am-12pm, Buchanan  
Win fun prizes and enjoy social time with this popular game. Offered in partnership with Valley Medicare Solutions and Botetourt County Parks & Recreation. Recommended for senior citizens.

## StoryTime

Wednesdays, 10:30-11am & 2:30-3pm, Eagle Rock

Wednesdays, 6-6:30pm, Fincastle  
Thursdays, 10:30-11am, Blue Ridge & Fincastle

Fri, Nov 3 & 17, 10:30-11am, Buchanan  
Enjoy books, songs, and tactile activities that build literacy, motor, and social skills. Best for preschoolers.

## Kids Activity Club

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm, Fincastle  
Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm, Buchanan (Art Club)  
Fridays, 2:30-3:30pm, Eagle Rock  
Fridays, 3-4pm, Blue

Ridge (How to Draw)  
Dive into arts, crafts, and fun activities with a weekly theme! Recommended for ages 6-11.

## Teen Time

Thu, Nov 2 & 16, 4:30-5:30pm, Eagle Rock & Fincastle  
Mon, Nov 13 & 27, 4:30-5:30pm, Blue Ridge  
Tue, Nov 14 & 28, 4:30-5:30pm, Buchanan  
Enjoy fun crafts and activities while building social skills and forging great friendships. Best for ages 13-17. Call 540-928-2900 to register.

Find even more events at [BOCOLibraries.info](http://BOCOLibraries.info).

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### Free Misc

**FREE**  
**Wooden Pallets**  
No Need to call or come inside. First come, First served. Behind Salem Times Register building.

### Legals - Botetourt County

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

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$11,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Book 0000 at Page 0167 as Instrument No. 0307051. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on December 4, 2023, at 11:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SECTION 1, KNOLLWOOD, MADE BY T.P. PARKER AND SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 76. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-208643-6.

### VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision Of The Commonwealth Of Virginia, Complainant, v. MARILYN LEIDECKEER AKA MARILYN L. LEIDECKER, Respondent.  
**Case No. CL23-359**

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 86-31  
Account No. 25712

All that certain lot or parcel of land, with all appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and being more particularly described as

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follows: Tract A, consisting of 1.00 acre, more or less, as shown on plan of survey prepared by Charles R. McMurry, CLS, dated September 12, 1990, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 13, Page 170. There is further conveyed unto parties of the second, all rights in the "Cesspool" and drain lines for septic system purposes along with an easement to repair and maintain the same reserved in a deed to the adjacent property dated November 21, 1951 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 105, Page 143. And being the same property conveyed to Alan J. Leidecker and Marilyn Leidecker, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties with the right of survivorship as at common law, from Ann Gladwell by Deed dated September 24, 2004, and recorded September 28, 2004 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument 040006603. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

**IT APPEARING** that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known address for the Respondents herein are as follows: Marilyn Leidecker aka Marilyn L. Leidecker, whose last known address is 4704 Showalter Road NW, Roanoke, VA 24017; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named here in are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before **November 30, 2023** in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.  
Sherry L. Perry, Deputy Clerk.

I Ask For This:  
Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065)  
John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805)  
Jeffrey A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591)  
Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409)  
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Facsimile: (804)545-2378  
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH LARRY HENDERSON, DECEASED

#### NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Lenden Eakin, attorney for James McClure, administrator of the estate of Joseph Larry Henderson, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Joseph Larry Henderson, and all persons in any way interested in his estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Joseph Larry Henderson or his estate, and the names among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due.

All creditors of Joseph Larry Henderson, deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest.

Given under my hand this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.  
Malcolm McL. Doubles  
Commissioner of Accounts

### Legals - Botetourt County

#### ABC NOTICE

Santa Rita LLC., trading as Lentini's, 1396 Roanoke Road, Daleville, VA. 24083.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application- Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Consumed On and OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

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

### Legals - City of Radford

#### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316; -317.20-104  
**Case No. CL23007009-00**  
RADFORD CITY Circuit Court, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141  
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* CHRISTINA NICOLE HAMBLIN v. RONALD GLENN HAMBLIN  
The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that RONALD GLENN HAMBLIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before **DECEMBER 13, 2023**.  
**OCTOBER 13, 2023**  
MELISSA WHITE, DEPUTY CLERK

#### ABC NOTICE

VISTARA LLC, trading as EASY DAY #2, 1123 FAIRFAX STREET, RADFORD CITY, RADFORD, VA 24141-5342

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Jyoti Sansoa, MEMBER.

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

### Legals - City of Salem

**Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on November 15, 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. Consider the request of GKM Properties, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 800-802 Maryland Avenue (Tax Map # 147 - 2 - 1).
2. Consider amending Chapter 66, Article I, In General, Section 66-7, Nonconforming signs and 66-9, Removal of signs no longer advertising existing bona fide business, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs.
3. Consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-208.2, 106-214.2, 106-216.2, and 106-218.2, pertaining to permitted uses; Section 106-216.3 pertaining to site development regulations; Article III Use & Design Standards, section 106-304.21 pertaining to short term rentals; section 106-316.3 pertaining to accessory uses, residential; Article IV Development Standards, section 106-404 pertaining to parking requirements; section 106-406 miscellaneous provisions pertaining to storage

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containers; and Article VI Definitions and use types, section 106-600 pertaining to definitions of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA.

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:  
H. Robert Light  
Deputy Executive Secretary

### Legals - Montgomery County

#### Trustee's Sale

**1551 Fire Tower Road, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073**  
**(Parcel ID: 006374)**

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 8, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$201,188.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia in Instrument No. 2022002914, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on December 1, 2023, at 1:00 pm, in front of the building housing the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, the property beginning at an iron rod set located on the west line of State Route No. 600, thence with State Route No. 600, s. 10 deg. 00' 12" e 138.98 feet to an iron pipe; thence s. 80 deg. 43' 48" w. 199.82 feet to an iron rod set; thence n. 10 deg. 13' 41" w. 137.88 feet to an iron rod set by a post; thence n. 80 deg. 24' 48" e. 200.35 feet to the point of beginning; and containing all the land of an un-numbered lot on State Route No. 600, as shown by a plat of survey of land entitled, physical survey of an un-numbered lot on state route number 600 in Montgomery County, Virginia, dated January 31, 1989, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in deed book 639, page 83. 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 \$20,000.00 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 calendar 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 on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com, 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, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustee, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 232844-01, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

Order of Publication  
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
**Case No. 121CL22300149600**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* WAYMON RODNEY PACK v. GAIL WILLIAMS, et al.  
The object of the complaint in the above styled case is to quiet the title via adverse possession to that certain parcel identified as 4792

### Legals - Montgomery County

Piney Woods Rd., Riner, VA 24149 (Montgomery County Tax Map #'s 127-A-72), Located in Montgomery County, Virginia.

It is ORDERED that any of the following persons shall appear at the above named Court and take such action as he/she deem necessary to protect his/her interests on or before November 17, 2023.

- Gail Williams
- LaShavio Diggs
- Robert Beale, Jr.
- Raymond Beale
- Barbara Ann Beale
- Freddie Hart, Jr.
- Any Descendant of Alvia Ellen Paack Jones, deceased

Any person desiring a copy of the Complaint, Survey, or any additional information should contact Ryan L. Pry, counsel for plaintiffs, at P.O. Box 3785, Radford, VA 24143, or at 540-838-2233 prior to the above date. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this ORDER OF PUBLICATION be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Christiansburg News Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, Virginia. Entered this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2023. By K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge  
I ask for this Ryan L. Pry (VSB#74181)  
RYAN L. PRY PC  
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#### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
**Case No. CL23-1004**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* THE ESTATE OF CHARLES F. BOWLES. KIMBERLY REED, Plaintiff v. NELVA KOSTRIC Defendant

THIS DAY came Justin Steele, Counsel for Plaintiff, Kimberly Reed, and filed a petition to probate will for the Estate of Charles F. Bowles and a motion for entry of a default judgement and for other relief, and a hearing will be held in this Court, 55 East Main Street, Suite 1 Christiansburg VA 24073, on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 AM or as soon after as may be heard. NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that all defendants, unknown heirs and others interested in said Estate appear at the hearing and be heard why the petition and motion for default judgement should not be granted. The Clerk shall send a copy of this order to the *Christiansburg News Messenger* to be published once a week for four consecutive weeks. Enter the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

Robert M. D. Turk, Judge  
I ask for this:  
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### TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, November 14, 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 2031: An Ordinance Vacating a Greenway Trail Easement on Land Located at 1505 Bradley Lane.  
The proposed ordinance request is to release the Town's interest in a Greenway Trail easement located at 1505 Bradley Lane.  
All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also 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. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

#### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
**Case No. 121CL22300149600**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* WAYMON RODNEY PACK v. GAIL WILLIAMS, et al.  
The object of the complaint in the above styled case is to quiet the title via adverse possession to that certain parcel identified as 4792

### Legals - Montgomery County

#### VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. KELLY M. HESLEP, ET AL, Respondent(s). **Case No. CL23-1257**

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows:

**Tax Map No. 058-A 61**  
**Account No. 008614**

All that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia containing 85.69 acres, more or less, further designated as Parcel ID 008614, Tax Map Number 058-A 61. And being a portion of the same real property conveyed to Kelly M. Heslep, from W. L. Underwood and S. E. Underwood, husband and wife, by deed, dated November 15, 1933 and recorded November 22, 1933 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 96 at Page 339. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 119 at Page 358, Deed Book 144 at Page 467, Deed Book 255 at Page 294, Deed Book 255 at Page 299.

**IT APPEARING** that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Kelly M. Heslep aka Kelly Morris Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Minnie Aline Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Donald D. Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Carl Douglas Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kelly Eugene Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Gary W. Heslep, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Pamela Sue Heslep Lapradd, whose last known address is 3758 Southway Dr. SW, Apt 69, Roanoke, Virginia 24014; Penny S. Heslep McNabb, whose last known address is 2448 Westover Ave. SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24015; Phoebe S. Heslep Rakes, whose last known address is 8127 Running Deer Ln, Roanoke, Virginia 24019; Peggy Sue Dickson Heslep, whose last known address is 2965 Reesedale Rd, Elliston, Virginia 24087; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before **November 23, 2023** in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2023  
K. Mike Fleenor, Jr.  
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We can no longer overlook the problems here in our county. Our Board of Supervisors are not listening to you, the voters. Issue after issue, this has been proven.

This and many other problems with our local government have reared it's ugly head with the proposed Craig-Botetourt Scenic Trail. Starting with supervisor Richard Bailey refusing to stand with his voters. He refuses to hear his constituents and seems solely interested in seeing how a profit can be made without considering the rights and wishes of the adjacent land owners.

The BOS, by their own chosen

administration, have pursued this trail without regard to what the people may want, never asking them first. All of this has been proven by a Freedom of Information Act request. John Williamson, who was appointed by the BOS to Chair the Citizens Railbed Committee, wanted to fast-track sections of the trail. This same committee that is supposed to serve the people has been stacked in favor of the trail to achieve the administration's goals. Both of these are examples of your local government's desire to do what it wants, when it wants regardless of public wishes. When the BOS chairman Mac Scothorn is asked what can be done, he claims it's out of the BOS hands,

"it's a state project". Terry Austin on three different occasions has said the BOS wants the trail. They are all playing a game of hide and seek with the truths. Brandon Nicely has been part of the local government for 32 years. He is funded/endorsed by Bailey, Scothorn and Williamson, and many alike. Their motives are self serving. Not listening to the public outcry. We need better. We need a true change. Not someone who has been long embedded in the political machine with all it's problems.

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In the 8 miles of road he referred to, there are actually 371 vehicles per day with hundreds of homes and residents that will be affected.

Mr. Austin's statements that day were to minimize the issues the trail will have, in order to fast-track the funding through the budget process for a pet project he has wanted for decades. He has never asked the local residents, his constituents, what they desire. His actions are both deceitful and not what you want or need in your government leader.

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## Cavaliers move into third in region with win over Northside in football



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### Seth Williamson of LB sacks the quarterback in last week's win over Northside.

Last Friday's Lord Botetourt win over Northside, combined with Christiansburg's loss at Salem, moved the Cavaliers into third place in the Virginia High School League Region 3D standings with one week to go.

Botetourt is now behind only undefeated Magna Vista and 8-1 William Byrd in the standings. Magna Vista has a rating of 27.7 and plays 2-7 Mecklenburg County this week, so the Warriors are all but locked into the top spot. Byrd is at 26.5 and the Terriers finish up with a trip to Northside, the 11th ranked team out of 13 Region 3D teams. LB is now at 25.1, and a win over Class 5 Franklin County in Rocky Mount Friday would lock up the third seed and an opening round home game in the playoffs with a possible rematch with William Byrd in the region semifinals.

"Right now all I'm worried about is staying healthy," said LB coach Jamie Harless. "We've been battling some injuries and we need to be as healthy as possible for the playoffs. We had some kids out last week, but some others stepped up and did a good job for us."

Even with some backups in key spots the Cavaliers had little trouble with Northside, winning 47-21. The Cavs jumped to an early 14-0 lead when Jakari Nicely scored on a seven-yard run and Cody McConnaughey recovered a fumbled snap on a punt attempt in the Northside end zone.

The Vikings answered with a 15-yard

TD pass but Nicely scored on a three-yard run, then passed to Tristan Overbay for a 15-yard score to give LB a 28-7 lead at the half.

Northside's Mykell Harvey cut the lead to 28-14 with a 72-yard TD run early in the third period, but again the Cavaliers answered. Nicely hit McConnaughey twice with touchdown passes, one for 19 yards and one for 64, and Sam Grooten ran one in from 12 yards out as Botetourt increased the lead to 47-14 after three quarters. Northside would tack on a 54-yard TD run by Harvey to account for the final score.

Nicely ran just five times in this game but threw 22 passes, completing 16 for 219 yards and three touchdowns. McConnaughey had seven receptions for 121 yards and two scores on a career night for him. Overbay had five catches for 69 yards and ran for another 87.

With the win the Cavaliers improved to 7-2 overall with one regular season game remaining as they play Franklin County in Rocky Mount. The Eagles are 4-5 and this is a big game for them, as they're in ninth place in the Region 5C standings with the top eight making the playoffs. A loss to LB all but knocks them out of any chance to make the post-season.

"They always have good players," said Harless, who was once an assistant coach at Franklin County. "We'll need to play well to beat them."

## Knights have shot at football playoffs with win this Friday against Patrick County

The James River football team is hoping to prolong the season with a win in what has been a difficult football season this fall. The Knights will play host to Patrick County in Springwood in the regular season finale Friday night, and a win will give them a shot at making the post-season playoffs.

The Knights will be looking to break a six-game losing streak Friday. The season started out with high hopes, and three wins, but in the fourth game of the season River suffered some key injuries and the Knights have only scored 20 points in the past six games. Last week they lost at home to 8-1 Alleghany, 57-0.

River's last three opponents, Alleghany, Glenvar and Radford, are a combined 24-3 and their only losses have been in games between them. This week the Knights will play a Patrick County team that has lost to all three and, after starting 4-1, has lost their last four games in a row.

"We can play with Patrick, it is a winnable game if we do our jobs and minimize the mistakes," said River coach Tim Jennings. "We cannot expect to have any success, let alone win a football game, if we can't do our jobs and play our best game. Period. We have to focus on us this week, not Patrick County."

Visiting Alleghany,

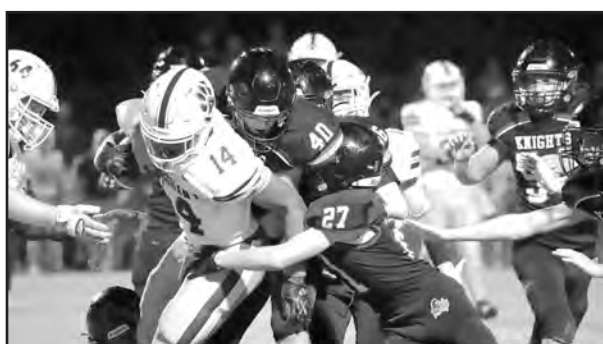


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### James River defenders close in on a stop.

a team that combined players from Alleghany and Covington High from a year ago, had too much firepower for the Knights in last week's blowout. The Cougars led 35-0 at the half and put another 22 on the board after intermission despite a running clock.

"Yes, they are good," said Jennings. "I told the team after the game that Alleghany has done a terrific job of coming together and prioritizing the weight room and off season, and their upperclassmen have stepped up and led, exactly what you want."

"We played better at times on offense than we had over the past few weeks, but not as consistently on defense or special teams. We had some guys step up at different times when we needed it, but just couldn't get over the hump."

River had some highlights. Jackson Taylor caught a 54-yard pass and another to Cam Saunders

picked up 44 yards and put the Knights at first and goal on the one. However, the Knights shot themselves in the foot with a loss and a penalty and they weren't able to score.

The Knights struggled to run the ball, finishing with minus 47 yards on the ground. They had 97 yards passing, all from two big plays.

Defensively, Evan Byers had eight tackles to lead the team and Gabe Staton had seven. Ryder Ward blocked a kick and Taylor had an interception.

With the loss the Knights dropped to 3-6 and they're in ninth place in the Region 2C rankings with the top eight making the playoffs. They have a rating of 15.88 and Dan River, the eighth place team, is at 16.0. A James River win over Patrick County and a Dan River loss at Appomattox Friday would likely lift the Knights back into the top eight.

## Lord Botetourt wins district volleyball tournament

Lord Botetourt added a Blue Ridge District championship to the regular season title with a win over Franklin County in the final last Thursday. The Cavaliers left no doubt, winning in three sets in the championship match in Daleville.

Botetourt finished the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record, then beat Northside in three sets in the tournament semifinal. Franklin County was 8-2 in the BRD regular season, losing only to LB twice, and the Eagles earned their spot in the championship match with a semifinal win over William Byrd, setting up a third match with the Cavaliers.

Botetourt came out strong in the final, winning the first set 25-18. They dominated the second set, 25-10, then held off the Eagles in a close third set, 26-24, to put it away.

"We had a great match against Franklin County," said LB coach Julie Conner. "We passed well off serve receive, played good defense and controlled most of the match. I am proud of the team for a strong start in postseason play."

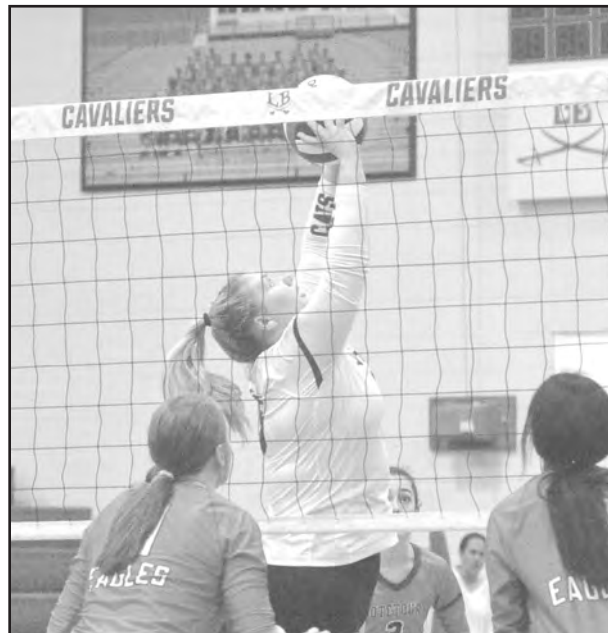


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### Blue Ridge District Player of the Year Skylar Morris of Lord Botetourt sets one up in the district championship win over Franklin County.

Becca Huddleston led the Cavaliers with a dozen kills and Emma Rice had 10. Erica Gergely had eight kills and 12 digs, Skylar Morris had 36 assists, Bria Harvey had 18 digs and Maddie Caron served up four aces.

After the tournament the All-BRD team was announced and Morris was named first team and Player of the Year. Joining her on the first team were Huddleston, Rice and Harvey while second team honors went to Gergely and Caron. Conner was named the Blue Ridge District Coach of the Year.

"I have great assistant coaches and good kids," said Conner.

Next up for the Cavaliers is the Region 3D tournament. LB took a 19-4 overall record into Tuesday's home match

with Carroll County, but results were too late for publication. The Cavaliers are the third seed in the tournament and Carroll is sixth.

If the Cavaliers won on Tuesday they'll advance to Thursday's second round match against the winner of a Tuesday match between second seeded Christiansburg and Cave Spring. If Christiansburg won that match they would be home, but if a hot Cave Spring team pulled the upset and LB also won, then Thursday's match would be in Daleville.

Hidden Valley is the number one seed in the tournament. The championship is scheduled for next Tuesday, November 7, and both finalists advance to the state tournament.

## Knights open Region 2C volleyball with three-set win over Dan River

The James River girls opened the Region 2C volleyball tournament with a win over Dan River on Tuesday. The Knights won in three sets in Springwood, and now advance to the second round Thursday night in Gretna.

River opened Tuesday's match with a 25-18 win, pulling away at the end. They held off a game Wildcats team in the second set, 25-23, then put it away with a 25-20 win in the third to sweep the match.

"The girls started out slowly and could not get their connection," said coach Linsey Firebaugh. "However, as the match went on the girls started to play together and look more like a team."

Ava Thacker had 11 kills and 20 digs to lead the Knights. Caitlin Canada had eight kills, Brea Anduiza had 29 assists and 17 digs and Konner Myers had 14 digs in the back row.

"We played well defensively and kept a lot of balls alive, giving our offense the opportunity to execute," said Firebaugh. "Overall, I'm proud of the girls."

With the win the Knights improved to 13-8 on the season. They're the



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

### Jady Miller (14) spikes one for James River in Monday's region win.

third seed in the tournament and second seeded Gretna advanced with a five-set win over Liberty on Tuesday, earning the right to host River in the semifinal round on Thursday.

The region championship match is next Tuesday at the highest remaining seed, and top-seeded Appomattox was scheduled to host defending state champ Glenvar in the other semifinal this Thursday. Both finalists advance to the state tournament.

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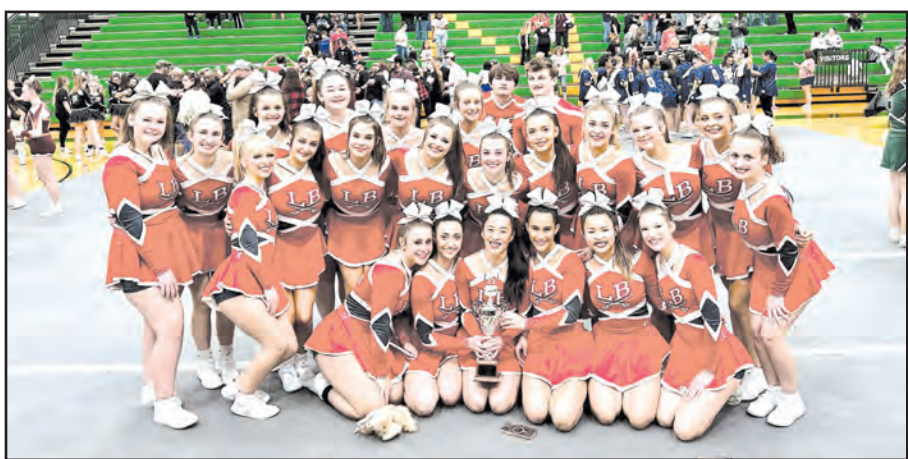


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## LB cheerleaders in state competition Saturday

The Lord Botetourt competition cheerleaders qualified for the state event with a second place finish in the Region 3D competition at Northside High School last Saturday. The Cave Spring team edged LB by just two points to win the region, but the top two both qualified for the states this Saturday at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. The Cavaliers had five girls named to the All-Region team, Emily Hanson, Cami Hayes, Laila Alam, Kelli Reed, and Chloe Taylor.

## Region cross country championships are this week

The Lord Botetourt and James River cross country teams will hit the trails this week in region meets, hoping to qualify for state races. In each case the top three teams and top five runners not on those teams will advance to the state.

Lord Botetourt will run at Sugar Hollow Park in Bristol today in the Region 3D meet. The Cavaliers hosted the Blue Ridge District meet last week and the boys finished second as a team while the girls took third. Franklin County won

both the boys and girls championships on the Greenfield Recreation Park course in Daleville. For the boys, LB's Tristian Marshall and Rye Jackson earned All-Blue Ridge District honors, taking seventh place and 10th place. The winning time was 17:08 by Jack Weddle of Staunton River.

Amelia Dietrich was sixth, Erna Dietrich was eighth and Addison Purser finished 10th to lead the LB girls, and all three earned all-district honors. The individual winner was Caitlyn Roach of

Franklin County in 20:54.

The Three Rivers District did not have a district meet, so the James River harriers haven't had a meet since the Metro Cross Country meet on October 18. The Region 2C meet is today at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County. The girls are scheduled to run at 3 p.m. with the boys to follow at 3:45 p.m.

The state Class 2 and 3 meets will both be held at Green Hill Park on Saturday, November 11.

## Local Hall of Famers recognized at games



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The five members of the Lord Botetourt Athletic Hall of Fame "Class of '23" were recognized between the first and second quarters of LB's football win over William Fleming on October 17. The new members were officially inducted in a ceremony that morning at the high school. Left to right (above) are Chester Adams, Lexie Janney, Zack Kelly, Lewis Merchant,

Jr., Stanley Taylor, and Lord Botetourt High School athletic director Tim Fulton.

The five members of the James River Athletic Hall of Fame "Class of '23" were recognized at last Friday's game against Alleghany. The members of this year's class are (below) Cindy Kern Reno, Doug Mundy, Mike Goad, Randy Sink, and Garrett Dorton.



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## Botetourt teams fall in Super Bowl tournament



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Botetourt County had two sandlot teams go down to defeat last Saturday just one win away from making the Sandlot Super Bowl at Salem Stadium this Saturday. The Botetourt U12 team lost to Cave Spring and the U8 team was defeated by Salem. Here, Ben McKelvey of the U12 team finds some running room at Glenvar in the loss to Cave Spring.

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STATE DELEGATE



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**BRANDON NICELY**  
For Fincastle District Board of Supervisors



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Early, in-person voting at the Registrar's Office is available until 5:00 p.m.  
on Saturday, November 4th.

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