



The Troutville Sunshine Girls honored a group of local veterans during last Friday's Veterans Day celebration at Troutville Town Hall.

Troutville celebrates Veterans Day

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The Troutville Sunshine Girls held their annual Veterans Day Celebration at Troutville Town Hall last Friday in honor of Veterans Day. Local veterans, family, and friends celebrated local men and women who have defended the freedoms of the United States of America in service to their country.

Sunshine Girl Lee Henry welcomed everyone to the celebration and honored several individuals with fellow Sunshine Girls awarding them with medals in appreciation of their service. Botetourt County Sheriff Matt Ward spoke during the event and thanked everyone for attending.

"I stand among grateful men and women today and I thank you very much," Ward said.

The following veterans were honored during Friday's celebration: Marion Noel, John Eakin, Robert A. Craighead, Carl Price Pollard, Jack Cassell, Louis C. Silcox, Richard Rock, Lee Saunders Anthony, Peter Dunn, Everette "Stan" Diez, Jerry Reed, Peter Howarth, Terry Northington, Bill Rader, Curtis "Skip" Simmons, Roger Reed, John Heath, Charles "Chuck" Geiger, David Riddleberger, Col. Glenn B. Hammond, Roger Firebaugh, Larry Perdue, Jerry Jacobson, Dale Bryant, Raymond Whitlock, Donnie Noel, Frank Campbell, Ken DiRocco, Sheriff Matt Ward, Chris Rivers, and Christopher Smith.



Two local Marine veterans Peter Dunn (left) and Chris Smith cut a cake honoring the 248th anniversary of the U.S. Marines.



Local veterans gather for a photo.



Veteran Marion Noel and Sunshine Girl Lee Henry

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Unofficial election results for Botetourt County

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Botetourt County residents took to the polls last Tuesday casting their votes for this year's elections. The election results were still deemed unofficial as the county's election office was still reconciling the numbers at press time.

Last month, County General Registrar Traci Clark noted that there would be expected delays in reporting official results noting the changes in "reporting absentee totals by precinct and the time it takes for the results tapes



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRANDON NICELY

Brandon Nicely was elected as new Fincastle District Supervisor

to run once the polls are closed... There are also several offices that have candidates running write-in campaigns which also

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Nominees for this year's 4-H Member of the Year: (left to right) Alleson Rupp, Grant Gilbert, Kylee Aaron, Sara McFadyen, Ashley Wilmer, Kenzie LaVenture, JJ Halsted, and (not pictured) Addison Kelly

Botetourt 4-H holds annual Achievement Night

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Botetourt County 4-H held their annual Achievement Night last Friday at Central Academy Middle School (CAMS). Botetourt 4-H Extension Agent Tyler Painter started off the

event thanking the students, parents, and community members involved in 4-H. Member of the 4-H Teen Leadership Club Paul Theimer served as the event's master of ceremonies, introducing the night's presenters.

The night focused on Botetourt 4-H's many achievements over the last

year contributing to the community and recognized those individuals dedicated to upholding the standards of the program.

Each club recognized their nominees for Member of the Year for

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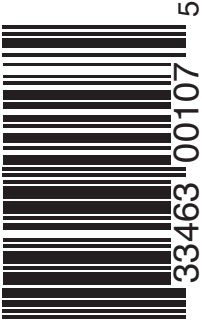
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Botetourt County History



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November is Native American Heritage Month and the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture has a large collection of indigenous artifacts. The stone tools shown here are hammers, arrowheads, ax and grinding bowl from the prehistoric Archaic and Woodland period. The earliest archaeological study done in Botetourt occurred when workers with the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad disturbed a Native American burial ground in Gala. The Smithsonian Institution was called and Gerald Fowke researched the area in 1991-1992. This site is now a National Historic Landmark. Artifacts can still be found all over Botetourt County. Today, Virginia recognizes seven tribes: the Monacans, Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Pamunkey, Nansemond, Chickahominy and Eastern Chickahominy. Keep history alive and learn from the past.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

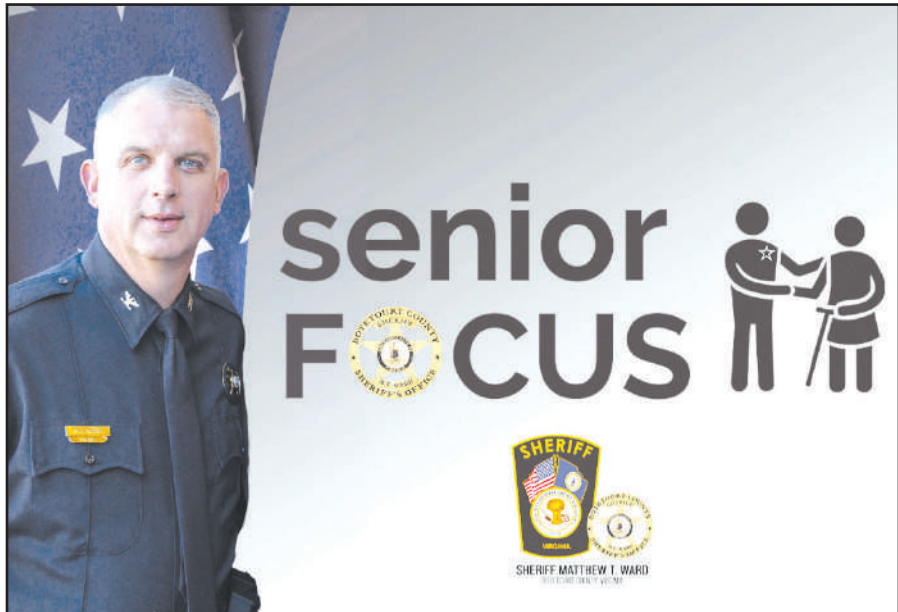


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Join Sheriff Ward at this Friday's 'Senior Social' event

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office Senior Focus Outreach Program announces its next upcoming "Senior Social," a community event designed to bring together our older adults to showcase the many valuable resources and services available to Botetourt seniors.

This event will be held this Friday, November 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fincastle Baptist Church located at 7330 Roanoke Road in Fincastle. A free lunch will be served by the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Matt Ward will be presenting an abbreviated summarization of the last Senior Social Fraud Presentation followed by a brief presentation by Kelly Focht, the guest speaker from Bank of Botetourt.

Seniors will be able to visit with many of the public and private services available to seniors. Services such as daily well-being checks, general health, and financial well being will be on site. The Veterans Virtual Health Resource will also be on site with their mobile

vaccination station. Government services will also be on hand to answer questions and help seniors navigate their future needs. The event and all services are provided free of charge to the senior community.

"We remain committed to partnering with our senior community through our Senior Focus Outreach Program," said Sheriff Matt Ward. "Our Senior Social event allows us to network with our seniors, allows our seniors to network with each other, and it facilitates the opportunity for us to provide information to our senior communities in order to prevent them from becoming victims of crime."

Sheriff Ward invites the senior community to join him at the Senior Social event this Friday, November 17, at Fincastle Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m. For more information on the event, contact Andrea Mundy at 540-928-2233.

- Botetourt County Sheriff's Office

School Board recognizes Kiwanis Educator of the Year, October Employees of the Month

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The Botetourt County School Board recognized several employees during the meeting last Thursday in Fincastle.

Former county educator and Kiwanis Club of Botetourt representative Lynne Bolton presented this year's Kiwanis Educator of the Year award to Ashley Theimer, librarian at Central Academy Middle School (CAMS).

Bolton read some of the descriptions of Theimer's contributions to Botetourt County Public Schools before presenting Theimer with her certificate of recognition and Kiwanis Bell Award given in honor of her service. Theimer has worked with librarians and teachers to better expand the offerings for the students of Central Academy.

"The biggest contribution (Theimer) makes is helping staff build

community connections," Bolton noted. In April and May of 2022, Theimer worked with Altec about educating 7th graders in engineering, collaborated with local business owners about lessons in entrepreneurship for 8th graders, and having Del. Terry Austin visit with Civics students and James River Equipment being involved in agriculture education with CAMS students.

"What an amazing contribution because students only getting a basic education are not going to be ready for this world, but giving them some hands-on experience with some options that might be for them in the future, I think that's just a terrific gift," Bolton continued. "You need to know the basics, but to have this additional offering to you, has got to be very fulfilling for the students."



Director of Technology Beth Allen and BCPS Employee of the Month Greg Kelly



BCPS Superintendent Jonathan Russ and Employee of the Month Breckinridge Principal Wyatt Turner



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CAMS Principal Jordan Pinkard, Kiwanis Educator of the Year Ashley Theimer, and Botetourt Kiwanis Club representative Lynne Bolton

Technology Department employee Greg Kelly and School Principal Wyatt at October's BCPS Breckinridge Elementary Turner were selected Employees of the Month.

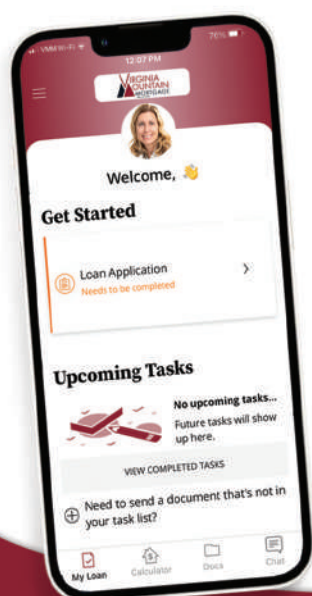


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Fincastle Town Council introduces new town manager

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Fincastle Town Council held its monthly meeting last Thursday at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room where new Town Manager Melanie McFadyen was officially introduced by Mayor Mary Bess Smith.

McFadyen expressed that she's excited about "getting up to speed" on the current goings on in Fincastle. She was formerly a

Peace Corps volunteer, previously involved with the town of Sparta, N.C. on the town's "Main Street program," and is currently involved with the Character Counts program in Botetourt and is also a reading instructor at Breckinridge Elementary School. McFadyen shared her recent activities involving planning and town management responsibilities in her first couple of weeks

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New Fincastle Town Manager Melanie McFadyen

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Botetourt County middle schools have released the following honor rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period:

CENTRAL ACADEMY

A HONOR ROLL
EIGHTH GRADE: Kennedy Agee, Katelyn Barrett, Carter Birkhead, Bella DiBenedetto, Grace Ferguson, Kayla Henry, Lydia Jones, Barrett Pace, Reagan Rowland, Oscar Seitz, Sonny Sharp, Paige Shotwell, Laighton Tate, Jeremy Tribble, Hailee Vassar, Jacey Walker, Holly Weddle

SEVENTH GRADE: Julianna Banka, Layla Bryant, Mirai Burton, Garet Cook, Brookelyn Fadia, Logan Galanes, Charlotte Hipes, Ava Hosey, Briana Huthwaite, Jarrett Jennings, Mary Lipes, Jordan Mathews, Daniella Murray, Colton Payne, Braden Persinger, Siena Riddle, Laken Robinson, Caroline Rushing, Addison Shorter, Savanna Sieger, Coraline Sink, Isabella Taylor, Isaac Theimer, Emma Thurston, Charlie Tingler, Ashton Wirtz, Carolena Williams

SIXTH GRADE: Camryn Adams, Landon Anderson, Haley Bailey, Brandon Baka-Collins, Sophie Dewhirst, Hannah Ferguson, Avery Garcia, Aubrey Ginapp, Brett Henry, Noah Horne, Addison Kelly, Ethan Martin, Naima Minnis, Jasmine Montgomery, David Moran, Cristie Morris, Brayden Patterson, Samuel Reynolds, Brantley Ruley, Kinley Scott, Alora Seitz, Bayleigh Sieger, Melynda Turman, Jydan Wade, Reagan Walker, Macy Weddle, Angela Williams

A-B HONOR ROLL
EIGHTH GRADE: Kendall Aaron, Addison Bandy, Brooklyn Beckner, Katelyn Brown, Caroline Church, Cade Cook, Molly Dewhirst, Wyatt Dewhirst, Riley Dulaney, Spencer Fornecker, Isabell Garrett, Bristol Hall, Landon Helman, Pepper Henderson, Conner Hodges, Sariah Jamison, Elizabeth Johnson, Evan Joyce, David Kessler, Andrea Kreklow, Alexander Lakes, Kaycee Lemon, Katelyn Manspile, Emily Marshall, Mckenzie Marshall, Kenaya Mc Kenzie, Gabriel McCurry, Emerson Meador, Karly Mines, Whiteleigh Ronk, Ethan Serrano, Adrienne Shenton, Houston Sieger, Jacari Thomas, Virginia Thomas, Kolin Turner, Huntleigh Ward, Sierra Ware, Cullen White, Payton White, Gracelynn Wolcott
SEVENTH GRADE: Easton Arnold, Adelynn Bankert, Hudson Beheler, Birdie Boblett, Hadleigh Breeden, Tyler Britnell, Charlotte Brock, Abigail Browning, Cohen Byer, Cheyenne Byrd, Gavin Childs, Kendall Childs, Elijah Copeland, Peyton Crowder, Madelyn Davidson, Dylan Davis, Adelyn Dooley, Brayden Dudley, Memphis Duty, Olivia Elmore, Peyton Frazee, Zaylen Fridley, Trevor Gilmer, Briley Goyer, Madison Gray, William Hall, Merit Hammons, Brody Helmandollar, Evie Huwe, Brianna Link, Nora Lotts, Matthew Lowe, Charlotte Mantey, Easton Martin, Harleigh Masters, Kinsley Matheny, Grace Matre, William McMeans, Isaac Meade, Kinley Millman, Andrew Monteith, Paxton

Montgomery, Camden Newman, Ashton Orange, Brianna Petty, Charles Poff, Paul Powell, Zoe Serrano, Jacob Simmons, Ava Updike, Chelsie Whitaker, Ashby Wilkes, Tobyann Windsor, Kendra Zepp

SIXTH GRADE: Ashlyn Bankert, James Beavers, Skyla-Alaire Blinco, Brody Britt, Shylo've Capo, Carter Cecil, Lillian Cress, Carlis Crouse, Emma Dalton, Marinette Devinney, Aubriella Dickerson, Blaine Dooley, Brooklyn Dooley, Lillian Dooley, Ridley Engstrom, Zander Flinchum, Camdyn Flint, Bentley Flores, Jaden Fralin, Aspen Franklin, Andrew Gladfelter, William Gore, James Hammond, Raegan Hickey, Allie Johnson, Everly Johnson, Reed Lowman, Wyatt Manbeck, Garland Miller, Jaxson Miller, Dean Muncey, Evan Mundy, Gavin Price, Michela Rusgrove, Hudson Saunders, Braelyn Scott, Brady Stevens, Haylee Thompson, Ellah Torres, Diesel Weikle, Pyper White, Carter Whitmer, Ethan Wise, Brentley Zalewski

READ MOUNTAIN

A HONOR ROLL
EIGHTH GRADE: Reese Adkins, Nicholas Antivero, Maryn Barnes, Mason Boitnott, Cael Burton, Ella Carpenter, Kennedy Carpenter, Chloe Clowdis, Olivia Cook, Rylee Crockett, Jonah Dunker, Gwyneth Farrar, Cohen Folks, MaKenna Foster, Ella Foutz, Lois Frederickson, Khyler Hambrick-King, Braeden Harvey, Evie Hogan, Holden Hooven, Phoenix Humphries, Braylen Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Hailey Knick, Avarie Kramzar, Jordan Lin, Ryan Lindsay, Sharise McGowan, Natalie Mullins, Addison Naff, Elizabeth Odell, Piper Osborne, Eva Pendleton, Olivia Pierce, Annabelle Puckett, Anna Radtke, Haiden Reedy, Lucille Rock, Eleanor Rosine, Mason Scott, Autumn Sparks, Mathew Staley, Tyler Staley, Sam Stelter, Paphada Thepsimuang, Mason Tuck, Alyssa Walker, Finn Wilkinson, Lucas Young

SEVENTH GRADE: Alexandra Amos, Jared Atwell, Alexander Barbour, James Blevins, Evelyn Bowden, Carter Cecil, Swisher Cook, Garrett Cooper, Schaeffer Crane, Brody Crigger, Annika Dale, Juliet Davis, Lucas Dehr, Abigail Dillard, Callie Dozier, Averie Flannigan, Lillian Foutz, Jayleen Galvao, Mason Gates, Brynn Gentry, Cambridge Gibson, Jordan Gilbert, Evan Gordon, Ethan Greer, Lucas Higgins, Liam Hogan, Samantha Hoover, Josephine Ingrassia, Aaliyah Johnson, Macy Johnson, Kathryn Kidd, Porter Kincer, Lily Kitchens, Kenzie LaVenture, Noah McCarren, Brady McConnaughey, Easton McNabb, Titus Megow, Charlene Olivier, Marie Olivier, Alexa Olwage, Noah Patterson, Ellie Persing, Arian Peterson, Gianna Pitzer, Elena Preston, Wyatt Price, Gabriel Puckett, Emma Rickman, Mason Rowland, Tenley Scharf, Madison Sealey, Landon Sharp, Ellie Shawn, Sean Stewart Jr, Lyla Thomas, Nicole Thomas, Madison Weppner, Jonathan Williamson, Gabriel Witt, Macyn Woody, Bentley Young

SIXTH GRADE: Paige Abney, Klayton Akers, Mackenzie Akers, Michael Aliveto, Elijah Anderson, Matthew Barker, Grayson Beckner, Lillian Bishop, Cailyn Booth, Austyn Borba, Trenton Brubaker, Colleen Burton, Claire Conn, William Conn, Jackson Cummings, Asim Dahal, Brayden Deacon, Gabriella DeHaven, Noah Dillow, Jaxon Dively, Colbie Dix, Josiah Dunker, Gabrielle Elmore, Katelyn Engels, Joshua Frederickson, Thomas Frederickson, Morgan Gartland, Nathan Gergely, Berkley Gray, Alyssa Griffin, Millie Haniewich, Trevor Harrison, Seth Hayslett, William Hedrick, Brooke Heizer, Yan Hernandez-Mancia, Grace Hoover, Ian Huddleston, Everleigh Hudson, Kinley Huffman, Kara Kaufman, Cayden Kroll, Ava Lee, Jerrica Lee, Brock Lough, Everly Lucas, Emma Lugar, Cody McLucas, John McNamara, Braelyn Miley, Hadley Milko, Ethan Moore, Melody Moore, Caitlyn Moser, Julia Mosley, Benjamin Myers, Miles Patrick, Micah Perdue, Camden Persinger, Alisha Poudel, Aisha Poudyel, Cayden Ray, Brenden Reedy, Joseph Reiner, Jackson Rock, Oliver Saville, Laney Shepherd, Kiryn Sollars, Isaac Spencer, Kendall Spencer, Rebecca Stakor, Carter Starks, Ella Stewart, Lukas Stowers, Kerington Stuart, Brayden Tars, Emily Taylor, Addison Thompson, Malachi Tribble, Allison Vess, Cameron Vess, Ryan Waggoner, Laurel Wiley, Archer Wilkinson, Isaac Williams, Grace Witt, Levi Young, Toby Zhu

A-B HONOR ROLL
EIGHTH GRADE: Christian Adams, David Aldrich, Willow Anne Atkins, Caylin Barrett, Ever Benavidez, Olivia Bergsten, Kaylee Bradbury, Dalton Bradley, Connor Bratton, Annika Brown, Jaclyn Broyles, Thomas Burns, Analise Bualos, Cole Cecil, Ava Cook, Robert Dent, Kyra Dobbs, Walter Duffield, Caleb Duncan, Wren Eggleston, Noah Estes, Mia Etzler, Madelyn Fields, Jorge Figueroa Munguia, Matthew Fuller, Strummer Giffin, Tanner Gore, Kinley Graham, Evan Grant, Jolean Gross, Kristen Hale, Zoey Harrell, Reagan Helms, Chloe Hopkins, Bailey Hutchins, James Ingrassia, Nevaeh Jones, Davis Kidd, James Lane, Archer Lee, Sadaf Lemar, Brennan Lewis, Hannah Lewis, Warner Lewis, Isabelle Lucas, Wyatt Marion, Thomas Mattarocchia, Madeline May, Callum McCoy, Samuel McLucas, Hannah McNamara, Nicholas Morris, Nathan Moser, Christopher Myers, Mathias Newton, Amelia Nicely, Mackenzie Nichols, Brielle Nunley, Georgiana O'Bryan, Sullivan Paige, Jeffrey Palmer, Diya Patel, Eliza Payne, Izabella Perry, Marshal Phillips, Carson Puckett, Kaden Reczek, Alexandria Rickman, Adelle Roberts, Maddlynn Roop, Audrey Sparks, Kylie Sutler, Jackson Taylor, Rylee Toler, Ryder Toup, Annagail Tribbett, Josiah Tribble, Asly Ulloa Mancia, Maddex Umber, Dylan Welch, Cherie Westervelt, Rylan Wilcher, Nathan Winfield, Stephen Wise, Deacon Witt, Holly Wood, Ainsleigh Wright

SEVENTH GRADE: Matthew Alban,

Brooklynn Amos, Skylar Andert, Rana Atayi, Carter Bierce, Rylan Blankinship, Colton Boggs, Brooke Boone, Khyron Brown, Olivia Burger, Misael Caballero, Jesse Caldwell, Annalee Campbell, Emery Collins, Matthew Collins, Paityn Conley, Virginia Crawford, Jackson Crenshaw, Carter Dalglish, Beahlen Deacon, Jadyen Deaner, Katelin Dent, Connor Dooley, Brody Doss, Camden Dudding, Jessalyn Dunker, Kailyn Edwards, Karis Edwards, Kylee Fernandez, Olivia Foster, Elliana Foutz, Aiden Gillespie, Zachary Gilliam, Avery Goad, Colin Goad, Oliver Greene, Alyssa Grooms, Jesse Guthrie, Peyton Guy, Maddox Harrell, Ryan Harrison, Avery Huffman, Olivia Hunt, Boyd Jensen, Ronnie Johansen, Ciera Jones, Taylor Jones, Morgan Keleher, Mackenzie Kramzar, Elijah Laffoon, Paige Lapham, Makinleigh Lee, Ahmad Lemar, Blake Lockard, Paige Lord, Yasmine Luckett, Kennedy Lumpkin, Molly Lusk, Jayce McLemore, Ashton McMillion, Noah Meyer, Arianna Moore, Natalie Mullens, Noah Nagle, Wyatt Nicely, Chase Nichols, Elwood Nixon, Michael Pastrikos, Luke Peery, Aliht Perez-Ortiz, Evelyn Powell, Joycklin Sanchez Martinez, Madeline Sanford, Joshua Sherman, Bronson Shields, Amelia Stump, Isabella Toler, John Vaughan, Kambri Weaver, Layla Weber, Olivia Whisnant, Kailey Whitson, Adrian Windsor, Sophia Wolfe, James Yager, Ryan Young

SIXTH GRADE: Annaleigh Aldridge, Grayson Amos, Karson Anderson, Mickayla Beavers, Aiden Beheler, Sydney Bergsten, Annabel Brown, Aylah Brown, Otto Brummer, Willow Ceola, Ella Cook, Layla Cook, Tristen Craddock, Justin Damian-Ambrocio, Kinsley Dent, Hannah Eberly, Selin Etcioğlu, Mia Fields, Grace Forster, Bryce Foutz, Hamilton Gallacher, Gracynn Gardner, Mirium Gillian, Dorian Granados Armas, Peyton Greathouse, Eli Hall, Cainen Hatter, Tayler Hatter, Mason Hibbs, Carly Hilgers, Brooklynn Long, Bryson Long, Anastasia Lovasz, Dawson Lyle, Kinleigh Manley, Jayden Martin, Evan May, Adam McNamara, Hannah Meador, Willow Meyers, Aislyn Michalski, Addison Mitchell, Jalissa Moreno, Ryan Morris, Elliott Mountcastle, Berkley Murray, Wyatt Naff, Manav Nayak, Viraj Nayak, Aubrey Nicely, Brady O'Quinn, Chandler Orange, Lena Othman, John Pastrikos, Dylan Pham, Gracie Poff, Meredith Purser, Ella Purves, Solomon Reed, Maya Remusat, Alasia Reynolds, Camden Rosenberger, Kristina Sisson, Fredy Solito Aleman, Lucille Sparks, Asia Stephens, Walker Stevens, Eli Thomas, Alanah Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Charlee Truax, Dallas Tyree, Olivia Waff, Greyson Webb, Olivia Wolfe, Ryleigh Woolwine, Nathaniel Wright

Rotary Club donates benches to Blue Ridge Park

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Members of the Botetourt Rotary Club and county administration gathered at Blue Ridge Park for a dedication of two benches located at the park's playground and along the walking trail. County Parks & Recreation Director Mandy Adkins kicked off the ceremony by welcoming attendees to the event and thanked the Rotary Club and county maintenance department for their efforts getting the benches placed on park grounds. Blue Ridge Supervisor Billy Martin then spoke about the benefits of the park and its importance to Blue Ridge as well as the county. "A lot of precious memories have been made at this park and I know that the families that use this park will appreciate these two new benches that have been provided," Martin said during the ceremony. "These benches will allow parents to watch their kids explore the playground and allow visitors to take in a few moments of rest and relaxation while taking in the beauty of this beautiful county." During the month of November, the county expresses its


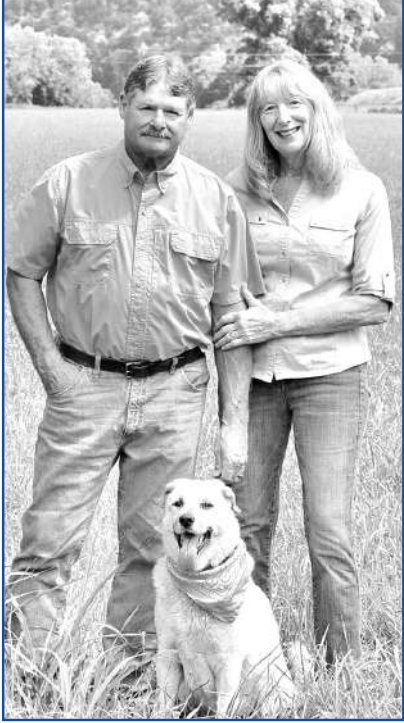
gratitude through its #BOCOGrateful campaign. Martin noted that the Botetourt Rotary Club is "a shining star of the community." Rotary Club member Joe Obenshain shared the story of how the benches wound up at the park. He mentioned the work of fellow members and thanked Appalachian Power Company for being benefactors to the project. Obenshain said that he saw an article in a local newspaper about Rotary benches installed at a park in Salem. They first had benches installed at Greenfield Recreation Park in Troutville. "Initially, we bought two benches and placed them at Greenfield," Obenshain noted. "Then, we thought, let's do two more. The folks at Appalachian Power agreed to fund a large part of the cost of these benches. We're so grateful that this could be a part of what's a great asset for the Blue Ridge District and for Botetourt County." County Administrator Gary Larrowe took to the podium to share his thoughts on the new Rotary Club benches. He shared his family's history with the Rotary Club

becoming involved with the organization himself. He thanked everyone involved and added that the Botetourt Rotary Club is "an absolutely wonderful group." "There are opportunities in every direction about success," Larrowe added. "There are opportunities to be able to lead in the community and one of the things that has happened is that Mr. (Billy) Martin has led in this community for 16 years in the Blue Ridge District and has done a phenomenal job of supporting the efforts of Botetourt County in general—not just specifically in Blue Ridge.... His tentacles have actually stretched out, not only in Blue Ridge, Botetourt, and not only in the region, but across the Commonwealth. "It's an absolute pleasure having Billy here, being able to have Rotary here, and the rest of the community understanding the efforts as a total. I cannot imagine all of the people that will end up enjoying these benches as we go into the future. There will be lots of people that don't understand what it took to make this happen.... It takes a lot of ideas, encouragement, donations, time, effort, and energy—and these are things people cherish associated with these kinds of things."



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The Botetourt Rotary Club dedicated two park benches in Blue Ridge Park last Wednesday afternoon. Blue Ridge Park is located at 409 Park Drive in Roanoke.



“Thank you to the voters in the Fincastle District for electing me to serve. I am grateful for this opportunity, and I look forward to working together to keep Botetourt County a great place to work, live and raise a family.”

Brandon Nicely



UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

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.

Family Chess Movie & Game Time

Sat, Nov. 18, 10:30am-12:30pm, Eagle Rock
Watch “Queen of Katwe” (rated PG), a 2016 movie about a Ugandan girl whose world changes drastically after she’s introduced to the game of chess. The movie may just inspire you to stay and play a game of chess with other attendees afterward! Great for families.

Alzheimer Awareness

Thu, Nov. 16, 6-7pm, Fincastle
Mon, Nov. 27, 6-7pm, Blue Ridge
Learn the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer’s disease, then stay for Q&A. Presented by Brooke Gill from the Alzheimer’s Association Central and Western Virginia.

Preparing for Aging Parents

Mon, Nov. 20, 5-6pm, Buchanan
Thu, Nov. 30, 6-7pm, Blue Ridge
Learn how to navigate eldercare with confidence, including legal, finance, health, medical, living arrangements, communication, needs, and community resources and support. Presented by Josh Walton of Valley Medicare Solutions.

Little Explorers

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am, Fincastle

Toddlers explore the world around them through educational and soft play toys while parents and caregivers get grown-up social time.

Youth Chess Club

Tuesdays, 4-5:30pm, Eagle Rock
Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm, Blue Ridge
Learn the basics of chess while expanding your critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Offered in partnership with Botetourt County Parks & Recreation. Call 540-928-2900 to register.

STEM Club

Tue, Nov. 21, 2:30-3:30pm, Eagle Rock
Tue, Nov. 28, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge
Tue, Dec 5, 4-5pm, Fincastle
Wed, Dec 13, 3:30-4:30pm, Buchanan
Learn the scientific method and engineering design process with hands-on projects. Best for ages 6-11. Call 540-928-2900 to register.

November Reading Challenge

November 1-30
Celebrate Family Stories Month by recording your own family stories, listening to stories from loved ones, and reading books about all types of families and their stories. Log your reading and activities in Beanstack (app or website) to earn badges throughout the challenge.

Thanksgiving hours

The library will be closed on these dates:
Wed, Nov. 22 - close at noon
Thu, Nov. 23 - Sat, Nov. 25
Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McCaleb thanks supporters

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude to the voters of Fincastle and Eagle Rock for their generous support in re-electing me to the Botetourt County School Board. I am honored to serve a second term with your trust. Your support means the world to me.

I am committed to working tirelessly to ensure that all Botetourt County students receive a world-class education, preparing them for success. As we embark on this new chapter, our school system faces the daunting task of preparing students for an ever-changing world while navigating the complexities of funding, technology, and evolving educational standards. Amidst these challenges, I remain steadfast in my commitment to providing our students with a quality education in modern, state-of-the-art classrooms that foster academic excellence and personal growth. We must also continue to invest in our dedicated teachers and staff, who play an indispensable role in shaping our children’s futures.

Collaboration is critical to achieving our shared goals. I am eager to work closely with the Board of Supervisors, our dedicated teachers and staff, and the entire Botetourt County community to ensure that our schools continue setting our students up for success in college, career, and beyond.

Your voices have been heard, and I pledge to listen attentively and represent your interests with integrity and dedication. I am committed to upholding the values that make our community strong – excellence, innovation, and a deep commitment to the well being of our children.

I would also like to congratulate my fellow board members, Tim Davidick and Matt East, on their re-elections. Their dedication and commitment to excellence are invaluable assets to our board.

Thank you once again for your support. I am honored to serve you and to continue working tirelessly to ensure that Botetourt County Schools remains a place for our children to learn, grow, and thrive.

*Dana McCaleb
Fincastle District
Botetourt School Board*

Buchanan Christmas Home Tour December 10

The Town Improvement Society of Buchanan will host the annual Christmas Home Tour on Sunday, December 10 from 1-5 p.m. This year’s tour will feature four homes in Buchanan, conveniently located on or near Rt. 11. After the home tour, everyone is invited to end their tour with finger foods served at the Community House, 2-5

p.m., on Lowe Street in Buchanan.

The proceeds from the Christmas Home Tour will be used for the preservation of the Community House. The Town Improvement Society is working towards re-opening the Community House to be used again as a social gathering event center for the Botetourt County community.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available for purchase at Austin Electrical Construction at 17566 Main Street, Buchanan, from members of the Town Improvement Society, or at the four homes the day of the tour.

- Susan Davis, Town Improvement Society

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office reported the following arrests November 6-12:

- Lashawnda Redd, 27, of Martinsville, two charges of violation of probation, shoplifting, contempt of court, perjury, identity theft, domestic assault, November 6

- Kevin Tuttle, 57, of Roanoke, violation of probation, November 6

- Javier Acosta-Cuetero, 39, of Roanoke, possession of Schedule drugs, no operator’s license, reckless driving, November 6

- Damoni Wallace, 26, of Roanoke, failure to appear, November 7

- David Howard, 44, of Roanoke, violation of probation, November 8

- Gary Broome, 55, of Tyler, Texas, violation of probation, November 8

- Chyle Meadows, 43, of Staunton, forgery and uttering, November, 26, of Roanoke, failure to appear, November 7

- Joshua Tucker, 35, of Roanoke, violation of probation, November 8

- Chad Sheppard, 29,

of Troutville, hit and run, no operator’s license, November 8

- Rhonda Hinkley, 51, of Barren Springs, Va., failure to obey court order, November 8

- Jessie Arthur, 58, of Roanoke, failure to appear, November 9

- Leslie Boston, 50, of Roanoke, false identification to law enforcement officer, November 9

- Cassi Young, 31, of Roanoke, simple assault, November 10

- Amanda Smith, 40, of Blue Ridge, manufacture, sell, distribute Schedule drugs, November 10

- Matthew Kincaid, 38, of Williamsville, Va., driving revoked, November 12

Holiday Craft Sale at Eagle Rock Library

The Eagle Rock Friends of the Library is sponsoring a Holiday Craft Sale on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Library.

All are invited to attend and support local crafters.

- Friends of the Library

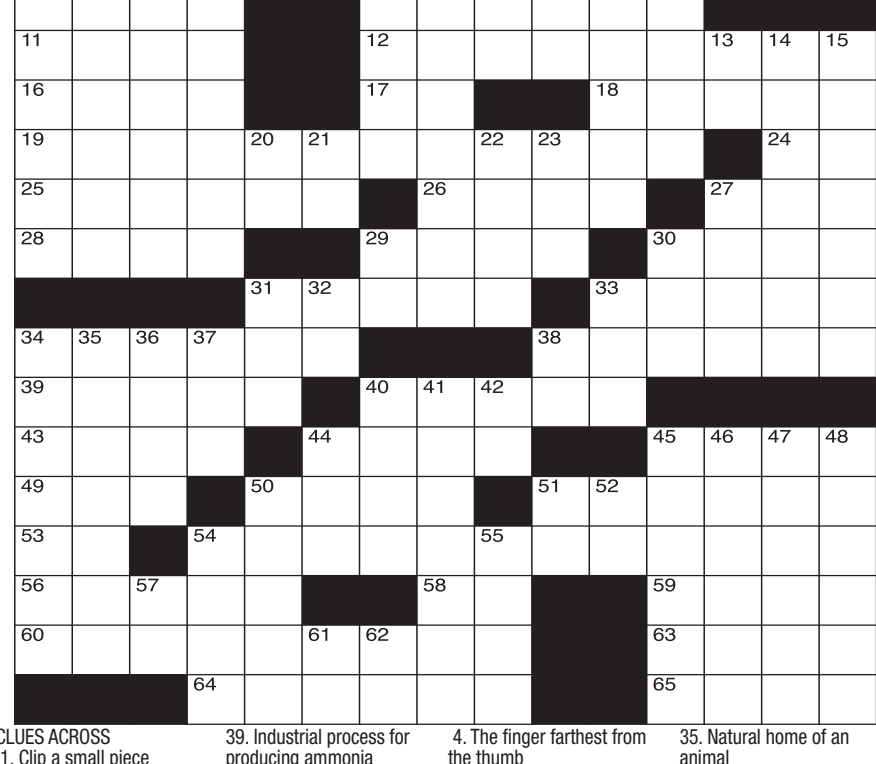
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1. Clip a small piece
5. Enter forcibly
11. Southwestern Native American tribe
12. Helps you smell better
16. Sun or solar disk
17. Low frequency
18. Former Houston football player
19. Federal crime
24. Home to Boston (abbr.)
25. Approval
26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)
27. _____ student, learns healing
28. Indian groomer of horses
29. Line where two pieces meet
30. One might be brief
31. Type of sword
33. Knife for fruits or vegetables
34. Stinkhorns
38. Stroke

39. Industrial process for producing ammonia
40. Sir _____ Newton
43. Wild goat
44. Muslim ruler
45. Scottish ancestor
49. Hat
50. Horse mackerel
51. Alcoholic accompaniment
53. Tech department
54. Manifesting approval
56. Upper bract of grass
58. Of I
59. Large wading bird
60. Military prisons
63. Famed American cartoonist
64. Rise
65. Greek God of war and courage

CLUES DOWN

1. Sewing needles
2. Functionary
3. Induces vomiting

4. The finger farthest from the thumb
5. Not moving
6. Sports official
7. Water purification process (abbr.)
8. University of Dayton
9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens
10. High schoolers’ math course
13. Yankovic is a weird one
14. Adversaries
15. Merchandisers
20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)
21. Atomic #52
22. The back
23. One-time computer giant
27. Female of a horse
29. Football’s big game (abbr.)
30. Vehicle
31. Single Lens Reflex
32. It’s becoming more prevalent
33. Political action committee
34. Makes lightbulbs

35. Natural home of an animal
36. In bed
37. Superman villain
38. The Golden State
40. One who leads prayers in a mosque
41. They accompany a leader
42. Atomic #18
44. Electronic countermeasures
45. The appearance of something
46. Connecting line on a map
47. Deep red color
48. Secret affairs
50. Drenches
51. Contains music
52. Expression of surprise
54. Intestinal pouches
55. Where birds are born
57. _____ and behold
61. Cools your home
62. The First State

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**Friday & Saturday
Nov. 17 & 18
7 p.m.**

**Sunday, Nov. 19
3 p.m.**

**Thursday, Nov. 23
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See Answers, page 8

Entries being accepted for Fincastle Christmas Parade

Area clubs, organizations, churches and other groups and individuals are invited to participate in the Fincastle Christmas Parade at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Rain date is Sunday, Dec. 3. Cash awards will be given to the best entries in traditional and religious float categories. Bands will receive an honorarium; they will not be judged. Horses and other animals will be permitted with appropriate waste collection methods. To avoid conflicts with vehicles and children, candy can be distributed only by people walking along beside the floats. The parade will form at 1 p.m. at Breckinridge Elementary School in Fincastle, and begin at 2 p.m. Due to space limitations, only parade entries will be permitted in the parking lot at the school. Other vehicles will need to be parked along the streets in town. **Return the entry form by November 28.**

Fincastle Christmas Parade Entry Form

Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Address _____

Type of Entry (Circle One):

Band Float Marching Unit Car Other

Return by November 28: By mail- Parade, c/o Town of Fincastle. P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, 24090; or email- anitapware@hotmail.com.

4-H

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Volunteers were recognized during Achievement Night for their dedication to various 4-H clubs: (left to right) Andrew LaVenture, Stacey Collins, Mallory Denison, Katie Jones, JJ Halsted (Teen Mentor), Janet Young, Nick Byer, Ed McCoy, Chris Gilbert, Mike Wolfe, Lee Lang, and Doug Lang.



JJ Halsted was announced as this year's Botetourt 4-H Member of the Year.



Shooting Education volunteer Ed McCoy (left) and Botetourt 4-H Extension Agent Tyler Painter

PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

2023. JJ Halsted, teen mentor and member of the 4-H Robotics and Lego Robotics Clubs, won this year's honor. Local author Rachel Edwards, former winner of the award in 2021 and 2022, presented Halsted with this year's award.

Nominees for Botetourt 4-H Member of the Year included JJ Halsted – FRC Robotics, Kenzie LaVenture – Lego Robotics, Alleison Rupp – Shooting Education, Grant

Gilbert – Shooting Education, Addison Kelly – Livestock, Sara McFadyen – 4-Honey, Ashley Wilmer – Horse and Pony, Kylee Aaron – Teen Leadership

The various clubs recognized included the Honey Bee Club, Horse and Pony Club, Teen Leadership Club, Shooting Education and Hunting Skills Club, 4-H Robotics, 4-H Lego Robotics, and Livestock Club.

4-H is currently involved in 31 Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) classrooms in the 4th and 5th grade monthly from October until April annually.

Botetourt 4-H is always looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering with local 4-H clubs and activities may contact Extension Agent Tyler Painter more information at tpaint85@vt.edu or by calling 540-473-8260.

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Orchard Hills Church - 6032 Cloverdale Rd. next to Read Mountain Fire Station. Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays. Home group Bible studies available throughout the week. Pastor Scott McLucas, 977-6800. To find out more about Orchard Hills Church go to the website at www.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
Cloverdale Church of the Brethren- 4708 Read Mtn. Rd., 992-1060; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wed. (Sept.-May), Family Dinner, 6 p.m., Bible study, 6:45 p.m. Preschool, after-school care & summer day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna Burkhart, preschool director.

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

I NEED HELP

Read Psalms 11:1 through 18:50

Many of the Psalms are full of praise to God. We sometimes visualize David as peacefully strumming a harp as he quietly watches a flock of sheep grazing on a grassy slope. Psalm 13 presents a different picture.

David apparently had doubts, troubling thoughts, and enemies. Things did not always go well for him. In the first part of this psalm, David, in authentic transparency, expressed some real concerns. He apparently had enemies who were getting a little too close for comfort. The amazing part is how, in spite of the chaos around him, David made a decision to trust God.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation (Psalm 13:5).

Everything does not always go well for us either. We face challenges that seem overwhelming, and we do not always see a clear path through the jungle of everyday life. But God is our Source of help, and we can trust Him to get us through!

Prayer Suggestion: Father, I do not feel up to the task that is before me at times, but I have decided that I will trust You.

Quicklook: Psalm 13:1-6

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) - 9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at osloanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888. Mailing address PO Box 916, Blue Ridge, VA 24064.

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

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

Mt. Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock at intersection of Rt. 43 and 688; pastor, Richard Ronk; phone # (540) 884-3653; Sunday School at 10:00 A.M., Worship at 11:00 A.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M., 4th Sunday Evenings at 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 Lago. 473-2656. Saturday Mass at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8:30am; Christian formation after Mass on Sunday.

UNITED METHODIST

Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church- 3936 Beaver Dam Road, just off Springwood Road, Springwood. Rev. Morris A. Bennett. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. followed by Worship, 10 a.m.

Eagle Rock United Methodist Church - 14565 Church St. Eagle Rock 10:15 AM; Glen Wilton UMC, Main St. Glen Wilton, 9:00 AM; Shiloh UMC Shiloh Rd, Eagle Rock, 11:15 AM. Pastor Ray Sandifer (540) 525-0258.

Fincastle United Methodist Church - Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. In person services Sunday, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, 136 S. Church St., Fincastle. Pastor Reverend Jim Bollinger, office, 473-3001. E-mail: office@fincastleumc.org.

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

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

OBITUARIES

Spickard, Dale N.

Dale N. Spickard, 80, of Daleville attended Fincastle Baptist Church. He enjoyed singing in the church choir at Glade Creek Lutheran Church. Dale was a proud member of “The Friends of Praise” gospel bluegrass group where he sang and often would wear the silly costume of the season. Dale cherished his friends in the band and you could find the group bringing smiles at Bellacino’s in Daleville, local nursing homes, and churches. He was a passionate sports fan and liked the New York Yankees, but he was especially a fan of his grandchildren’s ball games and activities through school; faithfully cheering them on at events! Dale also enjoyed raising a garden and farming the land along Glade Creek with his brother Haynes. Dale looked forward to our summer lake trips at Bill and Sue Ward’s home.



Dale was born September 2, 1943 in Blue Ridge and lived in Botetourt County for all of his life. He was the son of the late Esther “Ettie” Thompson and Elmer C. Spickard, Sr. Dale was raised in Blue Ridge by his loving Aunt Carrie F. Spickard and Lois Jane Spickard.

Dale is survived by his wife and the love of his life, Sarah (Ribble) Spickard; sons and daughters-in-law, Sonny (Karen) Spickard, and Rodney (Laurie) Spickard; daughter and son-in-law, Donna Spickard (Steve) Simmons; grandchildren, Jessica (Jon) Yates, Stephanie (Josh) Mattox, Samuel Spickard, Emily (Connor) Grubbs, Nora Spickard, Erik (Martha) Wampler, and Chelsey (Jared) Craft; great-grandchildren, Lauren, Hayes, Jacob, Hadley, Miriam and Elijah.; step-grandchildren: Jason and Stephanie Simmons; brother, William Haynes Spickard; sisters, Joyce Spickard St.Clair, Peggy J. Spickard, and Nancy Spickard (Ellsworth) Clarke; sister in law, Sue Johnson Spickard, and many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dale was preceded in death by his brothers, Elmer C. Spickard Jr. and Emanuel C. Spickard; sisters, Doris Spickard Chewning, Marion “Adele” Spickard Ayers, and Iris Spickard Graham; sisters-in-law, Eunice Spickard, Mary Spickard, Marie Spickard; brothers-in-law, Abbie Chewning, Tom St.Clair, Kenneth Paris, Bill Graham, Trubie Chewning, and Al Ayers.

Dale had a special connection with his family and Sarah’s as well. He loved her brothers and sisters: Johnny Ribble, Charles “Ed” Ribble, David “Pug” Ribble, Louis “Red” Ribble, Mary Ribble Tyree, their spouses and families. He was close with Dal and Jeff Spickard and their family.

Dale worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad for 38 years, retiring as a locomotive engineer. He loved the Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart and

attended Fincastle Baptist Church. He enjoyed singing in the church choir at Glade Creek Lutheran Church. Dale was a proud member of “The Friends of Praise” gospel bluegrass group where he sang and often would wear the silly costume of the season. Dale cherished his friends in the band and you could find the group bringing smiles at Bellacino’s in Daleville, local nursing homes, and churches. He was a passionate sports fan and liked the New York Yankees, but he was especially a fan of his grandchildren’s ball games and activities through school; faithfully cheering them on at events! Dale also enjoyed raising a garden and farming the land along Glade Creek with his brother Haynes. Dale looked forward to our summer lake trips at Bill and Sue Ward’s home.

Dale was very involved in his community – he supported the Christian Soldiers Food Pantry, Roanoke Gospel Outreach and spent much time helping the homeless. He attended monthly lunches with his friends who retired from the railroad and he enjoyed having a biscuit with the gang at Hardee’s. He also enjoyed the social gatherings with his neighbors in Stone Ridge and especially his daily visits with his sister Joyce. Dale was proud to be from Blue Ridge and cherished those lifelong friends.

A service celebrating Dale’s life was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday November 14, 2023, with family receiving friends from 11 to 1, at Fincastle Baptist Church, 7330 Roanoke Road, Fincastle with Pastor Kevin Cummings officiating. Burial was in Glade Creek Cemetery, 3148 Webster Road, Blue Ridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to Roanoke Gospel Outreach Center, 9 Salem Ave., SW, Roanoke, 24011 or the Christian Soldiers Food Pantry, 728A Church Ave., SE, Roanoke, 24013.

Online condolences may be made to Dale’s family at www.rader-funeralhome.com.

Pie Shoppe supplies pies to W.E. Cundiff



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The W.E. Cundiff Elementary School PTA holds its largest fundraiser each fall close to Thanksgiving – selling pies from The Pie Shoppe in Fincastle. This year families purchased a total of 701 homemade pies – sweet, savory, and breakfast – to raise funds for the school. The pies were delivered by The Pie Shoppe, sorted by the PTA, and picked up by families on Nov. 6.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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CHURCH NEWS

Cloverdale Thrift Store open Saturdays

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store has fall and winter clothes for the entire family, and lots of Christmas decorations and gifts. Sweaters are only \$1.50. The store is in need of women’s tops and children’s clothes. The store is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Springwood Food Pantry open November 18

The Springwood Baptist Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, November 18 from 9-10:30 a.m. The pantry is located at 88 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan. This pantry is a drive-through pantry, so clients may remain in their cars and volunteers will load the food for them. The pantry is open each month on the third Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m. It is a partner with Feeding America Southwest Virginia and anyone in need of food is invited.

Trinity UMC Family Movie Night – ‘It’s a Wonderful Life’

Trinity United Methodist Church is showing the movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” on Saturday, November 18. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin at 6:30. Bring a favorite non-alcoholic beverage to enjoy with the free popcorn and free ice cream sundaes. Trinity UMC is located at 19637 Main Street, Buchanan.

Solomon’s Mission Christmas Bazaar November 18

A Christmas Bazaar will be held at Solomon’s Mission at 592 Lowe Street, Buchanan, on November 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Vendors include Pampered Chef, Thirty One, Lick Run Creations, Hunt & Chase, homemade items, Mary Kay and many more. Lunch will be available for sale.

First Baptist Church of Fincastle to celebrate the Rev. Montie E. Brown Sr. 18th pastoral anniversary

The First Baptist Church of Fincastle family will be celebrating the 18th pastoral anniversary their pastor, the Rev. Montie E. Brown Sr. on Sunday, November 19, during the 11 a.m. service. He is a Man of God who continues to make a difference in the church as well as the community. First Lady Sis. Carolyn Brown serves as a support to the ministry also while serving in various capacities in the church. They both are an inspiration

to all whom they meet. Minister Dollie Adams, Associate Minister, will be delivering God’s message for this glorious occasion. Everyone is invited.

Community Thanksgiving service in Buchanan

The Buchanan Area Ministerial Association (BAMA) will sponsor a community Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 19 at 6 p.m. at Buchanan Presbyterian Church. Pastor Leonard Southern of Lithia Baptist Church will bring the message. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving meal at Springwood Baptist Church

Join the community Sunday, November 19, for service at 11 a.m., followed by a Thanksgiving meal. Bring your favorite vegetable and dessert to share. Turkey, gravy, and dressing will be provided by the church.

Troutville churches to hold Thanksgiving service

All are invited to Troutville Church of the Brethren on November 19 for a community Thanksgiving service at 4 p.m. Mark Childers from Cave Rock Baptist will be the speaker. Other participating congregations are Ebenezer United Methodist and Troutville Baptist. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. The church is located at 5133 Lee Highway in Troutville.

Special services at Pleasant Hill Baptist

Pleasant Hill Baptist will be hosting the annual Thanksgiving Service and Pie Fellowship on Sunday, November 19 at 5 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist will also be hosting the Christmas Celebration and Nativity Service on Sunday, December 10 at 11 a.m. The children and youth will perform with the PHBC Choir and Handbell Choirs.

On Monday, December 18, PHBC will be hosting the FLOURISH Homeschool Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist will be holding a Christmas caroling event on Wednesday, December 20 as groups head out to local nursing homes to share some Christmas joy! Please meet at PHBC at 5:15 p.m.

Friday, December 22, the PreK and Elementary Children’s Christmas Party will be held from 1-3 p.m. at PHBC. All are welcome to this fun event.

PHBC will be holding a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 5 p.m. All are invited to these and any services at Pleasant Hill.

Christmas Light Show at Appalachian Adult & Teen Challenge

Adult and Teen Challenge’s Eastern Appalachian Region, Christian and Discipleship training program and private school, will be hosting a Christmas Drive-Thru Light Show to celebrate this special season. Everyone is invited to this festive musical light show located at 4281 Botetourt

Road, Fincastle beginning on Friday, November 24 and continuing every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m. until Christmas Day.

- Appalachian Adult & Teen Challenge



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County burn ban still in effect

Due to the current and predicted dry surface fuel conditions that exist throughout Botetourt County and the significant risk for wildfires, Botetourt County has declared a state of local emergency and enacted an emergency ordinance banning open air burning until further notice.

This decision comes after consultation with local and state partners on the dry conditions and predictability of wildfire dangers. Botetourt County, along with much of Southwestern Virginia, is currently at a Wildfire Danger Rating of 3 (High Fire Danger), through this weekend. Local emergency management officials will continue to monitor the evolving weather conditions and let the community know when the burn ban has been lifted.

Nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by humans. That means nine out of 10 wildfires can be prevented. Botetourt County partners with the Virginia Department of Forestry to help educate homeowners through the FireWise Program. This program helps residents learn how to protect their homes and property from wildfires.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Results

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increases the time to run the results tapes.” Clark added new reporting software used by the state has also been a contributing factor to the delay.

As results were still being tallied earlier in the week, the margins of victory in all Botetourt County elections saw clear winners across the board.

Current results show that Del. Terry Austin (R) retained his seat in the House of Delegates 37th District, receiving nearly 75% of the county’s votes over Democrat Stephanie R. Clark. Republican Chris Head was elected to the 3rd District Virginia Senate seat, winning the election over Jade D. Harris (D).

In the race for Fincastle District supervisor, Brandon Nicely (R) edged out Don Obenshain (I) with approximately 59% of the district’s vote. Valley District Supervisor Donald “Mac” Scothorn (R) won unopposed, as did the only candidate for Blue Ridge District Supervisor, Walter Michael (R).

Newly elected Rose Jeter joins current re-elected Councilman Marlon “Marty” Rickman on Buchanan Town Council. Laura Bumgarner, Michael Mansfield, and Vicki L. Abbott were all elected to seats on Troutville Town Council.

Officials re-elected to county offices in uncontested races include: Tommy Moore (Clerk of Court), John Alexander (Commonwealth’s Attorney), Matt Ward (Sheriff), Chris Booth (Commissioner of Revenue), Donna Boothe (Treasurer), Matt East (Blue Ridge District School Board member), Dana McCaleb (Fincastle District School Board member), Tim Davidick (Valley District School Board member), Preston Wickline, and Jeff Henderson (Soil and Water Conservation Directors – Mountain Castles District, Botetourt County).

Council

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on the job.

Smith announced Chad Henry as the newest member of the town’s Planning Commission after Jim Reynolds recently filled the vacant seat on Town

Stockyard Report	
Monday’s sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard: 300 Head	
Head Cows:	\$700.00-2,000.00
Cow/Calf Pairs:	\$800-2,700.00
Graded Steers	
400-499:	\$200.00-203.00
500-599:	\$177.00-199.00
600-699:	\$178.00-199.00
700-799:	\$174.00
Graded Bulls	
400-499:	\$185.00
500-599:	\$180.00
600-699:	\$165.00
Graded Heifers	
400-499:	\$208.00
500-599:	\$199.00
600-699:	\$174.00
Kill Cows:	\$44.00-93.00
Kill Bulls:	\$90.50-100.50

Council.

During the financial report, Smith noted that the town recently purchased new LED lightbulbs for the town’s Christmas lights this holiday season.

Councilmember Ed Bordett shared that the town purchased six trees for the orchard at Big Spring Park. In December, the trail builders will return to the park to connect the trail to the track at Breckinridge and constructing benches for the outdoor classroom.

The town plans to put in for a request for proposal

(RFP) for a consultant to work with the town on its \$50,000 CDBG Planning Grant. The mayor shared that the town hopes awarding a contract to a consultant before the beginning of 2024 so that the town can start the year talking with the consultant about what the town envisions for town revitalization.

Smith shared that street closures will be “expanded” this year during the First Bank Tinsel Trail. Roads will be closed from the intersection Main Street and Route 220, up the



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

The town recently purchased new bulbs for the town’s Christmas lights.

hill and down to Fincastle Baptist Church, and down S. Roanoke Street to the Chamber of Commerce offices.

Additionally, the next event in town is the annual Fincastle Christmas Parade that will take place on Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. The Comcast bucket trucks will return this week to begin putting up the Christmas lights around town. Smith noted that travel in town will be limited due to street closures on the day of the

parade.

During citizen comments, a Fincastle man asked town council how the recent Planning Commission discussions involving changing town zoning classifications would affect his current property. Smith informed the resident that her understanding is that any current active farming operations would be “grandfathered in” to any proposed changes. She added that while there have been discussions and work sessions, no public hearings have taken place at recent meetings, but the goal is for the Planning Commission to possibly have a proposal for the upcoming January 2024 council meeting.

To access the agenda from last week’s Fincastle Town Council meeting, visit <https://www.townoffincastle.org/agenda-minutes-packets.php>.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on November 28, 2023, at 2:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia. The public hearing is for:

Consideration of an amendment to Botetourt County’s FY 23-24 budget to cover County grant funds (\$1,110,569.40 and the pass-through of State/VATI grant funds (\$854,637.30) regarding the most recent invoice (Invoice # 3) received from Lumos for the continued construction and related expenses for Lumos Broadband Project # 2.

The total budget amendment included for consideration regarding this public hearing is \$1,965,206.70

Any interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing to comment on the proposed Budget amendment. The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors intends to act on the Budget amendment after the public hearing is concluded.

Persons wishing to make comments about these proposed amendments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator’s Office, 57 South Center Drive, Suite 200, Daleville, VA 24083, e-mail their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov or submit comments through the Public Comment form available at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by mail will be received up to noon on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

For further information, please contact Anthony G. Zerrilla at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 540-928-2102.

Gary Larrowe

Botetourt County Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on November 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the requests listed below. Information may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Valley District: RYT LLC requests two Special Exception Permits for light auto/truck repair and Mini warehouses, each with possible conditions, in the Business (B-3) Use District, located on Lee Highway, Cloverdale, VA, approximately 0.2 miles south of the Simmons Drive intersection and identified on the Tax Maps as 101(11)18B.

Amsterdam District: The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of a property owner-initiated petition for an amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Map to amend the future land use designation from Medium Density Residential to Agricultural, located at and adjacent to 90 Orchard Lake Drive and identified as tax parcels 87-159; 87-161A & 87-161C.

Amsterdam District: J.W. & Suzanne I. Rhoades, Linda I. Shiotani and Et AL request to rezone 51.504 acres from the Residential (R-1) Use District to the Agricultural (A-1) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, located at and adjacent to 90 Orchard Lake Drive and identified as tax parcels 87-159; 87-161A & 87-161C.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of a property owner-initiated petition for an amendment to Chapter 25, Zoning of the Botetourt County Code that would change the off-street parking requirements for a Special Events Facility.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator’s Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by November 22, 2023. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on November 28, 2023.

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Human Resources	\$ 5,610
Technology Services	102,100
Registrar	5,300
Sheriff’s Department	275,235
Correction & Detention	232,717
Animal Control	81,632
Fire & EMS	775,138
Van Program	30,000
Library	2,720
Community Development	1,548
Cooperative Extension Program	8,487
Transfers to EDA	410,000
Operations	\$1,930,487
Capital Improvement Projects	<u>\$1,173,773</u>
Total Proposed Amendment	<u>\$3,104,260</u>

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Sports Editor

Lord Botetourt football team has rematch at William Byrd Friday in Region 3D semifinal

The game everyone in Botetourt County has been looking forward to since October 13 will become reality Friday night. The Cavalier football team will get another crack at William Byrd, with a trip to the Region 3D championship game on the line.

The third-seeded Cavaliers will take on the second-seeded Terriers at 7 p.m. Friday at Patterson Stadium in Vinton. It will be a rematch of the October 13 game in Vinton, when Byrd shut out LB, 16-0, to beat the Cavaliers for the first time in seven meetings. LB coach Jamie Harless was gracious in defeat despite the agonizing loss to a big Blue Ridge District rival.

“We got beat by a good football team, who did a fine job on both sides of the ball and out-coached us and out-played us,” said Harless.

The Terriers went on to win their last three games and win the Blue Ridge District regular season championship. The Cavaliers also won their last three and finished second in the district with the one BRD loss, and when the final Region 3D rankings came out at the end of the regular season it was Magna Vista one, Byrd two and LB three, lining up the Terriers and Cavs for a rematch in the eight-team tournament semifinals.

Both teams held serve last week, as Byrd defeated Pulaski County, 45-21, and Botetourt took care of visiting Bassett, 42-10. This week’s Botetourt-Byrd rematch should be a good one, although Botetourt’s standout quarterback Jakari Nicely is very questionable to play this week. Jakari watched last week’s win on crutches from the LB sideline.

With Nicely sidelined LB junior Tristan Overbay handled the load with 32 carries for an even 200 yards rushing and four touchdowns. After Bassett scored first on a 32-yard field goal, Overbay answered with a 50-yard TD run to give LB a 7-3 lead – Dean Webb’s extra point kick and Tristan’s five-yard run made it 14-3.

Botetourt opened a 21-3 lead when Cody McConnaughey picked off a pass deep in Bengal territory and returned it for a touchdown. Bassett scored a second quarter TD to cut the lead to 21-10 but the second half was all Botetourt, with Overbay scoring on seven- and two-yard runs and TJ McGinnis putting the finishing touch on the game with a 10-yard TD run.



The Cavaliers take the field for last Friday’s Region 3D win over Bassett.



DJ Toliver (75) paves the way for a big gain by Tristan Overbay.

Sam Grooten took over at quarterback for Nicely and completed four passes for 31 yards, with two to McConnaughey for 14 stripes and one each to McGinnis and Kendal Howard. McGinnis also picked up 59 yards rushing.

The win lifted LB to 9-2 while Byrd comes into Friday’s game at 10-1 with the only loss coming early



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

Kent Basham (40) pulls down a Bengal from behind.

in the season at Christiansburg. In Friday’s other region semifinal, fourth-seeded Christiansburg will travel to top-seeded Magna Vista with the winner meeting for the Region 3D championship. If Christiansburg beats Magna Vista, Friday then the LB-Byrd winner would be home for that game the weekend after Thanksgiving.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Avery Williams (3) and Caitlin Canada (10) go up for a block in the region volleyball tournament.

River volleyball season ends in state quarterfinal

The James River volleyball team made it all the way to the state Class 2 quarterfinal before their season came to an end. The Knights dropped a four-set match in Gate City last Saturday.

River, in their first season under coach Linsey Firebaugh, battled to a tie after two sets against the perennial strong Blue Devils. Gate City won the first set, 25-15, but the Knights bounced back to take the second, 25-20, to tie the match. The home-standing Devils then prevailed, winning the next two sets 25-18 and 25-15.

“This is most of these girls’ first time being in a moment this big, so we came out scrambled,” said Firebaugh. “The first set we could not shut down their big outsides. However, the second set we did better setting up blocks and defending the big swings. Then in the third set we started out strong and Gate City went on a run that gained them some momentum and took that into the fourth set.”

Brea Anduiza had 24 assists and 13 digs for River while Jady Miller and Caitlin Canada had nine kills. Konner Myers and Ava Thacker were strong on serve receive.

“Konner and Ava had a wonderful night serve receive passing,” said Firebaugh. “We had the opportunity to run our offense all night long with how well we passed, but it was hard to get past their big block and good defense. Overall, I am so proud of these girls, they hustled and worked so hard all night long.”

The girls made the state tournament

with a second place finish in the Region 2C tourney. After upsetting second-seeded Gretna in the region semifinals they took on the top seed, Appomattox, in the region final and fell in three, 25-20, 25-17 and 25-23.

“This was one of our worst games all year,” said Firebaugh. “The gym and the atmosphere got the best of us. We actually came out really hot and Appomattox took an early time out. They served well and went on a couple of serving runs and that got in our heads and we did not play super well the rest of the night. We hustled and kept lots of balls alive, but could not put the ball away in crucial moments.”

Myers had 18 digs against the Raiders while Thacker had 10 kills and Anduiza had 20 assists. The All-Three Rivers District team was recently announced and Anduiza and Myers made first team while Thacker was named to the second team.

River finished the season with a 14-10 overall record. That was five wins more than last year’s 9-14 team and the Knights graduate just one senior, middle hitter Ripley Barry.

“First, I would like to thank God who gave me this opportunity to coach these girls this season, this was a very successful season with incredibly good kids,” said Firebaugh. “We were truly a team, coming to each other with everything, praying or watching devotions together before games, and enjoying every moment we

Cavaliers’ Dietrich ends high school cross country career with best time

Lord Botetourt senior Amelia Dietrich competed in the Class 3 state cross country meet at Green Hill Park in Roanoke County last Saturday and finished up her high school career with her best time ever. Amelia ran a personal best of 21:25 to finish 67th among 103 runners in the state championship race.

“She looked the best she has looked,” said LB coach Elizabeth Wilson. “She raced the entire time and was consistently moving up spots.”

Kiera Lowman of Alleghany won the race by 24 seconds with a time of 17:39. Western Albemarle was the girls Class 3 team champion and Maggie Walker won the boys championship. Lord Botetourt did not have any runners qualify for the boys state meet.

Dietrich’s sister Erna also qualified for the state meet but opted to play in a soccer event instead of running at Green Hill. Both qualified for the state with their times in the Region 3D meet at Sugar Hollow Park in Bristol on November 1.

Abingdon won the girls region championship with 31 points, and also qualifying for the state meet were runner-up Christiansburg, with 51, and third place Cave Spring with 72. William Byrd was next with 109 points and Lord Botetourt finished fifth with 140.

The winning time in the three-mile region race was 18:43 by Amanda Ferrante of Abingdon, as the Falcons had the first three runners across the line. Amelia Dietrich finished 18th in 21:55 and Erna was 20th in 21:57. Also scoring for the Cavaliers were Madeleine Gantzhorn in 30th, Ella Johnston in 32nd and Alexa Carillo in 44th place.

Abingdon also won the boys region championship at Sugar Hollow Park with 58 points, followed by Cave Spring with 70 and Bassett with 87. LB was seventh with an even 200.

Rives Boltwood of Abingdon won the race in 14:55 and the Falcons had the top two runners for the boys. Rye Jackson led the Cavaliers in 18:04 for



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Amelia Dietrich of LB (457) runs in the state Class 3 cross country meet at Green Hill Park last Saturday.

29th and Tristan Marshall was one spot behind in 18:05. Also scoring were Preston Vaughn in 40th, John Moughrabi in 50th and Joel Butler in 51st.

“We ran really well at region,” said Wilson. “Many of our runners ran personal records. We peaked at just the right time.”

Knights will have ‘Mid-Knight Madness’ on Tuesday night

The James River High School boys and girls basketball teams will preview the coming season when they host “Mid-Knight Madness” on Tuesday, November 21, at 7 p.m.

Cost to attend will be just one canned good and the event will include an introduction to all the teams, skills contests, and scrimmages.

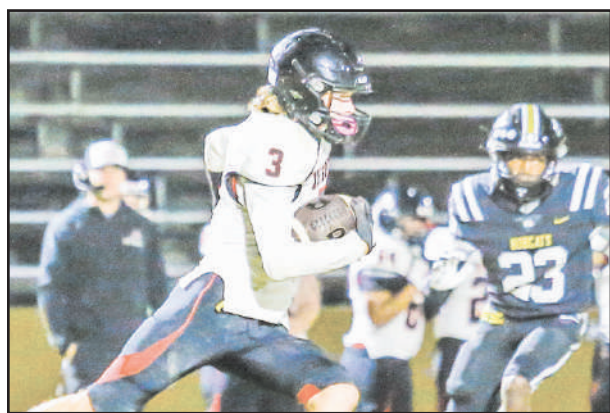
The girls will open the season on November 28 at home against Christiansburg while the boys open a night later, on November 29, at Parry McCluer.



James River quarterback Evan Byers fires a pass down field against Radford.



Maddox Moore of James River picks up yards on the ground after receiving a pass over the middle.



Trey Taylor gets up field quickly to pick up yards on a kickoff return in last Friday's Region 2C playoff game in Radford.

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Bobcats down Knights in region football opener

The James River football team entered the playoffs as heavy underdogs against undefeated Radford last Friday and the home-standing Bobcats wasted no time in showing why. Radford scored 35 points in the first quarter and went on to a 63-0 win to end River's season.

River coach Tim Jennings knew he was facing long odds with a game at Radford. The Bobcats are the top seed in Region 2C while River slipped into the eighth seed in the final week of the season despite losing their final seven games. Radford advances to a region semifinal game with Appomattox this week while the Knights finished their season at 3-8.

It was a tough year for the Knights. After winning their first three games, they suffered a rash of injuries that derailed the season. After scoring 88 points in their first three games, an average of over 29 points per game in three wins, they scored just 20 points in their final eight games combined.

"Obviously, the season did not go as we had hoped, but the kids were a great group to coach and work with," said Jennings. "They typically played hard, regardless of the score, and they were just a great bunch of young men."

"We knew going into the season that we would be walking a tight rope with our lack of depth and our lack

of experience. We weren't necessarily surprised to start 3-0, but rather we kind of felt vindicated that we could put things together that we knew we had in us. Injuries took a toll, and the constant personnel puzzle we were constantly trying to solve made it challenging. But the kids came to practice to work and get better each week."

River managed 63 yards of offense against Radford. Nathan Stewart had 25 yards rushing and Maddox Woodyard had 24, but the Knights lost 29 yards in sacks of quarterback Evan Byers. Evan was seven for 16 passing for 42 yards, including three to Trey Taylor for 20 yards.

On defense, Ryan Daniels led with seven tackles, including a sack. Ryder Ward and Gabe Staton had five tackles each.

The Knights will graduate just five seniors and quarterback Zeal Hammons, a fourth year starter, did not play after he was injured in the fourth game. Jennings is hoping lessons learned this year will pay off in the future for a large group of underclassmen.

"The goal this offseason is to continue building on the summer workouts, develop as athletes, but most importantly make sure we learn from this season," he said.

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got to spend together. Not only were these girls in the gym working hard every day but they are wonderful girls to coach. I feel so blessed to have coached these girls this season.

"We had incredible ball control all year, but our execution factor was missing. Having so many returners I am hoping during the offseason we can work on being aggressive on offense and putting balls away.

Losing only one senior will help with next year because the expectations and routines will be there already, so I will be able to focus on skill work. We are all very excited for the next season.

"After the loss at Gate City we all cried together, not because we lost but because we were so sad we could not be together every day. After that we all cried happy tears for what next season will bring."



James River volleyball coach Linsey Firebaugh studies the action.

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Middle School wrestlers compete in tournament

Read Mountain's Tucker Davis (left in photo) battles a Cave Spring opponent in last Saturday's "Wolverine Duals" middle school wrestling tournament at Andrew Lewis High School in Salem. The Read Mountain team finished 1-4 on the day, defeating Blacksburg but dropping two matches each to host Andrew Lewis and Glenvar.



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Cavalier athletes make college choices



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Two Lord Botetourt girls declared their choices to continue their education and play college athletics last week. Emma Rice (upper) is headed to VMI to play soccer for the Keydets and Layne Jones (lower) will be swimming for the Flames of Liberty University after high school.