



Christmas Parade arrives in Buchanan

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The Town of Buchanan held its annual Christmas Parade Saturday afternoon along Main Street. Over 40 floats representing local groups, organizations, and schools were featured in last Saturday's event.

This year, the parade attendees saw floats from Bank of Botetourt, American Legion Post 93, High Bridge Presbyterian Church, Boone Tractor, Titus Machine Repair, Tammie's Place, Botetourt 4-H Livestock Club, James River High School

FFA, The Bridge Christian Academy, and Fincastle Baptist Church, plus the Lord Botetourt High School marching band, James River High School marching band, Botetourt 4-H Robotics, Night Crawlers Virginia Chapter's 20 Jeeps, Buchanan Volunteer Fire Department, Glasgow Rescue Squad, Natural Bridge Fire Department, and Fincastle Fire Department, and more.

This year's winners were: 1st place – Night Crawlers Virginia Chapter Jeeps; 2nd place – Lord Botetourt High School band; and 3rd place – Titus Machine Repair.



The Grinch rides into Buchanan on the back of a Christmas tree last Saturday during the town's annual Christmas Parade.



A trunk filled with gifts makes its way down Main Street.



The Virginia Chapter of Night Crawlers decorated 20 Jeeps and won the overall float contest.



Santa Claus rides in on a fire engine.

PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY



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New traffic signal to be activated Dec. 14 on Route 220 in Daleville

A new traffic signal will be activated at the intersection of Route 220 and Fieldstone Lane on Thursday, Dec. 14. The signal is located about 1.3 miles north of Daleville.

To alert drivers to the upcoming signal activation, it was scheduled to be set to flashing yellow on Monday, Dec. 11. The new signal was to remain in flashing yellow mode for 72 hours before becoming fully operational on

Thursday, Dec. 14.

Electronic message boards are in place on Route 220 to alert drivers to the new signal and change in traffic pattern. Drivers are reminded that the speed limit in both directions on Route 220 at the signal location is 45 mph.

Flashing advance warning beacons will be activated on southbound Route 220 prior to the signal. These lights will only flash to alert approaching drivers

when they will need to stop at the red light.

Drivers are reminded to use caution due to this new traffic pattern.

The new signal was installed by the Fieldstone developer to support traffic using the new apartment complex and future businesses. The Virginia Department of Transportation will maintain the signal.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Santa Run in Botetourt underway

Botetourt County fire departments are once again bringing Santa Claus to area neighborhoods this holiday season. Santa will visit children aboard the fire truck and would like to remind everyone to stay out of the street until the fire truck has come to a complete stop. Please keep in mind that the schedule may be adjusted in the event of emergency calls and inclement weather.

Here is the upcoming schedule for the remaining dates of the 2023 Santa Run:



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY

The 2023 Santa Run continues this evening in Fincastle.

Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department

Wednesday, Dec. 13, starting at 6 p.m.

- Brughs Mill Road, Grist Mill Road, Majorie Lan, Amen Lane, Plantation Drive, Luger Lane, and Poor Farm Road

Friday, Dec. 15, starting at 6 p.m.

- The Town of Fincastle and the Neighborhood of Santillane

Buchanan Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, Dec. 16, starting at 3 p.m.

- James River Terrace/Southwest Ave.
- Pico Road
- Schoolhouse Road
- Spottswood Ave.

South

- 20th Street
- Chenault Street
- Newtown Road
- 19th Street
- Culpepper Street
- 17th Street

- Albemarle Ave.
- 13th Street
- 16th Street
- Boyd Street
- Bridge Street

South

- Main Street
- 1st Street
- Bridge Street

North

- 3rd Street

Troutville Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, Dec. 16,

See Santa Run, page 8

Grand jury returns December indictments

A Botetourt County grand jury met December 4 in Fincastle and returning the following true bills:

- DIRECT**
- James Meade Adams of Roanoke, possession of cocaine
 - Sabrina Ann Bell of Buena Vista, two counts of possession of methamphetamine mixture with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine, possession of an unlawful chemical as a prisoner
 - Tammy Vanessa Britt of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine
 - Peggy Browning of Eagle Rock, child

- endangerment
- Steven Francis Costanzo of Buena Vista, possession of cocaine
 - Roy Clayton Dunbar Sr. of Eagle Rock, child endangerment
 - Jillian Grace Harrison, a/k/a Jillian Grace Beuther, of Roanoke, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of methamphetamine
 - John Paul Harrison of Roanoke, possession of a firearm by a felon, two counts of possession of methamphetamine
 - Amanda Mary Hipes of Vinton, possession of methamphetamine
 - Chasity Lynn Holdren of Roanoke,

- possession of methamphetamine
- Amber Marie Howard of Troutville, possession of methamphetamine
 - Kristopher Scott Layman of Troutville, aggravated malicious wounding
 - Shellie Mae Nelson of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine as a prisoner, possession of marijuana by a prisoner
 - Jennifer Lynn Pettit of Salem, possession of methamphetamine
 - Bowe Curtis Richards of Danville, possession of methamphetamine

- Tara Gill Rock of Madison Heights, possession of dextroamphetamine, possession of diazepam
- Brandon Tyler Sell of Blue Ridge, three counts of reproducing child pornography
- Samantha Dawn Sheppard of Troutville, two counts of possession of methamphetamine
- Amanda Gayle Underwood of Roanoke, possession of bromazepam, possession of fentanyl, possession of heroin, two counts of possession of

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County budget amendment hearing this Tuesday



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing during the December meeting this Tuesday for consideration of an amendment to the county's FY 2023-24 budget to appropriate additional FY24 funding received from the state. This includes \$632,243.00 that will be appropriated to the school division's operating fund and \$1,185,245.00 to be appropriated to the school division's self-sustaining fund, with the latter specifically earmarked by the state (All-In-Virginia Initiative).

The total amount of the budget amendment is \$1,817,488.00, which is funded by Commonwealth of Virginia monies.

In September, Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin signed a bill (HB 6001/SB 6001) which included an investment of \$418 million dedicated to "high dosage academic tutoring, accelerating the expansion of the Virginia Literacy Act (VLA), and combatting chronic absenteeism," according to the Virginia Department of Education.

Youngkin recommended that school divisions focus on an "ALL In" approach that uses 70% of allocated funds on Grade 3-8 high-intensity tutoring, 20% on the Virginia Literacy Act (VLA), and 10% on chronic absenteeism. Completion of a division spending plan will be the first step in meeting annual reporting requirements.

Two other hearings are scheduled to take place – an amendment to Botetourt County's FY 23-24 budget to cover certain FY24 contracted costs associated with the County Public Safety Radio System Replacement Project and a rezoning request from the Beahm family about a total of 1.9 acres in Botetourt and Roanoke Counties from Agricultural (A-1) to Residential (R-1).

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors December meeting takes place Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at the County Administration Center in Daleville. For more information, visit <https://www.botetourtva.gov/AgendaCenter>.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Fincastle Town Council's last meeting of 2023 this Thursday

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Fincastle Town Council will meet this Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Fincastle Volunteer Department Training Room to discuss business in the final meeting of the year.

Council will share updates on local business including an update on the ongoing Big Spring Park project. Throughout the year, the town and trail builders worked on a trail through the park that runs up to the ballfield closest to Breckinridge Elementary. Last summer, the town purchased 52"x40" magnetic white board with a weather resistant display cabinet with sliding glass doors for an outdoor classroom that is set off from the trail nearest to the school.

Last month, Mayor Mary Bess Smith

provided an update about the \$50,000 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) planning grant. Smith mentioned that, as of last month, the town was on the search for a consultant to help the town use the money effectively. A Request for Proposals was placed in The Roanoke Times on

Nov. 13. This Thursday, council plans on giving citizens another update regarding this process.

All of Fincastle Town Council's minutes from this year and this Thursday's agenda packet are available on the town's newly refurbished website at townoffincastle.org/agenda-minutes-packets.php.



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE



Among those attending the Imagination Library's celebration were (from left) Susan Plenge, Kara Contessa, Laila Alam, Kristi Hatfield, John Plenge, Jordan Sereno, Carol Walker, Larry Walker and Jeff Ahearn.

Kiwanis Club celebrates success of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Botetourt

The Kiwanis Club of Botetourt County held a celebration event at the Botetourt Family YMCA on Saturday, November 11 in recognition of the 500 children who have registered for free books since the kick-off of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) in Botetourt County.

"Achieving this goal was truly the result of a community wide effort," said John Plenge, Kiwanis Club president. "Families enjoyed games, snacks, and a highlight of the event were animated book readings to children gathered in front of the cozy fireplace."

DPIL community sponsors and partners Altec Inc. and Craig Botetourt Electric Co-op helped plan and host the event. The Botetourt County YMCA enthusiastically welcomed the use of the venue.

Without the generosity of corporate, foundation and individual donors the Kiwanis Club of Botetourt would not be able to continue with this outstanding program to provide free books to children from birth to 5 years old, Plenge said.

The Kiwanis Club would like to



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KIWANIS CLUB OF BOTETOURT CO. Barry Green reads to youngsters at the Imagination Library's celebration.

recognize the Botetourt Educational Foundation and Botetourt County Public Schools as new sponsors of the program. For community members interested in supporting the Imagination Library in Botetourt County or registering a child or grandchild who lives in the county, the Kiwanis Club website (kiwanisclubofbotetourt.org) provides a link for on-line giving and registration. The cost for Kiwanis to put one child through the program for one year is \$25. Additional corporate sponsorships are welcome by contacting

kiwanisbocoliteracy@gmail.com.

The Kiwanis Club also announced new members for the period: Cindy Bailey (First Bank); Tina King (First Bank); Carol Walker; Teanna Ruppel (Rethunkmyjunk Design); Jordan Sereno (Bank of Botetourt), and Vaso Doubles.

The Kiwanis Club welcomes anyone interested in helping better the lives of children in the community to join the club. Visit the website to join a monthly meeting at any time.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



The roof of the historic Farm Supply Store in Eagle Rock collapsed on Nov. 22.

Historic Farm Supply Store in Eagle Rock collapses

The historical Farm Supply Store in Eagle Rock collapsed on the evening of Nov. 22. This building was built in 1917 by the Moore Lime Company, which also owned and operated the nine lime kilns in the town that provided employment for many people in Botetourt County. In its day, this building not only incorporated a store on the first floor plus a company office but also provided apartments on the upper floor for many years.

According to a county representative, the structure has been posted and the building official has been working with the owner, who met a few potential companies on-site. Botetourt County officials recognize the risks with this structure in its current condition and continue working to get it taken care of as quickly as the code allows. The county will keep everyone apprised as things move forward.

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The structure was originally built in 1917.

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Botetourt County History



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Alfred Becky Carper played this alto horn in Fincastle's first band. He was born on July 28, 1890 and lived until December 19, 1970. Before he was 20, he worked for the Buchanan News. The horn was made by the James Welsh Pepper music company, which was founded in 1876 in Pennsylvania. Today, J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. is the largest sheet music retailer in the world. Hellen C. Caldwell donated this horn to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture in 1998 where it is displayed.

CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK: The Botetourt County History photo from the Dec. 6 edition contained a handmade rake crafted in the mid 1800s. The handle is 62 inches long and there are five four-inch wooden teeth that were driven through the rake head. After many years of use it is in good condition. Rakes like this one are being made today by the Amish for wall decorations. The rake is on display with other early tools at the free Botetourt Museum at 26 East Main Street in Fincastle.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

DAR: Our Patriot Ancestors – Daniel Brugh

In recognition of the upcoming 250th celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the DAR America 250! Committee of the Botetourt County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is placing a spotlight on members' Patriot ancestors who helped the country achieve American Independence. Daniel Brugh is the Patriot ancestor of five DAR members: Annie Jeter Lee, Anne Lee Wagner, Judy Louise Lee, Stacey Rae Brugh, and Valerie Brugh Green.

Daniel Brugh was the fourth son of Hermanus and Catharine Bruch (now spelled Brugh). He was born in Reading Township, York County, Pa., July 19, 1762. He served in the American Revolutionary War as a member of 8th Company, 1st Battalion, York Militia in 1782 serving a tour of duty as a member of Captain O'Blain's Company.

After his military service he married Elizabeth Deardorff, and they had 12 children. Hermanus and Catharine contracted all their land in Pennsylvania to Daniel and Elizabeth and in return Daniel would provide care for his parents during their lifetime. Daniel only held the York County land for about four years.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT DAR

Daniel, being an entrepreneur and a very ambitious young man, struck a deal with Anthony Deardorff to trade 215 acres of his land in York County, Pa., for 550 acres of land "situated in Bauditor County in the State of Virginia." Once the title to his land was settled, Daniel then packed up his own growing family and his parents and moved down the Great Wagon Road to Botetourt County. This would forever change the Brugh family history.

Daniel would be the first Brugh to own land in Virginia. He established

the farm located at the intersection of Fincastle and Great Road on Mill Creek and built a sawmill. A few years later he built a grist mill. His farming operations got underway; he would ship clover seed by the hundred weight by bateau to Lynchburg. He raised tobacco, grain crops, and cured pork and beef that was butchered on his farm.

Seeing a need along the Great Wagon Road for travelers, Daniel was licensed to operate a tavern on December 12, 1809. The tavern was built in solid German fashion. The tavern occupied the lower



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHLEEN MORRA-SLOAN

Chuck Flynn (Administrator), Venée Turner (Activities Director), Lee Drzymala (Circle of Mary) and Blake Flinchum (Director of Social Work)

Desserts for the Brian Center

The Brian Center Respiratory Rehab in Fincastle accepted desserts donated by the Church of the Transfiguration's Circle of Mary Women's Group for their Family and Friends Thanksgiving

Dinner held on November 16. The Circle of Mary donated a dozen various desserts for the celebration.

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Old Jail gift shop holds ribbon-cutting

Botetourt Chamber of Commerce President David Williams and chamber staff officially welcomed Old Jail Gifts to Fincastle prior to the Tinsel Trail kickoff event on Dec. 1. Here, Williams (right) and Danielle Alexander (left) welcome Donald and Caroline Naysmith (center) to Fincastle right before they cut the ribbon of the new business. The gift shop located at 13 W. Main Street currently offers hand-made, limited-edition mugs, spa items, greeting cards, and ornaments and other items for the holiday season.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

level of the building while sleeping accommodations were maintained on the second floor. Daniel and his family lived on the third floor. Breakfast, 25 cents; a warm dinner, 33 cents; a cold dinner, 25 cents; supper, 25 cents. The meals might be what we now call Farm to Table style. They ground their own flour, and the meats were right off the farm.

They also owned their own cider mill producing sweet and hard cider.

Daniel died on December 26, 1825 at the age of 63. Family tradition holds that he was "bled" to relieve a wound, with the "cure" and not the wound causing his death. He was buried in the Brugh-Simmons Cemetery in Botetourt County. The Brugh Tavern that

once sat off Exit 156 was disassembled, carefully labeled piece by piece, and painstakingly recreated in Virginia's Explore Park in Roanoke County and dedicated April 28, 1998. It is now operated by Twin Creeks Brewing Company.

- Botetourt Chapter of DAR

Daleville Dairy Queen Grand Opening Dec. 19



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The new Dairy Queen at the Daleville Town Center will have their Grand Opening Day on December 19. The Botetourt Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Come join the chamber and county citizens for a Blizzard of a good time.

- Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce

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County Libraries announces change in upcoming operating hours at Fincastle branch



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The Fincastle Library will be temporarily closed from Monday, January 2, 2024, through Saturday, January 20, 2024, for minor renovations, including new paint and carpet. During this period, the Fincastle branch cannot accept materials returns. Materials may be returned to any other library branch or at the library's pickup/drop-off location inside the Botetourt Family YMCA (no membership required to access). Since the collection will be in storage, requests for Fincastle Library materials cannot be filled during the closure. For incoming requested materials, staff will contact patrons with a Fincastle pickup

location to identify an alternate pickup location. Phone calls will be automatically rerouted to other branches. Fincastle Library patrons needing assistance during the closure can contact or visit any other library branch. All Fincastle Library events and programs during this period will be canceled, rescheduled, or relocated. Please check www.bocolibraries.info for further details and updates. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we are making improvements to the Fincastle Library facility!

- Botetourt County Communications



UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Card Making for EMS

We're #BOCOgrateful for our Botetourt County Emergency Services! Drop by any library branch this month to fill out a holiday card, and we'll deliver them weekly to EMS.

social skills. Best for preschoolers.

STEM Club

Tue, Dec. 19, 2:30-3:30pm, Eagle Rock
Tue, Dec. 26, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge
Tue, Jan. 2, 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.

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.

Senior Bingo

Thu, Dec. 14, 1-2pm, Fincastle
Win fun prizes and enjoy social time with this popular game. Offered in partnership with Valley Medicare Solutions and Botetourt County Parks & Recreation.

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.

StoryTime

Wednesdays, 10:30-11am & 2:30-3pm, Eagle Rock
Wednesdays, 6-6:30pm, Fincastle
Thursdays, 10:30-11am, Blue Ridge & Fincastle
Fridays, 10:30-11am, Buchanan
Enjoy books, songs, and tactile activities that build literacy, motor, and

Holiday Hours

All library branches will close at noon on Friday, December 22, and will reopen for normal hours on Tuesday, December 26.

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A thank you from Eagle Rock Library Friends

On behalf of the Eagle Rock Friends of the Library, a great big thank you goes out to craft vendors, to all those who purchased quilt raffle tickets and all those who came out to support our Holiday Craft Show & Celebration recently held at the Eagle Rock Library. The winner of the quilt raffle was

Paul Hosey. A message of thanks was posted on Facebook, but I realize not everyone does Facebook so this thank you is for you especially.

Funds raised will be used wisely by the Friends of the Library for various activities held by the Friends group. Wishing everyone here in our beautiful Botetourt County, a very Happy & Safe Holiday Season!

Bonnie S. Britt, Member
Eagle Rock Friends of the Library

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for December 4-10:

- Frank T. Wilkinson, 21, of Christiansburg, driving under the influence, December 4
- Gabrielle F. Sowers, 41, of Troutville, domestic assault, December 4
- James M. Burkholder, 51, of Fincastle, domestic assault, December 6
- Jade K. McCarty, 30, of Roanoke, drunk in public, December 6
- George A. Lane, 43, of Buchanan,

domestic assault, drunk in public, December 7

- Patricia A. Davis, 50, of Fincastle, drunk in public, December 7
- Christopher W. Davis, 41, of Fincastle, malicious wounding, December 7
- James M. Burkholder, 51, of Fincastle, violation of a protective order, December 7
- Jace E. Matze, 23, of Roanoke, driving under the influence, December 9
- Jill B. Lane, 43, of Buchanan, petit larceny, December 10

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week Meet Charger

Charger came to the LAP Shelter on Nov. 17 from Pittsylvania County. He had heartworm and was treated. He is now healthy and taking prevention which he must stay on forever, along with flea and tick protection. Charger is fine with other dogs and very playful.



Christmas Wish List: Purina One (red bag) dog food, Purina One (blue bag) cat food, Top Job, Mr. Clean, bleach, paper towels, laundry detergent, quality canned cat and dog food, cat and dog treats, dog poop scoopers, and cat litter. The LAP Shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan
5. Supervises interstate commerce
8. Touch lightly
11. Relating to bees
13. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
14. Mosuo culture religion
15. Italian village
16. Stiff bristle
17. Wealthy enclave in Rio
18. Cause to lose courage
20. Examines animals
21. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
22. Gets rid of
25. Having easily perceived thoughts
30. Removed surgically
31. Principle underlying the universe
- CLUES DOWN**
1. State attorneys
2. Imitated
3. Latvian capital
4. Irish goddess
5. Taste
6. Dried
7. Spanish saloon
8. Mother of Perseus
9. Evergreen coniferous trees
10. Refuse to comply
12. Negative
14. Hyphen
19. A way to record
23. Not good
24. One who tends the furnace
25. Small amount
26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
27. The whole quantity
28. __ King Cole, musician
- CLUES DOWN**
29. One's opinion
34. Holds ashes
35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency
36. Side-blotched lizards genus
37. Legislator (abbr.)
39. Concentrated bombardment
40. Took for oneself
41. Nigerian City
42. Thousands of pounds
44. Inspired
45. Secret clique
46. Expression
47. Dough made from corn flour
48. Comedian Carvey
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Resistance fighters
58. Criticize

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Trolls Band Together

(2023) Poppy discovers that Branch was once part of the boy band "BroZone" with his brothers, Floyd, John Dory, Spruce and Clay. When Floyd is kidnapped, Branch and Poppy embark on a journey to reunite his two other brothers and rescue Floyd. (1 hr 32 min)
Friday, Dec. 15
7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16
7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
3:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21
7:00 p.m.

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Veterans Day at Greenfield Elementary

On Friday, November 10, Greenfield Elementary held a Veterans Day Assembly to honor military men and women who are students' family members. Students read poems, sang songs and shared information about each branch of the United States military. Veterans and their spouses were able to meet one another and socialize at a small reception prior to the event.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



Second grade student Ryan Guzman with Sgt. Christopher Rivers and veteran Herbert Scull, the grandfather of Everett Hatch, a fifth grade student.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CAROLYN MCLUCAS

Fifth grade teacher Beverly Honaker, an Air Force veteran, with her students Amare Johnson, Everett Hatch, Julian True, Haden Murphy and John Gibson Davis

Botetourt County Democratic Committee January meeting Jan. 8

The Botetourt County Democratic Committee will hold its next meeting on Jan. 8 at Bellacino's in Daleville. As part of this meeting, members will discuss the annual committee reorganization and introduce the next slate of executive committee members. Pizza and fellowship begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m.

- Botetourt Democratic Committee

Miller bags a 10-pointer



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAMELA MILLER

James Miller from Buchanan put down this 10-pointer in Botetourt County.

- Submitted by Pamela Miller



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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 McClucas, 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.

215 Blue 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.

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

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dale Ridge Church of Christ - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW Roanoke, 24019; office: 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Ladies class - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Visit our new web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net, it's updated each week from local, national and international sources with news of interest to Christians. Take a video tour of our facilities. Read articles taken from the word of God that apply to our lives today. View a new sermon each week. Dale Ridge is reaching out to the Roanoke/Botetourt area with the good news of Jesus Christ. Come join our plea to return to the Bible. We believe in the inspired Word of God

THE CHOICE IS MINE

Read 1 Samuel 25:1 through 27:12

David, a fighting machine, was not squeamish about shedding blood. However, before he went into battle, his habit was to seek the Lord's direction. He forgot this wisdom when one fool's decision enraged him.

Nabal, a wealthy man, refused to feed David's men although they had protected Nabal's shepherds. His arrogant remark infuriated David. Blinded by anger, he bypassed the Lord and ordered his men to arm themselves for battle. The plan: Wipe out Nabal and his entire household.

Meanwhile back at the estate, a servant begged Abigail, Nabal's wife, to do something because David had been good to them. She immediately sent food to David and then followed to ask for mercy.

"May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands" (1Samuel 25:33).

When we are wronged, instead of plotting revenge, we could seek the Lord's help to set aside anger and leave vengeance to Him. We should also pray for the offender.

Thought for Today: I can focus on God's blessings or the offense. I can pray or scheme. The choice is mine.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 25:32-34

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dale Ridge Church of Christ - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW Roanoke, 24019; office: 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Ladies class - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Visit our new web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net, it's updated each week from local, national and international sources with news of interest to Christians. Take a video tour of our facilities. Read articles taken from the word of God that apply to our lives today. View a new sermon each week. Dale Ridge is reaching out to the Roanoke/Botetourt area with the good news of Jesus Christ. Come join our plea to return to the Bible. We believe in the inspired Word of God

which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe in the Holy Spirit is a gift, given to every Christian when we respond to the Gospel as taught in the context of Acts 2 and emphasized in verse 38. We believe Jesus is the only means of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Is this your time to make a choice? (John 16:13) Have you been looking for a church family that's led by the Holy Spirit into all truth? (John 13:35) You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. Follow the advice of Philip when he told Nathanael about Jesus in (John 1:46) "Come and See."

ECKANKAR

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

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Buchanan Presbyterian Church - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. 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 Cedars 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 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.

CHURCH NEWS

Springwood Baptist Church events

The schedule for Christmas Eve is: No Sunday School; 9:30 a.m. – Coffee and donuts in fellowship hall; 10 a.m.– Worship for all; 5:30 p.m. –Candlelight Service
The church is located at 88 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan.

Cloverdale Thrift Store open Saturdays

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store has hand 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 Saturday

The Springwood Baptist Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, December 16 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.

Special services at Pleasant Hill Baptist

On Monday, December 18, Pleasant Hill Baptist 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 hymn sing at Troutville Brethren

Pastor Terry Johnson invites everyone to Troutville Church of the Brethren on Christmas Eve at 11 a.m. for a hymn sing of only Christmas songs. Then at 5:30 p.m. the church will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service. The church is located at 5133 Lee Highway in Troutville.

OBITUARIES

Boblett, Fonda Fultz

Fonda Fultz Boblett, 63, of Boblett; granddaughters, Sacha Buchanan, passed away Friday, December 8, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, H. David and Jane Eubank Fultz.



Fonda was an in-home childcare giver for close to 30 years keeping many kids in the Buchanan and surrounding area.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Donald Boblett; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Rosie

granddaughters, Sacha and Siobhan Boblett; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Sherry Fultz; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and numerous members of the Boblett family.

It was Fonda's wish that there be no service; however, those wishing to send a condolence please do so at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.



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Blue Ridge Supervisor Billy Martin read a proclamation recognizing Blue Ridge Baptist Church's 150th anniversary Nov. 28 in Daleville.

Supervisor Billy Martin, county recognize Blue Ridge Baptist's 150th anniversary

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Blue Ridge Supervisor Billy Martin recognized Blue Ridge Baptist Church celebrating its 150th anniversary at last Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting and reflected on this milestone anniversary.

A proclamation was read by Martin. Church trustee Merle King, treasurer Gracie Wilson, church clerk Melinda Payne, deaconess Judy Brown, and Pastor Marcus Huffman came to the podium and were recognized.

Martin ran through the history of the church, which started out as a one-room, log building in 1873. Blue Ridge Baptist Church has served as the only Black church in the community of Blue Ridge for 150 years. The church moved into its current building in 1977 after a capital campaign organized by the Rev. William B. Crocker and members of the Ragsdale family.

To read the proclamation from last week's Botetourt County Board of Supervisors meeting, visit the Botetourt County website's Agenda Center at www.botetourtva.gov/AgendaCenter.

Botetourt Longbeards donate turkeys for Thanksgiving



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Again this year, the Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Federation donated frozen turkeys to five food pantries in the county. This has been a major outreach project for the Longbeards for the last 16 years.

- Botetourt Longbeards

Fincastle United Methodist Christmas cantata Sunday



FINCASTLE UMC PHOTO

The choir and musicians at Fincastle United Methodist Church are preparing for their annual Christmas cantata to be performed on Sunday, December 17 in the church sanctuary at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend this special event, which will include familiar Christmas music with a theme of "Christmas Around the World." The church is located at 137 South Church Street in Fincastle.

- Fincastle UMC



PHOTO COURTESY OF EAGLE ROCK RURITAN CLUB

Veterans honored by the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club were (from left): front, David Bowers, Donald Britt, Charlie Neil, Glen Dudley, and Bob Rood; back, Jack Cassell, Robin Bolton, Darrell Johns, Ed Huntley, Danny Christian, and Barry Caldwell.

Eagle Rock Ruritans honor local veterans

When the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club met for the November meeting, the members followed their annual tradition of honoring veterans in the surrounding area. And again this year the meal was provided by the Ladies Auxiliary from the VFW Post in Daleville.

The club members were privileged to have 11 veterans present, including one club member. They represented at least three branches of the Armed Services. Many of the veterans present saw active duty in Vietnam. One of the veterans, Jack Cassell, served during the era of three different wars: World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. One of the veterans confessed, and others agreed, that they really matured into adulthood during their

service. One veteran who served his tour of duty during a time of peace expressed deep gratitude for those who saw active duty during the trying times of war.

The members of the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club, along with countless others, want to say "Thank you for your service to all who have given of themselves in service to the country. We deeply appreciate our veterans who have gone the distance in fighting to preserve 'freedom and justice for all.' Each club meeting begins with a stanza of 'My Country 'Tis of Thee' and closes with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, but these two gestures have a much deeper meaning when we set aside

time to honor our veterans," a club spokesman said.

The Eagle Rock Community Center is the home of the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club and the members remind the public that the center is available for use by individuals and groups in the area for a nominal fee to help with utilities. Call 540-884-2775 to make a reservation.

The members also invite others to visit the club and consider becoming an active Ruritan. The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The Ruritan motto is "Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service."

- Eagle Rock Ruritan Club

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Sunday, December 24th
 Morning Worship at 10am
 9pm Candlelight Service including communion and a Festival of Lessons & Carols

Fincastle United Methodist Church
 137 S. Church Street, Fincastle

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Indictments from page 1

methamphetamine

- CERTIFIED**
- James Meade Adams of Roanoke, eluding (plus direct indictment)
 - Richard Edward Beverly II of Salem, eluding
 - Chloe Renee Clingenpeel of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine
 - Thomas Blair

- Coleman of Lexington, four counts of failing to register as a sex offender
- Steven Francis Costanza of Buena Vista, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute (plus direct indictment)
- Olivia Ann Dillon of Huddleston, possession of methamphetamine
- Christopher Edward Dunbar of Eagle Rock,

- grand larceny
- Stephen Paul Earlenbaugh of Roanoke, credit card theft, grand larceny
- Cara Jean Estes of Roanoke, exploiting mental incapacity
- Kira Anastasia Fox of Hayes, Va., assault on law enforcement officer
- Clarence Preston Goad of Fincastle, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a firearm by a felon
- Matthew William Graham of Roanoke, failure to register as a sex offender
- Tyler Lynwood Harper of Forest, grand larceny, conspiracy to commit grand larceny
- Jillian Grace Harrison, a/k/a Jillian Grace Beuther, of Roanoke, possession of a firearm by a felon (plus direct indictment)
- John Paul Harrison of Roanoke, possession of a firearm by a felon (plus direct indictment)
- Jose Abel Hernandez Morales of Roanoke, assault on a law enforcement officer, malicious wounding
- David Wayne Howard of Roanoke, armed breaking and entering, grand larceny
- Michael David Huff

- of Troutville, driving under the influence, third offense
- Ronal Linarez-Lopez of Roanoke, two counts of assault on law enforcement officer, eluding, two counts of child endangerment
- Richard Lane Mabry of Blue Ridge, possession of methamphetamine
- Barry Wayne Mills Jr. of Blue Ridge, possession of methamphetamine, eluding
- Colter John Neufeld of Daleville, violation of a protective order, third offense
- Steven Eugene Payne of Forest, eluding
- Donald Leon Riley Jr. of Buchanan, possession of methamphetamine, possession of ammunition by a felon
- Hailly Star Sines of Lynchburg, grand larceny, conspiracy to commit grand larceny
- Judith Sowers of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering
- Amanda Gayle Underwood of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine, possession of bromazepam (plus direct indictment)
- Eric Whitney of Roanoke, grand larceny
- Gary Michael Wimmer II of Eagle Rock, grand larceny

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- starting at 1 p.m.
- Cave Creek Assisted Living
 - The Glebe (2 p.m.)
 - Carrington Place (3 p.m.)
 - Carrington Cottage
 - Troutville Town Park (5 p.m.)
 - Keswick Farms Subdivision
 - Twin Oaks Subdivision
 - Apple Orchard Road
 - Stoney Battery Road
 - Nace and Houston Mines Road
 - Diamond Crest Subdivision

- Sunday, Dec. 17, starting at 4 p.m.
- Greenfield Street
 - Island Green Road
 - Summit of Ashley
 - Hills of Ashley Subdivision
 - Applewood Estates
 - Orchard Lake Subdivision
 - Hollymeade Subdivision
 - Jamestown Subdivision

- Monday, Dec. 18, starting at 6 p.m.
- Hollins Mobile Home Park
 - Reservoir Road
 - Autumn Wood Subdivision
 - Chadwick Drive
 - Mountain Pass Road

- Tuesday, Dec. 19, starting at 6 p.m.
- Tinkerview Gardens
 - Medallion Hills
 - Wetherwood Subdivision
 - Williamsburg Manor (Willis Way Road)
 - Green Acres Subdivision

- Wednesday, Dec. 20, starting at 6 p.m.
- Daleville Town Center Apartments starting at 6 p.m.
 - College Drive Apartments
 - The Reserve Apartments
 - Cedar Ridge Subdivision
 - Orchard Drive
 - Wendover Road

- Fincastle Herald staff report

'A Christmas Carol' continues at Attic



PHOTO COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

Attic Productions' holiday show, "A Christmas Carol" by Doris Baizley, continues this week at Attic's D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, December 14-17. Thursday and Friday shows begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30

A talented group of actors will present this inventive adaptation of the classic Dickens

story. As a company of traveling actors, they must improvise with limited supplies and props as a magical world of make-believe unfolds. All of the classic elements of the story are included. Adult tickets are \$15, students and groups of 10 or more are \$12 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. A \$2 convenience fee per ticket will be added if paying with a card.

Tickets may be purchased on the Attic Productions website by visiting www.atticproductions.info. For questions or assistance with purchasing tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001. Volunteers are staffing the box office Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Leave a message at other times and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

This show is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service. Partial funding support comes from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

- Attic Productions

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Graded Bulls
 400-499: \$185.00
 500-599: \$171.00
Graded Heifers
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 500-599: \$170.00
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 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 a public hearing to be held on December 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below. Information may be viewed 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, and is available online at: https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/Agenda-Center by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section.

Valley District: Beahm Family LLC (Stonegate Properties, contractual purchaser) requests to re-zone 0.6 acres in Botetourt County and 1.3 acres in Roanoke County that is in Botetourt's zoning jurisdiction, totaling 1.9 acres from Agricultural (A-1) to Residential (R-3), with possible proffered conditions. These properties are located between 7816 Sanderson Drive and Stonegate Drive and identified as a portion of tax parcel 107-1A and a portion of Roanoke County tax parcel 028.01-01-21.01-0000.

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 December 14, 2023. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on December 19, 2023.

Gary Larrowe
 Botetourt County Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE 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 December 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia. The public hearing is for:

Consideration of an amendment to Botetourt County's FY 23-24 budget to appropriate additional FY24 funding received from the State. This includes \$632,243.00 that will be appropriated to the School Division operating fund and \$1,185,245.00 to be appropriated to the School Division self-sustaining fund, with the latter specifically earmarked by the State (All-In-Virginia Initiative).

The total amount of the budget amendment is \$1,817,488.00, which is funded by Commonwealth of Virginia monies.

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 take action on the Budget amendment after the public hearing is concluded.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 S. 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 December 14, 2023. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on December 19, 2023.

For further information, please contact Anthony Zerrilla at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 540-928-02102.

Gary Larrowe
 Botetourt County Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE 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 December 19, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia. The public hearing is for:

Consideration of an amendment to Botetourt County's FY 23-24 budget to cover certain FY24 contracted costs associated with the County Public Safety Radio System Replacement Project. These are costs that will be incurred through June 30, 2024 and will relate to contract execution and equipment that will be delivered during this time-frame. The current figure being used for costs to be expended through June 30, 2024 is \$10,080,276.48. Based upon a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors on November 28, 2023, the County has declared the intent and reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for expenses related to this project as part of the permanent financing obligation that will be in place at a later point in 2024.

The total budget amendment included for consideration regarding this public hearing is \$10,080,276.48.

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 may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 S. 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 December 14, 2023. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on December 19, 2023.

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

Gary Larrowe
 Botetourt County Administrator

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NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

For information regarding this meeting, please see www.botetourtva.gov or contact the County Administrator's Office at 540-928-2006.



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2-3 BR, 2 Bth ranch in Blue Ridge area, Botetourt. No pets, No smoking, Need good credit score. Call 540-529- 6537.

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Part Time Newspaper Driver

Salem Times Register has openings for afternoon/evening drivingshift for newspaperdelivery. No experience necessary. Hours may vary. Will train. \$12 per hour. Contact Christine, Salem-Times Register (540)389-9355

Help Wanted - General

Part Time Newspaper Production Help

The Salem Times Register has openings for afternoon/evening shift work inserting, labeling and bundling newspapers for delivery. No experience necessary. Hours may vary. Will train. \$12 per hour. Contact Christine, Circulation Manager, Salem-Times Register (540)389-9355 or email customerservice@ourvalley.org



TOTAL ACTION FOR PROGRESS CEO Recruitment Profile

Total Action for Progress (TAP) is a community action agency that serves eleven localities in the Roanoke Valley and adjacent communities: the counties of Alleghany, Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Roanoke, and Rockbridge, and the cities of Buena Vista, Covington, Lexington, Roanoke, and Salem. TAP helps individuals and families achieve economic and personal independence through education, employment, affordable housing, and safe and healthy environments. Every TAP employee shares in TAP's responsibility to "Mobilize Community Resources" in support of TAP's anti-poverty efforts.

TAP is seeking an experienced CEO who is responsible for maintaining an organizational culture that embodies the following values: Advocacy for the oppressed, the disadvantaged, and disenfranchised. Results orientation. Fiscal and programmatic accountability. Teamwork, collaboration with others and partnership building. Excellence in performance. Innovation. The passion to make a difference. Responsiveness to the needs of the community. Maintenance of an agency-wide focus on Whole Family and Trauma Informed services.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsible for carrying out the mission of the organization and the strategic plan as set forth

Help Wanted - General

by the Board of Directors. Responsible for meeting with key board committees especially Finance, Property, Personnel and all others at the request of the Board Chair. Responsible for carrying out the policies and procedures set forth by the Board of Directors. Responsible for final approval of the hiring and termination of all staff. Responsible for the financial health of the organization, the development and prudent expenditures of the same according to budgets prepared by staff and approved by the Board of Directors and audited by financial and program auditors. Responsible for making sure that staff are provided with wages comparable to similar employment and benefits necessary for their well-being and that of their families. Responsible for developing a creative work environment where employees and volunteers are stimulated to take initiative, develop leadership and carry out their responsibilities with dedication, warmth and initiative. Responsible for inspiring others in the organization to be passionate about caring for the needs of our families. Responsible for stimulating collaborative ventures with other organizations, the private sector and federal, state, and local governments to strengthen services for low-income Virginians. Responsible for representing the organization publicly before public, private, and network organizations.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: An understanding of the specific nature of a community action agency, its history, and commitment to the same. Advanced understanding of a variety of programming that includes early childhood development, youth and adult education and training, housing development and management and a wide range of economic development programming including business start-ups and loan pools. Excellent presentation, writing and public relations skills. High emotional and cultural intelligence enabling the person to connect with a wide range of people from a variety of ethnic, social and economic backgrounds. High energy level and proven ability to manage stressful or extenuating circumstances. Bilingual ability is a plus.

QUALIFICATIONS, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Master's degree or equivalent experience. Ten to twenty years in a senior management position of an organization with similar complexity and size of TAP. Experience writing grant submissions and managing a team of grant writers. Experience working with a board of directors. Experience working effectively with the public and representing an agency before the public. Experience working effectively with local, state, and national public officials on issues vital to the organization. Experience and passion for working with a highly diverse organization. Essential computer skills and the experience and ability to oversee IT operations.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must pass a comprehensive background and drug check. A valid Virginia driver's license and reliable transportation is required. TAP participates in the Virginia DMV Driver Alert

Help Wanted - General

Program. Employees who operate a TAP vehicle or their personal vehicle to conduct TAP business may be subject to driver record monitoring through the Virginia DMV Driver Alert Program.

SPECIAL NOTE: This description provides information regarding the core functions of the designated position, and general nature and level of work associated with the job. It should not be interpreted to describe all the duties whose performance may be required of such employees or be used to limit the nature and extent of assignments such an individual may be given. TAP is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a Drug Free Workplace. We only hire individuals legally eligible for employment in the United States.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: Salary range is \$90k to \$115k depending on qualifications and experience. The successful candidate will be offered a generous benefits package including health, dental, vision, retirement plan match and gift, paid time off, sick leave, free shortterm disability, long term disability, life insurance/AD&D, and professional development support, 14 paid holidays.

APPLICATION PROCESS: To be considered, please submit a cover letter and resume with salary expectations, and three professional references to Tabatha Cooper, HR Director, via email at Tabatha.Cooper@tapint.ohope.org or via mail to: TAP, Human Resources, PO Box 2868 Roanoke VA 24011

This position will remain open until filled. Inquiries may be directed to: Tabatha Cooper - HR Director PO BOX 2868 Roanoke, VA 24001 Email: Tabatha.Cooper@tapint.ohope.org Phone: 540-283-4800

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE: December 13, 2023

A white 550 Jet Ski FL8258GV HIN KAW447440482-B. A yellow 400 Jet Ski VA4511AK HIN KAW 051850676. A yellow 400 Jet Ski VA4512AK HIN KAW051690676. Are located at 4923 Clement Lane Radford VA 24141. If these watercraft are not claimed by the titled owner within 30 days, I will apply to the Department for registration/title in my name. Mark A. 540-639-0610

Legals - City of Salem

DIVORCE NOTICE

Granville County Civil Court in Granville County, NC will be hearing a plea for the decree of divorce for which suit is pending and as filed by Larissa L. Peluso-Fleming of 40110 Pastor Lane, Wake Forest, NC 27587 (petitioner/wife) versus Andrew Taylor McDonald of 1619 Valhalla Court, Salem, VA 24513 (defendant/husband) The defendant must enter a defense to such pleading within 30 days after the date of receipt of divorce filing as delivered by the Roanoke County Sheriff's Department. Should the defendant fail to make a defense within that time period, the plaintiff shall apply to the court for relief.

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on December 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Elizabeth G. Lane, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-208.3(B)(2) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 111 Poplar Avenue, Tax Map # 127-3-5. The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow the placement of a 12 x 20-foot carport in the front yard, to be located no closer than 16 feet to the front property line. Section 106-208.3(B)(2) states that accessory structures must be built behind the rear building line of the principal structure (or in the rear yard).

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032). THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

Legals - Roanoke County

LEGAL NOTICE

Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Seeking Applicants to Fill Vinton District Vacancy

The Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County is searching for candidates to fill the vacancy in the Vinton Magisterial District as the result of P. Jason Peters' election to the Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue. The person appointed shall be a qualified voter of the Vinton Magisterial District and hold office until a special election in November of 2024. The person elected at the special election will serve the remainder of Mr. Peters' term, which expires December 31, 2025. If any qualified voter in the Vinton Magisterial District would like to be considered for the vacancy, please mail or email a 300-word essay on why you want to be the Supervisor for the Vinton Magisterial District and why you feel you are qualified to serve to the Chief Deputy Clerk at the following address or email by January 1, 2024. Deborah C. Jacks Chief Deputy Clerk to the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors 5204 Bernard Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 Telephone: 540-772-2003 Email: djacks@roanokecountyva.gov or Dated: November 26, 2023 Deborah C. Jacks Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board

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River boys come up big against Little Giants

The James River boys pulled out a low-scoring basketball game against Waynesboro Monday. The Knights won 30-26 in Springwood.

This game was close throughout. It was tied at 15-15 at the half, and the Knights scored 15 in the second half while holding the Little Giants to 11. Trey Taylor led River with 16 points.

The win snapped a three-game losing streak for the Knights. River lost to Parry McCluer, Bath County and Riverheads last week in three close games.

"A couple games decided by a possession or two that didn't go our way is on par for a team without much experience," said coach Ethan Humphries. "I think we take home a few of those games we lost if this was late in the season, but we knew it would

be a challenge for our youth to process all that transpires with having seven games in 13 days."

River lost to Parry McCluer at home last week, 47-41, after losing by 35 in Buena Vista. The game was tied at the half before the Knights got into foul trouble. Taylor led with 17 points.

A day later, at home against Bath County, the Chargers held off the Knights for a 44-41 win. River led by two with 15 seconds to go and had the ball, but a turnover and a lost offensive rebound off a Bath County free throw for a three-point possession led to a loss in the closing seconds. Ben Lawson led River with 10 points.

On Friday River played their third home game of the week and dropped a 49-42 decision to Riverheads. The Knights fell behind 12-0 at the outset and

outscored the Gladiators the rest of the way but couldn't catch up. Taylor had 17 points, six rebounds, five assists, and five steals.

"The speed at which we had to adapt is something I expected us to struggle with," said Humphries. "However, based upon the metrics we deem most important to success, we are trending in the right direction. Our guys' hearts and minds are in the right place and that's our biggest contributor to our improvement. We'll have a great week of growth at practice and come back to re-test ourselves with Liberty and Bath."

River is off the rest of the week, returning on Tuesday, December 19, with a home game against Liberty and a trip to Bath on December 21.



Ryder Ward brings it up the court for the Knights.



Ben Lawson soars up for a jumper.



Trey Taylor finds room around Bath County defenders.

PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY

Bob Johnson Classic is Saturday at Lord Botetourt

Lord Botetourt High School coach Andrew Hart, a graduate and former basketball player at Emory & Henry College, will be hosting the annual Bob Johnson Classic at LB this Saturday. The event will include five games that include coaches who have Emory & Henry ties.

Robert J. "Bob" Johnson served Emory & Henry College as its men's basketball coach and athletics director for 30 years. The winningest coach in program history with 370 victories across 27 seasons, Johnson is one of the legendary mentors in the history of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. He was selected as a member of the 2009 class of the Emory & Henry Sports Hall of Fame.

Saturday's event includes five games, beginning at 1 p.m. with Goochland against Parry McCluer. At 2:30 p.m. LCA will take on Narrows, followed by Fluvanna against Altavista at 4 p.m. and Monacan against Radford at 5:30 p.m. The final game of the day will match host Lord Botetourt against Salem High at 7 p.m.

Nine of the head coaches participating Saturday played for Johnson, and his coaching tree includes nearly two dozen other players and assistants formerly or currently coaching across the world, including current E&H coach Paul Russo and Virginia Tech coach Mike Young.

"Bob Johnson was a wonderful man and friend," said Young. "He was an educator first, but also an excellent and innovative basketball coach. He gave me my first assistant job in 1986. I still reference that time and everything I learned from him as I coach today."

Johnson died from cancer in August of 2009. Proceeds from the Bob Johnson Classic will benefit the American Institute for Cancer Research. This year's event is dedicated to Charlie Thomas, who played for Virginia Tech's 1973 NIT championship team and served as stint as an assistant to Johnson during a 30-year coaching



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Blake Lovern goes to the hoop for LB.

career. Thomas died on November 5th of this year.

Lord Botetourt comes into the week with a 2-2 record, not counting a Tuesday game at Alleghany that was too late for press deadlines.

Last week at home they dropped a 76-69 game to Blacksburg. Ethan Ikenberry and Blake Lovern had 13 points each to lead the Cavaliers.

"We had a sluggish fourth quarter to drop this one," said Hart. "We played great for 26 minutes to build a 10-point lead, we just couldn't quite make the plays in the last six minutes and Blacksburg took advantage. They have a good team and will win some games this season."

On Friday at Floyd the host Buffaloes took a 68-59 win over LB. Evan Bannwart had 13 and Brayden Wells had 11 to lead the Cavs.

"A cold shooting night cost us this game," said Hart. "Floyd played well and finished the game in the fourth quarter. We will keep improving and hopefully get some revenge in our next matchup."

The Cavs will get a rematch with Floyd when the Buffaloes come to Daleville next Monday, December 18.



Lord Botetourt's Grayson Alfano lines up a 3 point shot against Blacksburg's Katey Mathena.

Lord Botetourt hoop girls are undefeated after five games

The Lord Botetourt girls will put their unbeaten record on the line tonight when they host Patrick Henry in basketball. The Cavaliers are 5-0 after winning two more games last week.

The girls took a 65-38 win at Class 4 Blacksburg behind Madilyn Winterton, who scored 18 points in the first half. Taylor Orange had 11 in the first half and 16 overall as the two combined for all but one of LB's first half field goals. Ainsley Anderson hit three three-pointers for nine points and all 11 girls got in the game.

"It was a good team win and this group is a lot of fun," said coach Renee Favaro. "They play well together and they cheer each other on. It is evident they are connected and root for one another."

On Saturday the girls played host to Abingdon and won 65-59. The post players led the way as Maddie Caron put up 16 points in the paint, had seven rebounds and added five assists. and Gracie Huffard also recorded 16 points.

"They worked well in tandem and we did a good job as a team seeing that was what

Abingdon was giving us," said Favaro. "The guards kept the post fed and they went to work."

Orange also had 14 points and Anderson dished out seven assists.

"This was a preview of the competition our region has," said Favaro. "We have a really strong region in 3D with teams like Abingdon, Carroll, Magna Vista and now Pulaski. Christiansburg has also improved a lot. There are quite a few teams who could make some noise come that time and we are working to try to get ourselves prepared for the playoffs."

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River girls will host first Knights Winter Classic

The James River girls will have a week off from their basketball schedule as they prepare for the first "Knights Winter Classic" in Springwood next week. The tournament includes eight varsity teams and eight jayvee teams and will be held from December 20-23.

River will take a 1-4 record into the Classic after dropping three games in the past week, beginning with a 53-33 loss at Christiansburg last Wednesday. Caitlin Canada led River with 13 points and seven rebounds and Kelsi Maydian had eight points and seven boards.

"I thought we played pretty good defense for most of the game, we just couldn't eliminate the second chance opportunities Christiansburg had," said River coach Ryan Firebaugh. "We didn't shoot well."

On Friday the girls played at Class 4 Bassett and lost 34-27. Canada had 10 points, 11 rebounds and five steals against the Bengals. Maydian had seven points and Audre Benson had seven rebounds.

"We didn't shoot well for the second straight game," said Firebaugh. "We left a lot of points on the floor. We had a lot of opportunities to go up by six or eight points and we didn't capitalize on the mistakes Bassett made, but the girls fought hard and didn't give up."

On Monday the girls played in Waynesboro and dropped a 50-44 decision to the Little Giants despite 27 points, 11 boards and four steals by Canada. Maydian had seven points and Benson scored four.

"Very intense game early," said Firebaugh. "I'm proud of the girls for fighting the whole game, we just got to put together a whole game of basketball. We could have very easily won this game. If we eliminate our mistakes we win."

With a week off Firebaugh is looking forward to getting in the gym and making some improvement before next week's tournament.

"We get almost a week break here to work on us," he said. "We're going to take advantage of this week to get better and advance our game overall."



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James River's Caitlin Canada scores on a short jump shot in a road game against Christiansburg.



Kevin Gergely (on top) wrestles in the 144-pound class.



Ty Hensley is on top in his 215 Titan Toughman match.



Cody Williams has his opponent close to a pin.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Cavaliers take second in Titan Toughman tournament

The Lord Botetourt wrestlers finished a solid second in the annual Titan Toughman wrestling tournament at Hidden Valley High School last week. LB also had an individual champ with TJ Piluso at 165 pounds.

PH won the championship with 252 points, followed by LB with 211. Cave Spring was third with 199, William Byrd was fourth with 180.5 and Salem was fifth at 174.5. There were 22 teams that scored.

"As a team I thought we wrestled well," said LB coach Paul Craft. "A few of our younger guys had their first experience cutting a few pounds and making weight two days in a row. I think it impacted us on day one. By day two they were wrestling better."

Piluso won his class at the Toughman for the

second time. He beat Lance Duncan of Radford in the final, 3-1, to remain unbeaten after seven matches.

Two other Cavaliers made the final but settled for second, Gray Arnold at 150 and Aaden Thomas at 190. Arnold is now 5-2 and Thomas lost for the first time in seven bouts.

Also placing were Seth Williamson with a third at 175, fourth places by Cody Williams at 120 and Kevin Gergely at 144, fifth places by Declan Sullivan at 126 and Ty Hensley at 215 and a sixth by Camden Saunders at 138.

"Freshman Kevin Gergely made some noise in his varsity debut and sophomore Aaden Thomas has improved significantly since last season," said Craft.

"Aaden has continued to develop physically and it's showing on the mat."

The second place team finish was an improvement from last year's fifth place finish at the Titan Toughman.

"To finish in second to 5A Patrick Henry is an improvement," said Craft. "We're wrestling aggressively from our feet and top position but need to work on our movement from bottom. Overall we're where we need to be at this point of the season."

The Cavaliers are back on the mat this Thursday at the Glenvar Quad, beginning at 6 pm. Botetourt's female wrestlers have the Radford Lady Cat Invitational on Saturday.

Wheelin' Sportsmen deer hunt



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Mill Creek Baptist Church's "Outdoor Ministry" and the Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation again partnered to host 13 hunters with various disabilities on a deer hunt across Botetourt County. The hunters harvested six deer.

- Botetourt Longbeards



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Ripley Barry (right) hands off to Kelsey Firebaugh (center) during a meet last winter.

LB swimmers are home Thursday

The Lord Botetourt swimmers will have their first home meet on Thursday of this week when they host multiple teams at the Botetourt Family YMCA. The meet is scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm.

Last week the girls swam against Franklin County at the Franklin County YMCA and had some good times. Layne Jones won the 200 Free and 100 Back and anchored the winning 400 Free Relay team with Ella Johnston, Sarah Fredrickson and Olivia Nicely. Jones, Fredrickson Nicely and Anna Harris took a second in the 200 Medley Relay.

Individually, Fredrickson took a second in the 100 Back and a third in the 200 Free, swimming in a high school meet for the first time. Other third places went to Johnston in the 50 Free, Harris in the 100 Breast and Nicely in the 100 Fly.

For the men, freshman Max Mizuba swam in his first high school meet and took second in the 100 Back and third in the 100 Free.

The Cavaliers were scheduled to swim against Jefferson Forest at the Bedford YMCA on Tuesday but results were too late for publication.

River track team runs at Wally Gilbert meet

The James River indoor track team competed in the Wally Gilbert Invitational at Heritage High School last weekend and had some strong performances.

Kelsey Firebaugh finished fourth in the 55 meters and had a state qualifying time in the event. Kelsey also ran on the fourth place 4x200 relay team with Ripley Barry, Kaia Jones and Naveah VanBuren.

VanBuren took a sixth in the triple jump with a state qualifying distance. Drew Whitson took a sixth in the 1,600 meters.

For the boys, Gavin Binns was fifth in the 55. His time was fast enough to qualify for the state meet.

The Knights will run at Roanoke College this weekend along with Lord Botetourt and a host of other high school teams.

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