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Bailey, Martin, employees recognized for their service

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County Supervisors Dr. Richard Bailey (Fincastle) and Billy Martin (Blue Ridge) presided over their final meeting last Tuesday at the Board of Supervisors final meeting of 2023 at the County Administrative Offices in Daleville.

Buchanan Supervisor and Board Vice Chair Amy White marked the "bittersweet occasion" by taking a moment to acknowledge two individuals who helped "enhance wellbeing" in Botetourt County.

"These gentlemen have exhibited true leadership, particularly in navigating the challenges posed during the COVID-19 pandemic," White said. "You've both been mentors to me and taught me so much. You are two fine examples of character and work ethic that should be duplicated in all aspects in our world."

Amsterdam Supervisor Steve Clinton shared that "it was a pleasure" serving the county alongside Supervisors Bailey and Martin. He noted their innovative and energetic leadership in helping the county get through difficult times.

Bailey served on the board since 2018 assuming the roles of chair and vice chair during his tenure. He spent time working with the Economic Development Authority (EDA), Agricultural Projects Committee, General Fund Budget Subcommittee, and School Budget Committee. White highlighted Bailey's effort to return COVID relief to local farmers, as she shared her appreciation and noted it was one of the only efforts of its kind White heard about during that period of time.

"I really appreciate the kind words today, but I think the accolades go with the people who serve on this board and

who will continue to serve on this board," Bailey said. "It has been a pleasure to work with you all. I think we've accomplished a lot and you will continue to accomplish a lot."

Bailey continued by thanking county administrators and their staff "working everyday to keep Botetourt open and moving forward and it's been pleasure to watch that process and how it works. It gave me a great deal of confidence in the future of Botetourt County."

Martin served as a member of the board since 2008. He previously assumed the role of chair during his tenure and worked alongside the Department of Social Services, County Planning Commission, TAP Board of Directors, County Fire & EMS Committee, General Fund Budget Committee, School Budget Committee, Roanoke Regional Partnership, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission Transportation Planning, and Planning Organizational Policy Board.

"I've enjoyed every committee I've been on and I've learned from it," Martin said when thanking the board for his recognition. Martin continued by sharing his appreciation for his work with county employees over the years and appreciated their support. "I'd like to thank everyone for all you've done for me. Have a good Christmas."

Additionally, Fire and EMS Chief Jason Ferguson recognized Martin, who has been a part of the Botetourt County Fire & EMS Executive Board since Ferguson began service as chief of the department five years ago. As a "thank you" for the extra time spent serving the community, Ferguson gave Martin a plaque signifying Martin's work on the board.

The board also handed out the annual

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Botetourt Supervisors Amy White (left), Billy Martin, Richard Bailey, and Steve Clinton during a recognition for outgoing board members Martin and Bailey during their meeting last Tuesday.



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County Administrator Gary Larowe, Fincastle Library Assistant Cathy King-Ripley, and Supervisor Amy White; King-Ripley was recognized for her 20 years of service to the county.



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

It's About Time group visits Tinsel Trail

Community Based Care's It's About Time is a day support and residential services agency that assists individuals whose lives are affected with an intellectual disability. This was their third year visiting the First Bank Tinsel Trail. Fincastle resident Bobbie Bowman and staff took them along the Tinsel Trail, to the Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture where they learned about the museum exhibits and history, and last stopping at Bobbie and Mitchell Bowman's bed and breakfast located at 25 East Main Street where they served hot chocolate and Christmas cookies for their guests.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

Glen Wilton Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad dissolves

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors accepted the dissolution of the Glen Wilton Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad last Tuesday at the monthly meeting.

County Fire & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson read a resolution to the

board adding that he was first approached by the Glen Wilton chief approximately two months ago following an attempt to possibly merge Glen Wilton and Eagle Rock emergency staff. Ferguson and rescue staff then discussed matters with the Glen Wilton station and discovered that the department didn't have the number of volunteers within the

community to recruit "new energy" into the Glen Wilton station. Ferguson suggested the departments reach out to County Attorney Mike Lockaby to draft the dissolution information, which they did.

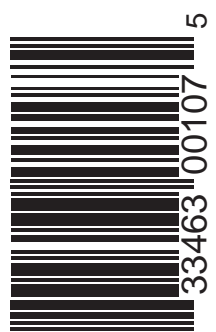
Ferguson made it clear that it wasn't the county emergency department's intent to "shut down

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors accepted the dissolution of the Glen Wilton Fire Department last week.



# Board approves appropriation of funds to school division

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an appropriation of \$1,817,488 to the school division during a public hearing at the board meeting last Tuesday in Daleville.

According to the meeting agenda, Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) Finance Director Brandon Lee previously contacted County Finance Director Tony Zerilla on Dec. 1 about an "impending receipt of state funds that were approved late in the FY24 state budget cycle" after both county

and school budgets were adopted. The total amount to be received by the school division totals \$1,817,488 and will be comprised of \$632,245 to be appropriated to the School Division Operating Fund and \$1,185,245 specifically used for the All-In-Virginia Initiative. The latter appropriation will be tracked using the school's self-sustaining account.

No citizens spoke on the matter during Tuesday's hearing. For more from last Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors, visit the county's Agenda Center at [https://www.botetourtva.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_12192023-460](https://www.botetourtva.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_12192023-460).

# Rehearsals beginning for County Chorus spring concert

The Botetourt County Chorus will begin rehearsing for its spring production, which will be a variety of gospel songs, on Monday, January 8 at 7 p.m. Practices will be held at Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Troutville. This concert will be directed by Rosalyn Shimp and

accompanied by Lillian Cook. Practices will continue each Monday until concert time at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14 in the sanctuary of Mill Creek Baptist Church. Donations are welcome to help defray expenses. In the event Botetourt County schools are closed for inclement

weather, practice will be cancelled unless instructed otherwise. All current and prior members are invited to return for this program and new members are welcome, just come to practice.

~ Botetourt County Chorus



A photo of the old Groendyk manufacturing facility in Buchanan.

# Board hears update on Factory Flats project

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As a walk-on agenda item from last Tuesday's meeting, Economic Development Director Ken McFadyen updated the County Board of Supervisors about the ongoing Factory Flats project that is a part of the Buchanan Revitalization Project.

Last spring, McFadyen presented the project and agreements for the board's consideration noting that Commonwealth of Virginia and the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) awarded Botetourt County a \$450,000 grant from the Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) program for the redevelopment of the old Groendyk factory off of Main Street. One of the buildings is proposed for a commercial brewery.

Recently, the EDA found in a review that that it is better if the servicing of the

loan is provided by Virginia Community Capital (the Commonwealth's bank - Locus). All parties have approved negotiations. The EDA now has an updated performance agreement from the DHCD that transfers the loan from the EDA to Locus. The board unanimously accepted Tuesday's added agenda item.

The grant award is proposed to serve as the principal for a loan to Factory Flats, LLC, the development company working to renovate the former Groendyk manufacturing buildings in Buchanan. Factory Flats, LLC has planned for the 3,381-square-foot building that has received the DHCD funding support to be repurposed as a commercial brewery and brewpub. To make the loan to Factory Flats for this project, the EDA is authorized by the Code of Virginia to administer loans for the purposes of economic development in the county.

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the facility." He noted operations is the "key" to this situation—how the county handles emergency response to the community.

"It is not the intent of myself or our department to shut down the facility," Ferguson noted. "It's our intent to find ways to maximize its use with volunteers... It does not make logical, fiscal sense to staff the facility. Obviously, we're in the process of doing some things with getting the Eagle Rock truck online from the 24/7 perspective as far as the career staff ambulance crews (are concerned). After the first of the year, the intent is to bring Eagle Rock and Iron Gate to the table, along with the remnants of the Glen Wilton members, to discuss how we best cover that area in the future."

Ferguson felt that the incorporation's

dissolution "is a business matter" and that it won't impact the response in the area as it is "minimal" in the Glen Wilton area. He added the "good news" on the matter is that the department has no liabilities and can use "a sum of cash" transferred to the county to reinvest into future operations. The department currently has a fire engine, tanker/engine, brush truck, utility truck, and a pick-up truck. The chief noted that he plans to "downsize" the fleet in the facility to "right size" it for future responses, making sure there is an adequate amount of apparatus to serve the Glen Wilton community.

Fincastle District Supervisor Richard Bailey thanked Ferguson and the Glen Wilton staff for maintaining the facility and said he is hopeful for the future of the facility.

The Glen Wilton Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. was formed in the far northwestern corner of Botetourt County in 1965 to provide fire and eventually emergency medical services for the citizens of the greater Glen Wilton community. Throughout their decades of dedicated volunteer service, the organization has been part of saving countless lives and suppressing fires of all kinds.

Over the last decade, this organization has struggled with maintaining a level of volunteerism necessary to consistently serve the community all day, every day in a prompt fashion. To further support the community during emergencies, both the Iron Gate and Eagle Rock Volunteer Fire Departments have been automatically providing assistance to the Glen Wilton area for over three

years.

In mid-October, several members of the Glen Wilton department met with the Chief of Fire & EMS for Botetourt County to discuss their intentions to dissolve the corporation, given that they wish for the county to directly handle all operational components of the Glen Wilton station and associated calls for service.

After engaging with their departmental attorney, the Glen Wilton department took formal action to pursue the dissolution of the organization, asking to transfer its real property and both tangible and intangible personal property to the county. The department does not currently have any associated debt service or other liabilities that the county would be asked to consider.

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Employee Service Awards. County Human Resources Director Mark Blackburn led the proceedings, recognizing 12 county employees who have served for upward of 20 years.

The following county employees received recognitions:

- Five years of service**
  - Freddie Hostetter (Maintenance)
  - Lindsey King (Commissioner of the Revenue's Office)
  - Seth Mowles (Fire and EMS)
  - Kelly Nicely (Treasurer's Office)
  - Charles Simmons (Commonwealth's Attorney's Office)
- 10 years of service**
  - Mahesh Tailor (Technology Services)
- 15 years of service**
  - Shelby Bryant (Sports Complex)
  - Mary Blackburn (Human Resources)
  - David Lalush (Maintenance)
  - Doug Marsh (Maintenance)
  - Sarah Pugh (Fire and EMS)
- 20 years of service**
  - Cathy King-Ripley (Fincastle Library)

Each employee received a check in the amount of \$50, plus \$25 for each five years of service, and a certificate of appreciation signed by County Administrator Gary Larrowe and Board Chair Mac Scothorn.

County Fire and EMS Chief Jason Ferguson introduced recent graduates from the Roanoke Regional Fire-EMS Academy: firefighter EMTs Devin Goins and Logan Price. Goins comes to Botetourt from Stewart, Va. joining the team last summer. Price is originally from Danville, is an officer in the Army Reserves, and previously spent time as a law enforcement officer holding a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Both graduates went through 22 weeks of training in the academy and are about to begin working in Botetourt.

Library Director Julie Phillips introduced Rebekah Burnette, Eagle Rock Library's new full-time library assistant. Burnette joined the county libraries last year on a part-time basis, and moved into a full-time position this past August. She previously worked at the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library helping with children's reading programs.



The Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology invites prospective students and parents to attend one of the 2024-2025 school year informational sessions listed below to learn about our school and obtain an application. RVGS is a public regional program serving high school students from Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, Floyd, Roanoke City, Roanoke County, and Salem.

- Tuesday, January 9th, 6:30 pm, Application info meeting at RVGS
- Thursday, January 11th, 6:30 p.m., Application info meeting at Franklin County High School
- Tuesday, January 16th, 6:30 pm, Application info meeting at RVGS
- Thursday, January 18th, 6:30 pm, Application info meeting at Staunton River High School
- Tuesday, January 23rd, 6:30 pm, Application info meeting RVGS

Informational sessions & additional information available at [www.rvgs.k12.va.us](http://www.rvgs.k12.va.us)

# The Key to a Happy New Year: Don't Drink & Drive



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# Library Buzz

## UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

### Upcoming closures

All library branches will be closed Saturday, December 30 - Monday, January 1.  
The Fincastle branch will be closed from January 2-20 for renovations.

### Murder Hole Cave

Sat, Jan 6, 11am, Buchanan  
Learn about the history and science of Murder Hole Cave, a local natural formation, as well as caves' importance, safety, and conservation. Start with a short documentary, then enjoy a Q&A session with Marian McConnell, property owner, educator, and spelunking guide. Copies of McConnell's book Murder Hole: Catawba Murder Hole Cave will be available for purchase and author signing.

### StoryTime

Wednesdays, 10:30am & 2:30pm, Eagle Rock  
Thursdays, 10:30am, Blue Ridge  
Fridays, 10:30am, Buchanan  
Enjoy books, songs, and tactile activities that build literacy, motor, and social skills. Best for preschoolers.

### STEM Club

Tue, Jan 2, 3:30pm, Buchanan  
Learn the scientific method and engineering design process with hands-on projects. Best for ages 6-11. Call 540-

928-2900 to register.

### Garden Club

Wed, Jan 3, 11am, Eagle Rock  
Dig into all aspects of gardening with guidance from local experts and/or hands-on projects. January project - Teacup Birdfeeders.

### Eclectic Readers

Wed, Jan 3, 12pm, Buchanan  
Theme is "What Matters Most." Choose a title from a list of recommendations.  
Thu, Jan 4, 6:30pm, Pie Shoppe (Fincastle)  
Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir  
Wed, Jan 10, 10:30am, Pie Shoppe (Fincastle)  
The Book of Speculation by Erika Swyler  
Discuss books and authors with fellow readers while enjoying coffee and social connection.

### Outdoor Book Club

Tue, Jan 9, 11:30am, Troutville Town Park  
Join a leisurely 20-minute group walk around Troutville Town Park, then discuss what you're reading and share book recommendations over warm (or cool) beverages at One Love Coffee across the street (group discount provided).

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

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Supervisor White updates Arcadia broadband progress

I want to provide an update on the broadband project in the northern end of Botetourt County, particularly in the Arcadia area. As you may know, Botetourt County has been actively working to improve broadband connectivity throughout our community since 2017. The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors and county leadership recognize that access and affordability to reliable internet coverage is more critical than ever before, and the county wants to ensure that ALL of our citizens and businesses have the opportunity to have broadband connectivity.

Botetourt County has been in discussions with BARC Connects to build broadband connectivity in partnership with Dominion Energy in the northern end of the county. BARC Connects does not currently have customers in Botetourt County but does serve residents in neighboring Rockbridge County. I, along with County Administrator Gary Larrowe, Director of Economic Development Ken McFadyen, and several affected citizens met with BARC and Dominion Energy on November 21, 2023, to strategize plans for making the build a possibility and to better understand why there had been delays in communication and progress on this project. Subsequent to this meeting, Botetourt County has been informed by BARC Connects that they will not be able to complete the planned internet project in the county as originally proposed. Upon learning this information, we recognized the urgency of the situation and began to devise a plan to continue the project without the partnership of BARC Connects.

Here is what is being done as we move forward. At the December 19, 2023 board meeting, the Board of Supervisors took action to discontinue the partnership with BARC so that we can work with Dominion Energy to seek another internet provider to take over the project and complete the installation. County staff is now working actively on other ways to make this build possible. They have worked countless hours to strategize how to provide internet service to the affected 671 addresses and have applied for a Virginia Telecommunications Initiative Grant (VATI) in partnership with LUMOS and Dominion Energy to make this build a reality. This grant was submitted on December 19, and much credit for this quick submission goes to the herculean effort of Ken McFadyen and his team, as well as our Dominion and LUMOS partners.

I understand the frustrations associated with this delay as I am personally affected by this as well as many of you. Rest assured; we are unwavering in our commitment to making broadband accessible to all. And I will not rest until everyone has access to this necessary utility. As I stated when Senator Warner visited Botetourt earlier this year - "every address matters."

I promise to keep you informed as this situation evolves and most importantly, I wish you much health, happiness, and prosperity as we look forward to what 2024 has in store for our community. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [awhite@botetourtva.gov](mailto:awhite@botetourtva.gov). Enjoy this beautiful season and Happy New Year to all!

Amy White, Vice-Chair  
Botetourt County Board of Supervisors

## AARP Fraud Alert: Talk Fraud With Your Family

The holidays are a time when friends and family of all ages gather together, share updates on their lives and recount cherished memories. One thing to add to that list this year: a conversation on how to stay safe from fraud.

Here are two fraud topics to talk about with your family this holiday season.

What is a question, story or phrase that no one other than your close family would know? Scams targeting parents and grandparents are only becoming more believable with the adoption of Artificial Intelligence, but no

matter how realistic a voice may sound it won't know this private memory or password.

Passwords are another critical topic. Some people have so many passwords that it's hard to keep straight. This leads many to choose simple passwords or use the same one repeatedly. Be willing to share. Too many victims of fraud suffer in silence because they are ashamed to admit what happened to them. The truth is that scammers are sophisticated criminals and for victims sharing their story is the best way to protect others and get the support they need.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.



Beth Leffel

FILE PHOTO

## Beth Leffel replaces Nicely on County Planning Commission

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors approved the appointment of Beth Leffel to the county's Planning Commission at its Dec. 19 meeting. She replaces Brandon Nicely, who was

elected as the Fincastle District's Supervisor in the November 2023 election. Leffel's term expires March 31, 2025.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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



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**Friday, Dec. 29 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 30 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Dec. 31 3 p.m.**  
**Thursday, Jan. 4 7 p.m.**

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# Board approves budget amendment for new Public Radio Safety System

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a FY 23-24 budget amendment last Tuesday afternoon for the purchase contract of Motorola Solutions Inc. totaling \$17,958,322.66 for the installation of the county's new Public Radio System during a public hearing. The request was in conjunction with the approved purchase contract between Botetourt County and Motorola Solutions for the new system, which occurred at the August 22 meeting.

The board also approved the transfer of funds (\$9,480,276.48) from the county Undesignated Fund Balance ("Fund 100") to the Capital Projects Fund ("Fund 302") and approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,080,276.48 to the Capital Projects Fund ("Fund 302" - radio system replacement expenditures #302-5002035).

Emergency Communications Systems Manager Matt Hinkle presented the finalized contract to the board for approval. Earlier this year, the county awarded Motorola Solutions Inc. as the vendor for the new public radio system, which will modernize Botetourt's radio system bringing up to date with the rest of the Roanoke Valley.

The county has used the same radio system for the last 25 years. Hinkle had previously shared with the board at the August meeting that the county radio system was "on an island." The county's new digital radio system will allow emergency staff to talk to everyone in the Roanoke Valley. A total of seven sites in Botetourt will expand system coverage. Hinkle noted the expanded system "should serve for an additional 15 years."

Additionally, the dispatch center will be upgraded and the Fire & EMS Department will receive a new fire station alerting system which will cut down response

times. Amsterdam Supervisor Steve Clinton asked Hinkle about the system's anticipated lifespan of 15 years. He wondered what the determining factors were considering the current system's 25-year run in the county. Hinkle explained that "there are a lot of components that are dependent on the manufacturer... There is an (technology) upgrade at Year 6—that type of technology refresh will keep us out of the issues we have in our current system. We didn't really keep that up to date over the years... The thought is that, periodically, we're going to spend money and, in that contract, there is already a technology refresh built in the first 10 years."

According to the county, a thorough review of the Public Safety Radio system proposals was conducted by the Emergency Communications Committee and the county's third-party consultant Morcom Communications Inc. The Emergency Communications Committee consists of county employees from the emergency staff and Sheriff's Office including Hinkle, Fire & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson, Emergency Manager Daniel Murray, Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Boone, Captain Scott Gathje, and Morcom Consultant Manual Ojeda.

At the August 22 meeting the Board of Supervisors approved the county staff recommendation to award the RFP to Motorola Solutions Inc. and to enter contract negotiations for the procurement and installation of the Public Safety Radio System.

County staff along with the county attorney have successfully concluded contract negotiations with Motorola Solution Inc to provide the new Public Safety Radio System. The final purchase price of the contract is \$17,958,322.66 inclusive of three years of warranty for the system and the lifecycle management. This total is roughly \$7 million less than the figure when the county began contract negotiations. The contract also includes

guaranteed pricing on seven additional years of service at a cost of \$1,785,961.07 which will be billed on an annual basis.

In an effort to save taxpayer dollars, the county will provide some inhouse maintenance which will save "roughly \$1 million in the first 10 years" to upward of \$3 million that will be saved.

See Radio System, page 8

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**ANGLICAN**

**Orchard Hills Church** - 6032 Cloverdale Rd. next to Read Mountain Fire Station. Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays. Home group Bible studies available throughout the week. Pastor Scott McClucas, 977-6800. To find out more about Orchard Hills Church go to the website at [www.orchardhillschurch.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:office@cbcblueridge.org); website: [www.cbcblueridge.org](http://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](mailto:jwr56fbc@yahoo.com). Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. [fincastlefaith.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.phbcweb.com).

**Springwood Baptist Church** -88 Copp's Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email [pmike09@outlook.com](mailto: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

**READY OR NOT**

Read Revelation 22:1-21

At the turn of the century, the world was in a panic. On the eve of a new millennium, no one was sure what midnight would bring. Experts claimed a programming glitch could cause computers to struggle with the date change. The acronym Y2K became a household phrase connected to the possible collapse of computer-dependent industrialized nations.

Some scoffed, but others prepared. They stockpiled canned goods and bottled water. They outlined a strategy for living without electricity. They took the doomsday warnings seriously and wanted to be ready.

John's Revelation contains a similar foretelling of a future event that will change life on earth.

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done" (Revelation 22:12).

Whether or not you prepared for Y2K, the forewarned tragedy did not amount to anything. As believers, however, we all must be ready for Christ's return. The events prophesied in Scripture will come to pass. So, as 2012 comes to a close, ask yourself this question: Am I ready?

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, help me be ready for Your soon return.

Quicklook: Revelation 22:7-17

director.

**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](mailto: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](http://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."

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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.buchananpresbyterian.org). Contact [www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Elliott, Robert C., Jr.

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, Robert C. Elliott, Jr., 76, of Blue Ridge, passed away peacefully at home on December 22, 2023.



Bob loved the outdoors and, after retirement, outside is where he spent his time; whether it be walking in the woods, hunting, or working around his home.

Bob spent the majority of his career working in the banking field; he had a gift with figures and an impressive understanding of tax laws, estate planning, and personal finance. For the last 10 years of his career, he was the Administrator of The Park Oak Grove, a senior living facility.

Bob served his country on the aircraft carrier, USS America, from 1966 to 1968 in the Gulf of Tonkin. Bob loved music and played the bass guitar. He knew all the lyrics, the writers and performers of so many songs from the late '50s and most of all the '60s. His personal sheet music notebook was huge. Bob and Jean enjoyed many years as Lord Botetourt band chaperones. His granddaughter, Madison Elliott, and stepson,

Christopher Sieger, were both members of the Lord Botetourt Marching Band. Football and music have kept Bob and Jean happy and busy. Bob enjoyed going to Lord Botetourt football games with his son. Bob and Jean both owned vintage Ford Mustangs and traveled the East Coast showing their street driven cars, each winning many awards.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert C. Elliott, Sr., and Valerie C. McGrath Elliott.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Jean Carmack Sieger Elliott; his son, Keith S. Elliott, wife Angie, and granddaughters, Chloe and Madison Elliott; stepson, Christopher Sieger, wife Ashley; grandchildren, Austan, Caleb, Houstun, Fate, and Bayleigh Sieger; and by his twin sister, Joan Elliott Phillips, husband Jim.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 28, 2023, from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. at Oakey's East Chapel followed by a graveside service at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Burial Park with Military Honors by the U.S. Navy. Arrangements by Oakey's East Chapel, 540-977-3909.

## Goff, Gary Alan

Gary Alan Goff, 53, of Roanoke, passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2023.



He was preceded in death by his mother and step-father, Donna Lynn and Darrell Robertson; brother, William Goff, Jr.; and granddaughter, Addison Jane Goff.

He was currently employed at Brandon Oaks Nursing Home and owned and operated Addison Home Improvement.

He is survived by his wife of almost 32 years, Kimberly Goff; daughters and sons-in-law, Brittany and Ramel Haigood, Kali and Trayvon Cashwell; son, Alan Niday; grandchildren, Bryson Michael Niday, Kinsleigh Marie Haigood,

Kashton Cashwell, and Gabriella Jane Haigood; brothers and sisters-in-law, Timothy Goff, Charles and Darlene Robertson, and Victoria Goff; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Michael and Betty Niday; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends, Lynne and David Ferris, and Amanda Goodbar.

The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. with memorial services at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home with Pastor Barry Witt officiating. Those wishing to send a condolence, please do so at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.

## Fringer, Jesse Lee

Jesse Lee "Jecky" Fringer, Jr., 82, of Boones Mill and formerly of Springwood, passed away Monday, December 18, 2023.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Lee, Sr. and Eunice Young Fringer; and brother, Michael Fringer.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Stanley and Shelby Fringer; sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Tom Wright; three nieces, Lisa (Wes) Young, Jenna (Drew) Kaufman, Ashley (Joe) Carnes; one

nephew, Adam (Liz) Wright; three great-nieces, and five great-nephews.

The family received friends from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with funeral services at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 23, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home with the Pastor Tim McKenzie officiating. Interment was in Springwood Baptist Church Cemetery. Those wishing to send a condolence, please do so at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.

## Ramsey, Wayne Norris

Wayne Norris Ramsey, 84, of (Harley) Hodges, Fincastle, passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2023.



Wayne was a retired truck driver with Overnite Transportation and United Parcel Service.

He was preceded in death by his wife; Charlotte Ann Niday Ramsey; parents, Sidney L. and Emma Fields Ramsey; and a number of brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his son, Edward West, and daughter, Donna Dunbar, both of Fincastle; grandchildren, Les Dunbar, Jr. (Christine), Brian Lee Dunbar, Sr., Chelsea and Evan Gilliam, Michael Craft, and Jacob West; great-grandchildren, Heather

Logan, Cammie, and Sophie Dunbar; and brothers, Fred Ramsey of Banner Elk, N.C., and Sam Ramsey of Delaware, Ohio.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home with Pastor Milton Atkins officiating. Interment was in Godwin Cemetery, Fincastle. The family received friends Thursday, December 21, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Those wishing to send a condolence, please do so at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.

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# LAND TRANSFERS

The following land transfers were recorded in the Botetourt County Courthouse in November. The names of only one seller and one buyer are listed; others may be involved in the transaction.

- Tammy r. All to Joseph Daniel Jarvis, 0.592 acre and 0.395 acre, \$14,000
- Martha M. Atherholt II to Wendy S. Hudler, 4.4797 acres, \$120,000
- Kendall W. Austin to Michael Quinn, no description, \$1,100,000
- B and E Investment Group LLC to Commonwealth of Virginia, parcel, \$0
- Chadley Baldwin to Daniel Charlton, 5.669 acres, \$468,000
- Catherine Julie Bell to Sami S. Abdul Jawad, lot, Meadows of Ashley, \$699,000
- Janice S. Blackwood to Robert T. Anderson, 1.53 acres, \$635,000
- Troy W. Bowen to Peter S. Jacob, lot, Hunters Green, \$421,000
- Dale A. Brower to Donny L. Sivertson, lot, Parkview Acres, \$399,000
- John Thompson Brown, trustee, to Jason E. Fender, 6.16 acres, \$24,640
- Nancy Sue F. Brown, trustee, to James Andrew Fox Jr., lot, Latane Addition, \$27,500
- Wesley A. Brown to Christopher Derek Keith, lot, White Oak Estates, \$435,000
- Danny Wayne Bryant to Jackson Zalewski, 4.67 acres less and except 1.25 acres, \$75,000
- Timothy P. Buchanan to Jeffery Lee Kerschner Jr., 1.20 acres, \$210,000
- Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co. to SKJB Properties LLC, 2 parcels, \$360,000
- Margaret W. Crosson to Paul D. Jackson, 6.0768 acres, \$565,000
- Stephen B. Dalton to Stephanie Dalton, lot, gift deed
- Christopher T. Demars to Joseph Robert Bona, 3.518 acres, gift deed
- Robert E. Dudley Jr. to Ruth Dudley, lot, Hearthland Subdivision, gift deed
- Shirley B. Dunbar to Peggy L. Goad, two parcels, \$25,000
- Equity Trustees to Lakeview Loan Servicing, 5.00 acres, \$152,392.32
- Amber Nicole Ewers to Ashley Nicole Street, 5.3173 acres, \$0
- Virginia A. Falls to Linda Gay Gladson, 2.025 acres, \$172,500
- Glen Valley Farms to James W. Smith, 34.94 acres, \$133,000
- Greenfield Real Estate Inc. to George Christopher Moore Jr., 2 acres, \$289,000
- Jane F. Grisso to Chris L. Gibson, 2 parcels, \$129,300
- James E. Harless to Brian Edward Bowles, lot, Heatherstone, \$414,250
- Harris Holding to UTSI Finance Inc., 36.983 acres, \$13,400,000
- Alice P. Hartberger to Victor W. Beckner, 2.744 acres, quit claim deed
- Alice P. Hartberger to Janice Beckner Frazier, 1.677 acres, quit claim deed
- Alice P. Hartberger to Philip E. Beckner, 1.938 acres, quit claim deed
- Gary M. Hindman to Wasena Properties, 1.375 acres, \$500,000
- Jarrod M. Hix to Andrew McNeill, lot, Griffith Park, \$220,000
- Hungate Fields to Patricia Ann Nervo, lot, The Preserve at Ashley, \$590,800
- Bbrara D. Johnson to Michael W. Worrell, parcels, gift deed
- Linda A. Johnson to Tina J. Moran, 17 acres, gift deed
- William M. Johnson Jr. to Craig Strautin, lot, Preserve at Ashley, \$580,000

- Raymond L. Jorgenson to Michael A. Coolick, lot, \$579,888
- Seth R. Konopasek to Donna M. Ailstock, 0.006 acres, \$300
- Evelyn K. Krippendorf to James R. Williams, 22.86 acres, \$449,000
- Roy N. Lacks Sr. to Toby Jacob Lacks, 67.160 acres, \$50,000
- Roy N. Lacks Sr. to Tobey Jacob Lacks, 6.813 acres, gift deed
- Lisa Martin to Sarah Jane Pugh, 2.500 acres, \$290,000
- Frank Edwin McLaughlin Jr. to Michael Edward Spence, 12.186 acres, \$96,400
- Mathew A. Morris to Carolyn Sue O'Connor, 2 lots, Iron Gate, \$150,000
- Tommy Ray Musselman to Darell Lynn Furlong, 0.143 acres, \$330,000
- Taylor S. Perry to David Todd Palmer, 2.994 acres, quit claim deed
- PX3 Properties to Justin C. Welch, 1.746 acres, \$271,660
- Quick Fix Real Estate to Tonda Yates, 1 acre, \$220,000
- David K. Rader to Daniel L. Rader, 2.838 acres, gift deed
- Jeffery E. Rakes, executor, to Cardon Properties, two parcels, \$815,000
- Dawn C. Saferight to Amanda P. Franklin, 0.28 acre, \$140,000
- Peter Schultz to Jonathan Carlock, 5.192 acres, \$537,000
- John C. Sharp to Tammy M. Sharp, lot, Cedar Ridge Subdivision, \$0
- William Edward Shuey to Mark Edward Shuey, trustee, three parcels, gift deed
- Keith Clarence Simmons to Douglas S. Atkinson, 2.242 acres, \$85,000
- Rimer Delgadillo Suarez to Leland Shayne Ramsey, two parcels, \$249,950
- Kevin Sutliff to Atlantic Electric Service, 0.75 acre, \$0
- The Conservation Fund to Appalachian Trail Conservancy, 48.00 acres, gift deed
- The Conservation Fund to Appalachian Trail Conservancy, 4 tracts, gift deed
- The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to William P. Leeka, 0.9226 acres, \$105,304
- Bradley Thomas to Austin N. Graham, lot, White Oak Estates, \$364,000
- Benjamin Ray Thrasher Jr. to Robert L. Cash Jr., two parcels, \$69,000
- Timberbrook Associates to Timberbrook LLC, 1.770 acres, Botetourt Commons, \$0

See Land Transfers, page 8

**AFFORDABLE MINI STORAGE, LLC**  
1250 Lee Highway, Roanoke, VA 24019  
**Date: Saturday, December 30, 2023**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**  
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# Board authorizes extension of property reassessment

**Matt de Simone**  
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mainstreetnews.com

Localities may reassess property as often as every year if they wish to do so. Botetourt has traditionally conducted reassessments every four years. State law requires reassessments to be completed every six years. No county official or body has authority over the reassessment or reassessment results, he noted.

Currently, the reassessment is being conducted by Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group out of Daleville. Moorman continued by explaining that market value is determined by a study of market sales. The results are reviewed by the Department of Taxation and must be certified as reflective of actual values. If assessed values fail this review, a new reassessment may be ordered and/or the state may withhold revenues from the locality until those values are corrected.

Moorman updated the

board on what Wampler-Eanes is currently working on and what they still have to evaluate. Before the end of next month, Wampler-Eanes will mail reassessment notices to all county property owners. The notices will show the new evaluations and include information on how owners can receive additional information, provide feedback, and seek changes or corrections.

The reassessments are to be completed by December 31 of the year preceding their effective date. In order to ensure reassessments take into account the most recent real estate sales and to provide ample opportunity for reassessing officer hearings and hearings before the Board of Equalization, Botetourt County has routinely requested and received of the Circuit Court judge, a time extension.

County staff requested that the board authorize the county attorney to submit a request to the Circuit Court judge requesting a three-month extension for completion of the reassessment. This

three-month extension would expire on March 31, 2024.

Wampler-Eanes will hold hearings in January and February for any property owners who wish to dispute their reassessment. The firm will then issue written notices about actions taken in response to those hearings.

Moorman noted that "given market changes since 2020, it is expected that, on average, real estate values determined by Wampler-Eanes will be significantly higher than they were four years ago." Changes to property values will be determined by "many factors and can be expected to vary with some properties being significantly above the average change, and others being significantly below."

The county board will hold public hearings on the reassessments and any contemplated tax rate changes before taking any action. The county currently makes available relief to property owners who place real estate in agricultural/horticultural forests in open space uses and also offers relief to property owners who are 65 years of age and older and to those who have a permanent and total disability who meet income in net worth qualifications.

"It is important to note that reassessment

notices are not tax bills," Moorman added. "When property owners receive their reassessment notices next month, no action is required by property owners unless they have questions or wish to challenge the reassessment."

County Communications will post information about the reassessment and how county property owners can engage in the process on the county's website ([www.botetourtva.gov/reassessment](http://www.botetourtva.gov/reassessment)).

The county board then approved the nominations of members of the Circuit Court to the Board of Equalization who are county property owners who will serve as the appeals board for challenges from county landowners to real estate

assessments conducted by Wampler-Eanes as required by state law.

The following individuals were appointed to the Botetourt County Board of Equalization, who previously served on the board in 2020:

- John Kilby, former CEO of The Bank of Fincastle
- Ralph Smith, former state senator and business owner
- Lewis Sifford, realtor and developer
- Bob Omer, former Board of Supervisors member and employee of Roanoke Cement Company
- Allison Lucas, pharmacist

If property owners are not satisfied with the Board of Equalization's decisions, they may file an appeal with the Circuit Court.

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- Ella Marie Tingler to LW Roth, trustee, lot, \$145,000
- Martha S. Tolbert to Michael E. Felton, lot, Clearview Estates, \$380,000
- Anita M. Trump to Caleb Andrew Willenbring, lot, British Woods, \$333,000
- Christy Tyler to Daniel S. Field, 1 acre, \$185,000
- Jason Wells to Tederick Miller Investments, 15.004 acres, \$156,326
- Margerette L. Whitley to John M. Hudson, 2.36 acres, \$113,000
- Kendra Lynn Williams to Dylan W. Roatenberry, 1.272 acres, \$200,000
- Susan S. Wilson to Roy Wayne Basham, two parcels, \$65,000
- Tonda A. Yates to Terry A. Yates, 1.011 acres, gift deed

## Radio System from page 5

**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

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County Finance Director Tony Zerilla noted that per 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 that will be in place at a later point in 2024.

**BOTETOURT COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

**HOURS FOR GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES**

December 22, 2023 CLOSE AT NOON  
December 25, 2023 CLOSED  
January 1, 2024 CLOSED

**HOURS FOR LIBRARIES**

December 22, 2023 CLOSE AT NOON  
December 23, 2023 CLOSED  
December 25, 2023 CLOSED  
December 30, 2023 CLOSED  
January 1, 2024 CLOSED

**HOURS FOR THE LANDFILL STATION**

December 22, 2023 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
December 23, 2023 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
December 25, 2023 CLOSED  
January 1, 2024 CLOSED

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**TOWN OF FINCASTLE, VIRGINIA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GROUNDSKEEPING/MOWING AND SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE**

The Town of Fincastle is soliciting proposals for groundskeeping/mowing and sidewalk maintenance work.

**Scope of Work:**  
The Town of Fincastle, County Seat of Botetourt County, population 755, is seeking qualified candidates to conduct mowing services, groundskeeping work and sidewalk maintenance for the Town of Fincastle. The work includes mowing and landscaping maintenance at two entrance signs on Route 220 north and south of town; mowing and maintaining two well lots; mowing and maintaining the grounds at the wastewater treatment plant, including around the lagoon; mowing around the town office and maintenance of flower bed; mowing, maintenance and other landscaping work as needed at Big Spring Park and around the pond on Back Street; occasional weeding, weed spraying and cleaning along the sidewalks and curbs in the Historic District. Occasional short notice small daily work may be required, so proximity to Town is important. Please note that as the Town creates a development for the Big Spring Park properties, volume of work has the potential to increase.

**Proposal Submission Guidelines:**  
Proposals should include individual charges as follows:

1. Mowing and maintenance for Town water and sewer facilities;
2. Mowing and maintenance of Big Spring Park and entranceway signs;
3. Hourly rate(s) for weed spraying, and landscaping work, including a one-time per year leaf litter pickup and disposal;
4. Any other associated costs.

**Evaluation Criteria:**  
Proposals shall be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Past experience and ability to perform necessary tasks
2. Familiarity with the Town of Fincastle and the high traffic sidewalk areas.
3. Current workload and ability to address issues in a timely manner.
4. Insurance coverage
5. Geographic location.
6. Use of small businesses and businesses owned by women and minorities as consultants, subcontractors, suppliers or support services.

**Site review**  
Subject properties and tasks can be viewed upon request to the Town Manager.

**MBE/WBE Statement:**  
The Town of Fincastle is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Small, minority and women owed firms are encouraged to submit proposals. MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit proposals. Firms must comply with the following: the President's Executive Order # 11246 prohibiting discrimination in employment regarding race, color, creed, sex, or national origin; the President's Executive Orders # 12138 and 11625 regarding utilization of MBE/WBE firms; and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Firms must certify that they do not or will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

**Melanie McFadyen, Town Manager**  
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www.townoffincastle.org

**LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the requests listed below. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will make a final decision on the request. Complete information for each of the following items may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & 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/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of a Comprehensive Plan amendment to show certain Western Virginia Water Authority CIP projects on the Sewer & Water Infrastructure Map #37 in accordance with Section 25-581.4 Comprehensive plan amendment and review of the Botetourt County Code.

Amsterdam District: Fralin & Waldron Inc. requests a change of proffered conditions that would amend the Core, Edge, Workplace areas shown on the Designated Use Plan for the Daleville Town Center, located adjacent to Glebe Road (Route 675) and Broad Street and identified as tax parcels 88-G(1)1 and 88-33C.

Amsterdam District: Fralin & Waldron Inc. requests a Special Exception Permit (SEP) for a convenience store with possible conditions, and a SEP for an electronic message board sign, with possible conditions in the Traditional Neighborhood District, located at the corner of Roanoke Road (US 220) and Glebe Road (Route 675) and identified on the Tax Maps as 88-33C.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of text amendments to Chapter 25, Zoning of the Botetourt County Code that would amend standards associated with Large Format Retail Uses.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of text amendments to Chapter 25, Zoning of the Botetourt County Code that would amend standards of the sign ordinance to address content neutrality and amend standards associated with electronic message board signs.

**C. Nicole Pendleton, AICP, CZA, CFM**  
Director of Community Development

**PUBLIC NOTICE for March 5, 2024 Presidential Primaries**

The Democratic and Republican parties have chosen to use the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary as their method of nomination for the office of President of the United States. Each party primary is a separate election with a separate ballot being held simultaneously. Voters may only vote in one primary and will be asked which primary they wish to participate in when checking in.

**In-Person Early Voting Dates:** Friday, January 19, 2024 – Saturday, March 2, 2024 @ 5:00 pm. All qualified, registered voters are eligible to vote early during this time

**Location:** Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office  
2 East Main Street, Fincastle (corner of Roanoke & Main Streets)

**Hours:** Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (Closed Monday, February 19, 2024, in observance of Presidents Day)

**Saturday Hours:** Saturday, February 24, 2024, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Saturday, March 2, 2024, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (Final day of early voting)

**Deadline to register or update registration:** Monday, February 12, 2024 5:00 pm for in-person registrations; 11:59 pm for online registrations

**Deadline to request a Vote By Mail ballot:** Friday, February 23, 2024 at 5:00 pm

**NOTE:** Vote By Mail ballot is the same ballot used for Early Voting and at polling locations on Election Day

**Vote By Mail Drop Locations:**

- Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office  
2 East Main Street, Fincastle (corner of Roanoke & Main Streets)
- Dropbox slot for marked Vote By Mail ballots located in vestibule of office entrance
- Voters may personally deliver their marked ballot to the Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office during regular business hours. (Hand-delivered ballots can only be accepted from voter ballot issued to. All others must go in drop box or need to be mailed.)
- All polling locations on Election Day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 6:00 am – 7:00 pm

**Traci S. Clark**  
Director of Elections & General Registrar  
Botetourt County, Virginia





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**Help Wanted - General**

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**Legals - City of Radford**

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**

**Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,**

**Legals - Montgomery County**

Budget to Appropriate \$927,000 of Bond Proceeds to the Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund and \$800,000 of Bond Proceeds to the Stormwater Capital Improvement Fund.

**Legals - Montgomery County**

copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at [www.blacksburg.gov/public](http://www.blacksburg.gov/public) hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

**Help Wanted - Clerical**

**Part-time receptionist for Oakey's Funeral Service - Vinton Chapel.**  
Hours vary with some weekday evening and daytime shifts and every other daytime weekend available. Please contact Joshua Dama, Manager at (540) 982-2221 or email [jdama@oakeys.com](mailto:jdama@oakeys.com).

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.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**  
Must pass a comprehensive background and drug check.

**ABC NOTICE**

RADFORD COFFEE COMPANY INC., trading as RADFORD COFFEE COMPANY, 333 WEST MAIN ST, RADFORD, VA 24141.

at its regular meeting on January 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

The proposed ordinance will allow the Town's two previously approved agreements with Glade Spring Crossing, LLC for the Glade Spring Crossing housing development. One will be used for the sewer cost sharing of \$927,000 and another for \$800,000 for a regional Stormwater project.

These projects will be funded by an upcoming bond offering.

**Help Wanted - General**

**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.

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.

**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.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for Restaurant-Wine, Beer, and Mixed Beverages license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

1. Consider the request of T J Real Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1236 West Main Street (Tax Map # 141 - 1 - 4) from HBD Highway Business District to CBD Community Business District.

Ordinance 2046: An Ordinance Granting a Lease of Office Space in Town Property Located at 141 Jackson Street, N.E. The proposed ordinance will grant space in the town owned property located at 141 Jackson Street NE to New River Land Trust for storage.

**NRV Regional Water Authority Summary Statement of Financial Condition For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

**Help Wanted - General**

**TOTAL ACTION FOR PROGRESS CEO Recruitment Profile**

Responsible for stimulating collaborative ventures with other organizations, the private sector and federal, state, and local governments to strengthen services for low-income Virginians.

A valid Virginia driver's license and reliable transportation is required. TAP participates in the Virginia DMV Driver Alert 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.

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

2. Consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises, LTD, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 301 Carey Avenue, (Tax Map # 74-2-6.1).

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters,

Assets \$ 93,456,376  
Deferred Outflows 1,091,330  
Liabilities (58,373,932)  
Deferred Inflows (1,145,544)  
Net Position \$ 35,028,230

**Help Wanted - General**

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Rachel Doyle-Owner.

3. Consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises, LTD, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 416 Electric Road (Tax Map # 150-3-1) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.

Revenues \$ 10,643,849  
Expenses (6,024,743)  
Non-operating revenue/expense (1,251,189)  
Net Change in Net Position \$ 3,367,917

A copy of the Audit Report can be found on the Authority's website at [www.nrvwater.org](http://www.nrvwater.org).

**Help Wanted - General**

**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 short-term disability, long term disability, life insurance/AD&D, and professional development support, 14 paid holidays.

Excellent presentation, writing and public relations skills.

**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@tapinto.org](mailto:Tabatha.Cooper@tapinto.org) or via mail to: TAP, Human Resources, PO Box 2868 Roanoke VA 24011**

4. Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map #s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

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**STATEWIDE ADS**

**Help Wanted - General**

**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.

High energy level and proven ability to manage stressful or extenuating circumstances.

**WANTED Models**

Models needed for life drawing class, male and female, \$65 for 3 hour session. Call David 540-473-3713

If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

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# Lord Botetourt wrestlers win Big Orange Classic



**TJ Piluso of Lord Botetourt wrestles in his 165-pound sudden death win in the finals of the Big Orange Classic Saturday.**



**Xaiden Wynn of James River wrestles William Byrd's Lane Brunk in the Big Orange semifinals.**

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

The Lord Botetourt wrestlers took first place in the annual Big Orange Classic wrestling tournament at William Byrd High School last weekend. James River finished 12th among 18 teams with just seven wrestlers competing and both Botetourt County schools boasted Big Orange individual champions.

It was a big couple days for the Cavaliers, who scored 248 points in the Friday and Saturday tournament to win the Big Orange for the third year in a row. Salem was runner-up with 220 while host William Byrd took third with 204.

"We had 12 scoring wrestlers and placed 10 of them," said LB coach Paul Craft. "Our starting 190 was unable to wrestle and our backup, Alex Clarke, stepped in and wrestled better than we hoped and finished in fourth place. Alex is graduating a year early and hasn't wrestled since I coached him in middle school. He wanted to give it another try in his last year. We're glad he did. Alex is certainly our unsung hero of the tournament. We challenged our guys

on Saturday morning leading into the consolation semifinals. We had seven in it and we won six of them."

Botetourt took the lion's share of honors as well. Craft was presented the Barry Trent Coaches Award and TJ Piluso won the Kip Nininger Scholarship and was named the Outstanding Wrestler after winning the 165-pound bracket. TJ defeated Matt McNeil of Liberty in "sudden victory" in the championship match to remain undefeated.

Two other Cavaliers finished second. At 138 Camden Saunders made the final before falling to Ben Armentrout of Hidden Valley, and at 150 Gray Arnold made the final but lost to Angel Rigney of Northside in Saturday's championship.

Third places went to James Dean at 120, Declan Sullivan at 126, Cooper Roberts at 157, Seth Williamson at 175 and Ty Hensley at 215. Also scoring points for the victorious Cavs were Clarke with a fourth at 190 and Kevin Gergely with a fifth at 144.

"Our guys delivered," said Craft. "We normally don't talk about team scores

during the tournament, but we were only two points out of second place when wrestling started on Saturday. Our guys rose to the challenge and as coaches we could not be more pleased with their results.

"Until 2021 Lord Botetourt had never won the Big Orange. We've now done it three times in a row and this last time was without our starting lineup. All the hard work the kids are putting in is paying off and I have nothing but praise for all our coaching staff, coach Gary Burdette, coach Danny Thomas, coach Mark Mast and coach Ken Gergely. I couldn't ask for a better group to lead our kids."

Brayden Forbes of James River remained undefeated with a Big Orange championship at 120. This was Brayden's second Big Orange Championship in back-to-back years.

"He took on and beat a very experienced wrestler from Riverheads High School, Bryson Cash," said River coach Bobby Stewart. "The 120-pound match was undeniably the toughest match in the finals. Cash, a freshman, is a

three-time Virginia Wrestling Association (VAWA) triple crown winner, meaning he has won the Folkstyle, Freestyle, and Greco-Roman state championships for the Virginia Wrestling Association three times, which is a great accomplishment."

Forbes won the match by a 6-3 score. The match was tied at 2-2 early in the third period before Brayden secured a takedown to Cash's back and was awarded a near-fall for back exposure bumping Forbes to a 6-2 lead early in the last period. Cash fought off his back and secured another escape half way through the period and gained a point escape bringing the final score to 6-3.

Xaiden Wynn made the finals but lost to Byrd's Darin Witcher in the final with a 5:20 fall. Jayden Alston finished fifth for River at 175.

"We had a good tournament for the kids that we entered," said Stewart. "We're battling low numbers this year to begin with and we were hit with the flu that kept three of our wrestlers from

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## Cavaliers will play in holiday tournaments this week

The Lord Botetourt boys and girls basketball teams are both playing in holiday tournaments this week to close out the old year.

The Lord Botetourt girls will play in the eight-team Smoky Mountain Winter Classic tournament in Gatlinburg, Tenn., at Rocky Top Sports World. The tournament begins today, December 27, and runs for three days.

The Cavaliers will open with a game against Riverside of South Carolina at 1 p.m. today. Other games find Lebanon, Tenn., against Ridgeview, Va., Rockcastle County, Ky., against Westside, S.C., and Gatlinburg-Pittman, Tenn., against Hardin Valley, Tenn.

Semifinals are Thursday and the championship is Friday,

December 29. There is also a consolation bracket so every team is guaranteed three games.

"This will be a great test for us and allow us the ability to bond on and off the court," said LB coach Renee Favaro.

Lord Botetourt is 6-1 after winning at Cave Spring last Thursday, 67-30. Taylor Orange and Madilyn Winterton had 14 points and three assists each for LB and Winterton also had eight rebounds. Ainsley Anderson had nine points and 10 assists.

"We came out hot with a 29-5 lead after one quarter," said Favaro. "I think we started to drop our intensity and competitiveness in the second quarter. We have to find ways to play by our standards at all times, regardless of the score or the lineup."

The Lord Botetourt boys will play in a two-day event at Spotswood High School on Thursday and Saturday of this week. The Cavs will take on Staunton High on Thursday at 3 p.m. and Eastern Mennonite High on Saturday, December 30, also at 3 p.m.

The Cavaliers come into the Spotswood event at 4-4 after finishing second in Hidden Valley's four-team Christmas tournament last week. Botetourt beat Magna Vista on the first night, 72-65, but lost to Hidden Valley in Friday's championship game, 62-49.

Both the boys and girls will open the new year with Blue Ridge District games against Staunton River next Wednesday, January 3. The boys will be home and the girls will play at Moneta.



**Lord Botetourt's Evan Bannwart (left) and Conner Dowdy (3) trap a Hidden Valley player in the final of last week's two-day tournament at Hidden Valley.**



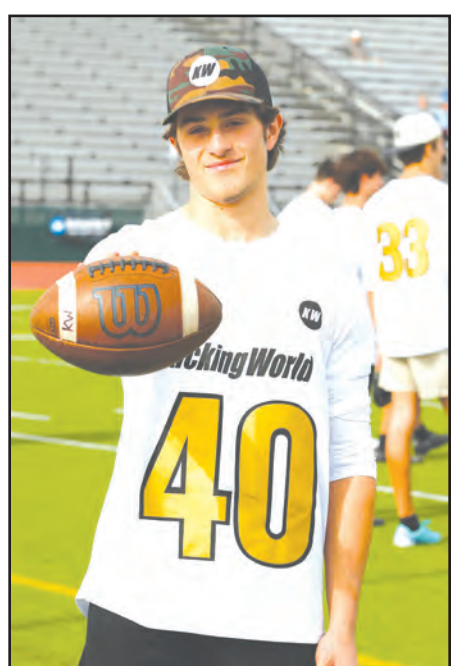
**Taylor Orange of Lord Botetourt saves one during a game before Christmas.**

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**LB placekicker and punter Dean Webb attended the Kicking World National Showcase event in Austin, Texas on December 2.**



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## Dean Webb competes in prestigious kicking camp

Lord Botetourt High School junior Dean Webb competed in the 10th annual Kicking World National Showcase event in Austin, Texas on December 2. The event is by invitation only for 68 of the nation's top high school kickers, and it also had classes on training and a speaker on sports psychology.

This year's event was attended by kickers from 26 states, even as far as Alaska, and represented the top 5 to 10 percent of the kicking specialists that earned recognition at one of their

competitions. It was comprised of about half senior kickers and half sophomore and juniors.

The first day was charting and Dean made the top 10 list for the entire competition. On the second day, which is the elimination competition, Dean made the group of the final seven. They competed in a "punt off" and a kicker from Pennsylvania won the competition. There was a three-way tie for second place and Dean was one of the three juniors.

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## River boys basketball will wrap up 2023 at Waynesboro

The James River boys basketball team will be in Waynesboro Friday for the final game of the year, taking on the host Little Giants.

River split two games last week before taking off for Christmas. The Knights beat Liberty in Springwood, 47-44, then dropped a game to Bath County in Hot Springs, 60-46.

Against Liberty the Knights trailed 24-20 at the half but outscored the Minutemen 12-6 in the third quarter to grab the lead. Trey Taylor led River with 23 points, eight rebounds and four steals while Josiah Clark had nine points and six boards.

"Liberty was a big team win for us," said coach Ethan Humphries. "We had several guys answer the bell and we were able to close out a game, which we've struggled to do so far this season. We tell the guys routinely that we'll continue to get the same test until we pass it and sure enough we got that same test versus Liberty."

At Bath County Taylor had 20 points, seven steals and five rebounds. Matthew Alderson led the Knights with 11 rebounds and he also scored 14 points.

"Trey has been stepping up big for us," said Humphries. "He busted his ankle up Tuesday against Liberty and I was just glad he not only finished that game out but also suited up Thursday. I think Matthew and him, being seniors, are understanding the magnitude of every game. My wishful Christmas present would be for him to get healthy heading into Waynesboro."

Next week the Knights will open the new year with a Three Rivers District game at home against Floyd County on January 2.



The Knights battle for a basket versus Liberty last week.



Ryder Ward brings the ball up the court.



Josiah Clark guards a Liberty player.

PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY

## River girls are runners-up in first Christmas basketball tournament



Siera Davis (12) of James River drives the lane.



James River's Audrey Benson (3) goes to the hoop against Auburn last week.



River girls guard the line in last week's tournament in Springwood.

PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

## Big Orange

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LB's Gray Arnold wrestles in the Big Orange final.

PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

competing." This weekend the Knights will travel to Heritage High School for the "Take Down the New Year" tournament.

Lord Botetourt will host a quad-match this Saturday in Daleville with Pulaski County, Carroll County and Magna Vista, beginning at 10 a.m.

The James River girls hosted their first "Knights Winter Classic" basketball tournament last week and made the championship game before falling to Class 4 Jefferson Forest in the final.

River took on Auburn on the first night and came up with a 53-36 win. Caitlin Canada had a big night with 26 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Kelsi Maydian had a dozen points and half a dozen boards while Audrey Benson had 12 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

"We came out with intensity and fire," said coach Ryan Firebaugh. "When you see a team diving for loose balls on the floor early in the game you know it's going to be a good game. That's what we did."

That set up a semifinal game with Amherst, and the Knights came out on top again, 42-33. River raced to a 15-9 lead at the outset and was up 10 at the half.

"We played well from the tip," said Firebaugh. "When you're up by 10 at halftime you cannot

take your foot off the gas, you must come out and continue to do what you did to build that lead. We came out flat in the third and let Amherst get back within striking distance, but we settled down in the fourth quarter and built our lead back up.

"I cannot be prouder of this team. They answered adversity and overcame it."

Canada had 16 points, 11 rebounds, five assists and a couple steals. Maydian had 10 points and five steals while Siera Davis had nine points and Benson pulled down six rebounds.

The win set up a championship game between River and Jefferson Forest on Friday night, and it was a good one. The Cavaliers held a one point lead, 18-17, at the half and it was a two-point nail-biter after three quarters with Forest up 28-26.

"We battled all night with a very good team, trading buckets back and forth," said Firebaugh. "We had a spurt late in the fourth where we turned the ball

over a couple of times and Jefferson Forest could not capitalize on our mistakes. I think if we could have been able to capitalize on those missed opportunities by them, we would have won the game."

Jefferson Forest finished with a 44-37 win. Maydian led the Knights with 17 points while Canada had nine points and six rebounds. Benson had five rebounds and four assists for River.

"Jefferson Forest is a 4A school and they are predicted to go a long way in their respective region," said Firebaugh. "For us to battle with them for four quarters speaks volumes for my girls. The energy my girls brought for the last three days was great."

The big week lifted the girls to 3-5 on the season and they'll close out the year on Friday with a home game against Waynesboro. Then they'll open 2024 with their Three Rivers District opener on Wednesday, January 3, at Floyd County.

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