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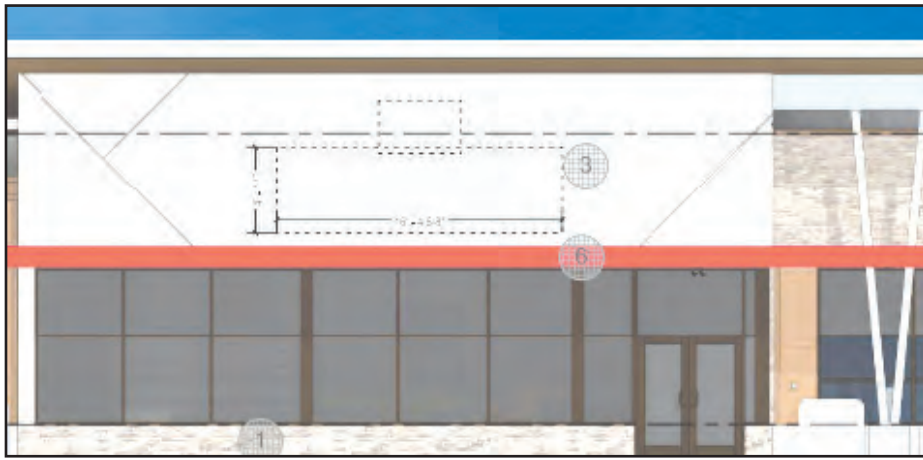
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The Botetourt County Planning Commission will review a recently submitted SEP about a convenience store with fuel sales located on the southwest corner of Roanoke Road and Glebe Road in Daleville.

## A new convenience store could be on the way to Daleville

Bohler Engineering recently submitted a Special Exception Permit (SEP) to the Botetourt County Planning Commission for the development of a convenience store with fuel sales on the southwest corner of Roanoke Road and Glebe Road in Daleville. The project scope includes the development of a one-story, 5,915-sq.-ft. convenience store with gas on a 56-acre parcel.

The proposed site area will be 2.22 acres. The existing site is currently vacant. In the application, the applicant states that the proposed convenience store and fuel station will provide a much-needed service to both residents and commuters in the vicinity, offering essential goods and fueling services in a convenient location.

In other matters on the planning agenda, 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.

Also, 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.

County planners will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 in the County Administration Center in Daleville.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

# Botetourt County 2023 Year in Review

As 2024 arrives in Botetourt County, The Fincastle Herald looks back on some of the major stories, events, and festivities that took place over 2023.

## Craig-Botetourt trail gains funding

One of the biggest stories of the year was the General Assembly funding a 26-mile scenic trail from New Castle to Eagle Rock. The funding will be applied toward bridge repairs and preparing the trail surface; a multi-use trail for walking, running, biking, and horseback riding, that provides opportunities for residents and visitors to engage with the scenic beauty of Craig and Botetourt counties and Virginia's Blue Ridge. Months later, following feedback and conversations from citizens in support of and

opposition to the trail, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held informational meetings in Eagle Rock and New Castle which gave residents a chance to weigh in their thoughts about the proposed state-funded project. An online survey was also made available. A VDOT representative was unable to share any updates regarding citizen feedback at press time.

"The Virginia Creeper Trail, a similar trail to the proposed Craig-Botetourt Scenic Trail, generates \$2.3 million

annually for its rural local economy when adjusted for inflation," said Delegate Terry Austin in a January 2023 press release. Austin was instrumental in securing funding for the Craig-Botetourt Scenic Trail. "I very much look forward to how this trail will benefit the community and will open the door for more business opportunities like bike shops, coffee shops, restaurants, and lodging—all these ventures and more will be possible with the influx of trail users."



FILE PHOTO



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

## Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reveals new uniforms

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office revealed their new uniforms in the fall after a uniform committee recognized the need for a new uniform that meets the needs and the demands of modern policing.

The decision to transition to a new uniform was made after careful consideration and feedback from both the uniform committee and Sheriff's Office staff. The committee collaborated with leading uniform manufacturers and distributors for public safety professionals, to ensure they were getting a practical, durable, and functional uniform.

"Our new uniform represents a significant step forward for our department by equipping our deputies with the best tools to perform their duties," said Sheriff Matt Ward in a fall release. "I understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, and I am pleased that the transition to our new uniform

was accomplished without any additional financial burden to the taxpayer or our budget."

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office received its fifth re-accreditation award in December. The county played host to the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) meeting. Botetourt County Sheriff Matt Ward is currently one of the state's 12 commissioners. The Sheriff's Office was reviewed through an evaluation of over 189 files consisting of thousands of comprehensive standards and best practices the agency was required to meet. In addition to file reviews, personal interviews were conducted with various staff members, reflecting all ranks levels and assignments. The assessment resulted in 100% compliance with all program standards under the process for accreditation by VLEPSC.

## Oral History presentation at Botetourt Museum of History & Culture

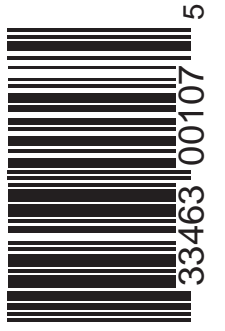
The Botetourt Historical Society and Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council held an Oral History Event on Feb. 19 at the Botetourt County History Museum in Fincastle which featured stories told by current residents and guests about local African Americans and their impact on the Botetourt community in celebration of Black History Month. Guests heard inspiring stories about Henrietta Lacks, Lucy Addison, Booker T. Washington, Norvel Lee, Georgia Ragsdale Curtis, Westina Johnson, Isom Baker Brown Sr., and Charles Follis.



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Happy New Year

Daleville town center



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# 4-H staying active in the county

Botetourt County 4-H plays an important role within the community. In 2023, the organization remained heavily involved in local events in an educational and entertaining capacity. The 2023 4-H and FFA Youth Expo on Feb. 17 was a joint effort to educate guests of the event while entertaining the crowds with demonstrations.

"This event is an excellent opportunity for community members to see the agricultural impacts of these clubs and chapters, but to also see what other educational opportunities exist for youth to participate in," Botetourt County 4-H Extension Agent Tyler Painter said in an interview last February.

In April, 4-H Robotics Team 3939 competed at George Mason University in the final leg of the FIRST Chesapeake's six-week district championship. Team 3939 was 21-20-1 in official play and 27-25-1 overall in 2023. As a member of the FIRST Chesapeake district, Team 3939 ranked 39 having earned 100 points.

4-H has enjoyed a busy summer, concluding a successful year of school programs. Junior 4-H Camp was held during the week of June 12-16 at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Education Center at Smith Mountain Lake. Nearly 125 total participants included campers, teen volunteers, and adult volunteers. Campers

had a fun and exciting time experiencing new activities while learning new life skills.

On Sept. 7-9, 293 participants from across Virginia traveled to The Virginia Horse Center in Lexington to compete in the 62nd annual Virginia State 4-H Horse and Pony Show with members of the 4-H Horse & Pony Club receiving honors during the event.

In November, the organization concluded the year with Botetourt 4-H's annual Achievement Night honoring the many achievements over the last year contributing to the community and recognized those individuals dedicated to upholding the standards of the program.



The 2023 4-H and FFA Youth Expo took place on Feb. 17.



FILE PHOTOS

4-H Robotics Team 3939, from left: Ralph Hayslett (team mentor), Kyle Hayslett (former team member and volunteer), Larry Etzler (team mentor), Strummer Griffin, Conner McFadyen, David Aaron, Ethan Smith, Tim Wilson, JJ Halsted, Ethan Spickard, and Silas Miller



Fincastle's "Big Spring" received an aerator in 2023 to improve the pond.

## Town of Fincastle's Big Spring Park thrives

At the beginning of 2023, work began at Big Spring Park developing a walking trail, orchard, and outdoor classroom. Volunteer trail-builders laid gravel and cleared the trail. Liz Belcher and other volunteers are using some equipment Bobby Simmons lent to the project. "The Big Spring Park Nature Trail" was completed last spring.



A crew worked diligently in the spring of 2023 on Big Spring Park. FILE PHOTOS

## Blizzards in Botetourt



The county announced Botetourt would get a Dairy Queen by the end of 2023. Construction continued throughout the year culminating with a grand opening event at the Daleville location on Dec. 19 presented by the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce. A large crowd joined Harry and Khushbu Patel along with their staff in welcoming the newest restaurant to the county.



PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

Daleville's Dairy Queen's grand opening event last December.

## Botetourt County History



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCMHC

This handmade 1800s wooden salt bucket was used by Dr. James and Minnie McClung Bell of Eagle Rock. It was donated to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture by Janice Wood Thompson.

Preserving one of the world's most treasured foods has been important for thousands of years and contributed to the development of civilization. Animals wore paths to salt licks, humans followed, trails became roads and settlements grew. Salt is one of the world's principal trading commodities. It is used for seasoning and preserving food, antiseptics and as a method of payment. The word salary came from the word salt. The Oxford English Dictionary contains four pages that refer to salt, which is more than any other food. The history of salt covers every culture and religion in the world.

The museum in Fincastle showcases this beautiful artifact.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

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A new gift shop officially arrived in November at the location of the Old Fincastle Jail in courthouse square. A grand opening was held on Dec. 1.

# Fincastle's Old Jail becomes new gift shop

In February, the Botetourt Board of Supervisors approved revitalizing Fincastle's historic jail. The next month, the jail was cleared out in preparation

for a new gift shop. Following the county leasing the property to preservationists Donald and Caroline Naysmith, Fincastle Town Council rezoned the property in April. After months of preparing, the Naysmiths opened the gift shop in November. This is the Naysmiths' 27th historic restoration in the last 17 years. Restoring historic buildings was a part of the Naysmiths' "dream" when they began their business, according to Caroline. The gift shop is open each Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

# Sen. Warner visits Botetourt to discuss broadband



FILE PHOTO

Senator Mark Warner sat down with Virginia Delegate Terry Austin, local leaders, and representatives from Lumos in April to discuss Virginia's progress in delivering high-speed internet to rural communities. The discussion celebrated the completion of the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative 1 (VATI1) grant which was a partnership

with Lumos totaling \$1,364,337 bringing fiber to 548 addresses, including 30 businesses. Sen. Warner heard about Lumos' efforts over the last couple of years to help Botetourt achieve universal coverage. Sen. Warner also highlighted the record \$65 billion in funding he helped secure through the bipartisan infrastructure law to

deploy broadband and decrease costs associated with connecting to the internet. Once the universal coverage broadband project is complete, Lumos will have over 1,250 miles of fiber throughout the county, the mileage equivalent of traveling from Botetourt County to Oklahoma City (1,115 miles), and then some.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
 The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live. Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. January 4, 2024 at:  
<https://forms.gle/9vZoPXyxZR8bgEoQ6>  
 or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at [salbert@bcps.k12.va.us](mailto:salbert@bcps.k12.va.us).

**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.civieplus.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.

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The Eagle Rock Ruritan Club hosted the very first Eagle Rock Science Festival in May.

# Eagle Rock holds first Science Fest

The Eagle Rock Ruritan Club hosted their first Science Festival in Eagle Rock last May. The event saw approximately 350 attendees who experienced local students' science fair projects inside of a giant display tent. Some of the projects included solar ovens and gummy bear reaction as well as the best way to clean pennies, converting images to sound using pixel data, and more.

"We were blessed with gorgeous weather and massive community support," Eagle Rock Ruritan Beth Leffel said in a May interview. "The Eagle Rock Ruritan are very proud of the children who shared their scientific experiments, we had an impressive range of topics and they certainly taught us a lot. Of course, the day would have been incomplete without the dedication of so many activity leaders who gave up a whole Saturday in order to provide fun-filled demonstrations for all age groups and we really appreciate that."

# ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for December 20-31:

- Lucio Vizcalle-Perez, 53, of Troutville, driving under the influence, December 20
- Tara G. Rock, 42, of Madison Heights, drunk in public, December 22
- Chad A. Nichols, 41, of Roanoke, driving on a revoked license, December 22
- John J. Bucko-Demeester, 30, of Cloverdale, reckless handling of a firearm, December 26
- Debra L. Wunstel, 62, of Eagle Rock, domestic assault, December 27
- William J. Osborne, 28, of Goodview, reckless

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION**  
 The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Work Session on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Central Administration Office, 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia, with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF FINCASTLE**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**FINCASTLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
 Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2- 2285 and 15.2-2204, as amended, this shall serve as notice that the Fincastle Town Planning Commission and the Fincastle Town Council will hold a public hearing on January 11th, 2024 in the Fincastle Firehouse. The Planning Commission hearing will be at 6 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse. The Town Council public hearing will be at 7 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse. The purpose of these hearings is to solicit public input on a proposed text amendment to the Commercial/Trade zoning classifications in the Mixed Use district. This amendment would allow for ground floor residence as a Use by Special Exception. Information about this proposal can be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town office during regular business hours.  
**Scott Critzer - Zoning Administrator**  
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**Stockyard Report**  
 Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:  


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**The Stockyard Report was not received.**



# Library Buzz

## UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

**Fincastle Library reopens Jan 22**  
 The Fincastle Library is closed January 2-20 for renovations. It will reopen for regular hours on Monday, January 22.

**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.

**Beginning Engineering**  
 Tue, Jan 16, 4:30-5:30pm, Buchanan  
 Thu, Jan 18, 4:30-5:30pm, Blue Ridge  
 Tue, Jan 30, 4:30-5:30pm, Eagle Rock  
 Thu, Feb 8, 4:30-5:30pm, Fincastle  
 Get hands-on experience with electrical projects that focus on safety and real-world engineering skills. Presented by instructor David Sproles. This first class will focus on basic skills and a transistor project. No prior experience required - just curious minds! Best for kids age 10+. Registration required due to limited class size. Call 540-928-2900 to sign up.

**Everybody's a Detective**  
 Thu, Jan 25, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge & Eagle Rock  
 Fri, Jan 26, 3-4pm, Fincastle  
 Sat, Jan 27, 11am-12pm, Buchanan  
 On the 48th anniversary of Agatha Christie's death, join a deputy from the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office to try your hand at detective skills: Morse code, fingerprinting, yarn laser obstacle course, detective-themed crafts, and more. Great fun for the whole family!

**LEGO Club**  
 Thu, Jan 11, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge  
 Tue, Jan 23, 2:30-3:30pm, Eagle Rock  
 Kids and tweens develop creative and engineering skills through LEGO challenges. October challenge: LEGO Build-a-Boat. Recommended for ages 6-11.

**True Crime Book Club**  
 Mon, Jan 22, 6:30-7:30pm, Blue Ridge  
 Discuss "whodunnit" books and authors with fellow true crime enthusiasts while enjoying free coffee and social connection. Choose your own books or find one from the list of recommendations. January's theme: When the Mafia Comes to Town.

**Eclectic Readers**  
 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  
 Thu, Jan 25, 11am-12pm, Eagle Rock  
 Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict  
 Thu, Jan 25, 1-2pm, Blue Ridge  
 Daisy Jones & the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid  
 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 [BOCOLibraries.info](http://BOCOLibraries.info).

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thank you for making Christmas Parade a success

The 2023 Fincastle Christmas Parade was a great success. The weather was perfect and there were many participants and many watchers.

We want to thank this year's grand marshal, Joan Boothe, for participating in the parade and Bill and Cindy Price for being Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. Also thanks to R.D. Henderson for the loan of his farm trailer for the Santa float.

Thanks to those who contributed donations to the Christmas Parade. Those were New River Electrical, First Bank, Wiegandt & Doubles. Jim and Betty Reynolds, Ed Bordett and Becky Downs, and Carol Geddes.

Those who were in the parade were the Botetourt County Sheriff's Color Guard, Lord Botetourt Marching Band, First Bank, James River Marching Band, 4-H Honey Bee Club, Floyd Ward School of Dance, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Fincastle Fire Department, Brent Hershey-

State Farm, Botetourt 4-H Robotics, Harmony Equestrian Center, Star City Corvettes, Lord Botetourt FFA, Attic Productions, Premier Home Medical, Breezkrest Farm, Naysmiths' Old Jail Gift Shop, Sinks Septic Tank, First IX Coffee, 4-H Horse & Pony Club and Fincastle Baptist Church. Thank so much for all these participants and the hard work they did on the floats.

Also we want to thank our judges, Crystal Wright, Pam Brooks, and Lee Henry. Also thanks to John Boothe, Jim Reynolds, Melanie McFadyen and Morgan Keith for getting the parade together.

Thanks to the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department for taking time to direct and block traffic for the parade and to The Fincastle Herald for all articles in the paper.

Also thanks to the people who came to watch the Fincastle Christmas Parade and we hope you will return next year for the 2024 Fincastle Christmas Parade.

*Fincastle Christmas Parade Committee*

# 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*

# Lawrence Companies holds blood drive

Lawrence Companies held a blood drive in December and 20 units were donated. Employees giving the gift of life were Barry Holland, Mike Stevens, Tammy Swader, Elizabeth Jackson, Ashley Dillon, Donovan Witcher, Brian Turner, Morgan Hommel, Dyra Hodges, Warren Groseclose, Chris O'Dell, Matt Assenat, Tim St.Clair,

Dustin Cole, John Taylor, Aaron Glass, Chris Padgett and Deidra Stultz. Visitors who donated were Cindy Holland, J.D. Robinson and Alice Larowe. First-time donor Aaron Glass received a paid sick day. Winners of the regular drawings for a paid sick day were Ashley Dillon and Donovan Witcher.

*- Lawrence Companies*

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

**Meet Kruger**

Kruger came to the LAP from Friends of Bedford Rescue on December 16, 2023. He is a very handsome 1-year-old cat with lovely markings. He is chipped, negative for feline diseases and very sweet. 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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# Arrests

- driving, December 29
- Craig P. Gray, 39, transient, drunk in public, December 29
  - Shalah L. Dogan, 24, of Roanoke, possession of Schedule drugs, December 30
  - Steven C. Bryan, 25, of Roanoke, possession of Schedule drugs, December 30
  - Stephen R. Wills, 56, of Daleville, driving under the influence, December 31

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- Move with a curving trajectory
- Witnesses
- You need both to live
- Dash
- Network
- Dig
- C. European river
- Supplement with difficulty
- Corporate executive
- Carroll O'Connor's onscreen wife
- No variation
- Airborne (abbr.)
- "Heidi" author
- Affirmative
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- Electronic data processing
- Attempt

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- Engulf
- Waterside hotel
- Printed cotton fabric
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- One who follows the rules
- Lace up once more
- Fire byproduct
- Hankerings
- Outer
- One-time aerospace firm
- Seafood
- Commercial
- Epoxy hardener (abbr.)
- Samoan monetary unit
- Type of gland
- Arrest
- Check
- Past participle of be
- Alias
- A major division of geological time
- Kids programming channel (abbr.)
- Joked
- Helps little firms
- Roman numeral 50
- Impressive in size or scope
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- A person who delivers a speech
- One after 89
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*The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes*  
**Thursday, Jan. 4 7 p.m.**

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**Friday, Jan. 5 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, Jan. 6 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, Jan. 7 3 p.m.**

**Thursday, Jan. 11 7 p.m.**

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# Botetourt Worship Directory

## ANGLICAN

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

## Almighty God

Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh. When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him.

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

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."

## 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](http://www.eck-va.org), [www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences](http://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](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 [osroanoke.com](http://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](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 Saturday 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

## Clark, Queenie Johns

Queenie Johns Clark, 88, life-long resident of Eagle Rock, passed away Sunday, December 24, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Hoover Clark; parents, Teddy and Ethel Branham Johns; nine siblings; and son, Marshall Clark.

Born in Clifton Forge, Mrs. Clark was a homemaker, caregiver, and private sitter to many. Just as her brothers and sisters, she was very attentive to detail, was set in her ways, and liked things to be accomplished in a particular manner. She loved having family

reunions and keeping the family together.



Mrs. Clark was deeply involved in her Native American roots; she was a member of the Monacan Indian Nation and collected artwork and relics of her Tribe. She often went to elementary schools sharing her knowledge and relics. Her legacy will thrive for many generations.

Queenie is survived by her children, Katherine

Clark and her husband, Frank Thomas, Larry Clark and his wife Sherry, and Randy Clark; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Goldie Hambrick; and many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Pauline Rowan, private sitter; Medi Home Health and Hospice; MSA Healthcare staff, Heather Hurd, Allie Cundiff, Jessica Dowdy, and Kim Holbrook for their outstanding care given to Queenie.

Her visitation was held Saturday, December 30, 2023 at the Eagle Rock Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home from 2:30 to 3:30, followed by a memorial service led by Elder I. Ray Sloan. Memorial donations may be made to Eagle Rock Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 234, Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Those wishing to send a condolence, please do so at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-884-2276.

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## King, Jane Nadine Peterman

Jane Nadine Peterman King, 93 years young, of Eagle Rock, passed away Thursday evening, December 21, 2023 after a long illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, at the time of his passing, Earl E. (Gene) King; first-born son, Danny E. King; father, Paul G. Peterman Sr.; mother, Jeanette Palmer Peterman; brother, Paul G. Peterman Jr. and wife, Shirley; brother, Alfred Peterman; her beloved grandmother, Olive Palmer Lion; and numerous aunts and uncles.

She is survived by sons, Terry M. King and Paul A. King of Eagle Rock; granddaughter, Tiffany Snedegar and husband, Ray of Covington; grandson, Christian King and wife, Tiffany of Buchanan; great-grandchildren, Ben Snedegar and husband, Greg Martin, Rachel Hernandez and husband, Juan of Polcenigo, Italy, Rebekah Snedegar and fiancé, Preston Mineiro, Shaun King, Eli King, Kennedy King, Sydni Bunch and Ethan Bunch, and great-great-grandson, Atticus Francisco Hernandez. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews and dear friend, Patricia Neal and family.

Mother was born and raised in Altoona, Pa. After graduation from Altoona High School, she moved to Washington, D.C. where she lived with her grandmother Olive Lion and her Aunt Sue and Uncle Tom while working as a telephone operator. It was during this time that she went on a blind date with the man who would become her husband, Gene King. They

were married on June 6, 1951. Shortly thereafter her husband enlisted in the U.S. Army. During the 10 years Dad served, Jane became a mother and gave birth to three sons. After his honorable discharge, Mom and Dad moved our family to Orlando, Fla. Mom loved it there, plenty of sunshine and no snow. She always said it was her favorite place to live. She hated cold weather.

After 13 years in Florida, Mom and Dad had the opportunity to purchase his grandfather's farm here in Eagle Rock. So, they packed us up and left 75-degree Florida on December 14, 1973 to arrive at the farm on December 16 to six inches of snow and 28 degrees. I can't repeat Mom's comments upon our arrival. I will simply say she was ready to go back to Florida the next day! But as time went on, she loved the solitude and the natural beauty of this area. She loved the fresh garden vegetables we grew and canned.

Mom was blessed with 93 years on this earth, and two loving grandchildren and several great-grandchildren who loved her dearly. Even though Mom was very sick these past few weeks she got an early Christmas present with the birth of her first great-great-grandchild. We are grateful that she was able to see him through video chat. Mom will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Per her request she was cremated and there were no services or visitations. There will be a very brief private

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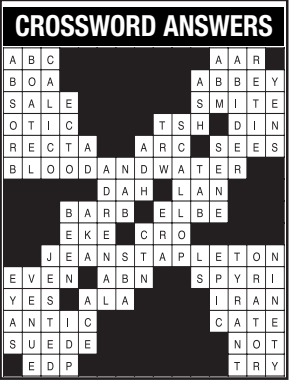
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### Help Wanted Part-time Administrative Assistant

Buchanan Presbyterian Church is searching for a part time Administrative Assistant.

Duties include working with the minister and music team to prepare weekly Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter; prepare PowerPoint for Sunday worship and be there to operate it; assist with recording and uploading services to YouTube; performance of other administrative jobs to assist the minister.

To apply or obtain complete job description please contact Tricia at 540-589-3107 or send resume to the church at P.O. Box 517, Buchanan, VA 24066

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### Legals - Botetourt County

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Pursuant to a Decree of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, made and entered into November 29, 2023 in Case No. 23CL23-0036100, styled Barrett (Plaintiff) v. Cherokee rose Eubank (Defendant), a Will, on Friday 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the front door of the Courthouse of Botetourt County, Virginia, located in its new temporary quarters, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate: 101 Dry Branch Road, Buchanan, Virginia, 24066, being 2.56 acres in the Buchanan Magisterial District, Tax Map #53-4, property ID#99013634. A more accurate description can be procured as shown on a plat attached to Deed Book 128 at page 123 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia.

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For further information, apply to:  
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I, Tommy Joe Williams, hereby certify that I have bond, with surety, as required by the decree.

Tommy Joe Williams  
Special Commissioner

I, Tommy Moore, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, hereby certify the Tommy Joe Williams, Special Commissioner, has given bond, as required by the Decree with Surety approved by the Court.

Tommy Moore, Clerk  
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### Legals - City of Radford

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### Legals - City of Salem

#### Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of E2ST John, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 68 St. John Road (Tax Map # 155-2-2.1) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.
  2. Consider the request of Poindexter SW Florida, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 2105-2121 Apperson Drive (Tax Map # 281-1-2.2) from BCD Business Commerce District to HBD Highway Business District.
- 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.
- Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.
- At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.
- THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
BY: H. Robert Light  
Clerk of Council

### Legals - City of Salem

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

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.
2. Consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises, LTD, property owner, for the issuance of a Special

### Legals - City of Salem

Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 301 Carey Avenue, (Tax Map # 74-2-6.1).

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.

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.

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: H. Robert Light  
Deputy Executive Secretary

### Legals - Montgomery County

#### TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, January 9, 2024

beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2045: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating 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.

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.

Ordinance 2046: An Ordinance Granting a Lease of Office Space in Town Property Located at 141 Jackson Street, N.E.

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The proposed ordinance will grant space in the town owned property located at 141 Jackson Street NE to New River Land Trust for storage.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at [www.blacksburg.gov/public](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).

### Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority Summary Statement of Financial Condition For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

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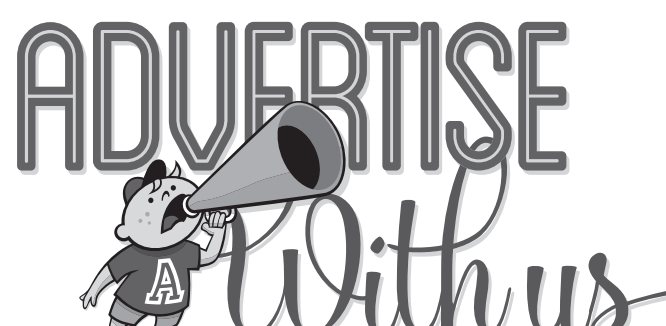
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## RC Maroons win Cregger Invitational



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Roanoke College sophomore Patrick Clevenger, a 2022 graduate of James River High School, cans a jumper in the Cregger Invitational championship basketball game at RC Saturday. The Maroons beat Ohio Wesleyan, 79-75, to win the two-day holiday tournament.

## Radford sweeps All-State Class 2 football honors, River's Staton makes All-Region team at linebacker

The Virginia High School League has announced its 2023 Class 2 All-State football team and Radford High of the Three Rivers District swept the honors. Radford senior quarterback Landen Clark is the Class 2 Offensive Player of the Year, Radford senior linebacker Charlie Davis is the Class 2 Defensive Player of the Year and head coach Michael Crist is the Class 2 Coach of the Year after the Bobcats won the Class 2 state championship at Salem Stadium in December with a 39-21 win over Riverheads.

James River had no All-State selections but Gabe Staton of James River made second team at linebacker on the All-Region 2C team. Staton, a senior, also made second team on the All-Three Rivers District team.



PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY

Gabe Staton of James River made second team All-Region 2C at linebacker.

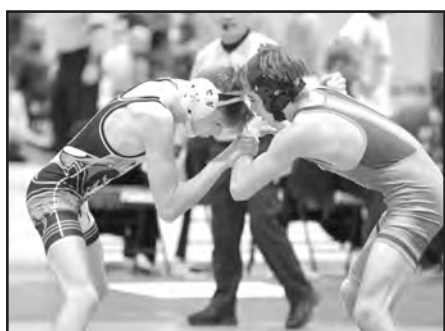
## River puts three in finals in Heritage mat tourney

James River had two champions and put three in the finals at the "Takedown the New Year" wrestling tournament at Heritage High School last week.

River finished 11th among 21 teams despite entering just seven wrestlers in

six weight classes. Host Heritage won the tournament with 216.5 points, followed by Turner Ashby with 211.5 and William Byrd was third with 165.5.

See **River wrestling**, page 10



Xaiden Wynn (left) avenged a loss in the Big Orange with a 106-pound championship in the Takedown the New Year tournament.



James River's Brayden Forbes won the 120-pound class at Heritage High last week.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

## CHURCH NEWS

### Pleasant Hill food distribution January 13

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will have food boxes available January 13 from 9:30:10:30 a.m. at the church and at Eagle Rock Library.

### Thrift Store having household sale

The Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is having a household sale every Saturday in January. There is everything from sheets, towels, small appliances to rugs. Prices are low. Open Saturdays from 9 to 12. Donations are accepted.



PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Kesean Anderson is a second team All-State defensive lineman from Lord Botetourt.

## LB's Anderson is second team All-State in football

Lord Botetourt senior Kesean Anderson was named to the state All-Class 3 football team that was recently announced. Anderson was named to the All-State second team on the defensive line.

Liberty Christian Academy junior running back Gideon Davidson is the Class 3 Offensive Player of the Year, and Lafayette senior defensive end Peter Cook is the Class 3 Defensive Player of the Year. LCA head coach Frank Rocco is the Class 3 Coach of the Year after the Bulldogs defeated Lafayette in the Class 3 state

championship game at Liberty University.

The All-State football team consists of 32 players. The offense includes one quarterback; four linemen; one center; three running backs; three receivers; one tight end; one kicker; one kick returner; one all-purpose offensive player. On defense honors are given to four defensive linemen; five linebackers; four defensive backs; one punter; one punt returner; one all-purpose defensive player. Only those players selected to the All-Region first-team

are eligible for selection to the All-State team.

The All-State selection committee comprises eight coaches, with two from each region.

Anderson was also selected to the All-Region 3D first team on defense. Other first team All-Region selections from LB include Cade Lang and Jakari Nicely, both at defensive back. On offense, DJ Toliver made first team on the line and Tristan Overbay was a first team selection at running back.

Second team All-Region players from LB were Jackson Harless

See **Anderson**, page 10

## Cavaliers open 2024 hoop schedule tonight



PHOTO BY EDMEE HASLER

Lord Botetourt's Blake Lovern passes the ball.

The Lord Botetourt boys will open the 2024 portion of their basketball schedule tonight with a Blue Ridge District home game against Staunton River. It will be the district debut for the Cavaliers, who open the new year with a 5-5 record after splitting two games at Spotswood High School in Penn Laird last week.

The Cavaliers opened the two-day event with a 67-62 win over Staunton in overtime. This was a back-and-forth game, as LB trailed 18-12 after the first quarter but outscored Staunton 39-22 in the second and third to build a 51-40 lead after three quarters. They let the lead slip away in the fourth quarter, sending the game into overtime, before bouncing back to outscore Staunton 7-2 in the extra period and get the win.

"After a slow start, we played some of our best basketball of the season against a scrappy Staunton team," said Botetourt coach Andrew Hart. "Although we made some mistakes late to give up a fourth quarter lead, I was

proud of the guys for responding in overtime and pulling out a big win. Blake Lovern has really come on strong for us in the last several games."

Lovern was 9 for 14 from the floor to score 25 points for LB, adding four rebounds, four assists and three steals. Brayden Wells had 16 points and Carson Edwards had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

On Saturday the Cavaliers played a solid Eastern Mennonite High and dropped a 77-48 decision. Braydon Don was the only Cavalier in double figures with a dozen points.

"We just didn't have much going for us in this game against a strong team," said Hart. "We're hoping to improve our consistency in the second half of the season so we can compete in some really big games. We are looking forward to the challenge."

After tonight's home game with Staunton River the Cavaliers will be at William Byrd on Friday, then they're back home to host William Fleming next Tuesday, January 9.

## Obituaries

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graveside service at a later date. Botetourt Funeral Home Eagle Rock Chapel is handling the arrangements. The family would like to express very sincere thanks to Amadisys Home Health Services and Springtree Health and Rehabilitation Center for the care Mom received. Donations in her honor may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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# James River girls down Waynesboro in basketball

The James River girls ended the 2023 portion of their basketball schedule on a high note as they defeated Waynesboro, 63-53, in overtime in Springwood last Friday.

"This was a big win for us," said River coach Ryan Firebaugh. "We, as a team, thought we let one slip away from us at Waynesboro back before Christmas break."

River trailed by a point at halftime, 23-22, but the girls were getting good shots.

"We missed a lot of easy shots around the basket early and late in the game," said Firebaugh. "We left a lot of points out on the floor tonight with the shots we missed."

The momentum shifted back and forth in this game. River was down six points in the fourth quarter but came storming back to tie and send the game into overtime

"Once we went to overtime, we jumped on Waynesboro and didn't look back," said Firebaugh. "We threw the final punch."

The Knights scored the first eight points in overtime and then hit their foul shots when the Little Giants tried to come back by fouling. Caitlin Canada led the team with 19 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals. Honesty Liming had 12 points and nine boards, Siera Davis had 11 points and Audrey Benson had nine.

"We talk about answering adversity when it is thrown at you, and the girls answered it," said Firebaugh. "I'm super proud of this team and the way they fight and battle game after game."

The win evened River's record at 5-5 on the season and the Knights will return to the court tonight at Floyd County, always a tough place to play. On Friday the girls have their first home game of the new year when they host Alleghany.



Honesty Liming lays one up for the Knights.



Audrey Benson dribbles around a Wayneboro defender.

PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY

# Lord Botetourt girls finish third in big Tennessee basketball tournament



Grayson Alfano shoots a jumper for LB in a recent game.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Lord Botetourt girls won two of three games in Gatlinburg, Tenn., last week to finish in third place in the challenging Smoky Mountain Winter Classic basketball tournament.

There were three brackets in the large tournament and LB played in the highest bracket. The girls opened with Riverside of South Carolina and dropped a 59-55 decision. The game was tied at 55-55 before Riverside pulled out the win.

"We dug ourselves an early hole," said LB coach Renee Favaro. "We won the third and fourth quarters but the slow start, paired with poor free throw shooting, hurt us."

Madilyn Winterton had a near triple-double with 16 points, nine rebounds, nine steals and five assists. Grayson Alfano and Maddie Caron had 11 points

each and Caron also had nine rebounds.

On Thursday the Cavaliers went up against Hardin Valley of Tennessee and took a 64-51 win. Point guard Ainsley Anderson dropped a career-high 30 points, draining six of eight three-point shots while also handing out five assists. Winterton added 15 points and three blocked shots while Caron had eight points and a team-high 11 rebounds.

The consolation final in the toughest bracket was for third place and Botetourt took on Westside High, the reigning 4A state champion in South Carolina. It was a tight game with the score tied at 25-25 at the half, but some clutch free throws down the stretch gave the Cavaliers a 53-47 win.

"We had the advantage inside and our posts stepped up big,"

said Favaro, as Gracie Huffard and Caron had 14 points and nine boards each."

With the win the Cavaliers returned to Daleville with an 8-2 record after playing a challenging non-district schedule. They also found time to have some fun and bond in Gatlinburg.

"We got to enjoy a lot of activities off the court and really grew closer together," said Favaro. "We went to Dollywood, the Island at Pigeon Forge, and just enjoyed making some core memories together. The girls fundraised really hard to make this happen and we got better on and off the court."

LB returns to action tonight with their Blue Ridge District opener at Staunton River. On Friday they'll host William Byrd, and next Tuesday they have a big district game at William Fleming.



Ryder Ward grabs a rebound.

PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY

# Busy week for Lord Botetourt wrestlers

The Lord Botetourt wrestlers will have a busy week on the mats as they open the 2024 portion of their schedule this week.

The LB Gray Team (B Team) will be traveling to Radford tonight for the Bobcat Brawl, a dual tournament with 10 teams. The Gray Team will also be wrestling at the Knights of the Round Table at Cave Spring on Saturday.

The Lord Botetourt Red Team (Starters) will be wrestling at Roanoke College on Saturday against Staunton River and New Kent in a tri-match.

"Those will be tough matches against the top two teams in the state," said LB coach Paul Craft. "But if we're going to continue getting better then we need to wrestle the top teams."

"We're excited about the opportunity, and we're equally excited and blessed to have the numbers that allow us to split our team up and send our non-starters to get mat time at other events. That's one thing that we have to make sure we manage as a coaching staff. We have to make sure that if our kids are putting in the time, effort, and sacrifice then they need to get mat time regardless of their ability or level. It helps keep all of them

invested and developing."

The Cavaliers hosted Pulaski County and Magna Vista in a tri-match last Saturday morning in Daleville and had two resounding wins. LB defeated Pulaski, 78-3, and Magna Vista, 66-12.

"Up until the day of the meet I didn't know how it would play out," said Craft. "We had multiple injuries and four kids out with 104-degree temps all week. It was supposed to be a quad but one of the teams pulled out. It was not looking good for the weekend. Once again we challenged the team to step up and overcome adversity. They did it. I thought we wrestled well, very physical and aggressive. We looked like the team we've been trying to become since the beginning of the season."

LB's TJ Piluso remained unbeaten at 165 pounds at 16-0. Cooper Roberts had a big win at 157 against Magna Vista. Sophomore Gabe Glenn had two wins at heavyweight.

"Overall, we were very happy with the way our guys wrestled," said Craft. "We've got a lot of wrestling this week and are getting into the meat of our schedule now. We've just got to get and stay healthy."

# River boys open new year with tough foe

The James River boys basketball team has a couple tough tests to open the New Year. River was scheduled to play at home against Floyd County on Tuesday, then play at Alleghany on Thursday. Both are Three Rivers District games, although Class 3 Alleghany isn't in the same region with River and Floyd.

"In my opinion, Floyd is the Region 2C favorite and Alleghany is the district favorite," said River coach Ethan Humphries. "It'll be a good measuring stick for us this week that we can

learn a lot from."

The Knights come into the new year at 2-7 after dropping a 55-42 game to the host Little Giants at Waynesboro High last Friday. The host Giants led 13-2 after the first quarter and increased the lead to 24-4 before the visiting Knights fought back, cutting the lead to 28-14 at the half. River got as close as 40-33 in the third period but couldn't catch the Giants.

"We got dominated in the first 12 minutes of the game play and we just don't have the firepower to come back from a

20-point deficit," said Humphries. "I thought after the first 12 minutes our guys played with some fight and will, but we just can't get behind like that."

Trey Taylor had all but nine of River's points as he scored 33 to go with six steals. The Knights are hoping to get some others to step up with a tough schedule looming.

"As we head into district play, it's David versus Goliath every night so if we don't come with a chip on our shoulders there will be a lot more starts like that," said Humphries.

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Xaiden Wynn and Brayden Forbes won individual championships at 106 and 120. Wynn avenged a loss in the Big Orange final with a 6-5 decision over William Byrd's Darin Witcher in an exciting final. Wynn is now 17-1 on the

season. At 120 Brayden Forbes remained undefeated as he won all four of his matches to improve to 22-0 on the season. He pinned Cody Wimer of Broadway in 1:32 in the championship match.

At 138 River's Nate Stewart made it to the final before falling to Matt Garland of Heritage. Nate had four pins to reach the final and is now 18-3 on the season.

Also scoring points for the Knights was Jayden Alston

at 175, who finished fourth. He's now 21-10 after wrestling seven matches in two days at Heritage.

Georgia Miller competed in the Mills Godwin Girls Tournament at 126 pounds last week.

"Georgia had some hard fought close matches and got some good experience," said River coach Bobby Stewart.

This Saturday Stewart will tentatively wrestle in Wise County for a quad, weather pending.

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at center, Nicely at all-purpose on offense, Ben Gilbert at linebacker and Cody McConnaughey at all-purpose on defense. Honorable mention went to Dean Webb at kicker and punter,

Gavin Walker on the offensive line, Kendal Howard on the defensive line and Sam Grooten at defensive back.

On the All-Blue Ridge District team, first team honors went to Harless

at center, Toliver and Walker on the offensive line, Overbay at running back and Nicely at all-purpose on offense. On defense, first team All-BRD went to Anderson on the defensive line,

McConnaughey at linebacker and Lang and Nicely in the secondary.

Second team All-District Cavs are Howard on the defensive line and Gilbert at linebacker.