



Planning Commission denies approval of a permit for Daleville convenience store

The Botetourt County Planning Commission voted Monday night to deny a request for a Special Exceptions Permit from Fralin & Waldron to allow a new convenience store and fuel station in Daleville. The 3-1 vote for denial centered around concerns about traffic congestion at the site on the southwest corner of Roanoke Road and Glebe Road.

Area residents attended the meeting and also shared their concerns about more traffic at the busy site.

One member of the five-member Planning Commission was absent.

The proposal will be considered by the Board of Supervisors, which has the final decision on the request. The supervisors will hold a public hearing on the request at 6 p.m. Monday, January 23 at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive in Daleville.

Although never officially announced, news reports have speculated that the proposal is for a Wawa store on a 2.2-acre site of a 56-acre parcel.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



Botetourt County announces Recreation Incentive Funds recipients

Botetourt County Parks and Recreation has announced the recipients of the 2023-2024 Recreation Incentive Funds. This program offers matching funds to community service groups, individuals, and businesses wishing to make recreation-related capital improvements that benefit the general public. Seven organizations, including non-profit entities and Botetourt County schools, were awarded \$48,654.

"This year's recipients showed creativity, ingenuity, and strategy in their grant submissions," says Parks and Recreation Director Mandy Adkins. "Botetourt County is so happy that we can assist our local schools and community leaders in improving recreation opportunities for our entire community."

- This year's recipients are:
- Breckinridge Elementary outdoor basketball court improvements (\$2,400 project cost/\$1,200 requested)
 - Cloverdale Elementary basketball court

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School Board to hold town hall events for public comments on secondary school facilities

The Botetourt County School Board conducted a survey in October 2023 to get a better understanding of the public's perception of the county's secondary school facilities and to begin a conversation about the future of the school division. To continue this effort, School Board members will be hosting several town hall events around the county, beginning Thursday, Jan. 11, to continue the larger conversation about the secondary facilities.

Meetings are organized by representative district, but community members are welcome to attend whichever event is most convenient for their schedule. The School Board member for that district and Dr. Jonathan Russ, division superintendent, will be present to answer questions and listen to feedback.

Barring unforeseen circumstances such as inclement weather, these town hall meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- January 11 - Lord Botetourt High School (Valley District - Tim Davidick)
- January 16 - Eagle Rock Elementary (Fincastle District - Dana McCaleb)
- January 24 - Colonial Elementary (Blue Ridge District - Matt East)
- January 30 - Buchanan Elementary (Buchanan District - Jenny Wilson)
- February 6 - Central Academy Middle School (Fincastle District - Dana McCaleb)
- February 13 - Lord Botetourt High School (Amsterdam District - Anna Weddle)



Botetourt museum plans for an eventful 2024

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The Botetourt Museum of History & Culture (BCMHC) enters 2024 with exciting plans for the year. Last year, the museum continued to settle in its new location at 25 E. Main Street in Fincastle

after officially moving in its new home in 2022.

Throughout 2023, the museum displayed many exhibits taking visitors through the history of Botetourt County. The Botetourt Historical Society (BHS) offered guests a chance to experience

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Beaver Dam Farm Sunflowers expands to offer weddings and event hosting at Gracely Hill

Think "rustic elegance meets mountain splendor" as you are surrounded with 360-degree views of rolling countryside and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Normally the month of September is a busy month around the farm while hosting the Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival but now people can

enjoy it throughout the year. Gracely Hill, LLC was born after the realization of what a sweet slice of heaven the family was positioned on with mountain views like no other. Since hosting the Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival and receiving so much positive feedback,

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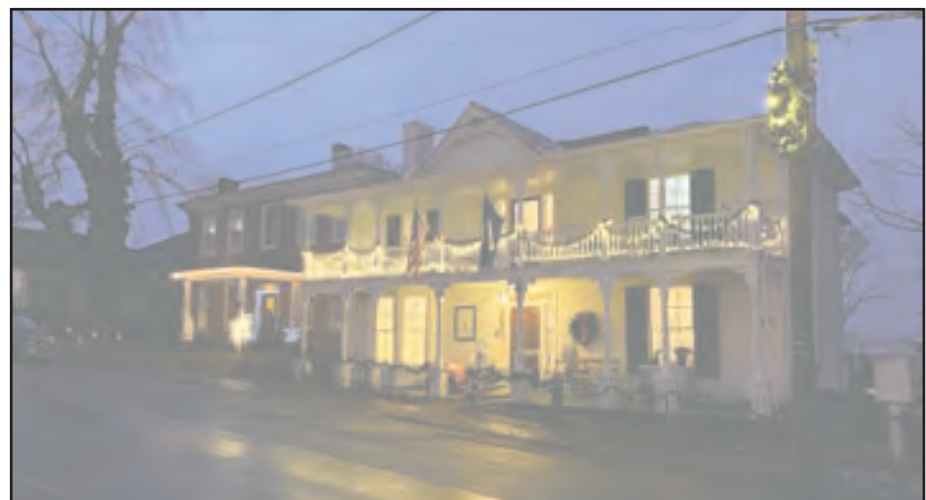


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The Botetourt Museum of History & Culture was beautifully lit with Christmas décor during the 2023 Tinsel Trail.

Botetourt veterans honored throughout 2023



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The Quilts of Valor Foundation honored 13 veterans on June 10 in Buchanan.



FILE PHOTO

A group of Botetourt's veterans stand for a picture during the Nov. 10 celebration.

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Last year saw continuing efforts to honor local veterans. Community

organizations and schools held various events throughout the year paying tribute to individuals in Botetourt County who served the United States in the

military. Lord Botetourt English teacher Bruce Ingram and his 10th grade Advanced Studies class welcomed Eagle Rock's Marion Noel, an Eagle Rock

native and World War II veteran who served in the Navy during the battle of Iwo Jima; Troutville's Jack Cassell, who served in the Navy during World War II and the

Korean War; Cloverdale native and Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War Louis Silcox, and Korean War veteran Dr. Lee Anthony. Ingram's class heard

stories from Noel in March and September with Cassell, Silcox, and Anthony joining Noel in the fall. Additionally,

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Veterans

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Breckinridge, Colonial, and Greenfield elementary schools were among those across the county who held Veterans Day assemblies.



Breckinridge students perform during the school's Veterans Day assembly.

The Town of Buchanan held its 76th Memorial Day service on May 29 followed by a dedication ceremony for Buchanan native PFC Russell Smith of the U.S. Army who was killed in action during World War II. A cenotaph was placed in Lithia Baptist Church's cemetery.



The Troutville Sunshine Girls held a Veterans Day celebration at Troutville Town Hall.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) presented 13 quilts to Botetourt veterans in a special ceremony held at the Botetourt Event Center on June 10 in Buchanan. Veterans Kevin Brockman, Michael Burton, Michael Coloton, Pamela Coloton, Glen Dudley, James Eubank, Daniel Garrett, Roy Gross, Roy Hensley, Mason Jordon, Marshall Moore, Thomas Ryan, and James Thrasher each received quilts during the event. QOVF returned during the Fincastle Festival in September to present quilts to Vietnam War veteran pilots Kip Burton and Chuck Geiger.

Pollard, Jack Cassell, Louis Silcox, Richard Rock, Lee Saunders Anthony, Peter Dunn, Everette "Stan" Diez, Jerry Reed, Peter Howarth, Terry Northington, Bill Rader, Curtis "Skip" Simmons, Roger Reed, John Heath, Chuck Geiger, David Riddleberger, Col. Glenn B. Hammond, Roger Firebaugh, Larry Paldue, Jerry Jacobson, Dale Bryant, Raymond Whitlock, Donnie Noel, Frank Campbell, Ken DiRocco, Sheriff Matt Ward, Chris Rivers, and Christopher Smith.



Greenfield Elementary second grader Ryan Guzman with Sgt. Christopher Rivers and veteran Herbert Scull

The Troutville Sunshine Girls held their annual Veterans Day Celebration at Troutville Town Hall on Nov. 10 honoring veterans Marion Noel, John Eakin, Robert A. Craighead, Carl Price

Botetourt County History

This brass chandelier was donated to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture by Chuck and Julie Gladu in 2022 to provide more light in the staircase. Julie is a member of the Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club who voted to sponsor the new museum for their Community Impact Project for two years. The local club participated in this program as a part of the International General Federation of Women's Clubs. When BCHS purchased the property at 26 East Main Street the BTCWC ladies worked to make it ready for the move from the Breckinridge Law Office behind the courthouse. They cleaned and painted every room, donated packing materials and then recycled them. They donated a microwave, refrigerator, and storage cabinets and installed them. Yard work and flowers were planted and maintained. They helped set up the Barbie exhibit



now on display. During the past two years these volunteers also decorated the museum's Tinsel Trail tree and helped with many

events for which they are appreciated. Time is valuable and BCHS is very thankful for the work these volunteer ladies did.

Universal to create 45 jobs in Botetourt County, \$50 million to be invested

Universal Logistics Holdings, Inc. is poised to undertake an important expansion as it ventures into an industrial building on Lee Highway

in Botetourt County, which is located within the Roanoke Region of Virginia. Universal expects to invest approximately \$50 million and generate 45 new employment opportunities with the expansion. The move marks a strategic initiative for Universal's heavy truck division, a key player in providing third-party assembly, sequencing, and other value-added services within the logistics sector.

servicing Class 8 truck assembly operations. The 254,000-square-foot facility (the former Southern States Warehouse in Cloverdale) will be instrumental in catering to the growing demands of the heavy truck industry and is expected to commence operations in 2025 after a comprehensive 12-month facility customization process.

This expansion aims to further bolster Universal's heavy truck capabilities in

"Our expansion in the Roanoke region represents an exciting phase for Universal's heavy truck division

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, FOR APPROVAL TO CONTINUE RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE, THE EE-RAC, AND FOR APPROVAL OF NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO §§ 56-585.1 A 5 c AND 56-596.2 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2023-00169

- Appalachian Power Company ("APCo") requests a total annual revenue requirement of \$32.9 million for its EE-RAC. According to APCo, this amount would increase the bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by approximately \$1.29 effective September 1, 2024.
- A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing in this case on May 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., for the receipt of public witness testimony.
- An evidentiary hearing will also be held on May 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of the Company, any respondents, and Staff.
- Further information about this case is available on the Commission website at: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On November 30, 2023, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company"), pursuant to §§ 56-585.1 A 5 c and 56-596.2 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Final Order of the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") in Case No. PUR-2021-00236, filed with the Commission a petition ("Petition") for approval: (i) of the continued implementation of its rate adjustment clause ("EE-RAC") to recover the costs of its portfolio of energy efficiency ("EE") programs; (ii) of two new EE programs; and, (iii) to continue and enhance existing programs. Pursuant to Code § 56-585.1, the Commission must issue a final order regarding the Petition within eight months of filing.

Specifically, the Company proposes to recover a total annual revenue requirement for the EE-RAC of approximately \$32.9 million for the rate year of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 ("Rate Year"). The proposed annual revenue requirement consists of two components: (i) a projected factor of approximately \$27.8 million in costs related to the EE Portfolio during the Rate Year, and (ii) a true-up factor of approximately \$5.1 million designed to return (or recover) any over- or under recovery of costs associated with the EE Portfolio from prior periods. APCo represents that it calculated the margin on EE program expenses based on a return on common equity of 9.2%, and that the Company anticipates the margin to change to 9.5% to be applied prospectively in accordance with the Commission's Final Order in Case No. PUR-2023-00002.

APCo states that the implementation of the proposed EE-RAC effective September 1, 2024, would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by approximately \$1.29. APCo states that the Company intends to submit its next EE-RAC petition two years from now, and asks the Commission to order the Company make this filing on or before November 30, 2025. Therefore, the Company proposes that the rates set in this proceeding would be in effect for approximately two years.

The two new EE programs APCo proposes to implement are the Residential School Kits Program and the Residential Multifamily In-Unit Program. The Company states that its Residential School Kits Program will provide energy education and take-home kits to students throughout APCo's service territory. The Company states that its Residential Multifamily In-Unit Program will provide a range of products and services that result in lower energy usage; including the direct installation of energy-saving measures and materials in individual units of multifamily buildings with five or more units, and will identify and assist residents in completing additional energy savings opportunities.

There are three existing programs previously approved by the Commission, comprising the Residential Low Income Single Family Program, the Residential Low Income Multifamily Program, and the Home Performance Program, that the Company seeks to extend by establishing a new five-year cycle to start in 2025. Further, APCo proposes to make changes to enhance programs previously approved by the Commission, including the Energy Efficiency Kits Program, the Efficient Products Program, the Business Energy Solutions Program, and the Small Business Direct Install Program.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on APCo's Petition. On May 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned will hold the telephonic portion of the hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before May 14, 2024, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Hearing Examiner to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at sec.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@sec.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at sec.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on May 21, 2024, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On May 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and has required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: James G. Ritter, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or jritter@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before May 14, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Petition electronically by following the instructions on the Commission's website: sec.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00169.

On or before February 27, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00169.

On or before March 26, 2024, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be sent to Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneously with its filing. In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, Filing and service, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, Prepared testimony and exhibits. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00169.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice, the public version of the Company's Petition, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the Commission's website at: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for January 4-6:

- Jason Darryl Colley, 51, of Salem, burglary, property damage, petit larceny, tampering with a vehicle, drunk in public, January 4
- Ricky L. Mundy, 39, of Troutville, theft of a credit card, petit larceny, January 5
- Carlos R. Medina Caceres, 44, of Durham, N.C., driving under the influence, January 6

Applications being accepted for arts and crafts show in Buchanan

Applications are being accepted by The United Women in Faith for the first Washington Street Arts and Crafts Show to be held on May 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the grounds of Trinity United Methodist Church in Buchanan.

This juried show will be open to all art and fine craft media. Outside spaces are 10'x10' and the exhibitor entry fee is \$35 for the show.

For applications to the show or questions, email the request to: Washington Street Art Show@gmail.com.

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- rejuvenation (\$17,731/\$8,865.50)
 - Colonial Elementary playground enhancements (\$15,500/\$7,750)
 - Eagle Rock Elementary outdoor basketball court and track enhancements (\$6,439.10/\$3,219.55)
 - James River High School scorer's table (\$15,238/\$7,619)
 - Troutville Elementary playground updates (\$23,500/\$10,000)
 - Town of Buchanan (Town Improvement Society) renovations to the Community House (\$30,335/\$10,000)

Seven organizations applied for funding and received approval. Applicants presented their project to the Botetourt Parks and Recreation Commission, which serves as the Selection Committee. The committee made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, which serves as the final approving authority.

Since the program's inception in 1998, the grant has led to over \$2 million worth of improvements to property within the county. Some of the completed

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Library Buzz

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Libraries closed for MLK

All branches will be closed Saturday, January 13 - Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Fincastle Library reopens Jan 22

The Fincastle Library is closed for renovations. It will reopen for regular hours on Monday, January 22.

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 engineer 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. 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 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
 Thu, Feb 1, 6:30-7:30pm, Fincastle
 The Violin Conspiracy by Brandon Slocumb
 Wed, Feb 7, 12-1pm, Buchanan
 Theme: "Luminous Life" - Choose a title from a list of recommendations.
 Discuss books and authors with fellow readers while enjoying coffee and social connection.

Murder Hole Cave

Tue, Jan 30, 6-7pm, Blue Ridge
 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.

Winter Reading Challenge

January 1-31
 Everyone has a rich history and unique stories to tell – and so do you! What do you know about your family, history, and identity? As you read this month, pay attention to the things that increase your understanding of other people and yourself. Log your reading minutes and earn badges on your virtual bingo card at botetourtva.beanstack.org.

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

Hosting

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the Monaghan family realized they needed to share more of this view and the family farm with others.

"I'm so excited to be able to share and open up our family farm all throughout the year with our rustic chic venue with these gorgeous mountain views you really can't find anywhere else around," says Candace Monaghan, venue owner.

Work began in the winter of 2021 to transform the old, three-sided machine shed into a rustic, enclosed barn to host events. Over the course of the next few years construction and additions were made to bring the barn to what it is today.

"We started with pouring a concrete floor in the main section of the barn, this was a huge help during our sunflower festival for the musicians to have a better spot to perform as well," Monaghan said. "The following year the front of the barn was enclosed with two beautiful sliding barn doors. An addition to the back added changing rooms and a warming kitchen. Electricity was installed as well. In 2023 bathrooms were installed along with heat and AC. We also have a wonderful covered patio off of the front of the barn to take in all the amazing views."



When it came time to name the venue, it seemed fitting to use their children's middle names, Grace and Riley (Gracely) since it will be a part of their legacy. The Monaghan children (Ella, 16 and Brennen, 14) are learning early what dedication and hard work it takes to run a family owned and operated business. They help not only with the venue but the sunflower festival as well. They help maintain all of the landscaping and maintenance, help with vendors and the day-to-day tasks.

Comments from Curated by Katie Event Design included, "We hosted an intimate wedding reception at this gorgeous and picturesque venue in Botetourt County. The space has plenty of room for your back of house staff and prep, as well as room for guests to roam the lush green lawn space. Easily could host large events with more than ample space for parking. The landscape surrounding

the venue was admired by all who attended, especially with so many fall colors showing out on the mountains. The space is beyond affordable, the owners are wonderful to work with and the accommodations included really help events come together in a very classic way. While indoors offers plenty of space, weather allowing, you have much more space to work with. Looking forward to having more events here!"

"We are excited for what the future holds for our venue and family," Monaghan said. "We have hosted James River High School's homecoming, bridal showers, baby showers, birthday parties, family reunions, corporate events, wedding receptions and we are just getting started. We have weddings booked into 2024 and are ready to meet new brides and guests, and help them make their wedding dreams come to life."

For more information, visit www.GracelyHill.com or email gracelyhill@gmail.com.

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as we fortify our commitment to delivering top-tier services within the logistics and transportation sectors," said Universal's CEO Tim Phillips. "Our investment not only signifies our dedication to growth, but also underscores our pledge to contribute meaningfully to the local economy while creating employment opportunities for the community."

Universal's investment in this expansion initiative is a testament to its vision of enhancing operations and fostering economic growth in the region. The creation of 45 net new jobs will provide a platform for skilled individuals to

contribute to and benefit from the flourishing logistics landscape.

Botetourt Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Amy White said, "We are extremely excited this project is locating to Botetourt County in a space that had been previously used for a warehouse operation. Universal will upgrade the use of the facility to manufacturing and will allow the talent of our community to excel. This announcement, along with the announcement of the commercial growth, is enhancing Botetourt in every direction."

"The expansion of Universal demonstrates the region's competitiveness in automotive manufacturing," said John Hull, executive director of the Roanoke Regional Partnership. "The Roanoke Region is truly a center of excellence when it comes to automotive and heavy truck manufacturing with a strong portfolio

of products and components."

Over the next 12 months, Universal will upgrade the Lee Highway building to accommodate its specialized services, ensuring it aligns seamlessly with the company's operational requirements and quality standards.

Universal Group worked with Botetourt County, Roanoke Regional Partnership, and Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) in support of the project. The company will receive local assistance with talent solutions. In addition to the initial job creation and investment, the Roanoke Regional Partnership projects an annual economic impact of \$43 million in the Roanoke Region from the project, adding an additional 83 indirect and induced jobs.

- Botetourt County Communications

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on January 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the requests listed below. Information may be viewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and is available online at: <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/Agenda-Center> by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section.

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

Amsterdam District: 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 St 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.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lness@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, January 18, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on January 23, 2024.

Gary Larowe
 Botetourt County Administrator

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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
 Town of Fincastle

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The Shift
 (2023) After meeting a mysterious stranger, a man must escape a "dystopian" world to return to his wife.
Thursday, Jan. 11 7 p.m.

Wonka
 (2023) With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers.
Friday, Jan. 12 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 14 3 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18 7 p.m.

NOTICE
The Botetourt County governmental offices and libraries will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Citizens Convenience Center at the old county landfill will be open.

Stockyard Report
Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:
184 Head
Hogs: \$60.00-80.00
Goats: \$36.00-100.00
Graded Steers:
 400-499: \$227.00
 500-599: \$228.00-240.00
 600-699: \$230.00
Graded Bulls:
 400-499: \$227.00-235.00
 500-599: \$220.00
 600-699: \$216.00
Graded Heifers:
 400-499: \$227.00
 500-599: \$230.00
 600-699: \$216.00
 700-799: \$185.00
Kill Cows: \$52.00-100.00
Kill Bulls: \$106.00

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OBITUARIES

Barnett, Jerry Lewis

Jerry Lewis Barnett, 74, of Daleville, went peacefully to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Jerry was a loving father, brother, best friend, but most of all the best Paw Paw ever created. Jerry had many lifelong friends, which is a true testament to his kind and selfless spirit. He was always positive and rarely met someone who didn't become a friend. Jerry loved his two grandsons more than words can express. He was an avid Harley Davidson rider.

Jerry worked and retired from Virginia Truck



Center, formerly Fruehauf, in Botetourt for 45 years.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Martha "Marti" Barnett, and

mother and father, Frances and Jack Barnett. Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Amy Evans; two grandsons, Hunter Lewis and Holden Evans; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Freddie Patsel, Faye and Henry Tabor; brother, Norman "Bo" Barnett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2024 in Godwin Cemetery, Fincastle. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Otey, Bernice Lee

Bernice Lee Otey of Botetourt County passed away on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at the age of 103. She was born in Botetourt County on January 11, 1920, one of 10 children.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 42 years, Charles Otey; her parents, Emmett and Lura Lee; sisters, Pauline Shaw, Norma Lee, Dorothy Simmons, June Lee, Thelma Kyle, and Virgie Duncan; brothers, Emmett Lee Jr., Garland (Mack) Lee, and Jack Lee; and sister-in-law, Eleanor Lee.

She is survived by her sister, Audrey (Peach) Hawkins; sister-in-law, Charlotte Lee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She graduated from Fincastle High



School. Bernice worked for several companies including the Armour Meat Packaging Company, American Viscose, F.W. Woolworth, Yale and Towne, and Tultex where she retired in 1985.

She was a faithful member of Preston Oaks Baptist Church. She loved working in her flower garden and enjoyed sharing plants with family and friends. Before Facebook she kept

up with all her extended family. Although she never had children, she raised many. Bernice cherished her family and was always ready to help them if they needed anything.

We would like to thank Jeanne Duncan and the staff of Jeanne's Elderly Care for the care and love they gave Bernice while she was there. We would also like to thank Gentle Shepherd Hospice.

The family received friends from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at Oakey's North Chapel. The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at Oakey's North Chapel with Pastor Michael Sheppard officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Burial Park.

Davis, Rebecca Camper

Rebecca "Becky" Camper Davis passed peacefully on January 4, 2024 in her home of 62 years in

Richmond, VA. Becky, 91, was preceded in death by her loving husband of 47 years, Harry Thomas Davis

Jr.; parents, Benjamin Taylor Camper and Irma Gross Camper; siblings, Rosa Lee

(Webbie) Williamson, Jackie (Billy) Marshall, and Larry Camper; sister-in-law, Marie Camper, and great-grandchild, Magnolia Belt.

Becky cherished her family. She is survived by her children, Mary

Lynn (Tim) Parker and Glenn Davis;



brother, Lynn Camper; grandchildren, Michael (Amanda) Parker, Hannah (Cordell)

Roots, Emily (John) Belt, Meredith (Robert) Smith, and Joshua (Claudia) Davis; great-

grandchildren, Johnny Logan, Lynndale, and David Belt, Reagan and Cordell Jr. Roots, and

Savannah Parker; in addition to a large extended family that loved her dearly. She enjoyed all the

places she worked, but was most proud to have served the community at Short Pump Elementary

School for over 27 years.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-noon Friday, January 12, at Mount Vernon Baptist

Church (Nuckols Road). Services and reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the National Kidney Foundation (kidney.org),

a cause very near to her heart, or Mount Vernon Baptist Church, where she was a member for over 60 years.

Caldwell, Doris Britt

Doris Britt Caldwell, born in Botetourt County to Burnell and Tillie Pullen Britt, passed away January 4, 2024.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; her two daughters, Kimberly and Karen; a brother-in-law, Morgan Owen; and sister-in-law, Billie Britt.

Doris is survived by her devoted husband, Guy Caldwell; beloved son, Kevin Newcomb; sisters, Susie Shelton (Dan), Peggy Roten and Rebecca Petty; and brother, Richard Britt.

In addition, Doris leaves behind an aunt,



town with plants and flowers. She was always ready to lend a helping hand to whoever might have a need. She loved her family, was an excellent housekeeper, cook, confidant, friend, and the best sister who will forever be loved and missed! Doris was a member of Eagle Rock Baptist Church.

The service for Doris will be held at Rader Funeral Home, 630 Roanoke Road, Daleville, on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Jay Robinette officiating. Interment will follow in Shiloh Cemetery, 519 Shiloh Road, Eagle Rock. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service.

Flowers are appreciated; however, memorials may be made to Shiloh Cemetery Fund, 1281 Salt Petre Cave Road, Eagle Rock, 24085.



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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Dexter
Dexter came to The LAP from The Friends of Bedford Rescue on July 25, 2022. He is about 5 years old and is a very sweet little fellow. Dexter was a stray in the Bedford/Hardy area and his owner never attempted to retrieve him. A fenced yard is required.

The shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Respiratory disorder
7. Bulgarian mountain peak
10. Group of important people
12. South American nation
13. Amazons
14. ___-Castell, makers of pens
15. Perlman and Seehorn are two
16. Early medieval alphabet
17. Legislator (slang)
18. Tasty crustacean
19. Course of action
21. Airborne (abbr.)
22. Permanent church appointment
27. Larry and Curly's pal

CLUES DOWN
1. Wager
2. Classical portico
3. As a result
4. Bird
5. A type of "Squad" system
6. Autonomic nervous system
7. Dish with food on a stick
8. City northwest of Provo
9. C. European river
10. One out of jail
11. Henry Clay estate
12. Heathen
14. Refrained
17. Parts per billion (abbr.)
18. "The Stranger" author
20. Not old
23. Periods of starvation
24. Language of tribe in India

CLUES ACROSS
28. Famed American journalist
33. 12th letter of Greek alphabet
34. In a way, vanished
36. Afflict in mind or body
37. Egyptian Sun god
38. Source of the Blue Nile
39. Egyptian unit of weight
40. Be the source of pain
41. Esteemed award ___ d'Or
44. Partner to pains
45. Deep blue
48. No longer living
49. Country in the UK
50. Not even
51. Arizona city

CLUES DOWN
25. Savings account
26. Pitching stat
29. Megabyte
30. Ribonucleic acid
31. A place to put your feet
32. The fun part of a week
35. We all have our own
36. Partner to "oohed"
38. African nation
40. Breezed through
41. Sets out
42. Other
43. Not fattening
44. "Much ___ about nothing"
45. Central Time
46. Former EU monetary unit
47. Charles S. Dutton sitcom

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Botetourt Worship Directory

ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

Troutville Assembly of God, 118 Conner Lane, P.O. Box 728, Troutville, VA 24175, Pastor Dennis Carroll, 540-960-1224, Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Everyone welcome.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Botetourt Church of God of Prophecy - (formerly Flatwoods COGOP & Fincastle COGOP), Roanoke & Academy Streets, Fincastle, Va 24090, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship 11.00 AM, Sun. Evening 6:30 PM, Wed. Evening 7:00 PM, Pastor Peggy Brown, 540-992-3696.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

Colonial Baptist Church - 221 Hillcrest St., Blue Ridge, VA 24064. Phone 540-977-5683. Senior Pastor Joel A. Wegner; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships; 10:30 a.m. Worship (Nursery, Tots' & Children's Church)—broadcast on Facebook Live; One Sunday evening worship per month at 6 p.m. Wednesday schedule during the school year: 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Studies; 6:45 p.m. WOL Teens, 7 p.m. WOL Gopher Buddies & Olympians (Age 3-Grade 6), 7 p.m. MERGE (College Age). E-mail: office@cbcblueridge.org; website: www.cbcblueridge.org; On Facebook, Instagram, YouTube

Crossroads Baptist Church - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M.

Faith Baptist Church— 4258 Botetourt Rd., 4 miles N. of Fincastle; Dr. John W. Reynolds, pastor- teacher, 473-2325, jwr56fbc@yahoo.com. Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. fincastlefaith.com.

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church— Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., Pastor. 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. 540-556-3504. Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00a.m.

New Hope Baptist Church— 2315 Blue Ridge Blvd. (US 460), 977-6610, Pastor David McNeill; Sunday School, 9:45AM; Worship, 10:45AM, 7PM; Wed., Bible Study 7PM; Kings Kids, 7PM; Daycare and Preschool, Mon-Fri. 6:30AM-6PM.

Valley View Baptist Church— 17471 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Daniel Boone, 254-2760 (church), 254-2570 (H). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM, Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM; Wednesday: Prayer and Youth Ministries, 7 PM, Word of Life youth ministry for 4 year olds-12th grade Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Bonsack Baptist Church - 4845 Cloverdale Rd. (Alt. 220) Dr. Chris Cadenhead, 977-5701, Sunday School, 8:30a.m. and 11a.m.; Worship 9:45a.m.; Wed. Bible study, 6 p.m.

Buchanan Baptist Church - 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all

ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site - buchananbaptist.com; Phone - 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

Daleville Baptist Church— Corner of Valley Rd. and Orchard Dr., 992-1570; Senior Pastor Wes Belcher; Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Youth 6:30 p.m., Children (age 4-5th grade) 6:45 p.m., Bible study & prayer 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

Generations to Come

Read Exodus 10:1 through 12:51

Floyd looked forward to the times his grandchildren visited. They reminded him of his youth with their energy and vitality. Floyd loved telling them the stories of his childhood, especially when he told them of how he came to Christ.

God also gave Israel an important story to pass on.

“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance” (Exodus 12:14).

Several times in today's reading God told the nation of Israel to share the events of the Passover with the generations that followed. Even today, people celebrate the Passover every year, and this reminds Israel's descendants that God delivered His people from bondage.

We too should learn from their example and pass on our experience of God's goodness to our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and any others in our spheres of influence. God wants everyone we know to come to the saving knowledge of Christ and will gladly use our testimony to point them to that relationship with Him.

Thought for Today: God wants us to testify of our experiences as Christians to those who come after us.

director.

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

ECKANKAR

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

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Buchanan Presbyterian Church - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org

Fincastle Presbyterian Church - 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The Reverend David Dickerson is the minister with the Worship Service held from 10:30 - 11:30 Sunday mornings. Services are now being held in the sanctuary with no restrictions...unvaccinated individuals are still requested to wear their masks. The service will also be live-streamed via Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastlepresbyterianchurch>). New members are welcome to join our hand bell and vocal choirs. (No musical experience is required...just a desire to worship the Lord and to have fun!) The church is handicapped accessible. For more information: fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com or (540)473-2042.

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church - 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Rev. Emily B. Hook, pastor, 804-516-6552. Sunday School at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Morning Worship & Praise at 11a.m. each Sunday. Communion once each quarter.

Virginia Presbyterian Church - 918 Pico Road, Buchanan, 24066. Worship 9:30 a.m. (nursery provided), Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Church of the Transfiguration— 7624 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, VA 24090; Fr. Paul Lagco. 473-2656. Saturday Mass at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8:30am; Christian formation after Mass on Sunday.

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

St. Mark's United Methodist Church - 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Pastor Samuel 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.

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 the Eagle Rock Library.

Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open Saturday, January 13 from 9-11 a.m. Volunteers from the Buchanan Lions Club will distribute food curbside. The offerings include meat, bread, eggs, milk and staples. Anyone who needs food is welcome. The church address is 19559 Main Street, Buchanan. The pantry is open the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

Second Saturday Free Lunch at Solomon's Mission

Solomon's Mission on Lowe Street in Buchanan will have its Second Saturday Free Lunch from 11:30

a.m.-12:30 p.m. this Saturday, January 13. The lunch will be soup and a sandwich provided by the Church of the Transfiguration Circle of Mary ladies group.

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.

Joyful Journeys travels for 2024

Joyful Journey Travels is an outreach program of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville, offering trips geared to senior citizens, but any age is welcome. Children sometimes accompany their grandparents. The overnight trips are arranged by White Star Tours in Reading, Pa. White Star is a family-owned Christian company, celebrating 53 years of specializing trips for senior citizens.

The trips range from 3 days/2 nights to 6 days/5 nights. Prices cover motorcoach transportation, lodging, breakfasts, dinners and occasionally lunch, sightseeing, professional guides, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities, and the driver's tip.

The 2024 trips are:
 • The Parade of Nations & Va. International Tattoo, Norfolk, April 18-21; 4 days/3 nights, \$746 per person double occupancy \$1,015 single occupancy.
 The term "tattoo" derives from the cries of the 17th

& 18th century Low Country innkeepers in Scotland, who, as the fifes and drums of the local regiment signaled a return to quarters, would cry, "Doe den tap toe," meaning turn off the taps. The innkeeper's customers departed and returned to their barracks. Today, there are only 5 international tattoos in the world and is a ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands from the NATO countries. The International Tattoo in Virginia incorporates groups from around the world including acrobats, choral groups, precision military drill teams, and much more.

• Three Belles of the South Savannah - Golden Isles (including St. Simons & Jekyll Islands), Beaufort, June 17-21; 5 days/4 nights, \$723 per person double occupancy, \$922 per person single occupancy. Guided tours of all of the above and much more.

• Sights and Sounds of Lancaster, Pa. featuring performance of "Daniel," August 5-7; 3 days/2 nights \$514 per person double occupancy, \$662 per person single occupancy. Includes guided tour of Historic Hershey, Hershey's Chocolate Tour and Chocolate Tour Ride and much more.

• The Grand Canyon of Pa., Oct. 14-17; 4 days/3 nights; \$699 per person double occupancy, \$941 person single occupancy. Enjoy the fall foliage as you tour the canyon by covered wagon. Includes Susquehanna River Cruise, Millionaires Row Tour and much more.

For flyers detailing each trip, go to the church website at stmarksmethodist.com, pick-up flyers at the church 19 Cedar Ridge Dr., Daleville, or call Julia Greer at 540-330-7933 or email her at julia.short.greer@gmail.com. The church secretary only works part-time so call the church at 540-992-3030 before going to the church.

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projects include the design and installation of the James River mile marker signage, improvements made to Buchanan Elementary's playground equipment, installation of an AED at the Greenfield soccer

fields, improvements to concession stands at Read Mountain Middle School, scoreboards at James River High School, new picnic tables at Blue Ridge Park, and senior fitness equipment installed at Troutville

Town Park. Local schools and booster clubs have also used grant funding for batting cages, track improvements, and other recreation/sports amenities to help benefit the students in our community.

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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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER SALE OF 101 DRY BRANCH ROAD, BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA, 24066

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.

Terms of Sale: Cash (10% on the day of sale with the remainder at closing within 60 days).

For further information, apply to:
Tommy Joe Williams, Special Commissioner, 2721 Brambleton Avenue, S.W., Roanoke, Virginia, 24015, office telephone number: (540)772-7848, cell phone number: (540) 797-4065.

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
Botetourt County Circuit Court

Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CWF220000276**
BOTETOURT COUNTY
Circuit Court, 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ESTATE OF WILMA C. TODD, DECEASED

The object of this suit is to: SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ESTATE TO PARTIES ENTITLED. It is ORDERED that Upon the motion of Atlantic Union Bank, Executor of the Estate of Wilma C. Todd, deceased, (the "Estate") pursuant to Va. Code Section 64.2-556, for an order to show cause against distribution of the Estate. It appearing to the court that the necessary reports of the accounts of the Estate and of the debts and demands against the Estate have been filed with the Court, and at least six months have elapsed since the qualification of the Executor, it is accordingly ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate of Wilma C. Todd, deceased, do appear at 11:00 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2024 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, 1 West Main Street #120, Fincastle, Virginia 24090 and show cause, if any the can, against payment and delivery of the Estate to the parties entitled thereto, without requirement of refunding bonds.

1-5-2024
Joel R. Branscom, Circuit Court Judge.

JANUARY 8, 2024
Leslianne Smith, Deputy Clerk

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 22, 2024, at 6:30 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 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.

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.

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Legals - City of Salem

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- (1) Dilapidated structure located at 602 Goodwin Avenue, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map #201-10-2); and
- (2) Dilapidated structure located at 336 Schrader Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map #115-1-4).

All parties in interest at the public hearing will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potentially dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036) THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM
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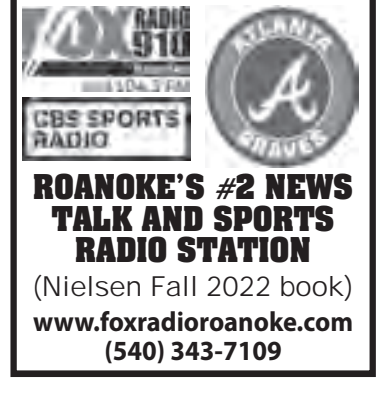
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Crawford gets first start for Wasps

Emory & Henry freshman Jackson Crawford (right), a 2023 graduate of Lord Botetourt High School, got his first start for the Wasps basketball team in a game at No. 23-ranked Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C. Emory & Henry led the game by one with two and a half minutes remaining but ended up on the short end of a 95-91 score. Crawford played 28 minutes at point guard and had five assists and a steal with no turnovers. He was two-for-two at the line. The Wasps are at Carson Newman in Tennessee tonight.



COURTESY PHOTO



Conner Dowdy lays the ball in for two points against Byrd.



Carson Edwards of LB (21) takes a charge in Friday's game at William Byrd.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Challenging week for LB boys hoop

The Lord Botetourt boys play two of the top high school basketball teams in the area this week when they take on William Fleming and Northside. The Cavaliers were scheduled to host Fleming Tuesday, and Northside will head to Daleville this Friday.

Tuesday's game was too late for press deadlines, but Fleming came to town with a 6-4 record and one Blue Ridge District loss, to Northside. The Colonels have played a challenging schedule, as their other losses are to the Carlisle School, Western Albemarle and Mills E. Godwin High of Richmond.

The Vikings opened the week at 10-2 overall and they won both their district games last week. Northside's losses have been to Carlisle and a talented Rustburg team.

Botetourt opened the BRD season last week by splitting two games. The Cavaliers opened the district season with a decisive win over Staunton River in Daleville, 86-44. LB led 40-28 in the half and then outscored the Eagles 46-16 after intermission, holding Staunton River to two points in the fourth quarter.

"Good all-around effort for us, especially in the second half," said LB coach Andrew Hart. "It was good to see

some shots falling and for us to get some confidence."

The Cavs put four players in double figures, led by Landon Hayes with 18. Blake Lovern had 16 and Ethan Ikenberry and Braydon Don had 10 points each. Carson Edwards had nine rebounds while Lovern, Brady Kish and Conner Dowdy had four assists each.

On Friday the Cavaliers played William Byrd in Vinton and fell 81-60. It was a one point game at 49-48 in Byrd's favor after three quarters, but the Terriers caught fire in the fourth period and outscored LB for the 81-60 win.

"This was a great high school basketball game for three quarters," said Hart. "It was every bit of the battle we thought it would be."

Ikenberry had 13 and Hayes had 11 to lead the Cavaliers. Botetourt shot just 30 percent from the floor, hitting 21 of 69 shots. Byrd shot the lights out, hitting 32 of 49 shots for 65 percent.

"Byrd has a strong team with some really good players," said Hart. "We give them a lot of credit for making big plays and big shots in the fourth quarter to pull away. We are gaining experience in these big games and we will be better for it in the long run."



COURTESY PHOTO

Medley signs to play at Lenoir Rhyne

Lord Botetourt High School senior Nolan Medley committed to Lenoir Rhyne University in Hickory, N.C. to play baseball in a ceremony in the LB auditorium on December 20, 2023. The lefty standout will pitch and play the outfield for the Bears. Pictured at the ceremony are, left to right, mom Jennifer, brother Easton, Nolan, and father Dan. The ceremony was also attended by former coaches, current coaches, teammates, trainers, friends and family. "We are very excited to welcome Nolan into the Bear baseball family as high end left-handed pitching is hard to find," said Bears associate head coach Adam Skonieczki. "He already possesses an upper 80s fastball that will continue to improve as he gets into the program. He has a breaking ball that has proven to get people out consistently and his natural competitive nature will also help him succeed at the college level."

Botetourt track team will run at RC Thursday

The Lord Botetourt track team participated in an indoor track meet at Roanoke College last Friday. The Cavaliers were originally scheduled to run at Liberty University on Saturday, but that was cancelled due to threat of bad weather and the Cavs went to RC on Friday instead.

Botetourt had a strong 4x800 team that came in first place with Tristan Marshall, Caden Marshall, Preston Vaughn and Ethan Thorne. Thorne also state qualified in the 500.

"His family moved to Northern Virginia a



Ethan Thorne (20) of Lord Botetourt runs the 1600 at Roanoke College last Friday.

few years ago but they are back now and are a wonderful addition to our LB family," said Botetourt coach Michelle Gantzhorn. Senior Kendal Howard

won the shot put and senior Noah Glenn had a personal best in that event by over four feet. The 4x200 girls team of Madeleine Gantzhorn, Elizabeth Meadows,



Madeleine Gantzhorn runs in the 4x200 relay for the Cavaliers.

Riley Shupe and Jackson Kemper took fifth in a large field.

So far the Cavaliers have qualified six athletes for the indoor state meet, Zion Woody and

TJ McGinnis in the 55 meters, Caleb Miller in the 55 hurdles, DJ Toliver and Howard in the shot put and Thorne in the 600.

On Thursday of this



Kendal Howard of Botetourt puts the shot at Friday's meet.

week the Cavs are back at Roanoke College for the East Coast Elite Meet #2 and on Friday and Saturday LB athletes will be in Virginia Beach at the Virginia Beach Showcase.

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Museum

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events like an oral history event in February celebrating Black History Month, and holding its annual Founder's Day Dinner in October which saw State Underwater Archaeologist Brendan Burke serve as the event's keynote speaker.

A unique concert experience was put on by the Botetourt Preservation Partnership (BPP) that consists of a group of citizens, interest groups including representatives from Historic Fincastle, Inc., the Botetourt County Historical Society and the Museum, along with local government representatives. The event featured musicians playing the sounds of the 18th century.

Additionally, the museum collaborated with outdoor activities group Muddy Squirrel to put on a haunted tour through Fincastle, and also worked together with Attic Productions bringing to life the story of Ann Goodwin and Charles Figgat in the 1800s inspired by the book "Dear Nannie... yours devotedly, Charlie" by Gail McMillan and Jean Robbins.

The BPP created banners for the fences around the construction site for the ongoing courthouse project which

included information about 1770 Botetourt County and its impact, sites, and scenes from present day Fincastle, Buchanan, Troutville, Daleville/Amsterdam, Eagle Rock, Mill Creek area, and Blue Ridge. The BPP started another project obtaining wood from the old Breckinridge Law Offices that formerly housed the museum and commissioned local wood turner Willie Simmons to make some limited editions from the wood sold at the museum.

Blue Ridge native and Botetourt Museum Director Lynsey Allie recently talked about a "very good" 2023 at the museum and what to look forward to in 2024.

"(Last year) was sort of our first 'real' year here," Allie explained. "In 2022, we had just moved in after leaving courthouse square and getting settled. We brought back the ghost tour and all of the different events. I think it was a really good year and a year of expansion with having a class of fifth graders (coming in to visit the museum) and we hope to bring all county fifth graders in for 2024."

She noted visitors enjoying the permanent exhibits in the museum that feature information about Lewis & Clark and the history of Botetourt County, the collaboration with Attic Productions, the display cases loaned by Roanoke's Taubman Museum, and the celebration of Barbie over the holiday season.

Allie talked about some of the future exhibits and events coming this year that include her determination to have a Norvel Lee exhibit in the museum in 2024 to celebrate the Paris Olympic Games and what would be Lee's 100th birthday this September. The haunted tour will again return this year along with the annual Founder's Day event that the museum director hopes to be "bigger and better."

The director hopes to continue building relationships with local organizations through partnerships and collaboration.

"I love working with other organizations, other groups," Allie said. "We did the 'Dear Nannie...' production in collaboration with Attic and they were just beyond wonderful to work with. It benefited the museum and benefited

Attic Productions— I love it when everything works out and for everyone it's a win."

Allie is also hopeful that through working with the Historic Greenfield Advisory Council, they can bring in an African American living history interpreter some time in the late summer/early fall.

"I just love reaching out and bringing in other like-minded groups (to get involved with the museum)," she noted. "What is the saying? 'Many hands make light work.' Hopefully, everyone can get involved and reach a broader audience. I love trying to get businesses involved because a lot of folks, I think, recognize that this county has such a rich history. I think people are really recognizing the importance of that and want to help out (showcasing the history)."

For more information about the museum, visit the museum's website at <https://bothistsoc.wordpress.com>. The museum is open every Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Botetourt girls open district play with two wins

The Lord Botetourt girls opened Blue Ridge District basketball play last week with two wins. The Cavaliers beat Staunton River and William Byrd to run their overall record to 10-2.

Botetourt had a big game on Tuesday of this week, but results were too late for publication. The Cavaliers were scheduled to play at William Fleming, and the Colonels come into the week with an identical record as LB, 2-0 in the district and 10-2 overall.

Botetourt opened the BRD season with a convincing win over Staunton River in Moneta, 73-25. All 11 Cavaliers on the team scored at least three points with Grayson Alfano leading the team with

14, including four of five from three-point range. Madilyn Winterton had 10 points and nine assists while Maddie Caron also scored 10 points.

On Friday in Daleville the girls had too much firepower for visiting William Byrd, downing the Terriers 61-10. Gracie Huffard had 14 points and Winterton, Caron and Taylor Orange had 12 each in a balanced attack. Abby Kingery had nine points and Ainsley Anderson dished out eight assists.

“Both great team wins,” said LB coach Renee Favaro of the first two district games.

The Cavaliers are on the road this Friday to take on Northside and home next Tuesday, January 16, to host Franklin County.



Gracie Huffard of LB backs her way in against William Byrd.



LB's Reagan Meade pushes the ball up the floor in Friday's win.

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Local wrestlers go head-to-head twice this week

The Lord Botetourt and James River wrestlers will meet on the mats twice this week, once at each school as both teams host quad matches.

Tonight, Wednesday, Lord Botetourt will host a quad with River, Floyd County and George Wythe. Wrestling begins at 5:30 p.m. and it will be Senior Night for the Cavaliers.

“Cool circumstances,” said LB coach Paul Craft, who wrestled for Botetourt in high school. “The assistant coach for George Wythe is Mike Jones from LB, who was a state champion here. And, of course, Bobby Stewart is JR's coach and wrestled here. So, three of the four teams have former LB wrestlers as coaches.”

On Saturday it will be River's turn to host a quad in Springwood. Wrestling will begin at 10 a.m. and LB, Stuarts Draft and Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy will join the host Knights beginning at 10 a.m.

The Knights were weathered out of a tournament at Central High of Wise in Norton last weekend. As of press time, no makeup date had been announced.

Lord Botetourt was weathered out of a tri-match at Roanoke College last Saturday and the Cavaliers also were going

to send some wrestlers to the “Knights of the Round Table” tournament at Cave Spring, but that was cancelled as well. Last Wednesday the Cavaliers participated in the “Bobcat Brawl” at Radford High School.

“We took the whole team to the Bobcat Brawl in Radford but we only allowed a few of our starters to wrestle,” said Craft. “I think we had five starters out of 14 weight classes in it. It was mainly to get mat time for our kids that haven't cracked the lineup. We want to make sure they stay engaged and continue developing. We were extremely proud and excited of the way our team wrestled.”

Despite not having all the starters the Cavaliers swept the Radford event. Scores were LB 57-George Wythe 16, LB 42-Radford 33, LB 49-Martinsville 24, LB 48-Giles 30 and LB 54-Abingdon 24.

“It was a great opportunity to get some mat time against good teams, and we were also able to see Abingdon, who is a Region 3D opponent,” said Craft. “I'm glad we got the Radford tournament in. Any time we can send non-starters to a tournament and win the whole thing it's a good day. We're going to continue getting better.”

River girls drop two district games to open the year

The year 2024 got off to a rough start for the James River girls as they dropped two basketball games to open their Three Rivers District schedule. The Knights fell at Floyd County and at home against Alleghany.

The Floyd girls are always tough, and this year is no exception as the Buffalo gals took a 52-44 win last Wednesday. The Knights fell behind 11-2 at the outset but cut the lead to 18-15 by the end of the first quarter. Floyd opened a 28-19 lead at the half and held on as the Knights rallied in the fourth quarter.

“We played well at times, but we just couldn't get over that hump,” said River coach Ryan Firebaugh. “Every time we got back within four or five points we would have a spurt of a couple of turnovers and Floyd would capitalize on those turnovers and stretch the lead back 10-12.”

Caitlin Canada had a game high 29 points for James River along with six rebounds and four steals. Kelsi Maydian had six points and Honesty Liming had 11 boards.

“Floyd is one of the best teams in the state in 2A and we went toe to toe with them,” said Firebaugh.

On Friday in



River's Audrey Benson passes the ball up the floor as coach Ryan Firebaugh looks on.

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Springwood the girls hosted Alleghany and dropped a 54-20 decision.

“We just didn't play well,” said Firebaugh. “Alleghany is a pretty good team, they will compete in their region, but we didn't shoot well at all. Alleghany kept us off balance all night with their defensive pressure and pushing the ball in transition. When you shoot 25 percent for the game it's hard to compete,

and Alleghany couldn't miss. It was just one of those nights.”

Keira Crawford and Maydian had seven points each to lead the Knights. Jalen Thompson had seven rebounds.

The loss dropped the Knights to 5-7 on the season and they were postponed against Carroll County on Tuesday. The girls are home Thursday to play Martinsville in a non-district game.

Swimmers return from holiday break

The high school swimmers will be back in the water this week after breaking for the holidays. Both Lord Botetourt and James River have busy schedules.

On Thursday, James River will host a tri-meet at the Botetourt YMCA and it will be Senior Night for the Knights. Lord Botetourt and Alleghany will participate.

This Saturday, James River and Lord Botetourt are both scheduled to swim in the big “All-Timesland” meet at the Gator Center in Roanoke. Preliminaries will begin in the morning for a meet that will run all day with many schools attending.

Next Tuesday, January 16, River will swim in a meet at the Bedford YMCA while LB is scheduled to swim at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.

Knights are at Liberty tonight for boys basketball

The James River boys are looking to pick up their first basketball win in the new year tonight when they travel to Bedford to take on Liberty High School. The Knights are off to a rough start in 2024, dropping their first three games of the year to Three Rivers District foes.

Liberty comes into the week at 1-6 overall with the win coming against Brookville. The Minutemen have played a tough schedule, with five of their losses against Class 3 or 4 teams, including a 71-point (103-32) loss to Class 4 E.C. Glass.

River opened the new year with a strong Floyd team and two Class 3 district schools, Alleghany and Carroll County. The Knights lost all three, but coach Ethan Humphries sees a silver lining in that cloud.

sounds, I thought what transpired could turn out to be a great week for us,” said Humphries. “Our young guys got to learn first-hand how far up the figurative ladder we have to climb in order to compete in our big boy district. It's a long climb, so our guys just gotta keep showing up to work every day. Not only did we play the three best teams on our schedule in a row, but when Floyd and Alleghany shoot like that, I'm not sure who is beating them. Partly it was our lack of defense, but partly they both were on fire for 32 minutes. I'm not sure I've seen that in back-to-back games before.”

The Knights lost at home to Floyd, 76-26. The Buffaloes hit 16 of 30 three-pointers, including eight of 11 in the first quarter. Trey Taylor had 10 points for River.

Alleghany the Cougars, a combined Alleghany and Covington team from last season, took an 81-38 win to improve to 10-3. Alleghany was 15 for 29 from behind the arc, including seven of 10 in the first quarter. Taylor led River again with 15.

On Monday of this week the Knights were back home to take on Carroll County and the Carroll Cavaliers improved to 12-1 with a 65-35 win over the home team. Taylor had 13 points and Kody Park had seven.

“We showed some good fight and execution against Carroll,” said Humphries. “A few chippies around the rim go in for us and we would've been tied at halftime with a pretty darn good team. Coming out of halftime, Carroll amped up the ball pressure and caused the game to get away from us. For the most part it was a



River's Maddox Pichay looks to pass to a teammate.



Benson Lawson (10) of the Knights goes to the hoop in last week's home game with Floyd.

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step forward.” Now 2-10, the Knights will play at Radford on

Friday after tonight's game at Liberty. Next week River has two home

games, Patrick County on Tuesday and Glenvar on Thursday.