



BTEC Veterinary Tech students earn industry certification



BTEC Veterinary Technology students (from left) Kennedy Davis, Hayley Rader, and Shay Fowler earned Elanco Veterinary Medical Application Certification. Not pictured, Savanna Martin, Louisa Jamison, Dallas Miller, Rhaya Kitt, Emma Kaufman, and Chase Clemons.



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BTEC Veterinary Technology students Rhaya Kitt, Louisa Jamison, Dallas Miller, Chase Clemons, and Emma Kaufman also received certification in Canine and Feline First Aid and CPR. Not pictured, Savanna Martin.

Students in the Veterinary Technology class at Botetourt Technical Education Center have earned industry certifications this academic year. Through the intensive certification program, these students have shown mastery of the knowledge needed for entrance into their respective career field of interest in various Career and Technical Education (CTE) subject areas. This promotes a successful transition to post-secondary education and/or the workforce.

Students who earned the Elanco Veterinary Medical Application Certification are Shay Fowler, Hayley Rader, Kennedy Davis, Savanna Martin,

Louisa Jamison, Dallas Miller, Rhaya Kitt, Emma Kaufman, and Chase Clemons.

In addition, Savanna, Louisa, Dallas, Rhaya, Emma, and Chase earned certification in Canine and Feline First Aid and CPR.

Developed and issued by industry-leading companies and organizations such as Elanco and Southwest Airlines, and tested for on the iCEV platform, the certifications enhance student résumés and help them stand out to prospective colleges and employers. The certifications reflect the needs of real-world career expectations, boost

employability and allow employers to identify and connect with qualified applicants. To earn the certification, each student passed a rigorous exam based on weighted industry-valued and industry-accepted standards.

"I'm very excited about what these students have achieved. I hope this will be a steppingstone for their successful career journey. If you are looking for qualified veterinary assistants, I highly recommend each student that earned this certification," said Andy Bell, the teacher of the program.

"Our goal in offering certification testing on the iCEV platform was to

provide students with validation of the specialized skills they have developed and knowledge-base they've built," said iCEV President Dusty Moore. "The certifications are meant to have an immediate positive impact on students as they plan for their future after high school, whether that is attending college or joining the workforce. On behalf of CEV Multimedia and our industry partners, we congratulate all students at BTEC for this tremendous accomplishment and wish them the best as they pursue their career goals."

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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Board to hold public hearing about Wawa request Tuesday

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing about a proposal for a Wawa convenience store in Daleville at its meeting this Tuesday, January 23, at the County Administration Center in Daleville. The public hearing will begin at 6 p.m. The Botetourt Planning Commission

voted to deny approval of the request from Fralin & Waldron for a Special Exception Permit (SEP) for the development of a Wawa convenience store in the Daleville Town Center at its meeting in Daleville last week.

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BCPS announces Employees of the Month

Donald Tucker, a math teacher at Central Academy Middle School, and Jose Ariza Lama, a custodian at Cloverdale Elementary School, are Botetourt County Public Schools November Employees of the Month. Due to holiday scheduling, they were recognized during the previous two School Board meetings.



Central Academy Middle School
Certificated Employee of the Month



Cloverdale Elementary School
Classified Employee of the Month

Left: Central Academy Principal Jordan Pickard, Donald Tucker, and Fincastle District board representative Dana McCaleb. Right: Cloverdale Elementary Principal Kelly Rooney, Jose Ariza Lama, and Valley District board representative Tim Davidick.

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.

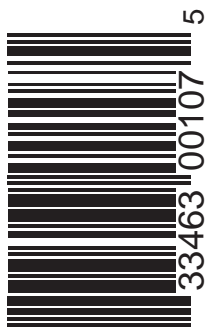


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Botetourt martial artists show off certificates



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Junior students show off their new certificates after being tested by instructor Doug Bleecker. The Roanoke Okinawan Karate School is held at the Carilion Wellness Center in Botetourt.

Botetourt County History



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This showcase displays items excavated from the Big Spring Park in Fincastle. It was donated to the Botetourt County Museum of History and Culture by Sandy Lucas. He found coins, buttons, thimbles and other artifacts in the park and along the new walkway that has been created. The trail starts along Back Street and goes to the ball field closest to Breckinridge Elementary School. There are plans for an outdoor classroom, fruit and nut orchard, an historical interpretation plaza and signage close to the present day gazebo. There is a bridge over the creek and wildlife to view. The Big Spring served as a place to get clean water since its use by Native Americans. Later it made the area a popular crossroad for early settlers. The location was included in the acreage donated by Israel Christian to make up the original boundaries of Fincastle. It was part of a land grant to Christian by King George III. Winter is an excellent time of the year to search for fossils and find hidden artifacts.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Report from the House Del. Terry Austin

To the Constituents of the 37th House District:

Last Wednesday, January 10, marked the beginning of the 2024 Session of the Virginia General Assembly. Due to redistricting, the 60-day "long session" is marked by new districts and many new faces. In fact, there are 34 delegates and 17 senators who were elected for the first time in 2023. A change of this magnitude has not occurred in decades, and with it comes new perspectives, opinions, and a tremendous loss of institutional knowledge. The last two years were marked by a divided legislature. This year, we arrive in Richmond with a Democrat majority of the slimmest margins in both chambers, with Republicans holding 49 of 100 seats in the House and 19 of 40 seats in the Senate. This is democracy at work.

Having represented the 19th House District for 10 years, I am honored to serve what is now the 37th House District. The new 37th comprises the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Rockbridge (part) and the cities of Buena Vista, Covington, and Lexington. I am grateful to continue representing the people of Alleghany, Botetourt, and the City of Covington. And though I will miss the citizens of Bedford County, I look forward to representing my new constituents of Craig, Rockbridge, and the cities within. My priorities remain advancing our region's interests in transportation, workforce education initiatives, and economic development.

The first week and a half of Session are mainly organizational as committees and subcommittees are formed and bills are referred accordingly. I am pleased to report that I retain my previous committee assignments of Appropriations, Transportation, and Rules, while also being appointed to General Laws. Serving on four committees, and the various subcommittees therein, means that my schedule will continue to be marked by long days and nights in Richmond. However, I always enjoy visiting with constituents and will continue to make time do so as my schedule allows. Last

week, I had the pleasure of visiting with local bankers from our district and enjoyed discussing their industry priorities.

The first day of Session is when the House of Delegates elects its Speaker of the House, a position bestowed upon by the majority. This year's election was an historic occasion as the House of Delegates unanimously elected its first African American Speaker, Delegate Don Scott of Portsmouth. Virginia is home to the longest continually operating democratic institution in the Western Hemisphere, and this moment in the General Assembly's 405-year history is something that should be reflected upon as we embark upon our nation's 250th anniversary. I am encouraged to hear the bipartisan theme that both he and the governor alluded to in their respective speeches on Wednesday.

The areas of general agreement appear to be strongest regarding the needs of rural healthcare, mental health services, and region-specific workforce development. There are, however, also several differences in priorities. Republicans will continue our fight to defend pro-life measures, our constitutional right to bear arms, and Virginia's right-to-work laws. Last year, we successfully delivered much-needed tax relief to Virginians and remain committed to provide further relief. We will also continue our work to disentangle Virginia from California's emission standards, ensure that law enforcement is properly resourced, and prevent the weakening of violent crime laws. The slim majority and the governor's veto pen mean that Republican input is still needed to pass bills into law.

It is an honor to serve you in the Virginia House of Delegates. If I can be of assistance to you, or you would like to share your position on legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me at DelTAustin@House.Virginia.gov or 804-698-1037.

Delegate Terry L. Austin
37th House District

DAR - Our Patriot Ancestors

In recognition of the upcoming 250th celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the DAR America 250! Committee of the Botetourt County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is placing a spotlight on members' Patriot ancestors who helped the country achieve American Independence.

Buckner Whittemore is the Patriot Ancestor of Botetourt County Chapter member Carole Beat Geiger and six other DAR members in her family who descend from him. He was born circa 1750 in what was at that time

Lunenburg County. Buckner descended from Whittemore immigrants who settled first in what is now Gloucester County, Va., and then in historic Brunswick County.

History indicates that this Whittemore family line settled in one location, the county name of which changed as the counties evolved from Brunswick to Lunenburg to Mecklenburg County.

Genealogical evidence identifies Buckner's parents as John and Tabitha Whittemore. His will indicates that he had both sons and daughters, including son James B. Whittemore, through whom Carole

descends. However, thus far, no records identify his wife's name. Buckner died in Mecklenburg County, Va., before October 22, 1839, at 88/89 years old.

Patriot Buckner Whittemore signed the Mecklenburg County Legislative Petition (a local "declaration of independence") dated May 14, 1777. Such petitions enabled communities to communicate their positions to the government of the fledgling state of Virginia. This act of defiance against

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OBITUARIES

Ailstock, Robert Gene

Robert (Bob) Gene Ailstock, 75, of Buchanan, passed away Saturday, December 30, 2023. Born Dec. 7, 1948, in Covington, he was the son of the late William Lee and Frances Hepler Ailstock.

Bob was a veteran of the Vietnam War and retired from Yokohama Tire Company after 30 years. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing along with his horses and rabbit beagles.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, William L., Jr., James, and Tom Ailstock. Bob was also preceded by his only child, Matthew David Ailstock.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Kitty Charles Ailstock; brother, Dan Ailstock (Elaine);

and four sisters, Mary Sizemore (Gene), Ginny White (Walter), Mae Persinger (Marvin), and Brenda Ayers (Dwight); and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Mill Creek Baptist Church with Pastor Danny Quirin officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mill Creek Baptist Church Building Fund, 11475 Lee Hwy., Fincastle, 24090 and to Greenwood Presbyterian Church, 626 E. Morris Hill Rd., Covington, 24426. Those wishing to send a condolence, please do so at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Hatcher, Laura Hayes

Laura June Hayes Hatcher, 54, brother, Darin and Michelle Hayes; of Fincastle, went home to be with and numerous nieces and nephews. our Lord and Savior on Sunday December 31, 2023. She was preceded in death by her father, James Edgar Hayes; and brother, Darrell Hayes.



Laura loved to go to the beach especially Holden Beach in North Carolina, farming, and flower gardening.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Mike Hatcher; her son, Derek M. Hatcher; mother, Sandra Lee Staubs Hayes;

The family would like to thank Good Samaritan Hospice for their outstanding care given to Laura. She has requested her funeral and burial be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 4930 Country Club Road, Troutville, 24175. Those wishing to send a condolence, please do so at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Cash, Dale Edward

Dale Edward Cash, 49, passed away, Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

Dale graduated from James River High School in 1994 and was employed as a stock clerk at Wal-Mart. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Edward Cash.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Rose Kestner Cash; his brother, Daniel Cash; as well as



his much loved dogs, "Jingles" and "Lucky." The family has decided to hold a Celebration of Life at a later date during better weather. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Botetourt Funeral Homes for funeral expenses. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Rucker, Ralph Hampton

Ralph Hampton Rucker (Hamp, Dad, Poppy) went to be with the Darby and Natalie Darby; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, wonderful Lord on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at age 85. He was born and raised in Fincastle, where he grew up attending Woodland Church.



Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, Jean McMillan Rucker; parents, James Samuel, Sr. (Sam) and Nettie Rucker; sister, Agnes Rucker Dalton Prinz; brothers, James Samuel, Jr. (Pete) and Frank Anthony (Tony) Rucker and his wife, Audrey; brothers-in-law, Joe, Jimmy, Charlie, Doug, Gerald, Bobby and Willard (Mac) McMillan; sisters-in-law, Lou, Linda, June and Virginia McMillan; as well as daughters, Kelly Rucker Lovelace and Lori Rucker Lester Hartless; sons-in-law, James Lester and Robert Walthall; and grandson, John Lovelace.

He is survived by his daughter, Toni Rucker Walthall; sister-in-law, Connie McMillan; and grandchildren, Jayme Lester White, Leah Lester, Levi Rucker, Liam Walthall, William Darby, Shane

respected by colleagues in his profession for his dedication and skill. The family received friends for the visitation from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service at 3 p.m. in Trinity Cemetery. Because of his big heart and love for all animals, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Roanoke Wildlife Rescue, P.O. Box 20482, Roanoke, VA 24018 or www.roanokewildlife.org. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

CHURCH NEWS

Springwood Food Pantry open Saturday

The Springwood Baptist Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, January 20, from 9-10:30 a.m. The pantry is located at 88 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan. This is a drive-through pantry, so clients may remain in their cars and volunteers will load the food for them.

The pantry is open each month on the third Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m. It is a partner with Feeding America Southwest Virginia and anyone in need of food is invited.

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 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.

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A Note of Thanks

To all the relatives, friends and neighbors who cared so much for Doris Caldwell to attend her service, the family thanks you so much for your support. Also, the visits, food, prayers, cards and flowers meant so much.

It gives some comfort that Doris is now resting beside her daughters at the church she attended as a child. Doris has come home.

Caldwell & Britt Families

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 lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, January 18, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on January 23, 2024.

Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FINCASTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Fincastle Planning Commission will hold a public general information meeting relating to a proposal to change certain property currently zoned A1 to a Rural Residential (RR) classification. No action by the Commission will be taken at this meeting.

This meeting will be held Wednesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Fincastle United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 137 S. Church Street, Fincastle.

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\$106.00-\$113.00

AARP Fraud Alert: Credit Repair Scams

If you're like a lot of people, you spent a lot of this holiday season and you might be in the mood to tackle your debt in the New Year. Getting yourself out of debt is hard work. It takes time and discipline.

Be a fraud fighter! If you are wary of offers of guaranteed quick fixes, stop a scam.

Fraud criminals use all sorts of pitches to help you become debt-free. These offers usually involve up-front fees, bad advice like stopping communication with your creditors, and vague details on what services they

actually provide. If you need help getting out of debt, turn to an organization like the nonprofit National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

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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

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.

Beginning Engineering

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!

How to Draw

Fridays 3-4pm, Blue Ridge
Get a step-by-step lesson on how to draw an object/animal, then draw your own and incorporate your drawing into a story. Next up: Jan 19 - Penguin; Jan 26 - Seal & Walrus.

Art Club

Fridays 3-4:30pm, Buchanan
Engage your creativity and find your inner artist with hands-on projects. Casual atmosphere, drop in anytime during the event to enjoy warm tea, relaxing music, and at-your-own pace art

activities. Scalable for all ages. Next up: Jan 19 - Crochet Jars; Jan 26 - Cement Plant Pot or Team Light Holder.

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.

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

Kindergarten registration begins February 12

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school term is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2024 from 12:00 pm - 6:00pm at each elementary school. Please contact your child's school directly and schedule a time to come into the building and complete the appropriate paperwork.

All parent forms may be found on the BCPS division website, under the parents tab: https://www.bcps.k12.va.us/parents/registration_forms

Virginia school law states that children are of school age if they have reached their fifth birthday on or before September 30th.

Information requested at the time of registration will include:

- Birth Certificate
- Documentation of Proof of Residency (mortgage/ lease/real estate tax statement – or a current utility bill

and a current bank statement or check stub issued by an employer)

• A physical examination and a record of immunization will also be required prior to the first day of school.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact the school at the following numbers:

- Breckinridge Elementary: 473-8386
- Buchanan Elementary: 254-2084
- Cloverdale Elementary: 992-1086
- Colonial Elementary: 977-6773
- Eagle Rock Elementary: 884-2421
- Greenfield Elementary: 992-4416
- Troutville Elementary: 992-1871

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Tuesday Morning members help Soup for Seniors

The Tuesday Morning Club met at Troutville Church of Brethren with 14 members present on January 9. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order. Rita Bruffey was hostess and had devotions. Mary Furr won hostess gift. Nancy Waddell read the minutes and Faye Kessler gave the treasurer's report. Ruby Taylor was re-elected as club president. January's project was a donation to LOA's Soup for Seniors. The February project will donations to Brian Center

for Bingo game prizes. Cheryl Wood and Pam Obenchain won game prizes. From left are: front, Mary Furr, Nancy Waddell, Linda Harris, Dot Hillard, Faye Kessler, Priscilla Hedrick, and Rita Bruffey; back, Nancy Goad, Pam Obenchain, Gale Webb, Cheryl Wood, Barbara Harris, Karrie Knox, and Ruby Taylor.

- Tuesday Morning Club

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Meet Sparky



Sparky is a 5-month-old kitten. She has been tested for feline diseases and is chipped. She came to the LAP from the Friends of Bedford Rescue.

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NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

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

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 - Coach's game area
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 - Brings into being
 - Displaced liquid
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 - Sensory receptor
 - Egyptian temple ____
 - Ombo
 - Challenges
 - Photograph (slang)
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 - Twine together
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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.

Thursday, Jan. 18
7 p.m.

Migration
(2023) A duck family tries to convince their overprotective father to go on the vacation of a lifetime. (1 hr 23 min)

Friday, Jan. 19
7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20
7 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 21
3 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25
7 p.m.



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 Burkhart, preschool

THE NIGHT SEASON

Read Psalms 62:1 through 68:35

George A. Young, a bivocational preacher in the nineteenth century, ministered mainly to rural churches while he supplemented his income as a carpenter. After many years of struggle he was able to build a home for his family with his own hands. While away from home in ministry, some who disagreed with his preaching burned his house to the ground. Shortly thereafter he wrote the hymn, "God Leads Us Along."

Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue (Psalm 66:16-17).

The Psalmist's words speak to us when we are going through life's challenges. And Pastor Young speaks to us of praising God in the night seasons of life: "Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song, in the night season and all the day long."

Like Pastor Young, we can pray and we sing in the night. Prayer plus praise equals power. Focus on God's presence and power and don't let sin cut the lines of communication.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, we are thankful that through the challenges, we can still sing praises to You.

Quicklook: Psalm 66:13-20

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.

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 oslrroanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888. Mailing address PO Box 916, Blue Ridge, VA 24064.

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

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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.

Time to register for the 2024 Gauntlet Business Program and Competition

It's time to sign up for the 2024 Gauntlet Business Program and Competition—a dynamic 10-week business development program that helps entrepreneurs at any stage start or expand their business. As Virginia's largest event of its kind, the Gauntlet teaches aspiring or existing entrepreneurs every aspect of owning a business, and provides networking with passionate entrepreneurs—in addition to winning a variety of cash and in-kind prizes.

This year the Gauntlet, founded by The Advancement Foundation (TAF) and President and CEO Annette Patterson, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The first class—a virtual one for orientation—takes place on Jan. 30, followed by an in-person kick-off event at the Vinton War Memorial on Feb. 5. Classes then continue weekly on Tuesdays through April 2 on a virtual platform. Entrepreneurs who wish to compete for awards submit and “pitch” their business plan. The winners are announced at the Graduation and Awards Ceremony at the Vinton War Memorial on May 23. The Gauntlet program works with local community

leaders in over 50 communities across Virginia to identify and foster business development and entrepreneurial ecosystem building goals in alignment with local, regional, and state priorities. The Gauntlet is open to everyone—whether they are just in the idea stage or ready to expand an existing business. The program includes a network of over 300 business professionals and industry experts who provide specific and critical support to the participating entrepreneurs—one of the most valued aspects of the program. Gauntlet organizers say that over \$3 million in cash and in-kind awards have

been distributed over their 10 years to entrepreneurs who are investing in properties which may have long been vacant, creating local jobs, and contributing to growing tax bases in their communities. Some of the primary objectives of the Gauntlet program include:

- Uncovering and developing entrepreneurial talent in small and rural communities all across Virginia
- Providing a meaningful and substantial learning experience for entrepreneurs who are interested in starting or growing a business
- Connecting program participants with other business talent (over 1,000 Gauntlet Alumni and over

300 industry experts)

- Identifying local and regional business professionals and industry experts who support entrepreneurs and their activities
- Identifying local stakeholders and service providers who have an interest in donating cash and/or in-kind services to be awarded directly to their local entrepreneurs who participate in the program
- Identifying and attracting venture and other types of capital investment (e.g. grant opportunities, loan funds, etc.);

 Some of the primary benefits of the Gauntlet program to participants include:

- Access to Intellectual

Capital: the program provides the opportunity for exposure and development of the skills necessary to create or grow a successful business venture;

- Access to Financial Capital: the program provides an opportunity for cash and in-kind awards to for new or expanding business ventures and access to other local, regional, state, federal funding opportunities that have been identified

 For more information or to register, visit theadvancementfoundation.org/the-gauntlet.

Submitted by The Gauntlet Program of The Advancement Foundation

Church from page 3
 -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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Decision from page 1
 The Planning Commission heard from several citizens who spoke in opposition, expressing traffic concerns and other issues that could come from a new

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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

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. 23CL23-00036100, styled Janis P. Barrett (Plaintiff) v. Cherokee Rose Eubank (Defendant), I will, on Friday, January 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.

Legals - Botetourt County

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 given 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 that 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 - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Radford will hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting of Council on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm, in the City Council Chambers located in the City Administration Building, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia to receive citizen comment and input regarding the Radford Transit application for FTA F.Y.25 Operating Funds, in the amount not to exceed \$2,550,000 and Capital not to exceed \$175,000. Interested persons may appear at the aforementioned time and place to present their views and comments. Comments may also be sent to Melissa Skelton, Transit Coordinator at 10 Robertson Street, Radford VA 24141 or Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov.

Authorized by Radford City Council

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

Legals - City of Salem

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

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on January 24, 2024, at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearing shall be to determine if certain structures are dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structures should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structures are located as follows:

- (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 BY Troy D. Loving, Building Official

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, voted to continue the public hearing of the following item.

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.

This item will be heard at the February 14, 2024, 7:00 P.M. meeting of the Planning Commission. This meeting will also be held at the Salem Civic Center.

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 - Craig County

Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that allows the continued release of treated wastewater into a water body in Craig County, Virginia.

Legals - Craig County

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 17 to February 19, 2024

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit - Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Craig-New Castle Public Service Authority (PSA); PO Box 128, New Castle, VA 24127; VA0064599
FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS: Craig - New Castle Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); 370 Commerce Ave., New Castle

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The PSA has applied for reissuance of a permit for the WWTP in Craig County, Virginia. The applicant proposes to continue to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 175,000 gallons-per-day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be stabilized, dewatered, and transported to Roanoke Valley Resource Authority for ultimate disposal in a sanitary landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into Craig Creek in Craig County in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, solids, physical & chemical properties, nutrients, inorganics, and bacteria.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov; Phone: 540-562-6700.

Legals - Montgomery County

BWW# VA-360283-2 TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 105 ASTER LANE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 27, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$190,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2007011289
The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 23, 2024, at 3:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF VA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 973 PAGE 243, RECORDED 08/29/1997.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale.
The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's

Legals - Montgomery County

more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, BEING DESCRIBED AS LOT 99, PHASE V, NEW RIVER VILLAGE, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PLAT FOR MICHAELW. AND SHANNON M. HARDWICK OF LOT NO. 99, PHASE V, NEW RIVER VILLAGE, IN THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-362029-1.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL230020118-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* MELISSA JANE MCPHERSON v. JACOB ANDRE MCPHERSON A/K/A KOBI MAZUR

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 130 HELM DRIVE, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 26, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$77,284.21 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2005014678. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 23, 2024, at 3:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF VA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 973 PAGE 243, RECORDED 08/29/1997.
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The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JACOB ANDRE MCPHERSON A/K/A KOBI MAZUR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 8, 2024.

JANUARY 5, 2024
K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE
TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

Legals - Roanoke County

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River grad Jack Baker is recognized at NFL game for weekly coaching honor

Nelson County High School football coach Jack Baker (middle), a James River High graduate and former River football player and assistant coach, was one of 10 high school coaches who were honored by the Washington Commanders when they hosted the Dallas Cowboys at FedEx Field on January 6. Baker was named High School Coach of the Week in the greater D.C. area for week 5 of the 10-week high school season. All the weekly coaches who were selected were invited to attend the Washington-Dallas NFL game, along with a guest, and were introduced on the field during the second quarter. The High School Coach of the Week Program, sponsored by Clark Construction, is an NFL initiative that aims to highlight local high school football coaches who consistently demonstrate a dedication to their programs, their players' health and safety, and to making a difference in their community. Coach Baker will receive a \$2,000 personal award and an additional \$2,000 for his high school football program.



COURTESY PHOTO

River girls beat M'ville

The James River basketball girls will look to even their record and pick up their first Three Rivers District win tonight with a scheduled trip to Patrick County. Weather could play a factor in that trip as Tuesday's games were postponed due to inclement weather and temperatures were expected to remain in the freezing range.

River improved to 6-7 overall last Thursday as the girls took a 42-29 win over visiting Martinsville in Springwood. It was a slow-paced game from the outset as the Bulldogs run a four corners offense and try to keep the game low scoring.

"I thought we played exceptionally well," said River coach Ryan Firebaugh. "We jumped right on them and took advantage of Martinsville's mistakes. Our defense stepped up and played great."

River took an early lead and managed to hold it throughout.

"I told the girls throughout practice that we needed to jump on them early and keep our foot on the gas pedal, and we did just that," said Firebaugh. "I did feel like we left some points on the floor. Overall, we played hard and played aggressively, which I like. If we continue to play defense like that we'll be hard to



PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Caitlin Canada of James River handles the ball.

beat down the stretch."

Kelsi Maydian led the Knights with 14 points while Caitlin Canada had 11 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Audrey Benson also hit double figures with 10 points while adding four boards and five steals. Honesty Liming had six rebounds and Keira Crawford had three points, three assists and three steals.

"Overall, I'm very proud of my girls," said Firebaugh.

"We picked up a big win and these girls never quit."

After tonight's trip to Patrick, hopefully, the Knights will be back on the road to take on Glenvar Friday night. The Highlanders have yet to win a game.

Next week River is home to Floyd on Tuesday, at Alleghany on Thursday and home to Radford on Friday, January 26, to conclude a busy week of district games.

Knights host Glenvar

The James River boys basketball team has a date with Three Rivers District rival Glenvar scheduled for Thursday of this week in Springwood. The Knights are looking for their first district win after splitting two games last week.

River won a non-district game over Liberty High in Bedford last Wednesday, 56-54, when freshman Mark Voight drained a game-winning buzzer beater. Voight took a pass from Trey Taylor and hit a 10-foot floater just as time expired for an exciting win.

This one was close all the way. River led by three points, 24-21, at the half and the two rivals battled down the stretch. Taylor had 29 points and five rebounds to lead the Knights while Matthew Anderson had 10 points and five boards. Kody Park had 10 rebounds.

"We're so proud of our guys and we're glad they got to experience what high school sports is all about," said River coach Ethan Humphries. "We worked hard on the prep. For them to go out and execute at a high level and for it to pay off was very rewarding. Even if it hadn't worked out, I thought our fight and our togetherness was the best it had been all year, and that's encouraging as we head into this last month."

On Friday the Knights played at Radford and dropped a 55-29 decision in a Three Rivers District game. The loss dropped River to 3-11 overall and 0-4 in the Three Rivers.

"Radford is a tough, physical team and that got us in foul trouble early," said Humphries. "In terms of mentality we had to play perfect against them for four quarters to give ourselves a chance."

River hung tough. The Knights trailed just 7-6 after one quarter and 23-15 at the half.

"The first half was an absolute war and had a playoff feeling," said Humphries. "You could feel the magnitude of every possession as both teams had to earn everything. We battled tough for a half but in the third quarter our old habits got the best of us and the game bent their way."

Taylor led River once again with nine points and six rebounds. Tuesday's home game with Patrick County was postponed due to inclement weather.

Next week the Knights have three games scheduled, beginning with a Monday trip to Floyd. On Wednesday, January 24, they're home to Alleghany and on January 26 the Knights are at Carroll County.



Lord Botetourt senior swimmer Layne Jones will be swimming for Liberty University next year.

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LB, River seniors honored at meet

It was "Senior Night" for the Lord Botetourt and James River swimmers last Thursday when the two county schools and Alleghany swam at the Botetourt YMCA pool.

LB swept the meet. The Cavalier boys beat James River, 33-18, and Alleghany, 34-26, and the girls beat River, 63-25, and Alleghany, 34-27. In the combined score LB defeated River 96-43 and Alleghany, 110-40. River beat Alleghany in the combined score, 62-50, with the Knight boys out-swimming the Cougars, 42-23, but the Alleghany girls out-touching the Knights, 27-20.

LB seniors are Sam Bishop, Ella Johnston, Layne Jones and Isabella Sanchez. Jones is a four-year swimmer who plans to continue her swimming career at Liberty University.

James River seniors recognized were Walker Wilson, Drew Whitson and Ethan Smith.

First place finishes for River included the girls 200 medley relay team of Riley Persinger, Drew Whitson, Sarah Lorman and Cora Mullins while Wilson also won the boys 50 free and 100 butterfly. Whitson won the 100 girls free.

For the LB boys, Noah Fredrickson won the 200 freestyle, Max Mizuba took the 200 IM and 100 backstroke and Matthew Lee won the 100 breast. In the relays the team of Mizuba, Lee, Fredrickson and Kent Basham won the 200 medley and 200 free relay.

In the girls meet, Jones won the 200 free and 100 back and Hannah Mizuba won the 200 IM and 100 fly. Also taking firsts were Sanchez in the 50 free, Olivia Nicely in the 100 breast and Julia Misicko in the 500 free.

In the relay events the LB team of Jones, Nicely, Misicko and Mizuba won the 200 and 400 free events.

Botetourt also swam in the All-Timesland Meet on Saturday but final results were not distributed at press time. The Albemarle boys and Cave Spring girls were team champions.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

LB indoor team competes at RC

The Lord Botetourt indoor track team competed in a meet at the Roanoke College Cregger Center indoor facility last Thursday. Here Jahki Emmons-Mayo of the Cavaliers competes in the long jump competition.



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Lord Botetourt seniors, left to right, are Walker Wilson, Drew Whitson and Ethan Smith.

LB girls win two more to remain undefeated in the Blue Ridge District

The Lord Botetourt girls improved to 12-2 overall and 4-0 in the Blue Ridge District with two more impressive basketball wins last week. The Cavaliers had a home game with Franklin County postponed by inclement weather on Tuesday of this week.

The Cavs opened last week with a 52-46 win over a talented William Fleming team. Taylor Orange scored a season high 24 points for LB, hitting five three-pointers. Gracie Huffard and Madilyn Winterton had seven points and 11 rebounds each.

“William Fleming is a very long and athletic team,” said LB coach Renee Favaro. “They made things hard for us and, as a result, we had too many turnovers in the first half, but our girls played exceptionally hard for 32 minutes.”

The loss was the first in the district for Fleming. Botetourt grabbed sole possession of first place in the Blue Ridge District with the victory.

“It was a gritty performance and I thought defensively we made them take shots they did not want to take,” said Favaro. “Both teams struggled from the floor, field shooting percentage wise, and it came down to defense and rebounding. The game had a playoff feel to it and will help us down the road.”

On Friday the Cavaliers traveled to Northside and blew out the host Vikings, 77-19. LB led 50-9 at the half and had only missed six shots to that point. Botetourt had 71 points after three quarters when Favaro took her foot off the gas. All 11 players played 10 or more minutes and scored three or more points, and 10 of the 11 players had already scored by half-time as LB shot 56 percent from three-point range and 50 percent from the floor for the game.

Grayson Alfano led the Cavaliers with 14 points, including four threes, while Winterton scored 10 points. Both players only missed one field goal attempt.

Ainsley Anderson added nine points and seven assists. Maddie Caron, Huffard and Orange had seven points each and Bry Orange pulled down a team-high



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Left, Ainsley Anderson of LB goes to the hoop at Northside Friday. Right, Jaiden Dann of the Cavaliers drives to the hole.

eight rebounds to go with half a dozen points.

“It was a good week for our group, which continues to show how well-balanced we are in scoring,” said Favaro. “We have six kids who have led us in scoring at some point this year, which makes us hard to guard

and scout.”

The Cavaliers are now off until next Monday, January 22, when they host Blacksburg in a non-district game. A day later, on Tuesday, Staunton River comes to Daleville for a BRD tilt.

Cavaliers upset Fleming, fall to BRD leading Vikings

The Lord Botetourt boys took on two tough district opponents last week and managed to come away with a split. The Cavaliers upset William Fleming in Roanoke, 64-54, but lost a home

game to Northside, 74-59.

LB used a 20-10 advantage in the second quarter to pull ahead of the host Colonels, 35-27, at the half. The third quarter was virtually even, with

Fleming holding a 15-14 advantage, but Botetourt finished strong and held on for the win.

“One of our best games of the season,” said Botetourt coach Andrew

Hart. “It was a great team effort where many guys contributed in different ways. We were efficient on offense and played with great energy on defense. It was great to see our guys make plays in the fourth quarter to seal the big win.”

Sophomore Landon Hayes led the Cavaliers with 18 points, hitting three of six three-pointers and shooting six of nine from the field overall. Conner Dowdy had 13 points, six assists and five steals while Brayden Wells also had 13 points.

On Friday the Cavaliers played host to perennial state contender Northside and the visitors jumped off to an 18-9 first quarter lead. Botetourt cut the lead to seven at the half but the Vikings opened a 16-point lead in the third period, outscoring LB 24-15 in that quarter.

“We played really well in many aspects of this game,” said Hart. “Northside has two of the best players in the state and they were able to make some plays in the second half to pull away.”

Hayes was high for Botetourt with 13 points, hitting three of five threes. Dowdy had nine points while Carson Edwards had eight points, 10 rebounds and a team high six assists.

“Our staff is proud of our kids for their effort and determination to keep battling in this game,” said Hart. “We are continuing to get better each day in practice and each game. Looking forward to the final stretch of the regular season leading into post-season.”

Botetourt was scheduled to travel to Franklin County on Tuesday but that game was postponed by Monday’s snowstorm. Now 7-7, Botetourt is scheduled to host Floyd County on Friday and travel to Moneta for a Blue Ridge District game with Staunton River next Tuesday, January 22.



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Above, Brayden Wells of the Cavaliers handles the ball against the Vikings. Right, Landon Hayes scores in Friday's game in Daleville.

LB matmen down outmanned River

Weather permitting, the Lord Botetourt and James River wrestlers both have matches scheduled for tonight, Wednesday, January 17. LB is headed to Blacksburg for a quad with the Bruins, George Wythe and Carroll County and James River is at Northside.

The two county schools were scheduled to meet twice last week, but only one match materialized. LB hosted a tri-match last Wednesday with River included but Saturday’s quad in Springwood was cancelled when James River High School had no power come Saturday morning.

It was “Senior Night” at LB last Wednesday and Cavaliers coach Paul Craft adjusted the lineup to get every senior a match. Botetourt seniors are Cody Williams, Gray Arnold, TJ Piluso, Seth Williams and Alex Clarke.

“Seth was unable to wrestle due to recovering from a serious case of mono,” said Craft. “We bumped TJ up to get a match but were unable to get it to happen. We also recognized our two managers, Skylar Piluso and Kaylee Sell. We’re gonna miss all those kids. I hope they all enjoy the next month.”

Botetourt wrestled Floyd County first and shut out the Buffaloes, 84-0. Floyd had just five wrestlers and forfeited the rest.

“I talked with their coach afterwards and he discussed some things he was doing to get the program moving forward,” said Craft. “I hope they get the support they need from the school to make it happen. It also makes me appreciate our situation at Lord Botetourt even more. The administration and athletic

director here have been fully supportive in what we do. They ask me multiple times a week how the team is doing and how practices are going. The community is behind us and the culture here at the school is fantastic – from the ladies working the front office, to teachers, to the hard-working custodial staff, to kids that have never set foot on a mat. They all ask about Lord Botetourt wrestling and want to come out and watch. We couldn’t ask for anything better.”

The Cavaliers took on James River next and took a 54-23 win.

“We stressed the importance of not taking James River lightly,” said Craft. “They had eight active wrestlers and Bobby (River coach Stewart) and his guys did a great job of moving wrestlers around to get the most out of their matches. My hat is off to the James River coaching staff. They’re continuing to create very good wrestlers and you’ll continue seeing them on the podium in the postseason.”

Winning matches for LB were Cody Williams at 126, Morgan Parry at 132, Preston Carter at 165 and Aaden Thomas at 215, and LB had six wins by forfeit. Winning for River were Silas Whitson at 106, Xaiden Wynn at 113, Brayden Forbes at 120 and Nathan Stewart at 138.

“We wish them the best of luck for the rest of the season,” said Craft. “We’ve got a lot to work on but ultimately we’re very pleased with the way we wrestled. I talked to Bobby before the season started and we agreed that we wanted to rekindle the old county rivalry. Wednesday night was a lot of fun.”

The Cavaliers are at Rural Retreat this Saturday for a 12-team tournament. River is scheduled to host a tri-match this Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m.

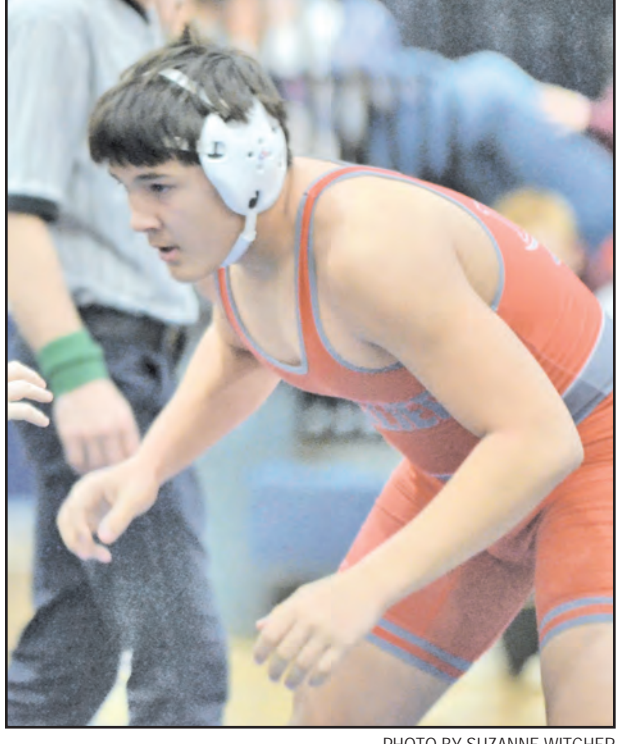


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LB's Aaden Thomas won his 215 pound match.