



Board appoints Clinton chairman, revises by-laws

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors held its reorganizational meeting at the beginning of last Tuesday's meeting in Daleville, appointing Amsterdam District Supervisor Steve Clinton as the board's chairman for 2024. He has served on the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors for 21 years, which includes five years previously as chairman.

Clinton is a retired lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Air Force, a career engineer, and Citadel graduate with a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Virginia. The new chairman is also in active engagement with the Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council and other preservation entities in the county.

"I am honored to take on the role of chair of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors," the Clinton said in a recent release. "All of us on the board take our jobs very seriously and

we will continue to work diligently together to serve the community. I am so happy to serve alongside my fellow board members to help shape the future of Botetourt County."

Additionally, the board voted unanimously to re-appoint Buchanan District Supervisor Amy White as the board's vice chair. She is currently the Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) at Virginia Western Community College. White is a huge supporter of agriculture, the Botetourt Farmer's Market, and the County Fair. She lives with her family on their six-generation beef cattle farm in Buchanan.

As a part of the reorganizational meeting, the board revised its by-laws. During the discussion, the board officially revised the category of "Citizen Comment Periods" stating that each meeting will have "a citizen comment period for the public to address the Board of Supervisors



Amsterdam District Supervisor and Board Chair Steve Clinton



Buchanan District Supervisor and Board Vice Chair Amy White

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on topics specific to the agenda." At the end of the meeting agenda, a citizen comment period has been added for general comments. The supervisors first considered holding separate comment periods at their monthly board meetings last fall.

Following the final comment period, the board will hold a "Board Member Comment Time" for members to discuss any topic. The board notes that board members may or may not respond to comments and presentations by other members during member

comment time. Another revision was made to the category of "Closed Session" stating that any non-Board of Supervisors member attending a closed session will sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) before entering the closed session, agreeing that all

information discussed in a closed session remains confidential. A signed NDA is effective for one calendar year.

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Agency stakeholder work session participants PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

Botetourt Fire & EMS strategic plan completed

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Botetourt County Fire & EMS shared a 2024-2029 Strategic Plan presentation to the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday in Daleville. The plan was conducted last fall with facilitation from Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE), a not-for-profit 501c3 corporation that helps high-performing fire departments and emergency services professionals in their efforts to continuously improve.

During the department's planning process, a public stakeholders meeting and a multi-day fire and EMS stakeholders' sessions were held while preparing a document for guiding the priorities of the overall fire and EMS system through the next several years.

"We hit the ground trying to find community stakeholders that would be willing to give an hour half of their day to come (to Daleville) and listen to the two facilitators talk about what fire and EMS services were, the general types of services we provide, and then go through a couple of

exercises ranking them based off of their fundamentals and priorities as to what matters most from their viewpoints," Botetourt Fire & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson explained to the board during his presentation.

A total of 32 community stakeholders attended an hour-long event to provide input. Community stakeholders consisted of business leaders, school officials, law enforcement, and others participating in the planning event. Ferguson shared that the CPSE staff was "excited" to see the number of stakeholders that attended the event. Those individuals joined "a broad swath" of 23 agency stakeholders representing volunteer and career fire and rescue staff to participate in the event.

The three-day process worked through the framework of the feedback from the community input and priorities. The group worked together to affirm the department's mission statement: "The combined agencies of Botetourt County Fire &

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County board tables requests from Wawa developer

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors tabled two requests made by Fralin & Waldron for a Special Exception Permit (SEP) for a Wawa convenience store and electronic signboard located on the corner of Glebe Road and Roanoke Road in Daleville.

The Botetourt Planning Commission recommended the denial of the SEP earlier this month. According to staff comments, the planners previously received several written public comments from 12 individuals against the convenience store, citing several

existing convenience stores and additional traffic added as a result of this development. Several residents spoke in opposition of the SEP during the Jan. 8 meeting.

Citizens continued to share their comments during last week's public hearing about the proposed store in Daleville. Many were opposed to the project while some spoke in favor of the Wawa. One resident noted that there are not many electric vehicle charging stations currently in Botetourt, which would give owners

of those vehicles a place to charge closer to their homes and workplaces. Another comment noted the "hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue" that the county would receive if the store is developed.

The main subject of contention from county residents is the traffic and safety hazards that could potentially come from a new gas station/convenience store at the corner of Glebe and Route 220. Some citizen comments suggested relocating the Wawa elsewhere in Daleville closer to I-81. One citizen stated that the traffic

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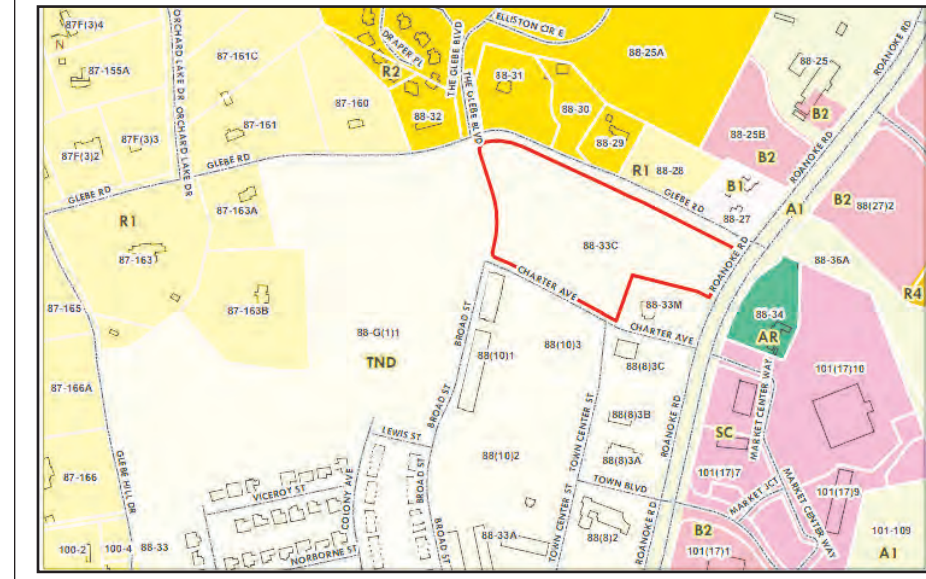


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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors tabled a decision on a SEP last Tuesday for a new convenience store and electronic sign on the corner of Glebe Road and Roanoke Road in Daleville. Proposed site is outlined red in graphic.

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Botetourt County History



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This is an elegant covered glass butter dish from 1865. It is on a pedestal and has beaded panels. The dish was donated by Janice Wood Thompson and is displayed in the parlor at the Botetourt County Museum of History and Culture in Fincastle. The dish was made by Jones, Cavitt & Co. in Pittsburg, Pa. It later became Campbell, Jones & Company which produced glass products from 1865-1886. The factory was destroyed by fire in 1891.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Hutchens graduates from University of Alabama



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Jack Hutchens of Buchanan received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences with a Concentration in Sports Media from The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa during its fall commencement ceremonies in December. Hutchens is the son of Diron and Michelle Hutchens and the grandson of Ernie and Sandy Hutchens, all of Buchanan.

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The 2019 graduate of James River High School also earned Dean's List honors for the 2023 Fall Semester.

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Board passes resolution to extend International Parkway, approves request to bring Daleville roads into Secondary System of Highways

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution last Tuesday requesting funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for an extension of International Parkway to serve business park sites within the Botetourt Center at Greenfield.

The Botetourt County Economic Development Authority (EDA) is managing a Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) grant to develop Lot 3 within the Botetourt Center at Greenfield. The grant involves updating all due diligence studies, preparing plans and permits to mass grade Lot 3, extend sewer utility lines to Lot 3, and to build an extension of

International Parkway to serve Lot 3.

The VBRSP grant budget includes a local county match as well as funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation's Economic Development Access Program. Staff has met with VDOT officials to initiate the extension of International Parkway and consideration of attached resolution from the Board of Supervisors is among the first steps in the process.

The extension of International Parkway involves the construction of approximately 1,250 linear feet of two-lane access road with appurtenances; the current road extension cost estimate is approximately \$850,000.

The EDA has previously budgeted \$650,000 from the VDOT funding program for this road extension. Final cost estimates and funding requests are underway and the Board of Supervisors will be kept informed. The county requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approve Economic Development Access Program funding for this construction project.

Revised VDOT funding guidelines can allow the county to request \$700,000 in unmatched funds, and up to an additional \$150,000 in matched funding.

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Many of the youth actors in "Bad Plays Gone Wrong"

Attic Youth Ensemble's play continues this week

Attic Productions' Youth Ensemble has three more performances this week of "Bad Plays Gone Wrong" at the D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 2:30 p.m. This youth production has over 50 cast and crew members from age 6 to 17, and is a combination of two one-act plays. Doors to the auditorium open for seating 30 minutes prior to performance time.

Attic Productions is located at 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle. This is a general admission show, with seating on a first-come basis, and all tickets are \$15 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. Children under 3 are free. There is a \$2 convenience fee per ticket for card purchases. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance on the website, www.atticproductions.info. For questions, call the box office at 540-473-1001 and a volunteer will return your call as soon as possible.

- Attic Productions



Abigail Whittaker (left) and Brooklyn Long are two of the "Munchkins" in "Bad Plays Gone Wrong."

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for January 24-28:

- James K. Collins, 49, of Troutville, possession of Schedule drugs, January 24
- Timothy D. Dillman, 41, of Troutville, domestic assault, January 26
- Heather A. Reynolds, 30, of Eagle Rock, drunk in public, January 27
- Austin K. Roberts, 29, of Roanoke, possession of Schedule drugs, January 28

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Individual income tax filing season is underway

Virginia Tax is announcing that tax filing season in Virginia is now underway. Taxpayers are now able to file their individual income tax returns.

"We strongly encourage you to file electronically," said Tax Commissioner Craig M. Burns. "It's the faster, safer option. We also recommend that you request your refund, if you have one coming, via direct deposit."

Virginia Tax takes refund fraud seriously and encourages taxpayers to do the same. Its automated system reviews returns for suspicious activity or possible fraud, then employees manually evaluate the returns selected for review.

Filing early helps ensure the fastest possible refund if the return is selected for review.

Here are some steps you can take to help make sure your return and refund aren't delayed:

- Gather all W-2s, 1099s and other withholding information before filing your return;
- Include your Virginia driver's license or Virginia identification card number on your return. Returns that don't have that information won't be rejected, but providing it helps us process the return

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Botetourt County Public Schools announced the following honor rolls for the second nine-weeks:

BRECKINRIDGE

A HONOR ROLL

THIRD GRADE: Sydney West, Weston Albright, Weston Baker, Kate Brady, William Burton, Jedediah Divers, Piper Herrig, Ava Horne, Cylas May, Carly McVey, Luis Morales-Tomas, Lukas Moyers, Justin Petty, Eleanor Rushing, Addison Sprinkle, Paul Turman, Sydney Walker

FOURTH GRADE: Lawson Beavers, Leya Crawford, Sadie Davidson, Harold Davis, Lennox Duty, Elizabeth Earnest, Camryn Sartorius, Reece Saunders, Aida Simmons

FIFTH GRADE: Ava Burton, Rilee Erickson, Jaden Herrig, Sadie May, Logan Moyers, Ronan Snyder

A-B HONOR ROLL

THIRD GRADE: Henry Bergeron, Bromlee Coben, Braelyn Horn, Avalyn Justice, Kensie Kaufman, Jackson Monaghan, William Ronk, Stella Rusgrove, Peyton Stump, Liam Wood, Ryder Woods

FOURTH GRADE: Shajeania Aronson, Malakai Beauregard, Autumn Cuddy, Amelia Duff, Easton Firebaugh, Novah Long, Cora Lowman, Logan McVey, Madison Meador, Oleksii Mostovyi, Charlotte Moulton, Amelia Neighbors, Caden Rucker, Heidi Rusgrove

FIFTH GRADE: Jamie Arthus, Carson Cook, Aubrey Dogan, Tanner Goyer, Anna Henry, Luke Sprinkle, Matthew Tate, Jocelyn Theimer

BUCHANAN

A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Xavier Basham, Lindsey Branch, Bruce Kelley, Wren Manbeck, Maci Silva, Rosalie Stull

FOURTH GRADE: Josec Armentrout, Imelda Graham, Colton Haynes

THIRD GRADE: Harley Bray, David Caldwell, Brylan Coleman, Jacklyn Dooley, Sophie Dunbar, Elizabeth Martin, Joyce-Anne Poff, Maggie Tolley,

A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Kyle Asbury, Ruby

Boblett, Liam Camper, Jovie Franklin, Autumn Ginapp, Autumn Meador, Elliott Meador, Inara O'Toole, Tucker Tate, Kinsley Tolley, Roy Trivellin, Natalee Vassar, Adalyn Whitney,

FOURTH GRADE: Elowen Anderson, Kasey Ayers, Adam Bryant, Bailey Carroll, Berkley Carroll, Jonathan Clemons, Lily Fix, Jaxson Flannagan, Adriana Giles, Olivia Graves, Madeleine Huddleston, Avery Kelly, Henry Kinion, Rosalee Lash, Parker Tate, Hayana Thompson

THIRD GRADE: Tatum Austin, Barrett Breeden, Sullivan Capriani, Olivia Falls, Bailee Flint, Blake Fridley, Zoey Gibson, Sawyer Neale, Lainey Parker, Anastasia Partleton, Carson Peck, Alexandra Tacilla Powell

CLOVERDALE

A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Chloe Barnes, Andrew Collins, Charlotte Curulla, Jackson Kish, Hannah Myers, Leona Wilhoit

FOURTH GRADE: Adam Barbour, Everlie Beckner, Kyra Davis, Mason Nichols, Raelyn Steinruck

THIRD GRADE: Jack Arvisais, Tessa Barnes, Jakob Bishop, Grayson Bruch, Matthias Brummer, Crosby Cundiff, Kellan McCormack, Charles Salmon III, Emily Stakor, Kaylee Tran, Lauren Yates

A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Macey Caldwell, Luke Davis, Christopher Fields, Ryan Fuller, Garrett Helms, Grace Jensen, Taryn Kincer, Micah Laffoon, Kennedy Lavinder, Grayson Markham, Gabriel Mutter, Charlie Pruitt, Aubree Rogers, Jordan Sample, John Shuler, Aubrey Witt

FOURTH GRADE: Harrison Akers, Nova Bailey, Evelyn Brummer, Yiton Chen, Jacob Clark, Charles Jones, Emma Markham, Afton Patrick, Augusta Payne, Maelie Pritt, Hunter Ristine, Link Thacker, Denver Thompson, Carley Vaughn, Katelynn Wagner, Ryder Watson, Josie Whitaker

THIRD GRADE: Desmond Allen, Mason Baskcomb, Joseph Engels, William Foster, Aiza Khan, Jack Laffoon, Isabella Lennartson, Ansley Naff, Rosalind Payne, Major Perdue, Kilee

Reynolds, Ava Truxillo, Elizabeth Unroe, Gabriel Voss, Cora Wagner

COLONIAL

A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Noah Church, Savannah Colleluori, Braeden Daniels, Cohen Grant, Kalin Williams, Bryson Harless, Gwenna Hartvigsen, Kaylee Kammerer, Shea Legon, Nicholas Meyer, Ember Persing, Kylie Pippert, Scharlotte Rock, Trevor Rock, Caleb Slaughter, Alexa Thomas, Liam Ward

FOURTH GRADE: William Booth, Braeden Brown, Stephanie Brown, Natalie Buehring, Cooper Dooley, Lillian Halsey, Wesley Hilgers, Reese Huffman, Norris Johansen, Olivia Karabin, Olivia Kirby, Isaac Lewis, Evelyn Milko, Madelynn Roberts, Jack Roginski, Roman Spencer, Grayson Starks, Maci Walls, Abigail Williamson,

Emma Willmott, Charlotte Woody

THIRD GRADE: Jace Clary, Camille Cockfield, Berkley DeHaven, Tyler Duckworth, Holly Hatfield, Camden Lewis, Reilly Madden, Kaleb Martin, Lilliana McCloud, Henry Moore, Brently Muse, Greyson Smith, Tessa Thompson, Raylin Weddle, Ella Wise

A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Yalda Atayi, Emmalin Butler, Colton Carter, Jackson Cockfield, Levi Crockett, Autumn Dale, Aleah Dalton, Easton Epperly, Elsie Grant, Reese Holloman, Grayson Johnson, Curtis Law, Cohen Lubosch, John Nancarrow, Brynn Nunley, Kinley Oliver, Brooklyn Orange, Layla Samuel-Bolt, Daniel Sanchez Campos, Paisli Saunders, Caleb Sherman, Griffin Spalding, Alizabeth Tribbett, Nate Wilson

FOURTH GRADE: Cooper Anderson, Layla Beard, Riley Boyd,

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UPCOMING COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

February is "I Love to Read Month"

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authors from the Fantasy genre. Sign up for the Adult Reading Challenge and commit to reading 12 books in 2024, and you'll receive your own personal reading journal that you can decorate at the event.

Blind Date with a Book

February 5-17
Stop by any library branch and take a chance on an unknown book! Select books will be wrapped so you can't see the title, only a short teaser/hint. Unlike a real blind date, you don't have to stick around reading it if you don't hit it off right away. But like blind dates, there's a chance you'll meet your new best friend (author, genre, etc.). Give it a try!

February Reading Challenge: Black History Month

Dive into Black history and authors through fiction and nonfiction, text and pictures. Log your reading and activities to earn badges throughout the challenge at botetourtva.beanstack.org.

What to read next?

In a reading slump or stumped for what to read next? Go to bocolibraries.info > Services > Get Recommendations and fill out an online form to get up to 5 personalized suggestions from our library staff! If you prefer a DIY approach, try NovelList (see our website > Online Resources) to find readalikes and find books that suit your mood.

Readers' Night Out

Thu, Feb 1, 10am-6pm, Buchanan
Wed, Feb 14, 5-7:30pm, Blue Ridge
Tue, Feb 27, 4-6pm, Eagle Rock
Tue, Feb 27, 5-7:30pm, Fincastle
In this casual drop-in event, explore a sampling of books and

Murder Hole Cave

Sat, Feb 10, 11am, Eagle Rock
Tue, Feb 13, 4pm, Fincastle
Sat, Feb 24, 11am, Buchanan

Learn about caves and the history and science of Murder Hole Cave, a local natural formation with Marian McConnell, the 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.

Eclectic Readers

Thu, Feb 1, 6:30pm, Fincastle
The Violin Conspiracy by Brandon Slocumb
Wed, Feb 7, 12pm, Buchanan
Theme: "Luminous Life" - Choose a title from a list of recommendations.
Wed, Feb 14, 10:30pm, Fincastle
The Cartographers by Peng Shepherd
Discuss books and authors with fellow readers while enjoying coffee and social connection.

Outdoor Book Club

Tue, Feb 13, 11:30am, Troutville Town Park
Join a leisurely 20-minute group walk around Troutville Town
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Report from the House Del. Terry Austin

To the Constituents of the 37th House District:

The second full week of the 2024 General Assembly session has concluded, and the House of Delegates has hit full stride. Committees are working through the more than 1,500 bills introduced. Policy differences are becoming apparent as debate unfolds, with disagreement on the value of family farms, housing policy, and our constitutional rights on full display.

I remain concerned about the legislation passed out of the House this week that makes major changes to the way family farms will be required to conduct business. Instead of trusting farmers and their employees to agree on terms of employment, this legislation mandates wages and will likely drive a significant number of our remaining family farms out of business.

Seasonal workers come to the U.S. because they can earn more money than they can in their home countries. If this bill becomes law, the system that provides this opportunity will no longer be sustainable. Rather than have difficult jobs, there will be no jobs. I oppose this legislation and will continue to work with my colleagues to protect the farmers who put food on our tables. Generational family farms will become a relic of our past if policies like these are implemented.

Democrats have also introduced bills that would increase the cost of housing. This includes legislation creating rent control in Virginia and permitting localities the ability to mandate the installation of sprinkler systems in new residential construction. Rent

control is a power given to local government to either set maximum housing rents or limit the amount of rent increases over a fixed period. While this may sound good in theory, the practical effect is that price controls create shortages and dis-incentivize property improvements. A study on rent control in San Francisco determined that it reduced available rental properties by 15 percent and "likely drove up citywide rents, damaging housing affordability."

Mandating the installation of sprinkler systems in new townhome and apartment construction is well meaning but will only serve to exacerbate the high costs of purchasing a home. Townhomes are often the best option for new homebuyers, and this mandate would further diminish the ability of

someone who wants to build equity from having the opportunity to do so. As for legislation mandating sprinkler systems in new apartments, I was successful in leading the committee to kill this bill. New materials, technology and building standards continue to improve as it relates to fire detection and prevention. The reality is that housing affordability will not improve across Virginia if these policies become law.

There are also a significant number of bills that have been filed that would impact our Second Amendment rights, including bans on certain types of firearms. I will continue to join my Republican colleagues in voting against these bills and advocating for common sense approaches for those wanting to possess firearms. This includes a bill carried by one of my Republican colleagues to extend a tax credit for gun safes, something once considered bipartisan. Unfortunately, it did not make it out of subcommittee.

and Review Commission (JLARC) to improve the GO Virginia program.

GO Virginia encourages regional collaboration to identify, establish, and foster high-paying job opportunities, and has been successful in doing so since being implemented in 2015. HB237 adds the Secretary of Labor, a position created after the establishment of GO Virginia, to the state board and reduces the local match so that funds to support these efforts can be more quickly deployed. Successful projects include establishment of the Blue Ridge regional health sciences talent pipeline, the Allegheny Drone Zone, and numerous CTE workforce and continuing education training programs.

This week local treasurers and commissioners of revenue came to Richmond to discuss their respective office priorities. These constitutional officers provide a vital service for our local governments and are a great resource for constituents who have questions related to taxes and assessments.

I also had the pleasure of meeting with members of the Allegheny and Craig 4-H and FFA Chapters. It is always refreshing to hear these young men and women talk about their passion for farming and volunteer experiences. These visits are always a great reminder that our younger generations do have the desire and capacity to work hard and serve others. To all the volunteers who take the time make these programs a success, thank you. Recognition of your commitment does not go unnoticed, and I was happy to see that Nancy Moga was joined by former Secretary of Health Dr. Bill Hazel as they both received awards for their long-time support of 4-H. Your commitment to our youth is the greatest service of all.

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

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week



Meet Kruger

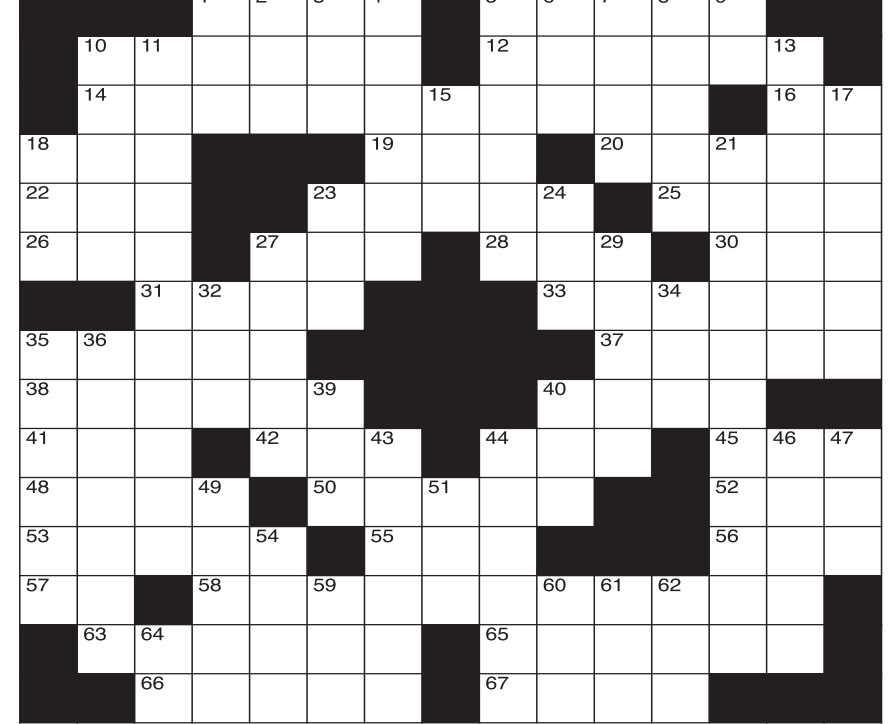
Kruger came to the LAP from Friends of Bedford Rescue on December 16, 2023. He is a very handsome 1-year-old cat with lovely markings. He is chipped, negative for feline diseases and very sweet. The LAP Shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

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| 10. Goddess of wisdom | 40. Russian pop duo | 1. Global public health agency | 29. Small savory Spanish dishes |
| 12. Convert into a particular form | 41. Stake | 2. Snake-like fish | 32. Body part |
| 14. Working-class people | 42. Female sibling | 3. Midway between northeast and east | 34. Touch lightly |
| 16. It borders Canada (abbr.) | 44. City of Angels hoopers (abbr.) | 4. Dabbed | 35. Popular grilled foods on a stick |
| 18. A princess can detect its presence | 45. Popular cookie brand | 5. TV show | 36. ___ Hess: oil company |
| 19. Red-brown sea bream | 48. Group of Niger- Congo languages | 6. Folk singer DiFranco | 39. Antelope with a reddish coat |
| 20. Defunct retail empire | 52. A team's best pitcher | 7. Canadian flyers | 40. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt |
| 22. Vase | 53. Vomits | 8. Of the dowry | 43. Pink Floyd's Roger |
| 23. Demeter's equivalent | 55. 19th letter of Greek alphabet | 9. Commercial | 44. Short and thick |
| 25. Monetary unit of the Maldives | 56. Men's fashion accessory | 10. The act of imitating | 46. Small, sac-like cavities |
| 26. French and Belgian river | 57. Its capital is Pierre | 11. Equipment used to broadcast radio or TV signals | 47. Performer ___-Lo |
| 27. Small amount | 58. Expensive cut of steak (abbr.) | 13. Lands of an emir | 49. Entrails of animal used as food |
| 28. High schoolers' test | 59. Popular James Cameron film | 15. Swiss river | 51. ___ King Cole, musician |
| 30. Animal's foot | 60. Popular James Cameron film | 17. Island | 54. Where construction is done |
| 31. Some is red | 65. A ___ relating to knowledge gleaned from deduction | 18. Monetary unit of Afghanistan | 59. Chap |
| 33. Per ___: each | | 21. One who surrenders under agreed conditions | 60. Investment vehicle |
| 35. Swedish jazz pop duo | | 23. Garfield is one | 61. Often mixed with tonic |
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Aquaman & the Lost Kingdom

After failing to defeat Aquaman before, Black Manta wields the powerful Black Trident to unleash a malevolent force. Aquaman and his brother join forces to protect their kingdom and save the world.

Thursday, Feb. 1
7 p.m.

The Boys in the Boat

(2023) A 1930s-set story centered on the University of Washington's rowing team, from their Depression-era beginnings to winning gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. (2 hr 3 min)

Friday & Saturday
Feb. 2 & 3
7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4
3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8
7 p.m.

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THIRD GRADE: Felix Anduiza, Khalilullah Atayi, Liam Austin, Alessia Baradat, Jamison Blackmon, Gwyndolyn Cavinder, Nolan Colleluori, Sawyer Deacon, Adalyn Dooley, Arwen Gibson, Chandler Graybill, Jackson Green, Brantley Hamilton, Sawyer Harrison, Adaline Higgins, Ashton Hinds, Bryson Howery, Briana Jimenez Morales, River Kelly, Noah Laster, Isabella Lennartson, Eli Loflen, Effie McCrady, Paisley McCune, Benjamin Myers, Emily Nancarrow, Brody Radford, Camden Ratliff, Aria Ribble, Natalie Scott, Skyler Sitman, Samuel Spencer, Victoria Vass, Sailor Vinson, Emily Walker, Kyra Walrond, Mia Wheeler

EAGLE ROCK

A HONOR ROLL
FIFTH GRADE: Mason Mays, Mia Thurston, Adelyn Tribble, Ellymae Windsor
FOURTH GRADE: None
THIRD GRADE: None
A-B HONOR ROLL
FIFTH GRADE: Brady Benoit, Baylee Hylton, Jackson Lowe, Micah Tingle
FOURTH GRADE: Charles Ayers, Esther Hipes, Alayna Johnson, Teagan Kern, Kayleigh Morris, Elijah Neal, Raymond Wimmer
THIRD GRADE: Kayden Bray, Alexandria Bryant, Katalaya Dunbar, Zayden Eroh, Madelynn Harlow, Addison Hodges, Adria Martin, Kyree Nance, Tommy Wheeler

GREENFIELD

A HONOR ROLL
FIFTH GRADE: Easton Barrett, Harper Beckner, Molly Bogen, Gavin Bondurant, Charles Burnette, Reese Burns, Aoife Case, Jericho Daniel, John Davis, Ethan Dooley, Lucy Dubbe', Bryson Garner, Allison Graham, Kaylen Hull, Noah Koon, Kyra Lake, Anastasia Lupiya, Ella Marshall, Benjamin McMeans, Leah Meadows, Haden Murphy, Claire Nagle, Gerard Pablo-Damian, Kiyan Patel, Cooper Pritt, Nicholis Robtrison, Nora Salsgiver, Lucy Shawn, Eleanor Shively, Logan Simmons, Cooper Taylor, Julian True, Cadence Wood, Olivia Woodruff, Bodhi Woodson
FOURTH GRADE: Averi Alderman, Cameron Allison, Eli Boggs, Dalilah Bridgen, Jake Delp, Patrick Dent, Vivian Estes, Lilia Hoover, Scarlett Hunt, Kellan Ives, Charlotte Lee, Rieley Lisle, Matthew Lupiya, Ansley McMeans, Stacy Mejia, London Merchant, Katelyn Moore, Jace Newman, Elias Reynolds, Sofia Russ, Ethan Tucker, Danny Ulloa Mancia, Kade Underwood, Avery Wertz, Wren Wiley, Caleb Wright
THIRD GRADE: Kim Barber, Benjamin Bowden, Porter Brock, Emma Burns, Koda Daniel, Ella Foskey, Austin Hatchett, Jaxon Hughes, Adlee Kennedy-Mackay, Jack Keogh, Lealan Kessler, Luke Layman, Heidi Longley, Callahan MacBrien, Collin Murphy, Grant Pendleton, Nora Pinkerton, Abby Poff, EmmaRose Scherrep, Olivia Shively, Brielle Smith, Wyatt Troutt, Caleb Wypych
A-B HONOR ROLL
FIFTH GRADE: Emma Allison, Layah Combs, Gabriel Dancy, Kyrie Gardner, Tyler Gilmer, Gavin Hill, Dillon Hollins, Jalen Lin, Vivian Lipscomb, Madison Mathews, Declan Nichols, Alexander Olin, Adriana Reyes Gomez, Rex Rucker, Nathan Schwallenberg, Abigail Silva-Garcia, Christpher Vail, Raziel Velez
FOURTH GRADE: Daniella Carillo, Cayden Carpenter, Jackson Daniels, Kannon Dively, Joshua

Dunker, Elora Farmer, Alexa Guevara-Garcia, Easton Hayes, Kenzie Hicks, Owen Leftwich, Madeline Linthicum, Tucker Lisle, Giuseppe Lopez, Liam Malaga-Artiga, Jordan Murray, Benson Nicely, Colton Osborne, Kylee Payne, Ethan Peck, Olivia Poff, Adeline Rupe, Isaac Sampson, Aaron Shelton, Hayden Smith, Isaiah Tribble, Lila-Rose Waddell, Jayden Ward, Kinsley Whitson, Dannica Wise, Paul Yopp

THIRD GRADE: Elizabeth Blosser, Hayden Blosser, Trubee Blunt, Abigail Bryant, Bryce Campbell, Adrian Catalan, Emma Douthat, Asher Duncan, Austin Evans Jr, Rowan Flannigan, Emily Fringer, Saige Hasson, Beau Hull, Laikyn Ives, Ivy Molter, Emma Moore, Emma Pry, August Rivers, Katherine Roberts, Kylee Simmons

TROUTVILLE

A HONOR ROLL
FIFTH GRADE: Makenna Carswell, Landyn Foster, Ruby Martin, Caroline Powell, Dawson Simmons, Flora Stump
FOURTH GRADE: Colby Beckner, Rylan Borba, Levi Frederickson, Grayson Houseman, Parker Lough, Luke Mullins, Benjamin Saville, Bria Scharf, Isabelle Williams
THIRD GRADE: Charlie Ballew, Jaimeson Broughman, Wyatt Crotty, Eleanor Daly, Carson Ferguson, Lili Fernatt, Riley Martino, Marshall Rives, Whitney Slaughter, Everly Turner, Annabelle Vargas, Brooke Williams
A-B HONOR ROLL
FIFTH GRADE: Lily Alls, Ryan Cunningham, Mason Gilliam, Samuel Jackson, Wyatt Kelley, Ian Martin, Alex Mattarocchia, Brantley McMillion, Elliott Meador, Elise Persinger, Owen-Ray Richardson, Aubrey Spence, Cora Wimmer

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ANGLICAN
Orchard Hills Church - 6032 Cloverdale Rd. next to Read Mountain Fire Station. Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays. Home group Bible studies available throughout the week. Pastor Scott 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 Coppys 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

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Read 1 Samuel 21:1 through 24:22

He [David] said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord" (1 Samuel 24:6).

King Saul mercilessly pursued David intending to murder him, although David had done nothing against the king. Yet David would not retaliate despite the insistence of his men. Even when God permitted him to catch Saul at a vulnerable time, David refused to take the life of the Lord's anointed.

Why would he do that? Because David revered God.

Instead of slaying the man who was out to murder him, David put his trust in the Lord, seeking God's protection and justice.

While the worldly pummel each other with everything from words to bombs, an honorable faith like David's is the hallmark of those who walk in step with Christ. Jesus said to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45).

Challenge for Today: Trust God to handle your enemies while you choose love over revenge.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 24:1-12

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, 6p.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.

OBITUARIES

Harlow, Timmy Neil

Timothy Neil Harlow, 68, of Buchanan, passed away at his home on Saturday, January 20, 2024. He was born to the late Leon and Evelyn Harlow. Tim was also preceded in death by his stepson, Chad Lewis Manning, who Tim loved as his own son.



Tim and Linda met on February 14, 1980, and they married on November 3, 1984. Tim is survived by his devoted wife of 39 years, Linda Saunders Manning Harlow; his two daughters that he loved dearly, Dana Brooke Harlow Lester and husband, Chase, and Brittany Lynn Harlow Wilson; he adored his grandson, Evan Bryant, and his precious granddaughter, Remi

Lester. Tim's siblings are Bruce (Mona) Harlow, Jeff (Diane) Harlow, Becky (Wayne) Kelley, and Missy (Barry) Wickham. Tim is also survived by Linda's siblings, Roger (Mary) Saunders, Garry Saunders, and Brenda Saunders Hager.

Tim loved to read and educate himself on many various topics by doing his own research on all things that were of interest to him. Tim will be missed by so many family members and friends who dearly loved him. Per Tim's wishes there will be no viewing or services. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Turner, Randolph "Randy" Claiborne

December 2, 1949 - January 14, 2024

Randy Turner, 74, of Daleville, passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at LewisGale Medical Center in Salem. He was born on December 2, 1949, in Roanoke to the late Samuel Chester Turner and Sallie McKemy Turner. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Priscilla A. Stewart, and his infant brother, Robert Franklin Turner.



Randy is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Wanda Creasey Turner; nieces, Debbie and Chris Sherrill, Sallie Hodges and fiancé, Ricky Spradlin, Stephanie Gray, and Michelle and Mike Williams; nephews, Charlie and Kelley Stewart and Shawn and Stacey Price; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and sisters-in-law, Brenda Taylor and fiancé, Greg Hundley, and Sandra Price.

Randy was a member of the Army National Guard. He retired in 2010 from Norfolk Southern Corporation with nearly 40 years of service. Randy and Wanda enjoyed traveling over the years especially to Las Vegas, and to

North Myrtle Beach where they own a condo. North Myrtle Beach was Randy's Happy Place where he made so many wonderful friends.

The family would like to thank LewisGale Medical Center 3rd Floor East and 3rd Floor CCU for the wonderful care and compassion extended to Randy during his most recent hospitalization.

Wanda would like to express her heartfelt love and thanks to all the wonderful friends and neighbors on Hilltop Circle and Azalea Road in Daleville for the compassion and friendship that have been shown to them, not just in this time of sorrow but for all the years they have known them.

Randy's funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at Oakey's North Chapel. Burial was in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.Oakeys.com.

Lyons, Linda Williams

Myra Linda Prather Williams Lyons, 81, of Daleville, passed away peacefully Friday, January 26, 2024.



Linda was born December 22, 1942 in Goodview and was the daughter of the late William and Jennie Carroll Prather. She lived in the area all of her life. Linda graduated from Stewartville High School in 1961, was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church and was a manager of Frank L. Moore Jewelers, retiring in 2005. She enjoyed the outdoors, her dog Josi, and gardening flowers and plants. Linda was a member of the

Lions Club and was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her husbands, Donald Lee Williams and John D. Lyons. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Donald Lee and Amy Williams; and grandson, Michael Taylor Williams.

A graveside service celebrating her life will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 1 at Sherwood Memorial Park with Fr. Paul Lagco officiating. Online condolences may be made to Linda's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Myra-Lyons.

Whitson places second in State VFW Essay Contest



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Silas Whitson of Botetourt County, along with his parents, Sean and Ashley, attended the VFW annual awards dinner held at the Ft. Magruder Hotel complex in Williamsburg on January 13. Silas placed second in the entire State of Virginia in the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. His essay was submitted through VFW Post 1841, Daleville. His monetary winnings for this achievement, including the money from the post, district and state levels, totaled just under \$5,000.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Church news to share?
Share it with us!
fincastle@ourvalley.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Friends helped refurbish the Fincastle Library; thanks patrons for financial support

If you've ever purchased a used book from the Fincastle Friends of the Library (FOL), you contributed to the newly refreshed Fincastle Library!

The Fincastle FOL pledged \$7,750 toward this project and received a matching grant from the county. We earned this money by selling books and baked goods at our two annual sales so that we can support library operations and programming. Every sale is important - even when a child offers a couple quarters for a used book. Thanks to the county administration for matching our funds and to you for attending our book sales.

We are also grateful to our amazing library staff who have spent hours clearing shelves and re-shelving while the library received its new paint and carpet. If you haven't visited since its reopening on January 22, you'll want to stop by to admire the library's new look.

Thank you for the many ways you've supported the Friends - your donations of used books and money, your book purchases, and/or your time. Enjoy the fruits of your contributions in the bright and open library setting! Please watch for announcements about our Spring Book Sale on April 20. We hope you'll join us again.

Marlene M. Preston, Treasurer,
Fincastle Friends of the Library

Botetourt Resource Center says thank you

The Botetourt Resource Center wishes to thank the following restaurants, businesses and churches for all their help in supporting the center's Elves for Seniors Christmas program in December: Iron & Ore Grill, James River Drip, The Buchanan Fountain and Grille, Greenwood Restaurant, Troutville Grocery & Goods (Thriftway), Cahoon's Florist,

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren, Daleville Baptist Church, Mill Creek Baptist Church and Zion Hill Baptist Church.

We also wish to thank all of the individuals throughout our community who took the time to take a senior tag from one of our trees and shipped and wrapped a gift with love for a senior who they didn't even know, but who wanted to help make a difference in the life of another person.

Also, a special thanks to my volunteers who helped organize and deliver all the gifts to the seniors: Lesley, Debi, Becky, Vickie and Frank.

The BRC is incredibly thankful to everyone who helped to make this program a success. Together we can make a difference!

Melissa Lucas, President
Botetourt Resource Center

Reader questions supervisors treatment at board meeting

I attended the Board of Supervisors meeting on Jan. 23. I was not prepared for some of the attitudes during the meeting. I was actually shocked at times.

I felt Supervisor Amy White from the Buchanan District was very disrespectful and condescending to Walt Michael from the Blue Ridge District. Why? Was it because he's the newest member of the board? Or possibly she knew in advance he was from the opposing side. I did not expect that from someone representing Botetourt County.

My saddest observation was how blatantly obvious it was that Supervisors White and Nicely had their minds made up how they would vote before even entering the Greenfield building. But my hats off to the doing an OK job of pretending to listen and consider points the citizens made.

I sure wish more citizens of Botetourt County would get involved in what's happening in the county. It's really sad watching Botetourt County become a suburb of Roanoke.

Karen Clark
Troutville

AARP Fraud Alert: When That Hot Ticket is a Fake

Getting tickets to must-see concerts is becoming harder than ever. From presale signup to waiting hours online and still missing out on the tickets you want, criminals have a solution - and it's costing consumers a lot of money in fraudulent ticket purchases.

With most concert venues switching to digital tickets only, it is easier than ever to produce counterfeit tickets. And with many of the top shows selling out instantly the market for resale tickets is larger than ever. Here are three tips to avoid buying a worthless ticket.

First, stick to known

ticket sales sites or visit the National Association of Ticket Brokers (natb.org) to ensure that you are dealing with a verified reseller. Always type the web address of the site you want to visit into your browser vs. clicking a link that could take you to a copycat site.

Second, beware of offers on social media and online marketplaces where this scam flourishes.

Third, never pay with a peer-to-peer payment app unless you are getting tickets from someone you know. You don't have the same consumer protections with these methods that you have with a credit card.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

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.

- AARP



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Business REVIEW

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Accepting applications for Youth Conservation Corps Crew Leaders

Virginia State Parks is currently recruiting Crew Leaders for the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program for 2024. Crew Leaders will mentor youth by helping them complete trail maintenance, basic construction and beautification of the parks. YCC Crew Leaders work directly with park staff and live alongside their crew of 10 high school youth between the ages of 14-17. "Although the work can be challenging,

participants will have the opportunity to gain field experience and build their leadership skills," said Youth Engagement Coordinator Scarlett Stevens. "Crew Leaders will have opportunities for career development training from shadowing a park employee to receiving certification in Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED, Basic Trail Building Training and Mental Health First Aid." Room and board are provided. Crew Leader stipend for the employment

period is \$6,500 that is divided into three biweekly payments. The dates of employment are June 5-July 27, which includes a week of training. The program consists of two two-week sessions with crews and days for park orientation, crew preparation and clean up. Crew Leaders will have selected days off between sessions as well as spending time at a park in between sessions engaging in professional development

opportunities. Eligible applicants must be 18 years of age, hold a valid driver's license and have previous leadership experience with youth or peers. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis beginning in January until positions are filled. Visit <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/jobs> to apply. - Department of Conservation and Recreation

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Park, then discuss what you're reading and share book recommendations over warm (or cool) beverages at One Love Coffee across the street (group discount provided).

Fincastle Library reopened

Phase 1 of library renovations

is complete, with new paint and carpet and interior design changes. We appreciate your patience as we continue with Phase 2, adding new furnishings, decorative elements, and

finishing touches. Find even more events at [BOCOLibraries.info](https://www.bocolibraries.info).

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more quickly; Be sure the spelling of your name(s), Social Security number(s) and all calculations

are correct; and If you moved since you filed your last return, use your current address.

For secure, online self-service you can create and log onto an online individual account. This allows you to track your return

or refund. You can also check the status of your refund by using the Where's My Refund application on the Virginia Tax website, or by calling 804-367-2486. - Fincastle Herald staff report

Elementary Honor Rolls from page 5

FOURTH GRADE: Nevaeh Adams, Reese Cecil, Liam Cooper, John Cruise, Caleb Dogan, Everley Duns-Spiteri, Meirco Elmore, Dawne Guthrie,

Evan Morris, Brentley Niedermeier, Aleyda Ponce, Emerson Race, Riggins Rutledge, Tate Rutledge, Kristin Stuart, River Whitaker, Autumn Wright

THIRD GRADE: Kohen Anderson, Eleanor Bishop, Macy Botkins, Parker Brugh, Gavin Burns, Rilynn Dooley, Azaria Foreman, Ava Greer,

Leo Harris, Amelia Hein, Madilyn Horton, Mason Lyle, William Scott, Ryland Simmons, Reilly Winfield, Kinsleigh Young

Plan from page 1

EMS will deliver prompt and professional services to the community to ensure the protection of life, property, and the environment."

The plan also highlights to the vision of the department as "a combination system comprised of highly skilled career and volunteer responders, we aspire to meet the evolving demands of our community through innovation, compassionate engagement, and rapid delivery of premier services."

fingerprints all over the future of the system. Folks were happy, decompressed. We had some really good debates and discussions. I think it was a renewing of some energy that were able to get some concerns off their chest but also learn from others and create a better understanding from all facets of our department and the service delivery we provide."

The group also ironed out the department's organization values consisting of integrity, dedication, innovation, unity, and accountability. Ferguson shared with the board the department's goals to improve service delivery, department communications, optimizing all available funding to meet service demands, enhancing their training program, and reducing community risk through strategies designed to lessen the impact.

Board members commended Ferguson's presentation and the group of individuals who participated in the strategic planning event.

CPSE also produced a management implementation guide that takes the group's priorities and defines the various objectives and tasks as well as a performance measurement so they can measure the outcomes with anything the group implements.

Buchanan District Supervisor Amy White asked Ferguson about the dissemination plans for the ongoing strategic plan. Ferguson said that he plans to communicate the document to the board, the Fire & EMS chiefs, and stakeholders before it becomes openly public.

Ferguson explained to the board that some of those implementations are "Fire & EMS operationally-centric" and some are policy decisions that would be presented to the board as the process continues.

The community and agency stakeholders included Recruitment & Retention Specialist Taylor Lunsford, Administration Captain Travis Collins, Emergency Manager Daniel Murray, Deputy Chief Rob Johnson, Training Captain Ryan Hartberger, Volunteer Chief Zach Beckner, Volunteer Chief Adam Dickerson, FF/EMT Jacob Bonds, Assistant to the Chief Sarah Pugh, LT FF/Paramedic Seth Mowles, FF/EMT Michael Brown, FF/Paramedic Thomas Holdren, LT FF/EMT Gary Fisher, and volunteers Michael Rock, Skip Simmons, Billy Chrimes, Aaron Whitney, Beth Leffel, and Kirk Taylor.

"Ultimately, I think it was a well-established process," Chief Ferguson noted. "There was citizen engagement. There was Fire & EMS stakeholder engagement. We all left, at the end of those three days together, feeling as though there were

To learn more about Botetourt County Fire & EMS services, visit [botetourtfireems.org](https://www.botetourtfireems.org).



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO. A graphic designed by Botetourt County Fire & EMS Retention Specialist Taylor Lunsford that highlights the core values of the department.

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study conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

was "flawed." Following Valley District Supervisor Mac

Scothorn's motion to table discussion until the county has a better grip on the traffic evaluation, a representative of the developer involved in the project noted that even if the board tables discussions on the matter to further look into the traffic study, VDOT already approved the project and could deny any off-site road improvements. A VDOT representative contacted a county representative prior to Tuesday's meeting clarifying that "no physical improvements are warranted for the proposed entrance on



A render of gas pumps seen during a recent presentation. GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

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Stockyard Report
Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA

The Town of Buchanan gives notice of a public hearing of the Buchanan Planning Commission on February 5th, 2024 and a public hearing by the Buchanan Town Council on February 12th, 2024, each at approximately 7:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, in Buchanan Council Meeting Room at 19753 Main Street, Buchanan, Virginia for consideration of:

Mac Westland is seeking a Special Use Permit under Zoning Ordinance Article III, Section 303-L Sign Regulation for placement of a mural on the façade of 19384 & 19386, Main Street, Buchanan Virginia 24066, Tax Map Parcel 65A-64.

Any citizen may bring comments to Buchanan Town Hall at 19753 Main Street, Buchanan, VA or mail written comments to P.O. Box 205, Buchanan, VA 24066 or email comments to townmanager@buchanan-va.gov on or before noon Monday, February 5th, 2024. Or attend via phone 701-802-5423 (access code 3474425) or in person to present their views on these matters. Copies of the Special Use Permit application are available for review at the Town Office, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
George Hayfield, Town Manager

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING TOWN OF BUCHANAN

The Town of Buchanan has immediate opening for a Director of Community Development & Marketing. Full-time exempt position with health and retirement benefits. Primary responsibilities shall be business development, marketing, event planning & management, and grant writing. Salary range \$50,000-\$65,000, depending upon qualifications. Apply with resume, cover letter, references, salary expectations. Inquiries and application materials may be emailed to George.Hayfield@townmanager@buchanan-va.gov. Position open until filled.
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PUBLIC NOTICE BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live. Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. February 8, 2024 at: <https://forms.gle/9vZoPXyxZR8bgEoQ6> or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at salbert@bcps.k12.va.us.

Brandon Nicely. The board voted in favor of tabling discussions on both SEPs, 4-1, with Buchanan District Supervisor Amy White voting no.

To watch the Jan. 23 public hearing in its entirety, visit Botetourt County's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@botetourtcountyva.



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Employment

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seeks a Hardware Engineer in Blacksburg, VA: Support R&D activities through development of FPGA firmware. Develop printed circuit boards. MS deg req'd. \$97,600 - \$132,000/year. Email resumes to Hien.Nguyen@intusurg.com...

Help Wanted - General

WANTED

Models needed for life drawing class, male and female, \$65 for 3 hour session. Call David (Do not text) 540-473-3713

For Sale - Firewood

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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 5716 LEE HIGHWAY, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 28, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$173,232.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 220000838. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 26, 2024, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE EAST LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 11 CORNET TO BROWN (FORMERLY MRS. STEVENS), THENCE WITH BROWNS S. 56° 21' 45" E. 303.84 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE LEAVING BROWN AND WITH THE CLERK TRACT S. 35° 36' 00" W. 79.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 59° 36' 00" W. 293.05 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF ROUTE 11; THENCE WITH ROUTE 11 ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 3500.00 FEET TO A CHORD OF N. 28° 35' 24" E. 96.78 FEET AND AN ARC DISTANCE OF 96.78 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE AT THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.604 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SET FORTH IN THAT PLAT OF SURVEY BY CHARLES R. MCMURRY, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED AUGUST 16, 1990. TOGETHER WITH THE

Legals - Botetourt County

RIGHT TO USE THAT CERTAIN JOINT DRIVEWAY SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY DATED JULY 16, 1958, OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 134, PAGE 304, AS SET FORTH IN JOINT DRIVEWAY AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 23, 1968, IN DEED BOOK 184, PAGE 669 (ERRONEOUSLY SHOWN AS PAGE 660 IN PRIOR DEED). 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 Mortgagor, 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.bwwsales.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.bwwsales.com. VA-367530-1.

TRUSTEE SALE OF

105 Shade Hollow Street, Blue Ridge, VA 24064

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated October 3, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$135,681.00, recorded as Inst. 160003659, subsequently assigned to Virginia Housing Development Authority, and modified to the amount of \$127,131.58 as Inst. 210001144, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt on March 27, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., the property located at the above address and described as 1.00 acre, more or less, beginning at a common corner with W.L. Harris on a leading to Roadway leading to Va. State Secondary Route 652, corner marked by an iron pin; thence with said W.L. Harris line, N. 89 degrees 31' W. 223.86 feet to an iron pin corner in said Harris line; thence a new line through property owned jointly by Timothy N. Gilbert and Linda D. Gilbert and Herbert O. Ransom and Mary V. Ransom, N. 11 degrees 18' W. 200 feet to an iron on above said property; thence a new line through same property, S. 89 degrees 31' E. 223.86 feet to an iron in west edge of said 30 foot Roadway; thence with the said Roadway westerly line, S. 11 degrees 18' W. 200 feet to the point of Beginning, subject to a Road Maintenance Agreement recorded in Deed Book 494, Pages 811-817, and together with a perpetual easement 30 feet wide located near Hickory Street for ingress and egress to Va. Secondary Route 652, a portion of this right of way is

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14 feet wide as shown in Deed Book 579, page 44 and final order recorded as Inst. 030004788, County of Botetourt. TERMS: CASH. PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE. A deposit of \$12,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", balance due within 15 days from date of sale. No personal checks accepted. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, reservations and conditions, if any, of record, as well as inchoate liens and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at dolanreid.com/foreclosure-sales. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE

CSKS LLC, trading as 101 Corner, 1123 Fairfax St., Radford, VA 24141-5342

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Wine and Beer, OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Hardikkumar Patel, Owner
Chirayu Patel, Owner

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, to consider public comments regarding the following: Proposed amendment to Radford City Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 120.1-228 - Non-Conforming Signs. The proposed amendment will allow for the Consolidation; reconstruction of existing nonconforming off-premise sign structures. Additional information is available at www.radfordva.gov or the Community Development Dept. at (540)267-3188, 10 Robertson Street. Interested citizens are invited to attend this hearing and present their comments.

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

will hold public hearings on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Legals - Botetourt County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT LANDRUM HARTMAN, SR. DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Harry Benjamin Hartman, executor of the estate of Robert Landrum Hartman, Sr., Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Robert Landrum Hartman, Sr., and all persons in any way interested in his estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 28th day of February, 2024 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against Robert Landrum Hartman, Sr. or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to who, they are due.

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

FRANKLIN MART LLC., trading as Franklin mart LLC, 3001 Franklin Road SW, Roanoke City, Roanoke, VA. 24014.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store, Beer and Wine , OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Krunal Nayak
Owner

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Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL23002018-00 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

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

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Legals - Botetourt County

ABC NOTICE

Tienda Y Taqueria Genesis LLC., trading as Tienda Latina Genesis, 7345 Peppers Ferry Blvd Suite A, Fairlawn, Pulaski County, VA. 24141-8857.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Beer and Wine, OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

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Legals - City of Salem

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TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

will hold public hearings on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

will hold public hearings on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Legals - Montgomery County

Ordinance 2038: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code Sections 14-200, 14-201 and 14-202

Establishing a Civil Penalty for Certain Trash Violations. The proposed ordinance will amend the Town Code to create a process to address loose trash or garbage in a timely manner.

Ordinance 2040: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code to Establish a New Section 17-315 to Prohibit Overcrowding in Buildings.

This proposed ordinance will incorporate the provisions of § 1001.3 of the Virginia Statewide Prevention Code regarding overcrowding into the Town Code. Violations will be a Class 1 misdemeanor. Resolution authorizing Deed of Dedication for Meadowbrook Greenway Trail

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Barry signs to play softball at Wagner



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James River senior Ripley Barry recently committed to play softball at Wagner College, a Division I school in Staten Island, N.Y. Ripley is a power-hitting outfielder who was a key member of the Knights' state runner-up team last spring. The Seahawks are members of the Northeast Conference and are coached by Glen Moore.

Toliver to play football at Brown



PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY
Lord Botetourt senior DJ Toliver has committed to play football at Brown University in Providence, R.I. Brown is a private Ivy League research university and is the seventh-oldest institution of higher education in the United States. Toliver was a first team All-Region 3D offensive lineman for the Cavaliers during the fall. He's the son of former LB football standout Elton Toliver, who went on to play at the University of Virginia.

Kendal Howard receives state championship ring



PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER
Lord Botetourt senior Kendal Howard received his state championship ring for winning the Class 3 outdoor discus championship at halftime of last Friday's LB-William Byrd basketball game. Kendal won the state championship by over 20 feet with a throw of 161'7" in the spring state meet. Howard is currently ranked fourth in the state of Virginia.



Madilyn Winterton of LB handles the ball in Friday's win at William Byrd.

Botetourt girls are on a roll

The Lord Botetourt girls have a chance to put themselves in the catbird's seat in Blue Ridge District basketball with games against William Fleming and Northside.

The Cavs came into the week with a 16-2 record and an undefeated mark in the BRD after seven games. They were scheduled to host William Fleming on Tuesday, and the Colonels were 5-1 in the district at that point with their only loss to the Cavaliers. Results were too late for publication, but if the Cavs won they all but wrapped up the district regular season title. A Tuesday loss and both teams would have one defeat with a week of games to go.

Botetourt kept rolling last week with two more wins. The

girls hosted Staunton River on January 23 and took a 69-33 win over the Eagles. Madilyn Winterton led the way with 16 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and eight steals while Taylor Orange added 11 points and Gracie Huffard added 10. LB had 21 assists on 27 made field goals.

"I thought we shared the ball well, but we are getting a little too complacent on the defensive end," said coach Renee Favaro. "It will be on me to make sure we are working on that moving forward."

On Friday the girls had another dominating win as they beat William Byrd, 63-21. Grayson Alfano scored 14 points and pulled down seven rebounds to lead the way while Caron recorded a double-



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY
Maddie Caron scores for the Cavaliers in Vinton.

double with 12 points and 10 boards. Winterton added 11 points and six assists, Orange scored nine points and Ainsley Anderson had nine assists and six steals.

"Overall, a good week for us," said Favaro. "We still need to be more efficient offensively and I would like us over 40 percent from the field as a team and we were just below that. A lot of

that comes off not getting enough easy looks from our defense creating live ball turnovers. We will work to improve those things over the next two weeks of the regular season."

The Cavaliers will host Northside Friday, then wrap up the regular season next week with a trip to Franklin County on Tuesday and a home game with Jefferson Forest on Wednesday, February 7.

River boys hoop will host Radford on Thursday

James River will play host to Radford in a big Three Rivers District basketball game on Thursday. It will be "Senior Night" and the last home game of the season for James River.

The Knights are 4-15 overall and 1-8 in the Three Rivers District but hoping to make some noise as the season winds down. River lost three district games last week, falling to Floyd, Alleghany and Carroll County.

"We knew it would be a challenging week," said coach Ethan Humphries. "They are the three best teams on our schedule

and to play them within a span of five days, with two on the road while being short-handed, is tough stuff for any team. We aren't on their level but I think our guys are seeing the gaps we have to make up. We'll play a hot Radford team on Thursday's Senior Night, so we have a few days to prepare and get everyone back healthy."

Last Wednesday at home the Knights lost to Alleghany, 55-36. Trey Taylor had nine points and seven rebounds and Maddox Pichay had nine points and five boards.

On Friday in Hillsville

host Carroll County downed River, 70-33, as the Cavaliers improved to 16-1 on the season. Taylor led River with nine points.

"After the first five minutes, they dismantled us for the next 27," said Humphries. "Once they stretched the lead to three possessions we went off script and it went down hill quickly. They are a real solid team with a great identity."

River will wrap up the regular season with two Three Rivers road games next week. They're at Patrick County on Monday and at Glenvar on Friday, February 9.



PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER
James River's Nate Stewart (right) battles Candan Saunders of Lord Botetourt in the 138-pound class of the Big Red tournament at Riverheads High last weekend. Stewart placed second and Saunders was fourth.

County wrestling teams begin post-season this week

The James River and Lord Botetourt wrestling teams will compete in district tournaments this week to begin the post-season, and both teams competed in the "Big Red" tournament at Riverheads High last Saturday.

James River was scheduled to host the Three Rivers District tournament in the Knights' gym on Tuesday afternoon. LB will compete in the Blue Ridge District tournament today, Wednesday, at Northside High School. That's scheduled to be held in the old Northside gym and wrestling will begin at 3 p.m.

Last Saturday in Staunton, Lord Botetourt was second and James River was 11th in the Big Red

tournament at Riverheads High School. The host Gladiators won the tournament with 204.5 points, edging LB by just a point and a half. William Byrd was third with 190.5 and James River had 78.5 points in the 13-team tournament.

Botetourt had three champions, Gray Arnold at 150, TJ Piluso at 165 and Aaden Thomas at 215. Arnold pinned his way through the finals and Piluso stayed undefeated at 32-0, and is just five wins away from his 100th at LB. Thomas, a sophomore, is now 21-2 on the season.

Ty Hensley took second at 175 and he's now

Big week for LB boys basketball



Blake Lovern grabs a rebound in Friday's win.



Lord Botetourt cheerleaders make a tunnel as county recreation kids are introduced on Youth Night as last Friday's Lord Botetourt basketball game against William Byrd.



Carson Edwards guards the basket from Byrd's Hayden Eads.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Lord Botetourt boys basketball team will have a busy week with two tough district games and a morning game in the Adam Ward Classic on Saturday. Botetourt is coming off a big week and hopes to keep the momentum going.

The Cavaliers were scheduled to play 10-5 William Fleming in Roanoke on Tuesday. LB and Fleming went in tied for second in the Blue Ridge District with two district losses each.

On Friday the Cavs will take on the top team, Northside. The Vikings were 15-3 after last week's action, and their only district loss was to Fleming.

Less than 16 hours after the Fleming game the Cavaliers will be at Salem High Saturday morning to take on Auburn in the Adam Ward Classic. The game is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. and is the second of seven games on the day. The

rest of Saturday's schedule has Roanoke Catholic versus Jefferson Forest at 10 a.m., the Fleming girls against Carroll County at 1:30 p.m. in the only girls game of the day, George Wythe against Narrows at 3:15 p.m., Patrick Henry against Spotswood at 5 p.m., Northside and Radford at 6:45 p.m. and the day wraps up with Cave Spring against Fleming's boys at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for the whole day and proceeds go to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund.

Botetourt comes into the week at 10-8 overall and 5-2 in the district after getting some revenge on William Byrd last Friday. The Cavs lost a prior meeting in Vinton but last Friday they built a seven-point lead after three quarters and held on for a 47-44 win in front of a big crowd in Daleville.

"A great win and a great atmosphere for high school basketball," said LB

coach Andrew Hart. "Really proud of the scrappiness we played with throughout the game. We made a few mistakes late in the game, but were able to respond and finish out the victory against a really good William Byrd team."

Carson Edwards led LB with 18 points, hitting eight of nine from the floor and both foul shots. Conner Dowdy had 11 points, Landon Hayes had seven and Blake Lovern and Edwards had nine rebounds each.

On Saturday afternoon the Cavaliers traveled to Franklin County for a makeup game and took a 71-57 win less than 24 hours after an emotionally draining win over Byrd. Brayden Wells led five Cavaliers in double figures with 17 points. Lovern had 15, Edwards had a dozen, Evan Bannwart had 11 points and Dowdy had 10. Edwards had 14 rebounds and six assists.

"You never know what you are going to get on a Saturday afternoon, especially when it is your fourth game of the week," said Hart. "However, our guys showed up ready to play and took control of the game early. We played tough and smart and rebounded well against a physical team."

LB went 3-1 for the week. Last Tuesday the Cavs won at Staunton River, 65-34, and on Wednesday of last week they lost to Floyd at home, 75-63.

"Tough loss in an important game for us," said Hart. "Floyd has a really solid team and they are tough and physical."

Next Tuesday the Cavaliers will wrap up their regular season schedule with a home game against Franklin County. The Blue Ridge District tournament is scheduled to begin February 9 and this week's games will have a lot to do with where LB is seeded.

River girls upset Carroll County in basketball

The James River girls picked up a signature basketball win on Monday when the Knights defeated Carroll County in Springwood, 47-34. It was just the second loss of the season for the visiting Cavaliers and their first in the Three Rivers District.

"First ever win over Carroll County in school history!" said River coach Ryan Firebaugh. "We came out with a fire ready to play. Super proud of my girls, they battled and overcame adversity during certain parts of

the game. They never gave up." River led 25-17 at the half and 40-25 after three quarters. The only quarter they were outscored was the fourth, but that was just 9-7 as the Knights held on for the win.

Caitlin Canada had a big game for River with 26 points, 12 rebounds, a pair of assists and a steal. Kelsi Maydian had nine points and three steals, Honesty Liming had eight points and nine rebounds and Jalen Thompson had seven boards.

"Caitlin played really well," said Firebaugh. "We stepped it up on defense and our defense created a lot of our offense. We came together as a team and worked together well."

With the win the Knights moved into the black with a 10-9 overall record. The Knights are 4-4 in the district and can get over .500 in that category when they play at Radford Friday night. River beat Radford in Springwood last Friday, 60-30.

"We came out from the tip with energy and intensity and took care of business," said Firebaugh. "Our defense was really good, forcing Radford into some tough shots, and our offense was firing on all cylinders."

Canada had 19 points and 11 rebounds in this game to go with four assists and three steals. Maydian had 10 points, Liming had nine and Keira Crawford had seven. Liming had eight rebounds and Audrey Benson had seven

boards and three steals to go with six points.

River also played Floyd and Alleghany last week, splitting those games. They beat Floyd, 46-42 at home, but lost at Alleghany Thursday, 45-28.

Next week the Knights will return the trip to Carroll on Monday, then wrap up the regular season with a home game against Patrick County on Tuesday and a home game against Glenvar on Thursday, February 8.

Swim & Track Notes

Cavalier girls win BRD swim championship

The Lord Botetourt girls took first place when the Blue Ridge District championship swim meet was held at the Gator Center in Roanoke last Friday. William Byrd won the boys championship and LB was fourth.

"What an incredible meet!" said LB coach Ashley Safrit. "Overall, there were 18 new PRs (personal records) on Friday. Amazing!"

It was the third year in a row the LB girls have won the Blue Ridge meet. This year Layne Jones and Hannah Mizuba were named female "Swimmers of the Year" in the district while Max Mizuba was the BRD male "Swimmer of the Year."

Among the highlights was the girls 400 free relay team of Isabella Sanchez, Julia Misicko, Jones and Mizuba, who won the event and qualified for states with a cut time of 3:54.43. The Cavs also won the 200 medley relay with Jones, Olivia Nicely, Misicko and Mizuba.

Other firsts for the LB girls included Jones in the 200 free and 100 backstroke, Mizuba in the 50 free

and 100 butterfly and Sarah Frederickson in the 100 breaststroke.

For the boys Max Mizuba won the 200 IM and 100 breast.

The Region 3D meet is scheduled for the Christiansburg Aquatic Center on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Region 2C swim meet in Feb. 8

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center will be the site of the Region 2C swim meet, including James River swimmers, on Thursday, February 8. Swimming will begin at 6 p.m.

River was scheduled to wrap up the regular season with a meet at the Botetourt YMCA on Tuesday of this week. Last week the Knights swam against Glenvar and Northside at the Salem YMCA.

Taking first at the Salem Y last week was the girls 200 medley relay team of Cora Mullins, Drew Whitson, Sarah Lorman and Addison Jones. Whitson also took a first in the breaststroke and a second in the 100 freestyle. Sarah Lorman was first in the 100 butterfly and second in the 100 breast. Riley Persinger won both the 50 free and 100 back.

For the boys, Walker Wilson took second in the 100 back and third in the 100 free while Ethan Smith took a second in the 100 backstroke.

LB track team runs at RC this Saturday

The Lord Botetourt track team is scheduled to run at the East Coast Elite Meet at the Roanoke College Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse this Saturday. Many schools from the East Coast are expected to compete.

Last weekend the Cavaliers attended the Heritage Middle School and Varsity Invitational. Botetourt had several athletes place first in their events, including Amelia Dietrich in the 1600m, Rye Jackson in the 500m, Ember Wiley in the 3200m, Kendal Howard in the shot put and the 4x400 girls relay team of Amelia Dietrich, Erna Dietrich, Riley Shupe and Madeleine Gantzhorn. Also, freshman runner Anne Thorne made elite qualified in the 1600m with a time of 5:33.51, which was a 20-second PR for her.

Botetourt had several athletes attend the Virginia Beach Showcase earlier this month. Two of the athletes ran away with new school records as TJ McGinnis broke the 55m record with a time of 6.61 seconds and Ethan Thorne broke the 3200m school record with a time of 9:32.30.

Wrestling

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22-7. Two Cavs won their consolation final to take third, James Dean at 120 and Declan Sullivan at 126, while Camden Saunders was fourth at 138. Fifth place went to Kevin Gergely at 144 and Gabe Glenn at heavyweight and Morgan Parr was sixth at 132. LB's two girls got their first wins over guy opponents, which was a big step for them.

River had seven wrestlers in the tournament and three placed. Brayden Forbes remained undefeated with a Big Red championship at 120 pounds. He's now 26-0.

Two other Knights made the final and placed second. Xaiden Wynn took second at 106 and he's now 23-2, losing to Byrd's Darin Witcher for the second time in a season-long battle

between the two 106-pounders.

At 138 Nate Stewart took a second, losing in overtime to Gage Cockran of William Byrd. Nate is now 20-3.

LB also competed in a quad at Pulaski County last week and beat Pulaski, 66-15, and Carroll County, 78-6.

"It was a rough week with the passing of Conner Shiflett," said Craft, referring to the former LB wrestler who passed away last week. Conner's service was on the same day as the Big Red tournament.

"We had a moment of silence Saturday morning before wrestling started and read a few words about Conner," said Craft. "It's been an emotional week for everyone involved."

Region tournaments for both



Gray Arnold of LB, on top, won the 150-pound class at the Big Red.



Brayden Forbes (on top) of James River remained undefeated with a 120-pound title at Riverheads.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Botetourt County schools will be held on February 10. James River will host the Region 2C tournament and the Region 3D tourney is at Abingdon.

"The only team in deep Southwest

Virginia that's 3A is going to host," said Craft. "So now everyone from Tunstall through Roanoke to Pulaski has to travel all the way down there. Gonna be a real long day."