



## Wampler-Eanes provides supervisors, citizens with information regarding reassessment

**Matt de Simone**  
mattdesimone@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Last week's meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors featured a presentation from Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group Vice President Gary Eanes explaining the process of the recent countywide reassessments.

According to Eanes's presentation, in 2019, the average sale price for all county properties was \$259,872. Following the reassessment, current values in Botetourt, based on 313 sales in 2023, is \$386,862 – a 33% increase in property values across the county.

Eanes explained via a Zoom call that the company provides services to localities that do not have a staff or resources to conduct a general reassessment. He noted that Botetourt requires a reassessment once every four years, while some surrounding localities provide reassessments annually.

The recent reassessment is "the first step in a comprehensive sales study," according

to Eanes's presentation. Eanes mentioned that Botetourt properties were visited by a field inspector who verified data and collected additional info. The field reviews were performed with the homeowners, if they were at home.

Eanes's presentation explained that throughout the reassessment process, neighborhood sales, land values, yearly appreciation trends, and other data are analyzed. The firm enters the data into a mass appraisal system and is accurately validated.

He talked about Virginia's sales ratio study clarifying that the study compares assessed values to market values as represented by open market sales.

"In other words, if we (Wampler-Eanes) assess a property at \$80,000, and it sells for \$100,000, then we are at 80% of market value," Eanes said. "When the reassessment process is complete, property owners will be notified and we will hold hearings. At that

See **Reassessment Info**, page 10

BOTETOURT			
YEAR	SALES	DOM	AVG SP
2019	490	61	\$259,872
2020	519	44	\$290,545
2021	482	25	\$324,335
2022	392	21	\$348,458
2023	313	33	\$386,862

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

During the Wampler-Eanes presentation at last Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, Vice President Gary Eanes provided a graphic display of the county's market trends/average sale prices since the last reassessment.

**OPENING DAY!** **2024 SEASON!**

**BOTETOURT FARMERS MARKET**  
DALEVILLE TOWN CENTER

**EARTH DAY WEEKEND**  
**SATURDAY MARKET**  
April 20th 10AM-2PM  
Daleville Town Center

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT FARMERS MARKET

## Botetourt Farmers Market opens April 20

The Botetourt Farmers Market's 2024 season kicks off April 20 at the Daleville Town Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A recent social media post by the Farmers Market expressed, "We are so thankful and grateful to be returning to the Town Center, and are excited to see all our wonderful guests and friends as

the sunshine returns for spring."

Those who wish to apply as a vendor for the 2024 can do so by submitting an online application by visiting botetourtfarmersmarket.com.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

## Proposed Wawa development approved

**Matt de Simone**  
mattdesimone@mainstreetnewspapers.com

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors approved two Special Exception Permit (SEP) requests for a new Wawa convenience store at the Daleville Town Center on the corner of Roanoke Road (Route 220) and Glebe Road in the Amsterdam District. The board voted to approve the SEP for a convenience store with possible conditions, and a SEP for an electronic message board sign, with possible conditions in the Traditional Neighborhood District.

The board voted to

approved the SEP for the Wawa with a 4-1 vote. Blue Ridge Supervisor Walter Michael was the only board member who voted no. The board unanimously approved the SEP for an electronic board sign.

"This is a commercial development and has been since the early 2000s," said Board Chair and Amsterdam District Supervisor Steve Clinton. "I have to say that I'm not surprised to see a proposed commercial development on this (property). That's what it's been set aside as. That's the difference with the Sheetz, of which I famously voted against. Sheetz was a Greenfield

site, but it was an undeveloped site. This one, that's been proposed for development, and has been for a long time. That's a consideration that I can't quite ignore."

Clinton added that when he first reviewed the requests, he was hesitant due to the traffic data. He said that after thoroughly going back through the data he doesn't see a problem with it.

"When you make a decision, you have to consider 'then what – do this then how are we going to deal with the consequences,'" Clinton continued. "I feel if we don't approve this, we are

See **Wawa**, page 10



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors approved (4-1) two SEPs last Tuesday for a new convenience store and electronic sign on the corner of Glebe Road and Roanoke Road in Daleville.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

**County Parks & Rec Director Mandy Adkins has been named as the Cultural Placemaking and Events Director for the Town of Vinton, effective April 8.**

## County Parks & Recreation Director accepts job in Vinton

In a recent press release, Botetourt County Director of Parks & Recreation Mandy Adkins has accepted the position of Director of Cultural Placemaking and Events for the Town of Vinton. Adkins will be filling a key position within Vinton's Leadership Team and overseeing the operations of the Department of Community Programs, the report explained. She is anticipated to begin her employment with Vinton on April 8.

Since January 2021, Adkins has served as the Director of Parks and Recreation, where she was responsible for a comprehensive

slate of the county's community recreation programs and events, including youth athletics, the senior/accessible transportation service, community parks, and a sports complex.

Her responsibilities in Vinton will, in part, consist of working with town staff, residents, and other community stakeholders to develop, manage, and promote recreational, cultural, and other related special event programs associated with the Town-owned community facilities, including the Vinton War Memorial, the Charles R. Hill Community Center, the Vinton History Museum, and the Farmers'

Market.

Adkins will also directly support Vinton's Downtown Business District by serving as the public relations and business retention liaison, through actively working with existing and prospective businesses, the Town's economic development staff, the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, Roanoke County, and other related regional entities to enhance and maintain a welcoming and vibrant downtown for residents, businesses, and visitors.

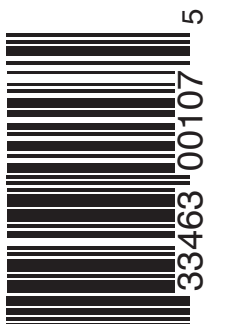
- Fincastle Herald staff report

- Relationship Banking
- Business Lending
- Merchant Services
- Treasury Management

**Bank of Botetourt**

www.BankofBotetourt.com 540.591.5000

Member FDIC





*Botetourt County History*

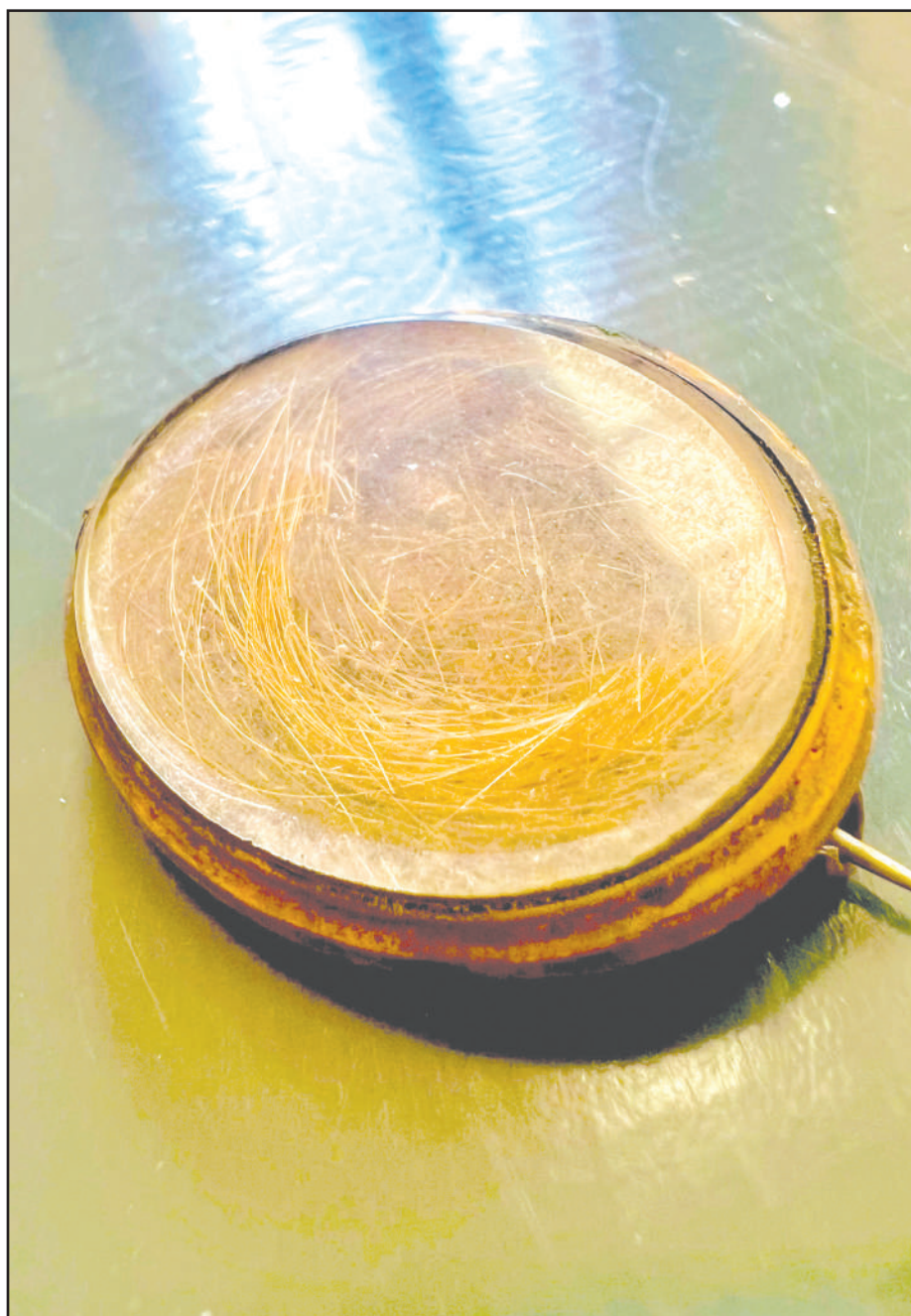


PHOTO COURTESY OF BCMHC

March is Women's History Month. The practice of wearing hair jewelry predates the Victorian period, but many often associate hair brooches, rings and pendants with mourning during the time of Queen Victoria, when it became wildly popular. Wearing a lock of hair from a deceased loved one was seen as carrying sentiments of that person with you at all times. Also, since hair does not decay like other natural material the pieces could be worn without fear of the breakdown of their loved one's locks. Hair jewelry could also be worn

in celebration of achievements or to signify the bond between friends or loved ones.

This brooch contains hair belonging to Anne Peters Brugh Woodson. She attended Hollins College and wore the brooch around 1855. It was donated to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture by Mrs. Fulton Waid and is on view in one of the upstairs galleries.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

# Mac Westland Real Estate Group cuts ribbon in Buchanan



PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

Mac Westland Real Estate Group held its official grand opening last Saturday in Buchanan. Buchanan Mayor Tristan Harris (left) and real estate agent Matysan Kestner stand alongside Principal Broker Mac Westland, his wife Jill Westland, daughter Macy Westland, and Botetourt Chamber of Commerce Director David Williams during the ribbon-cutting last Saturday. The new brokerage is located at 19384 Main Street in Buchanan.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



Skylar Gay

PHOTO COURTESY OF BECKY GAY

## Skylar Gay receives the 2024 ThinkSwiss scholarship

Skylar Gay of Fincastle has been awarded the 2024 ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship. She is a student at the University of Virginia. Each year, 15 scholars are selected from undergraduate and graduate applicants. Applications are open students in the United States, Canada, Asia, India and Singapore.

Skylar will participate in a two-to three-month research experience at her chosen academic institution in Switzerland. She will become an ambassador for the program and promote the opportunities granted through the program.

-Submitted by Becky Gay



*We Are Open and Ready to Serve . . . We can livestream your service allowing family and friends to attend without being physically present.*



630 Roanoke Road,  
Daleville, VA  
(540) 992-1212



www.rader-funeralhome.com



## Powering POSSIBILITIES

Power your home ownership dreams with our suite of mortgage solutions. We are here for you whether you're buying, building or remodeling.

Ask me how to make your home ownership dreams a reality!



**Kayla Smith**

540.333.9280

AVP/Mortgage Loan Officer

NMLS #1801143



Member FDIC  
First Bank NMLS# 406060  
Loans subject to credit approval.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HFI planning new events for 2024

To the people of Fincastle and the surrounding area:  
 In 1968 a group of citizens concerned with the preservation of historical significance of Fincastle and the surrounding area formed Historic Fincastle, Inc. (HFI). It is still a very active group of citizens today.  
 My name is Patsy Dickerson, and I am serving as president of HFI today. There is a very dedicated and hardworking Executive Board: David Lloyd (vice-president), Yvonne Saunders (treasurer) and Meredith Shelton-Bowman

(secretary) and Board of Directors (Cindy Bailey, Lynne Bolton, Lyn Burton, Kip Burton, Richard Flora, Sharon Lloyd, Keith McMurry, Lissy Mirenda, Caroline Naysmith, Don Naysmith, Marcia Neighbors, Betty Reynolds, and Jay Saunders) who continue to carry out the original mission of HFI "to support the preservation of the historical, physical, cultural, and natural resources of Fincastle, Virginia and its surroundings."  
 New and returning members are always welcome to join in the planning and carrying out of our projects and programs throughout the year. A membership form is located on our website, hisfin.org, that is currently being updated to reflect what we have done and what we are planning

to do. If you are interested in the history of the area and would like to help archiving the history, past and present, HFI is looking for someone to serve as an archivist for the Early Cabin. HFI is also updating our walking tour and signage around town.  
 Three of our annual activities, Step-Back Into History (May), Fincastle Fall Festival (September 28), and Holiday Home Tour and Marketplace (December 14) will continue this year. There is a place for everyone and anyone who would like to help with the planning or carrying out of these events. Contact HFI (historicfincastleinc@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are interested in helping.

We have three new events/celebrations "under construction" for this year. Throughout the year, we will be celebrating our historic churches in Fincastle: First Baptist, Fincastle United Methodist Church, Fincastle Presbyterian Church, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Each of these churches will have a day of celebration where a local historian will give the history of the church followed by a musical presentation. The dates and programs are still being planned. Stay tuned for updates.  
 HFI will also celebrate our children and summer by sponsoring an "Old Fashioned Ice Cream and Hot Dog

See Letters, page 9

# 2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Below is an updated thread of the scholarships currently available for Botetourt County high school seniors. If any local organizations and/or businesses would like to submit any additional scholarship information, please email fincastle@mainstreetnewspapers.com.

## HFI continues scholarship tradition

Historic Fincastle, Inc. (HFI) is again this year offering two scholarships to college-bound seniors at both Lord Botetourt and James River High Schools.  
 The Elizabeth and Israel Christian Scholarship is a \$1,000 grant for seniors who complete an essay honoring the history of the Town of Fincastle. The \$500 Pat Simmons and Sally Eads Volunteer Scholarship was created in 2016 as a way to honor these two women and their long history of volunteerism to the Town of Fincastle and HFI.

Scholarship applications are in the schools' guidance counselor's office now and the deadline for forms submission is April 5.

## Botetourt Town and Country Women's Club Scholarship

Botetourt County seniors who will be furthering their education have the opportunity to apply for the Botetourt Town and Country Women's Club Scholarship. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. Applications are available at the James River and Lord Botetourt Guidance Departments. All parts of the application, including references and transcripts, must be complete in order to be considered. There is more information on the application, including how to submit. It is due by April 15.

## Bank of Botetourt now accepting applications for its 8th annual 'Taking Care of You'

### community scholarship

Bank of Botetourt is pleased to offer its 8th annual "Taking Care of You" Community Scholarship opportunity, totaling \$2,000. Five scholarships will be awarded, three for \$500, and two for \$250. These scholarships are available to high school seniors and existing college students with a GPA of 2.50 or higher who currently utilize Bank of Botetourt for their Banking needs.

"The Bank is proud to support students in their academic achievements and invest in their futures as they pursue higher education. Since the inception of this scholarship, we have awarded \$7,000, and each year we look forward to reviewing applications," shares Bank President and COO, Michelle R. Austin.

To apply, applicants are required to write a two-page essay on the topic of "How has Bank of Botetourt been able to take care of your banking and financial needs and what is the Bank's impact on the community?" For full essay guidelines and additional information, please visit [www.BankofBotetourt.com/Community-Involvement](http://www.BankofBotetourt.com/Community-Involvement). The deadline for submissions is March 31.

For additional information please contact the Bank's Scholarship Committee at [scholarship@bankofbotetourt.com](mailto:scholarship@bankofbotetourt.com).

### Scholarships offered by Democratic Committee

The Botetourt County Democratic Committee offers two \$1,000 Citizenship Scholarships to two deserving seniors, one from Lord Botetourt High School and one from James River High School.

To apply:  
 Part One: Write a 150-300-word essay describing "How a free press preserves Democracy in our Republic" This essay should not include any personally identifying information

Part Two: A separate page with personal information  
 • Applicant name and parent/guardian names  
 • Address and phone number for contact purposes only (not for publication)

- High Schools attended
  - Post-secondary education plans
  - A list of 3 activities you have participated in at high school
  - A dated pledge that your essay is original and prepared by the applicant. Your typed name will be your electronic signature
  - A sentence giving your permission for your submitted materials to be published as part of the announcement of winners to the media
- Submission: Submit the essay and personal information page as two separate electronic attachments to [demsbotetourt@gmail.com](mailto:demsbotetourt@gmail.com).  
 Deadline: Monday, April 1.  
 A panel will choose the winners based upon the essays alone without knowing the personal information of the applicant. You may have any GPA, party affiliation or financial status.  
 Winners and their school counselors will be informed before April 19.

## AITC announces new scholarship opportunity for students

The Virginia Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) has introduced the Doug Stoughton Memorial Scholarship opportunity for graduating high school seniors and current college students pursuing a future in agriculture or education.

Scholarship winners will receive \$1,000 to further their studies at a two- or four-year college or university. Interested students can apply online at [form.jotform.com/VaAITC/](http://form.jotform.com/VaAITC/)

AITC Scholarship. Applicants are required to submit a high school transcript and two letters of recommendation.

Additionally, applicants will need to submit personal statements describing their extracurricular activities and community service, leadership experience, interest in agriculture and education, and how the scholarship will benefit them.

Applications are due March 31 and can be emailed to [aic@va.fb.com](mailto:aic@va.fb.com). Scholarship winners will be notified by May 31.

For more information about this scholarship and other AITC initiatives, visit [virginia.agclassroom.org](http://virginia.agclassroom.org).

## Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Scholarship

Given out to a senior from JRHS and LBHS who is attending college for an agriculture related field of study or to a student entering the workforce right out of school in the ag field. This scholarship honors past, present and future farmers of Beaver Dam Farm and is in honor of Linda W. Wickline.

Please email [BeaverDamSunflowers@gmail.com](mailto:BeaverDamSunflowers@gmail.com) for the application and more information. Recipients are selected by a committee and will be notified via email or phone. Applications are due back April 1.

## WLSL scholarship opportunity

College-bound, graduating high school seniors  
 See Scholarships, page 10



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAP

# LAP receives donations from Hope Tree

Hope Smith and several children from Hope Tree Family Services in Salem visited the League for Animal Protection on March 1, bringing needed donations to the no-kill shelter in Fincastle.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

# ELECT



**CJ BOOTHE  
 CHAIRMAN  
 BOTETOURT  
 COUNTY  
 REPUBLICAN  
 COMMITTEE**

**Voting will be held on  
 March 23rd • 10 am to 1 pm  
 at Lord Botetourt High School**



- Long-time Botetourt County & Current Resident of Daleville
- Graduate of Lord Botetourt High School & Eastern Tennessee State University (ETSU)
- Deputy Chief for the Troutville Volunteer Fire Department
- Upholds Family-Oriented, Christian Values
- Will advocate for Republican Candidates







# Library BUZZ

## UPCOMING COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

**March Reading Challenge**  
 March 1-31  
 The book may be better than the movie! Check out our list of Oscar-worthy reads – books that were made into or inspired by Oscar-winning films. Log your reading in our Beanstack app to earn badges through the challenge.

**Raising Chickens**  
 Tue, Mar 12, 6-7pm, Blue Ridge  
 Learn whether to choose heritage or hybrid birds, how to make a chicken illness kit, how to raise chicks, and more with local author and locavore Bruce Ingram.

**Eclectic Readers**  
 Wed, Mar 13, 10:30-11:30am, Fincastle  
 The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks by Shauna Robinson  
 Fri, Mar 22, 11am-12pm, Blue Ridge  
 Age of Vice by Deepti Kapoor  
 Discuss books and authors with fellow readers while enjoying coffee and social connection.

**Senior Bingo**  
 Wed, Mar 20, 10-11:30am, Blue Ridge  
 Win fun prizes and enjoy social time with this popular game. Offered in partnership with the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office and Parks & Recreation.

**How to Draw**  
 Fridays 3-4pm, Blue Ridge  
 Get a step-by-step lesson on how to draw an object/animal, then draw your

own and incorporate your drawing into a story. Best for ages 6-11.

**Little Explorers**  
 Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am, Fincastle  
 Thursdays 11am-12pm, Blue Ridge  
 Toddlers explore the world around them through educational and soft play toys while parents and caregivers get grown-up social time.

**Beginning Engineering**  
 Wed, Mar 20, 4:30-5:30pm, Eagle Rock  
 Thu, Mar 21, 4:30-5:30pm, Blue Ridge  
 Get hands-on experience with electrical projects that focus on safety and real-world engineering skills. Presented by engineer David Sproles. Best for ages 10+.

**Intro to Genealogy**  
 Mon, Mar 25, 11am-12pm, Buchanan  
 Learn basic genealogy research skills, including where to start your research and what resources are available, particularly for the Botetourt area. Presented by Library Genealogist Rena Worthen.

**The Singing Cowgirl**  
 Wed, Mar 27, 11am-12pm, Buchanan  
 Wed, Mar 27, 3-4pm, Blue Ridge  
 Clap, laugh, sing, dance, and role-play with the "Singing Cowgirl" Aspen Black! Travel through the land, cultures, and history of cowboys and cowgirls. Great for ages 5+.

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

## Report from the House Del. Terry Austin

To the Constituents of the 37th House District:

The eighth week of Session has concluded, leaving one more week for the General Assembly to complete its work for the 2024 Regular Session. This week's action was largely in committee, where I am pleased to report significant progress was made in fighting Virginia's deadly fentanyl epidemic.

As you may recall, the House version of a bill banning the manufacture of fentanyl-laced pills was recently killed. However, a Senate bill that would criminalize the use of pill presses to manufacture fake pills laced with fentanyl is still advancing through the body. My Republican colleagues and I pushed hard to get this bill a hearing, and I'm pleased to report that it was reported to the floor on a unanimous vote from Appropriations and was likely to be up for final passage on Monday. Our schools continue to deal with fentanyl overdoses as students may be told they're buying a friend's prescription medication, when in fact they're obtaining a fake pill with a deadly dose of fentanyl. Some students have needed CPR to be revived; others have not been so fortunate.

Also occurring during this time are bill conferences. This is where similar but non-identical Senate and House bills that have passed out of each chamber are placed into conference committees. Delegates and senators then confer with one another to agree on a bill that can be presented and voted on by both chambers. One such bill is the budget, which remains in conference. As one of six House conferees appointed by the Speaker, my colleagues and I are

tasked with working alongside our Senate counterparts to craft a budget that can be passed out of the General Assembly and sent to the governor. It is important to understand that with Democrats in the majority, the final product will not be completely aligned with Republican priorities. That being said, during this process I will work to ensure that the budget is one that takes into account a conservative approach to our priorities in the district and the region.

As for my bills, all have completed their respective journeys through the legislative process except for HB1505, which has been referred to Senate Finance and Appropriations. HB1505 seeks to level the playing field for Virginia's college sports by preventing athletic organizations from limiting how higher education institutions can choose to support their athletic programs. With other states allowing their universities more flexibility when it comes to recruiting, the Commonwealth has fallen behind and will continue to do so. This bill will codify policies that are currently giving our competitors an advantage for their sports programs, and I am hopeful that it reports out of committee and is voted upon favorably by the Senate.

As always, 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 [DelTAAustin@House.Virginia.gov](mailto:DelTAAustin@House.Virginia.gov) or 804-698-1037.

*Delegate Terry L. Austin  
 37th House District*

## Washington Street Arts and Crafts Show postponed

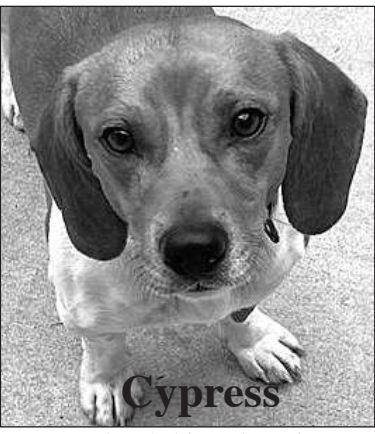
United Women in Faith has postponed the April 6 Washington Street Arts and Crafts Show in Buchanan due to unforeseen circumstances. They anticipate the show will be rescheduled for the spring of 2025. Watch for further information and interested parties are encouraged to contact the show committee at [WashingtonStreetArtsandCraftsShow@gmail.com](mailto:WashingtonStreetArtsandCraftsShow@gmail.com).

- United Women in Faith

Put The Classifieds To Work!  
 Call  
 389-9355

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

**Cypress** is a 1-year-old Beagle mix. He came to LAP on February 22 from Scott County where he was taken in as a stray. He appears to be house trained and is fine with other dogs. He is heartworm negative, 22 pounds,



UTD with vaccines, neutered and chipped. He is an escape artist and will require very secure fencing. Doors will have to be carefully closed or he'll be off and running. He is the cutest little fellow. Fencing is required!  
 The LAP Shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

**THE FINCASTLE HERALD & Botetourt County News**  
 Established 1866  
 P.O. Box 127  
 Fincastle, VA 24090  
 USPS 190-680 • ISSN # 8750-7323  
 Phone: (540) 473-2741  
 Fax: (540) 473-2742  
 E-mail: [fincastle@mainstreetnewspapers.com](mailto:fincastle@mainstreetnewspapers.com)  
 Office located at 7 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle  
**MATT de SIMONE**.....Editor  
**MICHAEL SHOWELL**  
 Group Publisher  
**AILA BOYD**  
 Executive Editor  
**CHRISTINE JOURNELL**  
 Circulation & Marketing Manager  
**JAMES "TUCKER" FRYE** .....Advertising  
**BRIAN HOFFMAN** ..... Sports Editor  
**BETTY JO BARGER** ..... Copy Editor

The Fincastle Herald (USPS 160-680) is published weekly for \$46 a year in Botetourt County, \$50 in adjoining counties and \$54 elsewhere by Virginia Media Inc., 122 N. Court Street, Lewisburg, W.Va. 24901. Periodical postage paid at Fincastle, VA. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Fincastle Herald, P.O. Box 127, Fincastle, VA 24090.

On The Web At [www.fincastleherald.com](http://www.fincastleherald.com)

**RE/MAX AllStars Realty**  
**Rodney Spickard**  
 Realtor®  
 RE/MAX Associate  
 1225 Roanoke Road,  
 Daleville, VA 24083  
 (540) 793-1341  
[rodspickard@gmail.com](mailto:rodspickard@gmail.com)  
[movetoroanoke.com](http://movetoroanoke.com)

**Edward Jones**  
**Josh Werle, AAMS®**  
 Financial Advisor  
 5 West Back Street, Suite 104  
 PO Box 767, Fincastle, VA 24090  
 Bus. 540-473-3640  
 Mobile 540-765-8435  
[josh.werle@edwardjones.com](mailto:josh.werle@edwardjones.com)  
[edwardjones.com/JoshWerle](http://edwardjones.com/JoshWerle)

**CROSSWORD**

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9
10			11		12			13		14
15				16					17	
	18			19			20		21	
			22				23			
	24	25						26		27
29				30		31	32	33		34
35						36				37
38			39	40	41			42	43	44
	45							46	47	
			48					49		
	50	51			52		53		54	55
56				57		58			59	60
61				62					63	
64					65				66	

- CLUES ACROSS**  
 1. European Common Market  
 4. Poetic go quickly  
 7. Parts per thousand (abbr.)  
 10. Pigeon pea  
 12. Sao \_\_, city in Brazil  
 14. Longest division of geological time  
 15. \_\_Alto, California city  
 16. Small terrestrial viper  
 17. Coming after all others  
 18. Penetrate with a sharp fork  
 20. Still-hunt  
 22. Chinese frying pan  
 23. Cave-dwelling salamander  
 24. Any thick messy substance  
 26. About the moon  
 29. AKA Tao  
 30. Jet cabin requirement  
 35. Prince Hirobumi, 1841-1909  
 36. An easy return in a high arc  
 37. Italian commune  
 38. L. Comford's illuminator  
 44. Foot digit  
 45. Minute tunicate genus  
 46. Green regions of desert  
 48. Direct a weapon  
 49. \_\_ de Janeiro  
 50. Equestrian animals  
 53. Acress Tomei  
 56. Head of the RCC  
 57. Twines  
 59. Scientific workplace  
 61. Minerals  
 62. Hypothetical original substances  
 63. Hit with the open hand  
 64. Political action committee  
 65. Winged goddess of the dawn  
 66. W. states time zone  
**CLUES DOWN**  
 1. Electronic data processing  
 2. Man or boy (Br.)  
 3. W. African nation  
 4. Fault's incline from vertical  
 5. Method of birth control  
 6. City founded by Xenophanes  
 7. Legumes  
 8. Beckham's spice girl  
 9. Explosive  
 11. 1936 Nobel winner Otto  
 12. Greenbay teammate  
 13. Brass that looks like gold  
 14. School graduates  
 19. Lively, merry play  
 21. Make indistinct  
 24. Egyptian mythological figure associated with floods  
 25. Washing sponge  
 27. Old name for nitrogen  
 28. Impounds for lack of payment  
 29. Radiotelegraphic signal  
 31. MN 55731  
 32. Sun in spanish  
 33. Helps little firms  
 34. Cease living  
 39. Flames up  
 40. Egyptian sacred bull  
 41. To wit  
 42. Mire  
 43. Bring two objects together  
 47. Filths  
 50. Israeli dance  
 51. Oil cartel  
 52. A particular instance of selling  
 53. Microelectromechanical system  
 54. Var. of 45 across  
 55. Goat & camel hair fabrics  
 56. Soda  
 58. A firm's operational head  
 60. Seaport (abbr.)

**Buchanan Theatre**  
 Main Street, Buchanan  
 \$6 Adults  
 \$3 Children under 12  
 254-1155  
[www.buchanantheatre.com](http://www.buchanantheatre.com)  
 Visit our website for list of movies and live entertainment

**Argylle**  
 (2024) A reclusive author who writes espionage novels about a secret agent and a global spy syndicate realizes the plot of the new book she's writing starts to mirror real-world events, in real time. (2 hr 19 min)  
**Thursday, March 7  
 7 p.m.**

**Driving Miss Daisy**  
 (1989) An old Jewish woman and her African-American chauffeur in the American South have a relationship that grows and improves over the years.  
 (1 hr 39 min)  
**Friday & Saturday  
 March 8 & 9  
 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 10  
 3 p.m.**  
**Thursday, March 14  
 7 p.m.**

See Answers, page 10

**Subscribe!  
 389-9355**



# More than 100 senior citizens attended Solomon's Mission Valentine Lunch



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SOLOMON'S MISSION

Solomon's Mission in Buchanan held a Senior Valentine's Lunch on February. One hundred fourteen senior citizens from Botetourt County came to share Valentine's Day, along with 18 volunteers.

The guest speakers were Barbara Hill with a poem and Brad Turner who spoke about love and forgiveness. The Botetourt Sheriff's Office Senior Connect also joined in. Keith Wood played the piano providing

wonderful music. Door prizes were provided by the Botetourt Resource Center, Solomon's Mission, and some local community donors. The meal was provided by four local churches and a variety of individual volunteers. The highlights of the day included the fun, the laughter, the community fellowship, with the whole group of voices joining in to sing "Jesus Loves Me."

Solomon's Mission is a non-profit charity in Buchanan

that collects and redistributes clothes and other goods as well as providing a location for many local community events and services. It is located at 592 Lowe Street. The Thrift Store is open Thursdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1p.m.

- Solomon's Mission

# Board amends FY 2023-24 budget relating to school Capital Reserve Fund

During the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors meeting last Tuesday in Daleville, the board amended the school Capital Reserve Fund for the county FY 2023-24 budget, transferring \$642,013 from the county's Undesignated General Fund balance to the School Division Capital Reserve Fund (301).

In a February 16 letter from School Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ found in the February agenda packet, based on FY23 budget vs.

actual results, there is a request that \$642,013 be transferred to the School Division Capital Reserve Fund.

In the letter, Russ stated, "We will be using these funds to help address the many capital needs within our buildings as well as serve as a contingency against any unforeseen facility emergencies that may arise during the fiscal year."

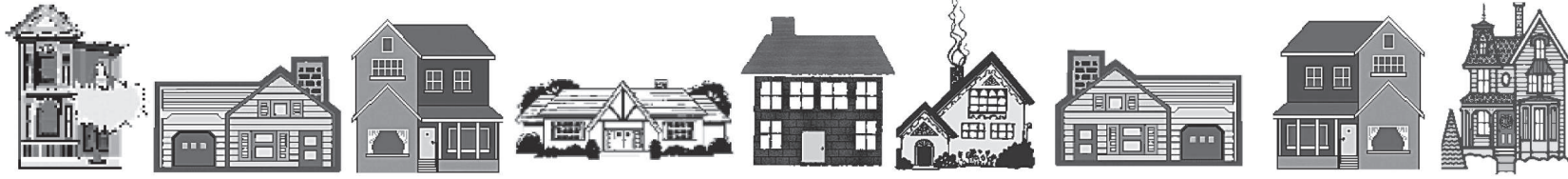
After accounting for remaining state construction funds for future years, there was \$241,981 of

expenditure savings and \$400,032 of revenue surplus. This results in FY23 net savings vs. a budget of \$642,013. When the transfer request of \$642,013 for FY23 results is added to the difference between the current carry forward balance (\$1,627,762) less the original FY24 appropriation (\$1,624,860) this then will add \$2,902 to the \$642,013, which results in an appropriation amount of \$644,915.

"We have worked internally as a School Board, as well as with the

county, to identify and show capital priorities that we have within our school division and which funding sources will support them," the letter continues. "The continued support of the year end rolls over to the Capital Reserve account will be a large factor in being able to address these needs."

- Fincastle Herald staff report



# Community Service Directory



**Residential and Commercial Construction**

540-966-0688  
PO Box 630  
Daleville, VA 24083

www.southerntracellc.com



**SENIOR FOR SENIORS**

**PAINTING & RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE**

Cell: 540-293-4271



**Home & Business Repairs**

Decking/Handrails Property Maintenance  
Windows/Doors/Trim Painting/Staining  
Rental Refresh Repairs

Licensed | Bonded | Insured  
Get in touch!!

540-525-2689

Serving Botetourt & Roanoke areas



**Lisa Martin, REALTOR®**  
Serving the industry for 30+ years  
Roanoke Valley & Blue Ridge Mountains

**Premier, REALTORS**  
(540) 597-0480  
Lisa@Lisa2buy.com • www.Lisa2buy.com  
1638 Roanoke Road, Suite 101  
Daleville, VA 24083

**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices**  
A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC

**Advertise Your Business Every Week In This Space Call Tucker Frye 473-2741**



**Windy Ridge Tree & Mulching Service**

Contact us today for a free quote!  
540-473-5176  
fincastletreedr@gmail.com  
windyridgetreedr.com

**Advertise Your Business Here Every Week!**  
Contact Tucker Frye  
540-473-2741  
tfrye@ourvalley.org



**Henry R. Smith Painting**  
Exterior & Interior  
Pressure Washing • Small Carpentry & Drywall Repair  
Quality Work for Over 25 Years  
Licensed - Insured  
Free Estimates  
540-966-4724  
Serving all of Botetourt & Surrounding Areas



**SHERRYE FLESHMAN**

CENTURY 21  
Wampler Realty  
64 Wendover Rd  
Daleville VA 24083  
Cell: 540.312.7792  
Office: 540.992.2500  
Email: sfleshmansells@hotmail.com

REALTOR®  
Each office is independently owned and operated



**Colonial Title and Settlement**

Serving the Greater Botetourt & Roanoke Valley communities with all your real estate needs for residential, commercial, construction with MLA services, Assist with 1031 Real Estate Exchanges, Purchases, Refinances and More!!!!

Call Loretta, Debbie or Kristi for your next move!

**540-966-1260**  
1215 Roanoke Road, Daleville

**BRINKLEY'S CUSTOM CABINETS**  
Specializing in kitchen cabinets, bathroom vanities, entertainment centers  
Remodel and New Construction  
www.brinkleyscabinets.com  
540-525-1780

**Advertise Your Business Every Week In This Space Call Tucker Frye 473-2741**



**Henry R. Smith Painting**  
Exterior & Interior  
Pressure Washing • Small Carpentry & Drywall Repair  
Quality Work for Over 25 Years  
Licensed - Insured  
Free Estimates  
540-966-4724  
Serving all of Botetourt & Surrounding Areas



# Botetourt Worship Directory

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

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

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

**INDEPENDENT BAPTIST**

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

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

**Faith Baptist Church**- 4258 Botetourt Rd., 4 miles N. of Fincastle; Dr. John W. Reynolds, pastor- teacher, 473-2325, [jwr56fbc@yahoo.com](mailto:jwr56fbc@yahoo.com). Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. [fincastlefaith.com](http://fincastlefaith.com).

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

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

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

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

**Buchanan Baptist Church** - 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site - [buchananbaptist.com](http://buchananbaptist.com); Phone - 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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

**Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren**- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA

## WALK IN HIS STEPS

Read Deuteronomy 32:1 through 34.12

"What would Jesus do?" Pastor Charles Sheldon of Topeka, Kansas, asked his congregation this question in 1896 when he preached a series of messages on the topic. Sheldon then wrote a book of fiction titled *In His Steps*. The book asks what Jesus would do when confronted with poverty, racism, pride, and homelessness. In the 1990s the motto was revived and people wore bracelets and T-shirts with the letters WWJD?

Before he died, Moses reminding the Israelites to consider God's truths.

"Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you—they are your life" (Deuteronomy 32:46-47).

Teaching the next generation is the responsibility of the present generation. We do this best by leading by examples. When we face tough issues, we can be sure people are watching our reactions. At these times, it is good to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?"

Prayer Suggestion: God, with Your help, I will walk as Jesus walked.

Quicklook: Deuteronomy 32:44-47

24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.

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

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

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

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

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

**ECKANKAR**

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

**EPISCOPAL**

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

**LUTHERAN**

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

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

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

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

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

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

**PRESBYTERIAN**

**Buchanan Presbyterian Church** - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Fincastle Presbyterian Church**

- 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, Supply Minister, Lori Turner, Music Director. Worship service in the Sanctuary and via Live Streaming (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastleresbyterianchurch>) at 10:30 AM. Adult Sunday School offered at 9:30 AM. Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning service. Bell choir practices after Sunday Fellowship, often providing special music in our services. For more information please email [fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) or call 540.473.2042.

**Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

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

**Virginia Presbyterian Church**

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

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**

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

**UNITED METHODIST**

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

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

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

**St. Mark's United Methodist Church** - 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Pastor Samuel Plymale, 992-3030. Worship Times: Praise and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship often with presence of the choir--this service is live streamed and celebrates Communion on the first Sunday. Children and Youth Ministries meet for Sunday School at 10AM each Sunday! Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday 4 to 6pm unless we are doing a special monthly mission. Frogs and Tadpoles Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

- 19637 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Doug Mitchell, 254-2475 (O). Sunday School, 9:45AM, worship 10:30 AM.



# OBITUARIES

## Bernard, Betty Brookman

Betty Jo Custer Brookman Seemann and Shae (Russell) Prusak; Bernard, 88, of Troutville passed away Saturday, February 24, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Wallace Brookman and Jimmy Bernard; daughter, Revonda Thomas; granddaughter, Erin Thomas; parents, Guy Wesley and Ida Mae Custer; all of her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her daughters, Sandy Altis and Kathy Campbell; granddaughters, Nicole



great-grandchildren, Gwin Willie, Bryson and Weston Prusak, Brandon, Ryan, and Dylan Clark, Nick and Austin Seemann; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, February 29, 2024 in Old Dominion Memorial Gardens. Online condolences can be made at www.botetourfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

## Conner, Wayne Taylor

Wayne Taylor Conner, 75, of Buchanan passed away Sunday, February 25, 2024.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Jefferson Conner and Elizabeth Hostetter Conner Johnson; a brother, Henry Conner; a sister, Patricia Wright; and a nephew, William Conner.

Wayne was a Staff Sergeant in U.S. Air Force for over seven years and had served in Vietnam. He loved the guitar and played gospel and country music. He also adored his grandchildren and spent every moment he could with them.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Barbara Thompson Conner; son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Julie Conner; grandchildren, Evan and Jordan Conner; sisters, Ellen



(Bobby) Agnor, Joyce MoneyMaker, and Gloria Jean Lewis; brother, Thomas Conner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wayne's funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2024, in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home with Pastors Mike Tabor and Danny Quirin officiating. The family received friends an hour before the service. Interment was in Oxford Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Lexington. Those wishing to make a contribution, please consider the Legacy Fund of the American Legion Riders, Post 93, P.O. Box 1145, Buchanan, 24066. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

## Croy, Pency Catherine

Pency Catherine Croy, 96, born in Vesuvius, Va., now of Botetourt, danced through Heaven's gates and into the arms of her Lord on February 22. She peacefully left this Earth surrounded by her loving family and supported by the Carrington Cottage staff.

She was born to Ambrose and Retter Clark of Rockbridge County, Va., October 22, 1927. Pency was the fifth child of eight siblings.



She was preceded in death by the Clark siblings: Shem Golden, Hurley Austin, Alma Elizabeth, Fred Hudson, and Thomas Trenton; and her son, Douglas Lawrence Miller.

Pency is survived by her siblings: Thurman (Betty) Clark and Annie Moseley. Also left to cherish her memory are her children: Brenda Sweet, Cathy (Tim) Cofflin and Donna Rowen Miller; her stepchildren: Linda (John) Owens, Cathy (Steve)

Rice, and Steve Croy; grandchildren: Christopher Sweet, Dianna (Jeff) Harmon, Cary (Jessica) Sweet, Rachel Russell, Elizabeth Sweet, Lindsey (Jordan) Johnson, Savannah Etzler; step-grandchildren: Brianne (Mark) Gilbert, Matthew Croy, and Macie Rice. She was abundantly blessed with an additional generation of great-grandchildren. This includes Christopher Sweet II, Clarence Wilson, Lisa Champe, Liam and Gannon Sweet, Leia, Gabe, Ben, and Owen Russell; Dixon Smith, Finnegan, Dorian, Jude, and Arya Johnson; step-great-grandchildren: Courtney (Cody) Vega, Savana and Sydney Harmon; Avery and Jordan Gilbert, and Nikolas Croy.

Her family often reminded her that she was the reason for the chaos and crowd when we gathered together. She has many nieces, nephews and extended family that were so dear to her heart. Her two closest friends, Susie Kessler and Sue Watson, have a lifetime of stories and memories to treasure.

Pency lived a life that molded her into the fiercely strong and independent woman many people love and admire. From tales of her childhood: growing up on Irish Creek, to helping care for nieces and nephews, to her marriages that provided her with the family and love she came to know, Pency lived a fulfilled and richly blessed life. She met Alvin Miller at the military PX and initially spurned his romantic advances. She was eventually won over by his charm, and they married and had four children. They moved from Daytona, Fla., to Lyman, Miss., where they raised their family. They relocated to Daleville, where Pency started work at the bank. Unfortunately, she lost Alvin a few years after moving to Virginia.

In 1987, she met the next love of her life, Earl Croy. They were set up on a blind date by his son-in-law, quickly fell in love, and blended two beautiful families. This blended family has provided laughter, love, and support for each other over the

last 35 years.

Her knack for storytelling and gift of gab were a treat for anyone who was able to grab a chair and listen. She loved regaling others with her stories of repossessing cars, sibling mischief, and family history. Not only was she witty, clever, and humorous, but her constant words of encouragement and guidance were held dear by anyone who was lucky enough to experience her testimony. Over the last several years, Pency was affected by progressive dementia. This vicious thief stole her memories but never stole her unbreakable spirit and unending joy, even up to her last day.

She was a founding member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church where she was affectionately known as "The Warden." She had a servant's heart and worked tirelessly to help others her entire life. She participated in the children's ministry, adult Sunday School, Bible School, bereavement ministry, St. Mark's Christmas Fair, sang a beautiful soprano in the choir, and coordinated many other ministries at church. To say she was a born leader is an understatement. Those who have known her and loved her will never forget her. Her love for God and family was unmatched and her personality was magnetic. We will miss Pency daily and challenge each of you to work to emulate her love for Christ, her vibrant spirit, sense of humor, and devotion to family.

Pency's life was celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Her family received friends at the church from 11-1 before the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, 24083; or to Alzheimer's Association, Help Fight Alzheimer's, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, Illinois 60601. Online condolences may be made to Pency's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Pency-Croy.

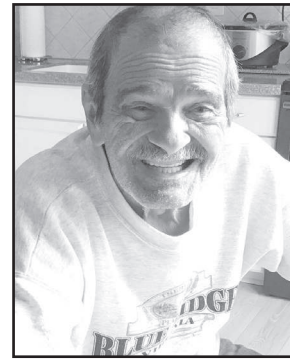
## Powell, Julian Lee

Julian Lee "JL" Powell, 82, of Blue Ridge, passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2024 surrounded by his loved ones in his home at Blue Ridge.

JL is survived by his wife of 61 years, Diana; one daughter, Sherri Powell of Blue Ridge; two sons, Richard (Jill) Powell of Charlotte, N.C., and Bradley Powell of Daleville; three grandchildren, Morgan Wampler (Kyle) Bailey, Zachary Powell, Ethan Powell; one great-granddaughter, Landry Lee; sister, Judy Byars of Will Point, Texas; and many nieces and nephews. He

was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Jones; and brother, Richard Powell.

JL was born in Sullivan, Indiana in 1941 and grew up in Terre Haute where he graduated from Garfield High School. He served in the USAF and was stationed for 13 months in Korea, and then worked in logistics that got him transferred to Roanoke. He and his wife bought Powell's Market and enjoyed interacting and



See Obituaries, page 8

# CHURCH NEWS

## Men's and Women's Day at Lapsleys Run Baptist

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church's Annual Men and Women's Day will be held on Sunday, March 10, at 11 a.m. The speaker for the service will be the Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr. and deceased members and friends will be honored. There will be a morning service only.

Everyone is invited to attend this and all services at Lapsleys Run Baptist Church, 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle.

Date change for Buchanan Food Pantry

Ordinarily, the Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry is held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. There is a date change for March. As usual, the Pantry will be open the second Saturday of the month, March 9, hosted by the Buchanan Lions Club.

The second distribution of the month will be March 16, hosted by St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

To be clear, the March dates for the Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry are March 9 and March 16, from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. Anyone who needs food is welcome. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

## Pleasant Hill food distribution March 9

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will have food boxes available March 9 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the church, 4930 Country Club Road, Troutville, and at the Eagle Rock Library.

## Daleville Baptist revival March 10-13

Revival services with Kenny Grant of Savannah, Ga., will be held at Daleville Baptist Church March 10-13. Services will be held Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Monday through Wednesday, March 11-13 at 7 p.m. Grant has led revival services at Daleville Baptist for several years. The public is invited to attend; 375 Orchard Drive, Daleville.

## Lenten Services in Buchanan

Buchanan Area Ministerial Association Lenten Service schedule:

March 12, Virginia Presbyterian - Noon

March 19, CommUnity Church - 6 p.m.

## St. Mark's Choir to present cantata

The Chancel Choir of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Daleville, will present the cantata, "The Weeping Tree," on Sunday, March 24 at 10 a.m. This presentation is a profoundly moving work for Holy Week - a poignant portrait of the cross that uses beloved hymns, newly composed music, thoughtful narration, and simple sacred symbols to create a touching testament of grace. All in the community are invited. "The Weeping Tree" was written by Joseph Martin, a premier composer of sacred church music. The Chancel Choir is directed by Deborah Wiley and accompanied by Cara Hubbard.

## Pleasant Hill Baptist Church news

PHBC will host Movie Night on Friday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. The featured movie will be "The Hill," the remarkable true-life story of Rickey Hill's improbable journey to play major league baseball.

Every second Saturday of the month, the PHBC Food Pantry gives out free boxes of food. These boxes are filled with over \$50 in food staples and paper products. You may pick up the free boxes of food at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (4930 Country Club Road) or at Eagle Rock Library. If you know someone in need, please

let them know about this event or contact the church line at 540-992-5556.

On March 23 at 11 a.m., PHBC will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages toddler-5th grade. There will be a separate egg hunt for littles. Refreshments will be provided and the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

PHBC will be holding the following Easter Services:

Good Friday - March 29, 6 p.m.

Early Morning Easter Service - March 31, 8 a.m., followed by breakfast

Easter Choral Celebration - March 31, 10 a.m.

## Fincastle UMC Lenten services

Fincastle United Methodist Church invites you to five Wednesday Lenten services and lunches in the Family Life Center, 137 S. Church Street, Fincastle. These short, 20-minute services begin at 12:05 p.m. and will be led by area pastors. A home-cooked lunch will follow each service. The service and meal are designed to last about one hour. Takeout meals will be available.

March 6 - Speaker - The Rev. Samuel Plymale, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Daleville; Lunch - Chicken Salad

Croissants, Vegetable Salad, Chips, Desserts

March 13 - Speaker - The Rev. Willis Logan, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fincastle; Lunch - Potato Bar, Chili, Green Salad, Corn Bread, Desserts

March 20 - Speaker - The Rev. Fr. Paul Lagco, Church of the Transfiguration, Fincastle; Lunch - Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips, Desserts

Menus are subject to change. If Botetourt County Public Schools are closed because of inclement weather, the service will be canceled. Everyone is invited to these services during the season of Lent.

## Big sale at Cloverdale Thrift Store

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is having a ladies denim sale, all reduced to \$1 a pair. All books (hardback and paperback) are 10 cents each; shoes, boots, and house shoes are 25 cents a pair; and ladies and men's tops are \$1 each. Easter decorations are available. Hours are Saturdays, 9 to 12; donations are appreciated.

## Easter events at St. Mark's UMC

St. Mark's United Methodist Church will be hosting a community-wide Easter event on

Saturday, March 30 from 9-11 a.m. There will be a "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" from 9-10:30 a.m. During this time, there will be activities for the children and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The cost of breakfast is: children under 3, free; children 3-11, \$6; and children 12-adults, \$12. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the TAME-"Rise Against Hunger" meal packing event. Other donations for this ministry will also be accepted. You can pay for your breakfasts at the door.

At 10:30, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and other fun Easter-themed activities. This part of the event is free to those who attend.

To reserve a spot, go on the church website, stmarksmethodist.com, or call the church office at 540-992-3030.

*Serving With Compassion*

**Botetourt Funeral Home & Crematory**

Buchanan | Eagle Rock  
254-3000 | 884-2276  
14920 Lee | 14777 Church  
Highway | Street

Karen S. Smith  
Funeral Director  
Locally owned & operated  
by I. Ray & Bobbi Sloan



# 'Nunsensations' opens March 14 at Attic

Attic Productions will present the high-energy musical comedy "Nunsensations, the Nunsense Vegas Revue" by Dan Goggin this month. The Little Sisters of Hoboken take on Las Vegas in this feather-filled, sequin-studded, musical comedy, directed by James Honaker.

It will be presented at Attic's D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, March 14-17 and 21-24. Thursday and Friday evening shows begin at 7:30, and Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30.

This show takes the sisters on a brand new adventure. A parishioner volunteers a donation of \$10,000 to the sisters' school if they will

perform in a club in Las Vegas, but Mother Superior is reluctant to accept. The other sisters convince her that "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas," so she agrees, and the sisters find themselves performing in "The Pump Room" at the Mystique Motor Lodge. Live music will be provided by musical director Jessica Mansfield for the five sisters as they sing, dance, and joke their way through the performance.

Adult tickets are \$20, students 18 and under and groups of 10 or more are \$15 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. A \$2 convenience fee per ticket will be added if paying with a card.

Tickets may be purchased on the Attic Productions website by

visiting [www.atticproductions.info](http://www.atticproductions.info). For questions or assistance with purchasing tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001. Volunteers are staffing the box office for this show on Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Leave a message at other times and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

This show is produced by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. Partial funding support comes from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

- Attic Productions



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

Four of the five Little Sisters of Hoboken rehearse for the "Revue." From left are Kelly Hoagland, Kaiyi Hoagland, Carolyn Alvarez, and Kathy Boyer.

# Forest Service to close Roaring Run Recreation Area for repairs March 11

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forest will conduct work to improve the Roaring Run Recreation Area entrance. The recreation area will be closed from Monday, March 11, through Friday, April 12, for maintenance and repair work.

This project will provide improved public access. Work will include the replacement of the deteriorating timber

bridge superstructure that serves the access road to Roaring Run Recreation Area. The new bridge superstructure will be pre-cast concrete beams.

"Roaring Run is a popular recreation site, and the entrance has accumulated wear and tear over time," said District Ranger Beth Christensen. "We appreciate the patience of our community members while we address these

necessary repairs."

Funding for this bridge replacement was provided through the Great American Outdoors Act.

For more details, or inquiries on how to volunteer to assist with recreation improvement activities, contact the Eastern Divide Ranger District at 540-552-4641.

- U.S. Forest Service



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF PIXABAY

# Senior Bingo events in Botetourt

Botetourt County Seniors 50+, Get ready to shout BINGO!

Please join the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office and the Botetourt County Libraries for a morning of laughter and fantastic prizes. This is the perfect time to connect with friends, make new ones, and have a great time playing Senior Bingo.

Three dates available so choose one or all and join us for Bingo. Coming to a town near you in partnership with Botetourt County Libraries and Botetourt County Parks & Recreation.

Botetourt County Sheriff's Office Senior Focus Program is committed to empowering seniors to live Independent Lives through essential resources and services.

Wednesday, March 20 - 10 a.m. - Blue Ridge Library

Thursday, April 25 - 10 a.m. - Eagle Rock Library

Wednesday, May 15 - 10 a.m. - Fincastle Library

- Fincastle Herald staff report

# AARP Fraud Alert:

## Slam the Scam - Social Security impostors

One of the most popular ways for criminals to steal money and sensitive information is by impersonating a trusted source - often a government agency. According to the Federal Trade Commission, victims of government impostor scams reported nearly \$509 million stolen from them in 2022.

March 7 is National Slam the Scam Day and the focus this year is stopping Social Security impostor scams. Here are three tips to help you do just that.

Beware of unexpected calls, texts or emails claiming there is a problem with your Social Security number. One example is a warning that your number has been linked to criminal activity and suspended. The goal of the scammer is to get you in a heightened emotional

state, and this is one common way they do that.

Second, the Social Security Administration will only call you if you are already engaged in conversations with the agency.

Finally, you can access your account securely at [ssa.gov/myaccount](http://ssa.gov/myaccount). This will give you a safe and reliable place to check on your account if you ever have questions.

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](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork).

- AARP

# Obituaries

from page 7

serving the people of Blue Ridge for over 10 years.

The family would like to express their appreciation and thanks to the nurses of Amedisys Hospice Care for being so helpful and caring.

Per JL's request since he never wanted to go to funerals and viewings, no services will be held.

Arrangements are by Oakey's East Chapel and Crematory, 540-977-3909.

# Utt, J. Wayne

J. Wayne ("Uncle Wayne") Utt, 83, on Feb. 27, 2024, where there's no shortage of ammo or varmint and his rifle barrel will never overheat.

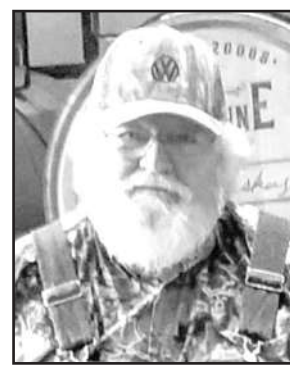
Wayne was born on April 28, 1940 in Eckman, W.Va., and lived in N&W company housing with his parents until he was 10. After a few years in Pulaski, Va., the family moved to Roanoke where he lived and graduated in 1958 from William Fleming High School. Wayne (AKA The Verminator) enjoyed hunting and all aspects of gun collecting, building, and reloading. He could shoot better than many of his younger friends and killed two prairie dogs in New Mexico at 823 yards, which earned him a feature in Varmint Hunters magazine. He also enjoyed auto racing and all motorized sports. He rode motorcycles from teenage years until he was 80, from trail bikes to Harleys. He caught the travel bug from Karen and they went to 45 states together including Alaska and Hawaii, plus Canada, Mexico, New Zealand and Tahiti; many times camping and hauling motorcycles, riding in deserts and mountain passes. Founding member of the Mill Creek Gun & Whiskey

Club, Wayne enjoyed solving the world's problems with many of his buddies who will miss his grumpy dry wit and outrageous "man cave."

Wayne worked as Botetourt County's first Building Official from 1972 until 2005 when he retired and stayed busy with his many interests until this brief illness slowed him down. Many mornings you could see him sitting in his car at Hardee's watching the strangeness of the world pass through Exit 150.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Evelyn Utt; sister, Janina Ruedisueli; brother-in-law, Art Ruedisueli; nephew, Tony Romagnolo. Surviving is his wife and partner of 43 years, Karen Wright; daughter, Cheryl Smith; niece, Tina Gorman; cousins, Patsy Utt and Shirley Dooley; two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Wayne always despised funerals and did not want one. His wishes will be honored although a gathering will be planned for later in the spring. If you wish to make a donation, please choose your favorite charity; Wayne was nothing if not generous. Online condolences can be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000



YOUR LOCAL NEWS  
JUST THE WAY  
YOU LIKE IT!

The FINCASTLE HERALD

DIGITAL ONLY

One Year  
Digital Subscription  
**\$29.00**

DIGITAL & PRINT

Yearly Print & Digital  
Subscription  
**\$67.00**

PRINT ONLY

Yearly Print Only Subscription  
**\$46.00 In County**  
**\$50.00 Out of County**  
**\$54.00 Out of State**

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE FINCASTLE HERALD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed  or call (304) 647-5724 to pay by credit card

Mail to: Circulation Department, FINCASTLE HERALD,  
P.O. BOX 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or call us at (304) 647-5724.



# Roanoke Women's Foundation invites grant applications

Roanoke Women's Foundation (RWF) is now accepting applications from non-profits serving the cities of Roanoke and Salem, the town of Vinton and the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd and Franklin.

RWF provides large, impactful grants ranging from \$30,000 to over \$100,000.

The deadline to apply for this year is March 31.

RWF's mission is to connect the power of women and their pooled financial resources to enhance the quality of life in their communities. Now in its 20th year, RWF has provided almost \$5.3 million in grants to arts and culture, education,

the environment and health and human service organizations through a competitive process. Funding is provided by RWF member donations, and the membership selects the grant recipients.

Information on Roanoke Women's Foundation and the grants process can be found at [www.roanokewomensfoundation.org](http://www.roanokewomensfoundation.org) under the "Apply for a Grant" tab. Contact Lee Woody at [lhwoody@yahoo.com](mailto:lhwoody@yahoo.com) with questions.

roanokewomensfoundation.org under the "Apply for a Grant" tab. Contact Lee Woody at [lhwoody@yahoo.com](mailto:lhwoody@yahoo.com) with questions.

- RWF

# Buchanan Lions member Pat Jasper receives Melvin Jones Fellowship award

The Buchanan Lions held a "Friends and Family" dinner on Saturday, Feb. 24, and managed to surprise Lion Pat Jasper with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award. Judy Alford, 2nd Vice District Governor of MD 24-C Lions, Roanoke area, attended to present her the award.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is named for Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. As a Melvin Jones Fellow, Jasper's name has been added to the LCIF (Lions Club International Fellowship) room at the International headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill. This award represents her dedication to humanitarian service.

Patricia Nirk Jasper

was born and raised in Iowa. She went to school there and graduated from Morningside College with a teaching degree. She met her husband Gail in Germany while teaching on a military base. They were married in West Virginia where Gail had grown up. After his military discharge they moved to Buchanan to live in the family home that Pat currently lives in. Pat taught at Cloverdale Elementary and Buchanan Elementary, and science at Central Academy Middle School. While teaching she received her master's degree from Virginia Tech.

Jasper is a longtime member of the Buchanan Lions Club, serving as president for seven years. With the Lions Club she

has volunteered with, among others, James River water testing, the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Carilion Children's Cancer Center, and Solomon's Mission events and projects.

Beyond the Buchanan Lions, she is active in many areas locally with her passion for community service. She is an active member of Buchanan Presbyterian Church where she sings in the choir, as well as being involved in the Food Pantry program.

Jasper is a member of the Buchanan Friends of the Library and the Friends book club. She is well known for working at the Buchanan Carnival, cooking hot dogs each summer. She



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCHANAN LIONS  
**Buchanan Lions President Tim Heinlein, Lion Pat Jasper (center), and Lion Judy Alford**

is an active member of the Town Improvement and past president of Society.

- Buchanan Lions Club

# Bingo will benefit Glebe Benevolent Fund, Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club

An afternoon of bingo to benefit The Glebe Benevolent Fund and the Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club will be held on Saturday, April 6, beginning promptly at 11 a.m. The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. at The Glebe, 200 The Glebe Boulevard, Daleville. All bingo

prizes will be Pampered Chef and Thirty One products, with a cover-all grand prize valued over \$120.

Tickets are being sold in advance for \$40 (\$45 at the door), which includes a buffet lunch, by contacting Lowell Skelton at 540-420-2427 or Diane

Taylor, 540-520-7967.

To park, go to the right of the main building entrance and park on the lower lot. A shuttle will be provided so residents do not lose their parking spaces.

There will be door prize drawings and a 50/50 drawing. There are 20 rounds of

bingo, a door prize ticket, plus a cover-all (black out) round for the grand prize included for \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. Additional bingo cards, cover-all cards, and door prizes tickets will be available for purchase.

- Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club

# Letters

from page 4

Social" at the Big Spring Park. It is presently scheduled for the weekend of July 13-14 but is still "under construction" also. David Lloyd and Meredith Bowman-Shelton are chairmen of this event.

The last big undertaking will be the creation and publication of "Around Fincastle II, Last Half of 20th Century." We will have an organizational meeting on March 26 at the Fincastle Library at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and share in the collection of materials/pictures for this book.

Please consider being part of "the preservation of the historical, physical, cultural, and natural resource of Fincastle, Virginia and its surroundings" and join and participate in HFI.

Patsy Dickerson  
Fincastle

# Comments on the last Board of Supervisors meeting

First of all, a big RAH-RAH for WAWA! Many thanks to the supervisors who voted in favor of the SEPs to allow this great business to come to our county. They will do their part to make this a better community.

When I arrived at 1:40 p.m. for the Board of Supervisors (BoS) meeting on February 27, the parking lot was full, as was the auditorium. The Chronic Complainers and their embedded cheerleading clowns came out in full force to complain about everything, moan about the taxes they will have to pay on the valuable real estate they own, and blame the BoS for everything from:

- (1) there not being enough single family homes in the county (even though the BoS is not in the construction business);
- (2) for letting people from California, Oregon and Washington buy property in the county (as if one must submit information regarding where they have previously lived before they can buy property here);
- (3) for getting NOTHING in exchange for the taxes they pay (obviously forgetting they can sleep at night due to the excellent law enforcement, fire and EMS services we have, and ignoring our schools, our libraries, our recreational opportunities, etc.);
- (4) for having too many convenience stores and gasoline pumps (which are all market driven); and
- (5) on and on, ad nauseum.

In general, about everything except the weather! As usual, some of the Procedures and Governing Rules for Public Hearings and Meetings were largely disregarded, just as in the January meeting I attended. Most noticeable were the rude outbursts from misinformed, under-informed and/or uninformed citizens during the Western Virginia Water Authority's presentation about long-term infrastructure plans, questioning where the county (?) was going to get the money to pay for same.

The Wampler Eanes Reassessment Video Presentation was very informative, but largely ignored by the Chronic Complainers. If they would just watch it two or three times, as I had already done, they might learn something, as I did. Yet one of the bellyachers accused the appraisers of "cherry picking" the examples used in the video. Rest assured, there are more and will be more bona fide examples of properties selling for more than the 2024 reassessment values. Supply and demand at work again.

All citizens have been made aware of the appeals

process AND that such process could result in their assessment being increased. Funny how some do not want their property to be worth as much as it really is until they want to sell it!

One of the loudest whiners, while moaning about the recent reassessment, failed to mention that she paid \$64,300 more (almost 30%) than its then-assessed value for her property when she bought it in January 2019. Nevertheless, she now grumbles. Is it possible her property is worth almost 30% more now than the value placed on it in the 2024 assessment?

Another protester starts out saying that the assessment on one of her properties went up \$250,000 (actually it was \$225,900) and, as I heard it, that her other three properties went up \$150,000 each (actually it was \$109,100, \$66,900 and \$101,300). Those percentage increases are in a more modest range compared to others in the 50%-70% range, or higher. To me, it seems difficult to sympathize with someone who lives in a house with 3,873 square feet of finished area and who owns well in excess of a million dollars worth of real estate according to the 2020 assessment.

If you have homeowner's insurance and insure for replacement value of your property, take a look at your policy to see the replacement cost thereon. Hopefully you will be asked that question if you appeal. In fact, once you look at that, you may find it wise to leave good enough alone.

Bob Patterson  
Fincastle

# Asks Del. Austin to vote 'No' on slot machines

My family and I are requesting Del. Terry Austin to vote "No" on slot machines in convenience stores in Virginia.

Further, it's such a deception and disrespect to the citizens of Virginia to present slot machines as "skilled gaming." What kind of skill does a person need to operate slot machines?

As a substitute teacher, I'm deeply concerned about "another" proposal that only looks at "money" generating/making, rather than the harmful effects it'll have on particularly economically poor citizens, including coming-of-age teenagers.

It is such a nearsighted proposal when it looks to do anything other than bringing money, and money only. No society has a long-term vision when it only looks at what it can get from legally encouraging gambling. It is doomed to fail in the long term.

I ask Del. Austin to be a statesman whose primary goal and purpose is working toward the positive outcome of the future of our family and our people. Rather than a politician, who only sees the next election by saying and doing anything and everything to be elected.

Again, in the long term, no society or home can prosper by encouraging gambling as a means to generate revenue.

Anna Yu  
Cloverdale

# New reassessments defy logic and common sense

Residents of Botetourt County recently received the

reassessments of their properties. There are a lot of upset people, ourselves included. The major portion of our home was built over 80 years ago and the newer addition was built over 40 years ago. The only renovation done in the past five years was the building of a small deck and replacing the siding on a 10x12 building. We did the work ourselves.

The four homes surrounding us are at least three-tenths of a mile away in every direction. Only one of these homes has been built in the last 22 years. And yet, our reassessment went up 93%. We are already paying taxes on our 22 acres, based on an assessment of over \$3,400 per acre.

A couple in Eagle Rock saw their assessment go up 63%. Theirs is the only home on the street that is less than 40 years old. Their home was rebuilt due to a fire. Only two of the other homes have had significant renovations. I called their road a street, but the county labels it an alleyway, so the county does no repairs or snow removal.

I have heard from several people that reassessment have gone up from 63% to 96%. This defies logic and common sense. Inflation would probably have driven up our assessment, but not to this ridiculous extent.

I challenge the assessors and the Board of Supervisors to find buyers for some of these homes at the new reassessed values. The couple in Eagle Rock is more than willing to sell their home for more than \$250,000, which is the new assessment.

The Board of Supervisors could help us out by lowering the tax rate, but that will happen when pigs fly. They might need the new money to build new buildings at Greenfield to stand empty as a testament to wasteful spending.


Barbara Fridley  
Eagle Rock

## Coconut Cakes Are Back in Buchanan

**A Southern Tradition at Easter**

**Order yours today from the Buchanan Town Improvement Society.**

Order by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pick up March 29<sup>th</sup> 4pm to 7pm. Baked by the Town Improvement Society and packaged in a cake box. **Supports preservation of the 185-year-old Community House and other projects.**



---

**Mail this order form with your check payable to:**  
Town Improvement Society, P.O. Box 692, Buchanan, VA 24066

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Select: 6" Cake Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
8" Cake Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

For more information call (540) 817-5772 or email: [tis1903@aol.com](mailto:tis1903@aol.com).  
Order through Venmo: [TownImprovement@TIS1903](https://venmo.com/TownImprovement@TIS1903)



# Scholarships from page 3

school seniors in Botetourt County have an upcoming scholarship opportunity from WSLs 10.

Students who demonstrated success in academics and sports, including activity competitions, marching band or volunteering are invited to apply for the chance to receive a \$2,000 scholarship that will be awarded to two college-bound high school seniors.

The WSLs Scholarship will be awarded in April, and students applying need to have their applications postmarked no later than March 31.

## Botetourt County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Given to students from JRHS and LBHS who have an interest in agriculture and who have served on FFA, 4-H and other ag related programs.

Please email Ashlee.Nock@vafb.com.com for the application and more information. Recipients are selected by the County committee and will be notified via email or phone. Applications are due back April 15.

**Put The Classifieds To Work!**  
Call  
**389-9355**

# Wawa from page 1

facing unknown consequences because it's a prime site. It's on a developer's property. There's going to be something there and we can argue whether it's going to be better or worse than a convenience store. My money is on it not being any better than a convenience store. I fully understand the difficulty that a lot of people have with this, but I think it's in the best, long-term interest of the county as a whole that we proceed with this."

The initial SEP request was proposed during the Jan. 23 meeting and tabled for the review of additional conditions that were needed. Citizens provided comments both in opposition and approval of the Wawa at the January and February meetings. One of the conditions suggested by comments was to not have any signage on the interstate to prevent a traffic increase, which became part of the new conditions presented by the applicant.

According to information provided in the meeting's agenda packet, following the January Board of Supervisors meeting, county staff met with the applicant, Fralin & Waldron, to discuss their application. As a result, staff proposed additional conditions, as listed in red as conditions.

Those new conditions include:

- All other specifications and general provisions shall be met as required by the Botetourt County Zoning Ordinance and in no instance shall the zoning conditions exempt a project from any local, state, or federal development requirements, except where allowed by the Zoning Ordinance
- The applicant will install a bench for outdoor seating at the property
- The development shall not be advertised upon Virginia's Interstate and Controlled-access Highway Specific Travel Services (Logo) Signs

# Community meeting for Amsterdam District March 11



A community meeting for the citizens of the Amsterdam Magistral District will take place on Monday, March 11, from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Room 229 of the County Administration Building in Daleville.

Citizens of the Amsterdam District will have the opportunity to speak with Amsterdam Supervisor and Board of Supervisors Chairman Steve Clinton to discuss county issues in an open, informal setting.

*- Fincastle Herald staff report*

# Reassessment info from page 1

point in time, the property owner will have time to appeal the reassessment. Sometimes, they appeal it for us to raise it. They feel the reassessment is low. Typically, they're looking at the value of increase there."

The presentation went on the clarify that property owners who continue to disagree with the reassessment results can appeal to a Board of Equalization appointed by the Circuit Court per recommendation made by Botetourt County.

Eanes went through several reassessments made by the firm showing examples of reassessments of county properties.

Following the presentation, Board Chair Steve Clinton clarified that the board selected Wampler-Eanes to perform the

reassessment, and that the board was not responsible for the process.

"You can see how things have increased," Clinton said. "It's remarkable. Of course, there's some good to that. It increases all of our net worths. It also has an effect, of course, on taxes. That won't be known until after the Board of Supervisors sets the tax rate, which we haven't even begun to talk about yet. We will be doing that during the latter part of March."

Board members asked Eanes questions based on feedback from constituents. Buchanan Supervisor Amy White asked Eanes about the "drastic variability in increases" of property values and the comparisons between property values in different districts.

"Each market area is

looked at and the sales within those neighborhoods," Eanes answered. "No two houses are ever alike... There were several sales that were indicating that (properties) more than doubled in value. The state comes in at the end of these reassessments and looks at all these sales. If I'm still (valuing) 50% on one, then they are going to question why."

Eanes went on to explain there are various property projects like remodeling, additions, and repairs that play into a property increase. White noted to Eanes that the increases were "a lot at one time" and asked if there was a legal way to limit the increases at one time. Eanes said that, according to a state code, there isn't a way to "cap" the property increases.

White added that there were properties that significantly increased neighboring properties considered neglected or rundown and asked Eanes how that figured into the reassessment process. Eanes said that due to the "strong" market in Botetourt, those properties White mentioned would still increase in value despite the state of neighboring properties. He noted that, in some cases, surrounding properties



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

do take away from their neighbors' values. Eanes said they are currently receiving photos and appraisals from residents to help their respective cases.

Valley District Supervisor Mac Scothorn asked Eanes about how residents can go about the appeal if property owners feel that their property won't sell for the appraisal price. Eanes said they send property owners the sales the firm uses that includes a price per square foot and that, at the time

of the meeting, the amount of appeals they received was "low."

Scothorn noted that, due to the amount of people who attended the meeting to comment on the matter, "Well, looking at the showing today, that will increase." Eanes said he expected so.

Eanes said that the high increases in property values is "nationwide." He said other localities are talking about doing more frequent reassessments "just to keep the sticker shock down."

Fincastle Supervisor Brandon Nicely asked Eanes about the increase of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the last four years and if that played into the increase of all properties. Eanes said that supply and demand have a lot to do with it.

Eanes gave Nicely an example. "You may have 10 buyers for every piece of property sold. People got into bidding wars. It's like anything. Remember when the pandemic started, we

were afraid we were going to run out of supplies and there was panic-buying. I don't know if this is 'panic-buying,' but we noticed these rising prices back in 2018."

He noted that the reassessment was based on a house-by-house basis. When Clinton asked him about the variations being "unusual," Eanes said that sometimes property values are reduced by the Board of Equalization, but were then brought up to market value, which would cause for a variation.

Several citizens voiced their opposition to their new reassessments following the presentation.

Visit [www.botetourtva.gov/859/Reassessment](http://www.botetourtva.gov/859/Reassessment) for more information. The video presented by Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group that dives into the Botetourt County Reassessment process can be found at this link: <https://youtu.be/qieF2RLi6I8?si=V8yGWescx6ytsX7k>.

So watch Wampler-Eanes presentation during the February 27 meeting, visit [www.youtube.com/@botetourtcountyva](http://www.youtube.com/@botetourtcountyva). The presentation begins at the 18:57 mark.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY FINCASTLE TOWN COUNCIL**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204, as amended, and Sections 601 - 603 of the Town Zoning Ordinance, this shall serve as notice that the Fincastle Town Council will hold a public hearing on March 14, 2024 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse for the purpose of soliciting public input on:

1. An application for a Use by Special Exception to allow for ground floor residence at 5 South Roanoke Street (73A (1) 27A), currently owned by Virginia and Erryn Barkett. This property is zoned Commercial and is located in the Mixed Use District of the Town of Fincastle.

Information regarding this can be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town Office during regular office hours.

**Melanie McFayden -Town Manager**  
Town of Fincastle

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE TOWN OF FINCASTLE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204, as amended, and Sections 601 - 603 of the Town Zoning Ordinance, this shall serve as notice that the Town of Fincastle Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 7, 2024** beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse for the purpose of soliciting public input on:

1. A rezoning application from the Heritage Family Farm for property located on the west side of Roanoke Road (Rt. 220), (tax parcel 73(2)13), currently owned by Santillane, LLC. The application is to rezone from A1 Agriculture to B2 Business with special exception for reduced lot size, for the purpose of building a new market building.

Information about this can be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town Office during regular office hours or by contacting Scott Critzer at 540-473-3377.

**Scott Critzer, Chairman**  
Fincastle Planning Commission

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 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](http://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. March 14, 2024 at:

<https://forms.gle/9vZoPXyxZR8bgEoQ6>

or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at [salbert@bcps.k12.va.us](mailto:salbert@bcps.k12.va.us).

**Stockyard Report**

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

**592 Head**

**Graded Steers**  
400-499 \$255.00-\$318.00  
500-599 \$295.00-\$324.50  
600-699 \$250.00-\$302.50  
700-799 \$219.50-\$283.00  
800-899 \$222.00-\$251.00

**Graded Bulls**  
300-399 \$318.00-\$342.00  
400-499 \$227.00-\$255.00  
500-599 \$235.00-\$281.50  
600-699 \$210.00-\$244.00

**Graded Heifers**  
400-499 \$210.00-\$274.00  
500-599 \$227.00-\$255.00  
600-699 \$170.00-\$235.00  
700-799 \$199.00-\$219.50

**Kill Cows**  
\$29.00-\$118.00

**Kill Bulls**  
\$89.00-\$105.00

**RTS Farms**

**All Natural Grass-Fed Beef**  
Born and raised on our farm  
199 Gravel Drive, Troutville, VA

Call to purchase (540)992-1361

By the piece, quarter or whole side (all cuts are boneless)

Visit for individual cuts  
**Ikenberry Orchards & Country Store, Daleville**

Individually frozen packages Vacuum sealed

No Hormones, Steroids or Antibiotics  
Website: [RTSFarms.com](http://RTSFarms.com)

**FISH DAY**

It's Time to Stock Your Pond!

**DELIVERY WILL BE:**  
**Friday, March 22nd**

Roanoke 7:30-8:15  
@SiteOne Landscape Supply

Troutville 9:00-9:45  
@Rockingham Coop

Bedford 10:15-11  
@Southern States

"LIKE" us on Facebook!

**FISH WAGON**

To Place an Order Call:  
1-800-643-8439  
[www.fishwagon.com](http://www.fishwagon.com)

**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

E	C	M		H	I	E		P	P	T					
D	H	A	L		P	A	U	L	O	A	E	O	N		
P	A	L	O		A	D	D	E	R		L	A	S	T	
		P	I	E	R	C	E		A	M	B	U	S	H	
			W	O	K			O	L	M					
			S	L	I	M	E		L	U	N	A	R		
D	A	O		P	R	E	S	S		U	R	I	Z	E	D
I	T	O				L	O	B			O	P	I		
T	I	F	F	A	N	Y	L	A	M	P		T	O	E	
S	A	L	P	A					O	A	S	E	S		
			A	I	M				R	I	O				
H	O	R	S	E	S		M	A	R	I	S	A			
P	O	P	E		L	A	C	E	S		L	A	B	S	
O	R	E	S		Y	L	E	M	S		S	L	A	P	
P	A	C			E	O	S								





THE FINCASTLE HERALD | The Vinton Messenger | THE NEW CASTLE RECORD | SALEM TIMES-REGISTER | News Messenger | RADFORD News Journal

**Help Wanted - General**



**Vice President for Planning & Resource Development**

Nonprofit seeks an individual with experience in directing the activities of a planning department. Must have a minimum of seven years successful grant writing and supervisory experience. Thorough knowledge of state and federal anti-poverty programs; ability to understand and interpret RFPs, regulations and guidelines. Preferred knowledge of Human Service, Economic Development, Community Development programs at the local, Commonwealth, and federal levels. Performs complex professional and administrative work in directing the activities of the planning department, providing strategic planning, resource development and program development for the antipoverty programs, economic development, community development and partnership activities of the agency. Assists in gathering and collating pertinent data and program outcomes; identifies and qualifies resources; writes clear and compelling narratives, effective and accurate budgets; and prepares grant applications in response to request for proposals. Leads and trains a team of planners who support the agency's programs. Directs the communications and marketing efforts of the agency.

Disseminates information to program components, CEO, Board of Directors, and other management staff on issues affecting the work of agency.

Recruits, trains, supervises, and evaluates planning staff, marketing & communications staff, and Whole Family Intake staff; organizes department responsibilities and workflow.

Coordinates the preparation of grant applications and proposal writing for all new and renewing agency program initiatives. Responsible for quality and effectiveness of all proposals.

Writes proposals for funding of specific projects as assigned.

Training, education and experience: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university with major work in planning, public administration, journalism or a related field and extensive experience in community, economic development planning.

For a full job description please visit Indeed.com or at our website [www.tapintohope.org](http://www.tapintohope.org)

Salary: \$60,000-\$75,000/yr. Submit cover letter and resume to: TAP, Human Resources, Job Code VPPRD-PL, PO Box 2868, 302 2nd St SW Roanoke VA 24011 or fax to 540-345-1944TTY: 540-345-4096 AA/EOE/Drug Free Workplace Bilingual ability is a plus

**miscellaneous**



When veterinary care is unavailable or unaffordable, ask for Happy Jack® animal health care products for horses, dogs, & cats. H&H Outdoors 254- 2420

**MAKE AN "A" IN ADVERTISING!**  
  
To place your ad, call 389-9355

**Legals - City of Radford**

**TRUSTEES SALE**

**PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN: West Ward of the City of Radford, Virginia Containing 0.2479 acres, more or less**

Commonly Known as: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia

IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERKS OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RADFORD CITY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 201100838, DATED AUGUST 29, 2011, WHEREAS, BY DEED OF BARGAIN AND SALE AND ASSUMPTION DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 201600804 THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSUMED BY MARK BROOKNER. DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT THEREIN SECURED AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING FOURTEEN (14) DAYS DUE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, IN FRONT OF THE RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ON THE 29 th DAY OF MARCH, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: All that certain tracts or parcels of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the City of Radford, Virginia, and described as follows: BEING all of Lots 28 and 29, part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35, Section 1, Plan C, Radford Land and Improvement Company Lots, containing 0.2479 acres (10,800 sq. ft.), as designated and described on a plat of survey entitled, Physical Survey Lots 28, 29 and Part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35 Section 1, Plan C Radford Land and Improvement Co. West Ward City of Radford, Virginia for Ronald R. Sowers", dated August 23, 2011, Job No. 565811, by James Conrad Groseclose, II, Land Surveyor, Mathews and Henegar Inc., professional engineers and land surveyors, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and reference is hereby made to said plat of survey for a more accurate description of the property herein conveyed.

Tax Map Number: 13-(5)-SEC 1-27A-28-29-30A-34A+

Account Number: 020000684.

Commonly Known As: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia

SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CASH, SETTLEMENT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SALE. A BIDDERS DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) MAY BE REQUIRED.

PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE, AT 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA

DATE OF SALE: MARCH 29, 2024  
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M.

Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent For Daniel D. Hamrick, PC

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C. 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

**Legals - City of Radford**

**NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00pm in the City of Radford Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: Jones Builder, LLC seeking approval of a rezoning for .43 acres 402 West Rock Rd, Radford VA 24141 Portion of Tax Map # 12-(2)-SEC 2-8 and all of Tax Map # 12-(2)-SEC 2-9,10,11 & 12. The request is to rezone from (B-1) Limited Business to R-3, Single-Family Residential District (R-3) to allow the property owner to redevelop existing building into duplex and (1) Single Family Resident. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is low-medium residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is commercial corridor. Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Additional information on this request may be obtained in the Community Development Department, 10 Robertson Street, Radford VA 24141, 540.267.3188 or by email at Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-**

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing to receive comments regarding a request from the Jones Builder, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to develop an existing building into a duplex, 402 West Rock Rd, Radford VA 24141, Tax Map #s 12-(2)-SEC 2-10,11 & 12. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is low-medium residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is commercial corridor. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views on the proposed Special Use Permit. Written comments may be sent to 10 Robertson Street, Radford 24141; please allow adequate mailing time: Melissa Skelton, Community Development Director.

**Legals - City of Salem**

**Notice is hereby given**

to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on March 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of E3MAG LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 744 Electric Road (Tax Map # 155 - 2 - 2.2) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.
2. Consider the request of Pinkesh R. Patel and Sonal P. Patel, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 1200 block Thompson Memorial Drive (Tax Map # 20 - 2 - 4) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall

**Legals - City of Salem**

have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

**PUBLIC HEARING The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2024-2025 budget on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.**

The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem.

Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Susan E. Young, Clerk of the Board, at 540-389-0130 by Monday, March 11, 2024 in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record.

In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to: provide their name and address,

the Board,

remarks for the record, and

questions from the Board,

cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

**Legals - Craig County**

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. J002260-06-00 CRAIG COMBINED COURT-JUVENILE Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MANNING, EMILEE ROSE

The object of this suit is to: terminate the residual parental rights of the parents, including the right of visitation, right to consent to adoption, the responsibility of support and all other rights and responsibilities remaining with the natural parents of the aforesaid child and to obtain the right to place said child for adoption. And, based on an affidavit filed herein, the court finds that there exists sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

It is ORDERED that the unknown father and any or all others who may be related to Emily Rose Manning, whose actual whereabouts are unknown, appear at the above-named Court on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. to do whatever is necessary to protect their interests. We ask for this CRAIG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 177 Court Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127

February 8, 2024, Patty Taylor, CLERK

**Legals - Montgomery County**

**Trustee's Sale**

**1990 Reesdale Road, Elliston, Virginia 24087**

(Parcel ID: 022175; Tax Map No.: 057-2 6)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 29, 2015, in the original principal amount of \$106,837.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia in Instrument No. 150009429, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction on March 22, 2024,

**Legals - Montgomery County**

at 3:00 pm in front of the building housing the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, the property designated as Lot 6, as shown on plat entitled "survey for Richard L. and Leilani F. Kaulback" showing Subdivision of 45.86 acre tract, Mt. Tabor District, Montgomery County, Virginia, which plat is dated June 18, 1979 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in plat book 9, page 197. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or M. Brennan Hutt d/b/a H&H Abstracting, and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 233457-01, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104

Case No. **CL23000237-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. SHANE ANTHONY SMITH, ET AL., Respondent(s).

The object of this suit is to: enforce the lien of the complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 497-A 202 Account No. 020009

All those two certain lots or parcels of land lying about one-fourth of a mile east of the passenger station at Cambria, Montgomery County, Virginia: Lot No. 1: Being all that certain lot or parcel of land conveyed to the said J.W. Britt by M. A. Helm and others by deed dated November 1, 1913, and recorded in Montgomery County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 63, Page 586; being described as lot 66 X 135 feet, be the same more or less, and to which deed reference is hereby made for a further description of the same.

Lot No. 2: Being all that certain lot or parcel of land conveyed to the said J. W. Britt by M. A. Helm and wife by deed dated January 19, 1914, and recorded in Montgomery County Clerk's Office as Deed Book 63, Page 583 and is described as being 61 X 135 feet, be the same more or less, and to which deed reference is hereby made for a further description of the same, both of said lots adjoining each other, being on the south side of the road leading from the station via Happy Hollow, and on the west side of the Happy Hollow Road, and runs back to the lot, now or formerly

**Legals - Montgomery County**

owned by Charles Lynch, and is bounded on the west by the lot, now or formerly owned by Mary Russel, together with the buildings improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging.

And being the same real property conveyed to Alice May Vaughan Brammer, Fannie Vaughan Carr, Sam Will Vaughan, Jr. John Blair Vaughan, Colonel Jabe Taft Vaughan, and James Curtis Douglas Vaughan from S. W. Vaughan and Ada L. Vaughan by deed dated and recorded on February 5, 1943 in the Montgomery County Clerk's Office as Deed Book 128, Page 389.

And further being the same property conveyed to Shane Anthony Smith from John B. Vaughan, as sole heir of John Blair Vaughan, deceased, by Quitclaim Deed dated December 18, 2013 and recorded December 23, 2013 in the Montgomery County Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 13011845.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

**IT APPEARING** that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: David W. Smith, whose last known address is 5352 Grayson Road Radford, Virginia 24141; Ling Zhong, whose last known address is 1005 Robin Rd., Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, S. W. Vaughan aka Sam Willie Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Blair Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Alice May Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Fannie Vaughan Carr, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Sam Will Vaughan, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Blair Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Colonel Jabe Taft Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Curtis Douglas Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Henry Brammer aka James Randolph Robinson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Virginia Elizabeth Brammer, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Gloria Jean Carr Butts Hicks, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Thomas Carr, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Meta Huggens Carr, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Denise Carr, whose last known address is unknown; Ada Mae Carr Nizer, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Melva James Nizer McNeill, whose last known address is 630 Colhoun St. NE, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Ludell Albert Nizer, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Emma Christine Carr Samuel, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Landon Samuel, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Vivian Palmer Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Lorenza Vaughan, whose last known address is unknown; Bertha Mae McDaniel Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Barbara H. Vaughan, whose last address is unknown; Virginia N. Vaughan, whose last address is unknown; Michael O. Vaughan, whose last address is unknown; James Douglas Vaughan,

**Legals - Montgomery County**

who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Douglas Vaughan, Jr., whose last known address is 8626 Croaker Rd., Williamsburg, Virginia 23188; Colonel Jabe Taft Vaughan, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Willie Junius Vaughan, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John W.J. Vaughan, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Dorothy Elizabeth Lacy Vaughan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Tax Map No. 497-4202, Account No. 020009, whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before March 29, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of The County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024.

Mike Fleenor, Jr., Judge I Ask for This: John A Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) Garrett W. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone:(804)545-2500 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No. 496179

**Legals - City of Salem**

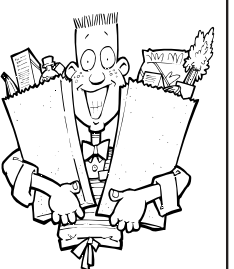
**ABC NOTICE**

MAA VEDAI 8 LLC, trading as **SHIRLEYS MARKET**, 4956 SUGAR GROVE HWY, SUGAR GROVE, VIRGINIA 24375.

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

**HARESH KUMAR CHAUDHARI** 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 of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.



**BAG**  
**A GREAT DEAL**  
**IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!**  
**To place your ad, call 389-9355**



# BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTORY

**DR FAME**  
ALLERGY  
ASTHMA

540 404-9598  
1002 APPERSON DR • SALEM, VIRGINIA 24153  
WWW.DRTOMFAME.COM

**ROANOKE'S #2 NEWS TALK AND SPORTS RADIO STATION**  
(Nielsen Fall 2022 book)  
www.foxradioroanoke.com  
(540) 343-7109

**Lisa Martin, REALTOR®**  
Serving the industry for 30+ years  
Roanoke Valley & Blue Ridge Mountains  
**Premier, REALTORS**  
(540) 597-0480  
Lisa@Lisa2buy.com • www.Lisa2buy.com  
1638 Roanoke Road, Suite 101  
Daleville, VA 24083  
**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices**  
A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC

**Craig County Health Center**  
226 Market Street - New Castle, VA  
Phone: (540) 864-6390 Fax: (540) 864-6356

- \*Physical Exams \* X-ray Services
- \* Laboratory Services \* Acute Care
- \* Mental Health Services \* Well Baby Checks

**ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS**

**CARPET RE-STRETCHING!**  
**STEVEN W. DURRANCE FLOORS**

Repairs • New Sales • Expert  
**540-776-9591**  
**Cell: 540-353-7908**  
Licensed & Insured  
carpetroanoke.com

**Sunflooring Inc. STEVE SMITH**  
With over 40 years of experience

Specializing in Hardwood Floors, Hardwood Refinishing, Laminate Flooring, Engineered Floors, Ceramic Tile, Carpet and Luxury Vinyl Plank

**540-556-3100**

CENTURY 21  
Wampler Realty  
64 Wendover Road  
Daleville, Va 24083  
Cell: 540-312-7792  
Office: 540-992-2500  
sfleshmansells@hotmail.com

**SHERRYE FLESHMAN REALTOR®**  
Each office is independently owned and operated

**WE BUY COIN COLLECTIONS**  
Top money paid  
FREE estimates

**EADES & LOWER INSURANCE**  
5007 Carriage Dr., Suite 100  
P.O. Box 21483  
Roanoke, VA 24018

**SHERRI STINETTE HOLT INSURANCE AGENT**

Cell (540)819-9179 • Office (540)981-1124  
Fax (540) 981-1266  
sherri@eadesandlower.com  
www.eadesandlower.com

AUTO | HOME BUSINESS | LIFE

**Residential and Commercial Construction**

540-966-0688  
PO Box 630  
Daleville, VA 24083  
www.southerntracellc.com

Contact us at  
**540-988-2420**

**Windy Ridge Tree & Mulching Service**

Contact us today for a free quote!  
540-473-5176  
fincastletreedr@gmail.com  
windyridgetreedr.com

**Colonial Title and Settlement**

Serving the Greater Botetourt & Roanoke Valley communities with all your real estate needs for residential, commercial, construction with MLA services, Assist with 1031 Real Estate Exchanges, Purchases, Refinances and More!!!!

Call Loretta, Debbie or Kristi for your next move!

**540-966-1260**  
1215 Roanoke Road, Daleville

**SENIOR FOR SENIORS PAINTING & RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE**

Cell: **540-293-4271**

**HARDWOOD FLOORS**

- Cleaning
- Waxing
- Beautification

Save 10% NOW!  
540-776-9591  
Cell: 540-353-7908

**STIHL PARTS & SERVICE**  
New and Used Equipment & Parts Available on All Brands  
Husqvarna • CubCadet • Toro • MTD • Murray • Echo  
Poulan • Honda • Mulch • Top Soil • Fill Dirt • Firewood • Sand  
Gravel • Brick Chips • (Tandem Truck Hauling • Excavating • Grading)

**Specialized Saw & Mower, Inc.**  
3954 West Main Street, Salem  
(540) 380-3901  
(Sales and Service)

• John King, President  
• Shelley Buchanan, Mgr.  
• Jo Maitland, Office Mgr.

• Credit Available  
• Equipment Rental  
• Pick Up & Delivery Available

**LIMITED TIME SAVINGS**

**King's Hauling & Excavating, Inc.**  
• Housing Foundations  
• Land Clearing  
• Stump Removal  
• Road Building  
• Pond Building

John King, President  
• Septic Tanks  
• Yard Grading  
• Demolition Work  
• Dump & Tri-Axle  
• Tandem Truck Hauling

Free Estimates • Licensed & Insured • Satisfaction Guaranteed

Beat the Spring Rush!  
3954 West Main Street, Salem  
(540) 380-3901

Topsoil/Sand Gravel/Mulch Asphalt Milling

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

The Bath or Shower You've Always Wanted IN AS LITTLE AS A DAY

**\$1000 OFF**  
AND  
No Payments & No Interest For 18 Months\*

OFFER EXPIRES 3/31/24

**BCI BATH & SHOWER**  
CALL NOW (844) 945-1631

\*Includes product and labor; bathtub, shower or walk-in tub and well surround. This promotion cannot be combined with any other offer. Other restrictions may apply. This offer expires 3/31/24. Each dealership is independently owned and operated. \*\*Third party financing is available for those customers who qualify. See your dealer for details. ©2024 BCI Acrylic, Inc.

AUCTIONS

ATTN. AUCTIONEERS: Advertise your upcoming auctions statewide and in other states. Affordable Print and Digital Solutions reaching your target audiences. Call this paper or Landon Clark at Virginia Press Services 804-521-7576, landonc@vpa.net

FAMRS/FISH

Live Fish for stocking ponds. Many varieties available. Delivery to your pond or pickup available. Call Zetts Fish Farm for information 304-995-9202, Cell 304-820-6986.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Vinyl Replacement Windows Installed! Starting at \$350 Call 804-739-8207 for More Details! Ronnie Jenkins II Windows, Siding, Roofing and Gutters! FREE Estimates! Call 804-739-8207 for More Details! American Made Products!

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 7-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-844-947-1479 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material steel from Erie Metal Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offer up to 50% off installation + Additional 10% off in place (for military, health workers & 1st responders.) Call Erie Metal Roofs: 1-844-902-4611

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today, 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-877-614-6667

The bathroom of your dreams in as little as 1 day. Limited Time Offer - \$1000 off or No Payments and No Interest for 18 months for customers who qualify. BCI Bath & Shower. Many options available. Quality materials & professional installation. Senior & Military Discounts Available. Call Today! 1-844-945-1631

Safe Step, North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step

1-877-591-9950

SERVICES

DIVORCE - Uncontested, \$475+\$86 court cost. WILLIS-\$295.00. No court appearance. Expedited completion time twenty-one days. Hilton Oliver, Attorney (Facebook). 757-490-0126. Se Habla Espanol. BBB Member. https://hiltonoliverattorneyva.com.

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 888-608-4974

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 350 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-888-550-3083 www.dental50plus.com/virginia #6258

Alaska, Europe, Hawaii plus dozens of other popular trips! Starting at \$1649 per person (double occupancy req'd.) YMT Vacations plans everything, leaving you to relax and enjoy. Call 1-855-743-0191 for more details. Use promo code YMT2024 for \$250 off. Limited time only.

**It's not just a generator. It's a power move.™**

Receive a free 7-year warranty with qualifying purchase\* - valued at \$735.

Call 844-947-1479 to schedule your free quote!

**GENERAC**

\*Terms and Conditions apply.

Call today and receive a **FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF**

**SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB**

1-877-591-9950

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165 NSCB 008299 0083445

EASE OF USE CERTIFIED  
MADE IN THE USA  
BBB ACCREDITED  
LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY

FINANCING AVAILABLE WITH APPROVED CREDIT

Make the smart and **ONLY CHOICE** when tackling your roof!

**ERIC FREE ESTIMATE 1.844.902.4611**

Limited Time Offer! **SAVE! UP TO 50% OFF ON YOUR INSTALLATION** + **THE AN ADDITIONAL 10% OFF**

Additional savings for military, health workers, and first responders.

**OUTER BANKS, NC - VACATION RENTALS**

Over 500 Vacation Homes

Entire Outer Banks from Corolla's 4x4 to Hatteras Island! Family time is what it's all about!

Book NOW! Weeks are filling up fast!

877-642-3224 **brindleybeach.com**

Become a Published Author. We want to Read Your Book! Dorrance Publishing-Trusted by Authors Since 1920. Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive Services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution. Call for Your Free Author's Guide 1-888-366-7596 or visit dorranceinfo.com/vapress



BOTETOURT  
**Sports**  
www.fincastleherald.com



**Brian Hoffman**  
Sports Editor

# Howard is state champion in shot put



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

**Kendal Howard is the state indoor track shot put champion. Here, he competes in a regular season meet at Roanoke College.**

Lord Botetourt senior Kendal Howard is the Class 3 indoor track state champion in the shot put for the second year in a row. Kendal won the title at the Class 3 indoor meet at Liberty University last week.

Howard won the event with a distance of 52'8", which was three feet, two and a half inches farther than second place Noah Gilliam of Abingdon. LB's DJ Toliver was ninth in the shot put with a distance of 45'11".

Kendal repeated as indoor state champ. He won the event in 2023 with a toss of 50'10.5" and improved that by almost two feet at this year's state meet. His Region 3D winning toss was 54'8" and Howard also won the state Class 3 outdoor discus state championship last June.

LB's Ethan Thorne ran in both the 1,600 and 3,200 state races. He was fifth in the 1,600 with a time of 4:26.48 and seventh in the 3,200 at 9:48.38.

TJ McGinnis set a new school record in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.60, good for ninth place. Zion Woody was 25th in the 55 dash at 6.77 while Caleb Miller was 10th in the 55-meter hurdles at 8.35.

For the girls, Anne Thorne ran both the 1,600 and the 3,200. She placed 31st overall in the 1,600 with a time of 5:40.77 and 12th overall in the 3200 with a personal record of 11:58.92.

Jillian Harris placed 13th in the 55-hurdle prelims with a time of 9.38, which was also a personal best.

LB was 13th in the boys team standings among 36 schools that scored with 16 points. Western Albemarle won both the boys and girls team championships.

"All of our athletes showed up and did their best," said LB coach Michelle Ganthorn. "It has been an absolute joy to be a part of the LB indoor track and field program. We look forward to participating at Adidas Nationals next month in Virginia Beach."



PHOTO COURTESY JAMES RIVER TRACK

**The James River girls 4x200 relay team finished sixth in the state. Left to right are Kaia Binns, Ripley Barry, Kelsey Firebaugh and Navaeh VanBuren.**

# River girls finish 15th in state track

The James River girls finished 15th among 34 teams that scored in the combined Class 1&2 state track meet at Liberty University last week. The Bruton High girls and boys swept the team titles.

River's best finish was a third in the triple jump by junior Navaeh VanBuren. She hop, skipped and jumped 35'7" to score six points for River.

Sophomore Kaia Binns scored in two

events. She was fourth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.48 for six points and picked up another team point with an eighth place finish in the 300 meters, running a time of 44.65.

Binns, VanBuren, Ripley Barry and Kelsey Firebaugh combined to take sixth in the 4x200 relay. They ran a time of 1:52.57, which was less than two seconds behind the winning time of 1:51.05 by Lee High of Jonesville.

The boys did not score, but Gavin Binns was just one place out of making the finals with a ninth place finish in the 55-meter dash preliminaries. He ran a time of 6.780 and the eighth place finisher made the finals at 6.776, four thousands of a second faster than Gavin.

The Knights now turn to the spring track season where they'll open April 6 with a meet at William Byrd High School.

# Prince of Roanoke

Nate Prince, a 2022 graduate of Lord Botetourt High School, is a sophomore utility man for the Roanoke College baseball team. Here, Nate cruises under a fly ball to right in RC's first game of a doubleheader with Dickinson at Salem Memorial Ballpark Saturday. LB grad Brae Farrell, a senior pitcher, is also on the roster. The Maroons are home today and Thursday to host Centenary College of New Jersey for 4 p.m. games, and Saturday RC will entertain Eastern Mennonite in a doubleheader beginning at noon at Salem Memorial.

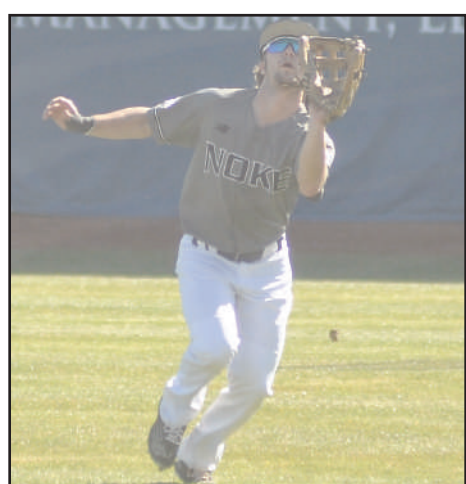


PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

# Spring sports seasons open next week

Daylight Saving Time arrives on Sunday and high school spring sports aren't far behind. After three weeks of practicing and scrimmaging, spring sports arrive for real on Monday of next week.

Opening day will mark the debut of new James River baseball coach Chase Henry, as the Knights open with a 5 p.m. game at Staunton River. The jayvees will play in Springwood at 5:30 p.m.

"My goal for the year is to have success across both levels, varsity and jayvee, and grow the game," said Henry. "We have a group of hard working young men who are putting in the time and effort. We are all extremely excited to get started and represent James River the right way."

Both River soccer teams also play Monday. The boys will host Nelson County in a jayvee-varsity doubleheader, with the jayvees opening at 5:30 p.m. The girls jayvee and varsity teams play at the same time at Nelson County.

"I'm really looking forward to the upcoming season," said River boys coach Jared Whiting. "We lost a lot of players to last year's graduation but have filled the roster with new and upcoming talent. We have several athletes that have not played soccer in quite a few years but are picking up the skills and game quickly and are going to be big assets for us. The chemistry I'm seeing is outstanding."

"Our girls look pretty solid in the preseason," said River girls coach Bill Smith. "We have some great players and my job is to help them become a great team. I am encouraged by what I have seen so far."

The LB girls also have a soccer game Monday as they play at Blacksburg. It will be varsity only at 6 p.m. as Giuseppe

D'Arpa returns to coach the Cavaliers.

On Tuesday, March 12, Lord Botetourt will have five sports open, baseball, softball, boys soccer and both tennis teams. The varsity baseball team is at Hidden Valley for a 5 p.m. first pitch while the jayvees are here for a 5:30 p.m. start.

"We have seven guys returning that saw considerable playing time last year, so we will be hoping that they can step up their roles," said LB coach Todd Smith. "They've all worked really hard this summer and fall, so hopefully that work will pay off. We have a very tough non-district schedule and, as always, the Blue Ridge is going to be one of the strongest districts around."

The softball team is home to Hidden Valley at 5:30 p.m. with the jayvees on the road at 5 p.m. LB coach Megan Cook has high hopes for the season.

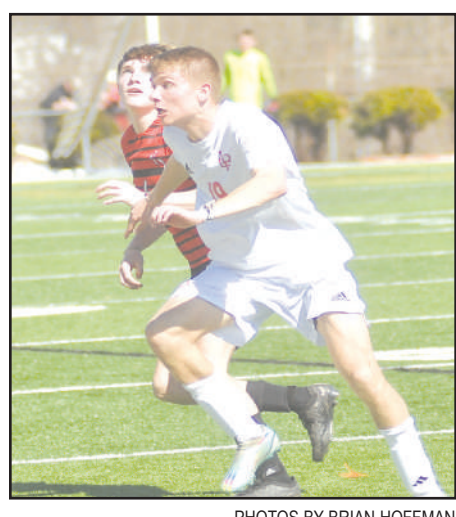
"Wow, this team is truly something special and I have not been more excited for a season since I started coaching," she said. "We are having a blast together and the girls are performing as if we are mid-season already. We truly are a huge family and we cannot wait to show other teams what we are bringing this year. God is showing up in big ways with this team."

The boys soccer team will host defending Class 2 state champion Glenvar for a jayvee-varsity doubleheader in Daleville next Tuesday. LB scrimmaged Hidden Valley and Cave Spring at Bogle Field last Saturday and tied both, 0-0 against the Titans and 2-2 against Cave Spring. Will Hall and Danny Kidd scored for the Cavaliers.

Both LB tennis teams will also open



**The James River softball team scrimmaged Cave Spring and Tazewell in a preseason jamboree at Cave Spring High School last Saturday. Here, Ripley Barry (left) pitches for River and catcher Cloey Joynes go high to try and grab a throw to the plate.**



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

**The Lord Botetourt boys soccer team scrimmaged Hidden Valley and Cave Spring at Bogle Field in Roanoke County Saturday. Here, Ty Goad (left) controls the ball and Ryan Mosdell (right) heads one.**



Spring sports from page 13



Kylee Harlow takes a cut against Cave Spring.



Andrews Barroso grabs a little shirt to keep a Cave Spring opponent from getting away.

next Tuesday. The girls will host Christiansburg at 4:30 p.m. at the Hollins University courts and the boys are at Christiansburg, same time.

"We are excited for this season to get underway," said boys coach Blake Johnson. "We have a lot of new opportunities on this team with at least half of our starting lineup gaining top six experience for the first time this year. We will face a tough schedule, but that will help this team grow quickly."

The LB girls tennis team has a new coach in Sam Belcher. His wife, Lindsey, is the assistant.

"We have girls that are brand new to tennis and we have girls who have been playing for years," said Sam. "Our goal, as their coaches, is to help them grow as tennis players, but more

importantly to help them grow as strong and confident young women. This is a really fun group of girls and we're excited to see what lies ahead of us."

The James River baseball team will be at Salem to play the Spartans at Kiwanis Park on Wednesday, March 13, at 5 p.m. with the jayvees playing in Springwood at 5:30 p.m.

The River softball team will open that day with a home game against Patrick Henry at 5:30 p.m. and the jayvees are at PH at 5 p.m. The Knights were state runners-up last year but coach Steve Austin saw some top notch players graduate from that team.

"Our softball team is young and inexperienced," he said. "We have one freshman,

nine sophomores, one junior and three seniors. We lost five college-level seniors who provided 100 percent of the pitching and about 75 percent of the offensive production.

"We have modest goals of consistent improvement and trying to make regional play."

The county spring teams will wrap up the preseason this week with a Lord Botetourt boys tennis scrimmage at Hollins on Thursday, a baseball scrimmage on Friday and a softball jamboree at the Botetourt Sports Complex on Saturday. LB will take on Fort Defiance at 11 a.m. and Brookville at 3 p.m. with Fort Defiance and Brookville playing each other in between.

James River has a 4:30 p.m. baseball scrimmage at Rockbridge County on Thursday.

Botetourt Club team scrimmages Salem



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Botetourt Club lacrosse team scrimmaged Salem High at Spartan Park in Salem last week. The Botetourt team, with red uniforms, is not associated with the high school but hopes to be recognized as a varsity team sometime in the future. Players from both Lord Botetourt and James River High Schools are eligible to play for the team and there's also a girls team. The Botetourt Club teams play home games at the Botetourt Sports Complex upper field.

Knights named to All-Region hoop teams



HERALD FILE PHOTOS

The All-Region 2C basketball teams have been announced and James River was represented on both the girls and boys teams. River junior Caitlin Canada was a first team selection on the girls team and senior Trey Taylor was a second team all-region selection for the boys.

Pistol with a ponytail

By Brian Hoffman, Sports Editor

I never thought I'd see the day when women's basketball would sell out big arenas, but that day is here.

Give much of the credit to Iowa University senior star Caitlin Clark, who has sold out venues everywhere she goes. She broke the NCAA women's all-time scoring record on a long three-point shot, then last Sunday she passed one of my

all-time favorites as the all-time leading NCAA scorer, regardless of gender. That person she passed would be "Pistol" Pete Maravich.

It's not so much that Clark scores a lot, but "how" she plays the game that makes her stand out. She shoots three-pointers with Stephen Curry accuracy and passes the ball like John Stockton with a ponytail. She's fun to watch.

I must admit, I don't watch a lot of

women's basketball. I've never watched a WNBA game from start to finish. I go to most of the Roanoke College women's home games and I watch a whole lot of high school girls' games, but if there's a choice between the women and an NBA game or a good men's college game on TV, I'll watch the men.

That might be changing. When Caitlin Clark finishes her career, however far the Hawkeyes go this year, I'm anxious to see how she does in the WNBA. I might just watch an entire game if she's in it.

And then you have Virginia Tech. I never thought I'd see the day when the Virginia Tech women were selling out Cassell Coliseum— getting bigger crowds than the men! I can remember 20 or so years ago when a woman I covered in high school was on the Tech team. I'd go to the game and people were showing up five minutes before tip-off and easing down to seats by the court. Those days are gone, at least for now.

Unfortunately, the Hokies have hit a slide at the most inopportune time. Their star player, Elizabeth Kitley, suffered a knee injury in a loss at UVA Sunday in front of the largest crowd ever to watch a women's basketball game in the state of Virginia. As I write this column her status going forward is unknown, but the old saying "adding insult to injury" was never more appropriate as the heavily favored Hokies lost the game to the underdog Wahoo women. Stay tuned for updates.

Getting back to Caitlin Clark, I was fascinated that she was the one to outscore Pete Maravich after all these years— 54 to be exact. As I mentioned, I like watching Clark play. I LOVED watching Pete Maravich play.

I was in high school when Maravich played for LSU. One of my best friends growing up, Gus, had an older brother who was a really good football player at our high school, Souderton High School in Pennsylvania. He got a scholarship to play football at LSU, so right then and there Gus became a big LSU fan and I joined the club. On a clear night we could get LSU basketball games on the radio and we'd sit on his front porch and listen to Pete Maravich light it up.

Thing is, if you just listened to Pete play you missed a whole lot. He was all entertainment. He had those floppy gray socks and he played like his hair was on fire, and boy did he have some hair! Those late '60s were the time when long hair was the norm and Pete's mop top went every which direction as he dribbled down the floor.

Everything he did was exciting. I haven't seen anyone before or since handle the ball like he did. It was said he carried a ball everywhere he went growing up, bouncing it in the aisle of the movie theatre and dribbling on the way to and from school. When he dribbled it was like the ball was part of him, and I know you can say that about a lot of players but it was never more obvious than it was with Pete.

He could pass the ball like no one I've seen since. The closest I've seen was a couple times when Ricky Rubio would throw one of those full court bounce passes that found the mark, but Pete would do that with regularity. Our high school coaches frowned on behind-the-back passes, but Pete did it so well

it was a weapon. And remember that fake behind-the-back that Rajon Rondo would do? Pete was a master of it.

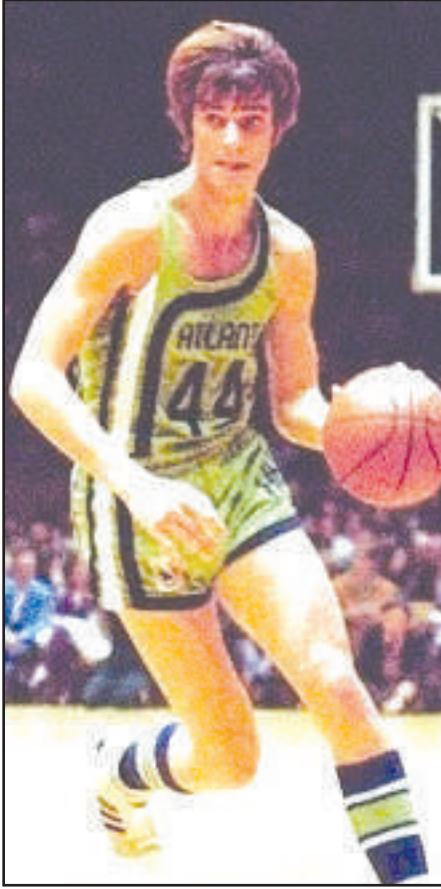
And boy, could he shoot. He would pull up from Damion Lillard land and swish 'em with regularity. Only thing is, he only got two points for that shot back in the day. You had to guard him out there, but he could also go by you and wiggle through traffic on his way to the hoop. If they had called fouls in the NBA back then as closely as they do now, no one could have ever stopped him.

Going back to the long shots, you have to remember that Pete didn't play college ball with the three-point shot. He also played just three years, because when he was at LSU freshmen weren't eligible. If he had played four years with the three-point shot no one would touch his scoring records. That's not taking anything away from Caitlin Clark, it's just a fact. She broke the record fair and square with today's rules.

One more thing about Pete. His last year at LSU was my last year in high school. He was drafted by the Atlanta Hawks about the same time I decided to attend Roanoke College. I had just arrived in Salem, not knowing anyone in the entire state and not having a car, when I saw that the Hawks were going to play an NBA exhibition game at the Salem Civic Center.

This was in October of 1970, and I didn't even know where the Salem Civic Center was. I got vague directions and walked to the game from Roanoke College to see Pete play live for the first, and as it turned out, only time in my life. It was exciting to see him play in those old lime green Hawks uniforms with the stripes running across the chest and down the side, floppy gray socks and all.

Unfortunately, Pete died of a heart attack at just 40 years of age, playing pickup basketball, but he'll always be remembered as one of the most exciting players ever. And Caitlin Clark can truly be called the "Pistol Pete" of women's basketball and no one should question it.



FILE PHOTO

"Pistol" Pete Maravich

**The Best Relationships Start With Trust**

Personal | Mortgage  
Commercial | Business

**htb.com**

1571 Roanoke Road  
Daleville, VA 24083  
540.992.1682

Member FDIC  
Equal Housing Lender

**HomeTrust Bank**

240226-1198568087