



## Town of Fincastle seeking 'semi' solutions

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Last month, residents along Murray Street and Water Street in the Town of Fincastle saw an 18-wheeler stuck across from the Early Cabin. This incident is the latest in a long list of instances that saw 18-wheelers making unplanned visits to Botetourt's historic county seat.

It's an issue that has persisted for many, many years. The town has made its case to the county about improving the situation as recently as last spring. However, the issue of stuck semis persists while various departments work with the town in coming up with the best solution to better solve the problem.

Fincastle Mayor Mary Bess Smith noted that, in the latest occurrence last month, if there had been a fuel leak from a ruptured tank on the truck wedged along Murray Street and Water Street, it would have contaminated everything downstream from the incident, starting with Big Spring Park, on which the town has spent a lot of time and resources refurbishing over the last few years.

One of the main issues is the lack of signage directly off of surrounding roads. There are currently signs on northbound and southbound Route 220, just before the turn onto Main Street, alerting drivers "no through trucks" on Route 606 (Blue Ridge Turnpike), but none around the Brughs Mill/Farmers Road/Blue Ridge Turnpike intersections, for instance. Additionally, the signs only refer to Route 606, not the small roads within the courthouse district. However, getting that information on the current signs could prove difficult as Fincastle still sits as a throughway for many independent truckers.

Fincastle Planning and Zoning

Administrator Scott Critzer believes if there were more signage in areas like the east side of the Brughs Mill/Blue Ridge Turnpike intersection, drivers would have an option to get back on the interstate or take Route 11, if they were aware of the options.

"We're not asking for some sort of preferential treatment that's out of line with the preservation of an important historic resource (Fincastle)," Critzer said in a recent interview. "We've essentially got a 21st Century world designed to operate on a 19th Century road system and there's really not much anybody can do to make it better."

Critzer noted that this issue has gone on "forever," but said that the problem has grown "significantly worse" in recent years.

Fincastle Town Manager Melanie McFadyen explained that while discussing the issues with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), they discovered that truckers' GPS devices may have something to do with the reason why semi-trucks continually find themselves visiting Fincastle for an unexpected period of time. The town worked with VDOT and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on finding solutions to ensure GPS devices wouldn't bring freighters through the town.

"For instance, Munters Group, for a long time, had their GPS set to go through Fincastle," McFadyen explained. "So, we were able to work with the DMV to change that."

The town is hopeful to continue discussions with the county, VDOT, and DMV to improve the situation.

According to a VDOT official,

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PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Signage is posted on Route 220 alerting drivers of "no through" 18-wheeler traffic on Route 606, but does not alert drivers about the difficulty navigating through the courthouse district.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN OF FINCASTLE

The most recent incident in February saw a semi-truck stuck along Murray Street and Water Street in Fincastle across from the Early Cabin.

## BTEC announces local partnerships for recent SkillsUSA competition

SkillsUSA is the No. 1 workforce development organization for students. It empowers students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members.

Botetourt Technical Education Center

(BTEC) recently held the district level competitions and could not have been successful without the help of following individuals and businesses:

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Cosmetology students Gracelyn Stump and Katen Tetreault and Welding student Cameron Ferguson served on the SkillsUSA District VII Leadership Team.

## Super Tuesday results in Botetourt

Botetourt County residents went to the polls on March 5 selecting their candidates for the 2024 Presidential Election. President Joe Biden gained 91.7% of local Democrats' votes, while former President Donald Trump garnered a little over 75% of local Republicans' selections. The Democratic Party saw a participation rate of 2.73% out of 726 ballots cast (out of 26,616 registered voters). Botetourt's Republican participation rate was 17.87%, out of 4,756

ballots cast.

With all signs pointing to another Biden-Trump presidential showdown, many eyes look to November 5 when choosing their next President of the United States of America. First day of in-person early voting at your local registrar's office: Friday, September 20, 2024.

Deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration: October 15 (Voters may register after this date, through Election Day, and vote using a provisional ballot). Deadline to apply for a ballot to be mailed to residents: October 25. Requests must be received by the Botetourt County Registrar by 5 p.m. that day. Voter registration offices open

for early voting: Saturday, October 26. The last day of in-person early voting at the Botetourt registration office: Saturday, November 2 at 5 p.m. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for all days except the last Saturday which is 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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## Grand jury returns March indictments

A Botetourt grand jury met on March 4 in Fincastle and returned 23 certified indictments and 59 direct indictments, as follows:

### CERTIFIED

- Javier C. Acosta of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine
- Patrick Eugene Arnold of Charlottesville, uttering
- Glenn Randell Bieszc of Dandridge, Tenn., assault and battery on a law enforcement officer
- Steven Ray Fowler of Salem, possession of methamphetamine, possession of fentanyl, two counts of possession of a firearm with drugs
- Mark Edward Kimberlin of Covington, grand larceny, destruction of property
- Ricky Levi Mundy of Troutville, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, two counts of credit

card theft

- Claudie Matthew Painter of Buchanan, driving under the influence - third/subsequent, driving revoked
- LaShawnda Jay Redd, a/k/a Crystal Gale Redd, of Martinsville, perjury, two counts of forging public documents
- Bowe Curtis Richards of Danville, eluding
- Tonya Sue Roatenberry of Salem, distributing methamphetamine
- Alicia Marie Saporito of Bradford, Pa., three counts of assault and battery on a law enforcement officer
- Kayli Michelle Williams of Salem, possession of methamphetamine

### DIRECT

- John Dinsmore Bigger of Chloe, W.Va., possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine
- Zachary Alan Bishop of Blue Ridge,

murder, child endangerment

- Michael Joseph Boros of Roanoke, construction fraud
- Jeremy Russell Conner of Blue Ridge, possession of methamphetamine
- Justin Neal Cooper of Cloverdale, destruction of property, grand larceny, trespassing, three counts of larceny, larceny with intent
- Shala Lynn Dogan of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine
- Hubert David Ewing of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine
- Lauren Ann Frazee of Cloverdale, grand larceny, grand larceny with intent to sell
- David Glynn Gearhart II of Roanoke, distributing fentanyl, three counts of distributing methamphetamine
- Wyatt Lief Gil of Fincastle, assault and battery on a law enforcement officer
- Kristy Lynn Goad of Thaxton,

possession of methamphetamine

- Donald Grant Goodson of Haynes, Fla., possession of methamphetamine
- Matthew Thomas Gray of Moneta, possession of methamphetamine, possession of controlled paraphernalia
- Jared David Holliday of Montvale, possession of methamphetamine
- Joshua Nicholas Husky of Roanoke, eluding
- Michael Delano Kellam of Rustburg, possession of methamphetamine
- Eric Lamont Kemp Jr. of Fincastle, possession of methamphetamine
- Jack W. Lindsay of Arden, N.C., possession of oxycodone
- Amy Lynn Long of Thaxton, possession of fentanyl, possession of heroin
- Meredith Leigh Marze of

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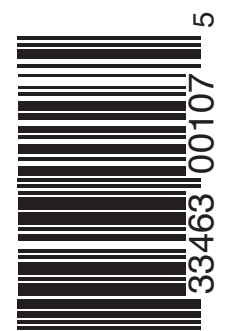
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Botetourt County History



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This photograph shows the name of Ray Ludwig scratched on the inside of the bay window at the current Botetourt County Museum of History and Culture. The glass and building date back to 1871 when Baptist minister Rev. Gabriel Gray rebuilt his home after the 1870 Fincastle fire. From the mid-1800s to the early 1900s scratching a name in glass was a popular practice. Women would use their engagement ring on glass to see if their diamond was real. Rena Worthen

found the name Raymond A. Ludwig in the September 12, 1891 Roanoke Times City School newspaper listing honor roll students. She also found a Pennsylvania death certificate (1880-1928) showing that Raymond wasn't married and died of cirrhosis and acute hepatitis at the age of 48. Is he the same Ray Ludwig and who scratched his name in the window?

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

# James River holds life-saving event



PHOTO COURTESY OF JRHS

"Help Save the Next Girl" was a life-saving event held at James River High School on March 1. English Department teachers Kathleen Cornelison and Elizabeth Martin invited all students for training. Elianna Fizer, Liliana Bolling, Raelynn and Graden Fox are in their white "Gi" along with their karate instructor, Doug Bleecker. They demonstrated defensive techniques and helped the JRHS students. Classes are held at Carilion Wellness and are part of the International Karate Association.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

## Indictments from page 1

- Vinton, possession of methamphetamine
- Alex Josue Medina Ortiz of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine
- Anthony Drew Muse of Roanoke, destruction of property, grand larceny, three counts of grand larceny, trespassing
- Autumn Cheyenne Pillis of Vinton, possession of fentanyl
- John Marvin Pritchard of Troutville, possession of methamphetamine
- Bruce Wenn Reese of Eagle Rock, malicious wounding, malicious shooting at a vehicle, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony
- Jeffrey Allen Richardson of Bedford, possession of methamphetamine
- Latisha Ann Rickerson of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine
- Brandon Lee Robertson of Bedford, possession of methamphetamine
- Caleb Andrew Spears of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine
- Tabitha Nicole Welch of Vinton, possession of methamphetamine, possession of fentanyl
- Daniel Patrick Williams of Roanoke, possession of methamphetamine, possession of oxycodone, possession of hydrocodone
- Kayli Michelle Williams of Salem, possession of fentanyl
- Meredith Kay Witt of Bedford, possession of fentanyl, possession of heroin

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Reader questions assessment increase

To the Botetourt county tax assessment official, I request a review and re-determination of our 2024 real property tax assessment.

The 2024 assessment is a 44.12% increase (literally gave me a massive heart attack) in the value of my house in an economically modest neighborhood.

To supplement my fixed income and to give back to the community, I work as a part-time county substitute teacher – an exhausting, difficult and challenging position, to say the least.

I am providing brief reasons (not-all-

inclusive) stated below for reassessment:

1) I have not gotten a 44.12% raise this year or any other year in any professional career that I've ever held in my life.

2) There has been no improvement made to our house since 1999. I have not been able to afford to replace the badly needed, nearly 30-year-old roofing. I find torn-up shingles on the ground on a daily basis.

3) My 35-year-old HVAC system has been determined to "die at any minute," but I have not been able to afford to replace it.

4) To save energy bills, my house is permanently very cold in winter at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, very hot in summer

at 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

5) I have had many challenges regarding our septic system and am still making payments on a monthly basis.

5) I have not been able to re-seal a badly needed driveway since it was done 30 years ago.

6) Even though my real/personal property taxes support the county public services, I have not used the taxpayer-funded public services. For example: (a) no kid/s in school; (b) our road is a private road, thus no county tax money is spent on asphalt sealing/re-sealing the road; (c) I actively take care of my health, thus no need to tie up EMS, police, fire department or courts, etc.

Based on the above-stated brief reasons, I request the assessment be either no increase or decreased by 40%, resulting in a 4.12% increase at the maximum.

Anna Yu  
Cloverdale

## Supports Boothe for Republican Committee chairman

I am writing this letter to encourage

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# 2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a list 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@mainstreetnewsletters.com.

### Cloverdale Elementary PTA announces scholarship

Cloverdale Elementary PTA announces a scholarship which will be awarded to a former Cloverdale Elementary student and current Lord Botetourt or James River senior or a Lord Botetourt or James River student that has served Cloverdale Elementary in some capacity. Students should contact their school counseling office for more information or email Katrina Kish at [kkish@bcps.k12.va.us](mailto:kkish@bcps.k12.va.us) with questions. Deadline to apply is April 2.

### 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 \$2,000.00. Five scholarships will be awarded, three for \$500.00 and two for \$250.00. 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, 2024.

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, 2024

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/AITCScholarship](http://form.jotform.com/VaAITC/AITCScholarship). 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 [aitc@vafb.com](mailto:aitc@vafb.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, 2024.

### WLSL scholarship opportunity

College-bound, graduating high school seniors in Botetourt County have an upcoming scholarship opportunity from WLSL 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 WLSL 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](mailto:Ashlee.Nock@vafb.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, 2024.



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The cast includes (from left) Sarita Lastrapes, Paul Mullins, Mike Lawson, James Honaker, Kelly Hoagland, Kaiya Hoagland, Carolyn Alvarez, Kathy Boyer, Tom Lastrapes, Steve Aaron, Dave Boyer, and Abby Dillard.

## 'Nunsensations' opens this Thursday at Attic Productions

Attic Productions is presenting the high-energy musical comedy "Nunsensations, the Nonsense Vegas Revue" by Dan Goggin this month. The Little Sisters of Hoboken take on Las Vegas in this 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.

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.

- Attic Productions

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# Solutions from page 1



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**A map of a possible extension of Springwood Road; the highlighted area (black box) shows the portion of the road already dedicated as a right of way.**

Fincastle does not have a through truck restriction in place for Main Street or surrounding roads within it. Those roads are currently considered as "alternate routes for the only through truck restriction on Route 606 due to the one-way road system that was placed in the town." In 2015, signs were posted on 606 and are present at both ends at Route 220 and Route 11.

Town Council member John Thomas has continued to try to find solutions as well. He's witnessed (and assisted) drivers maneuvering their trucks out of numerous ruts. Thomas said that these issues have progressed in the last six years.

"Since 2018, we've had about 36 incidents where deputies have been called for their services to assist trucks," Thomas said. "The fire hydrant at Main Street and Springwood Road (intersection) had three service calls... and eventually had to be moved because it was getting hit by tractor-trailers. My whole thing is, the streets in the town are not conducive to 18-wheelers whatsoever, no matter what street it goes in because there's nowhere for them to exit properly."

Out of the 36 instances mentioned by Thomas, 18 were recorded incidents by the Botetourt County

Sheriff's Office involving semi-trucks getting stuck in Fincastle. In over half of the recorded instances, trucks wound up stuck on the north and south sides of Hancock Street. According to a town official, there have been more instances that weren't reported to authorities where drivers received assistance from residents in maneuvering the vehicle out of predicaments. Thomas wants a "no through" sign on every entrance in town.

"The roads not capable of handling 18-wheelers," Thomas continued. "If (local businesses/schools) have box trucks that have to (drive into town to) make a delivery, that's okay. Our main purpose is to not have 18-wheelers enter the town off of those side streets."

Last summer, a semi-truck jammed itself along the intersection of Main and Hancock. According to a town official, it took several hours and a group of Sheriff's Office deputies to assist getting the truck unstuck. One of the town's decorative lights and a couple of signs were damaged during this specific incident.

Other instances have seen trucks damage the lawns of residents, knocking down signs, damaging fire hydrants, and causing residents to leave their homes in order to direct the drivers out of their predicaments

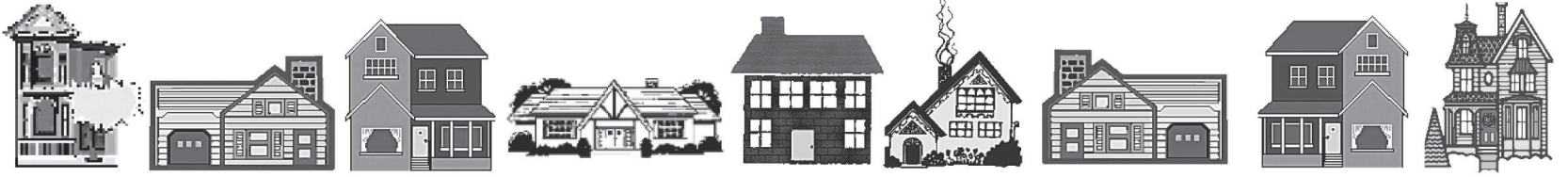
and/or navigate traffic around the stuck semi.

Another issue with large tractor-trailers driving through Fincastle is that some drivers' destinations are made for deliveries, which is something that VDOT can't prevent.

"A through truck restriction is not a ban on all trucks as it only pertains to through trucks, not deliveries," a VDOT official recently explained. "When VDOT last took traffic counts in 2014 in the town, there was truck traffic present on routes in the town, but there would not be viable alternative routes if these roads in the town were restricted. At the time of the study VDOT performed, there were deliveries to the schools and the school administration building, for example."

Independent trucking companies aren't on the same grid as the major entities and aren't on the same "route" as freighters from Munters and similar corporations locally. Large truck deliveries are needed by businesses and schools in the Fincastle area. Deliveries are one of a few reasons that Fincastle wouldn't be allowed to shut off 18-wheeler traffic.

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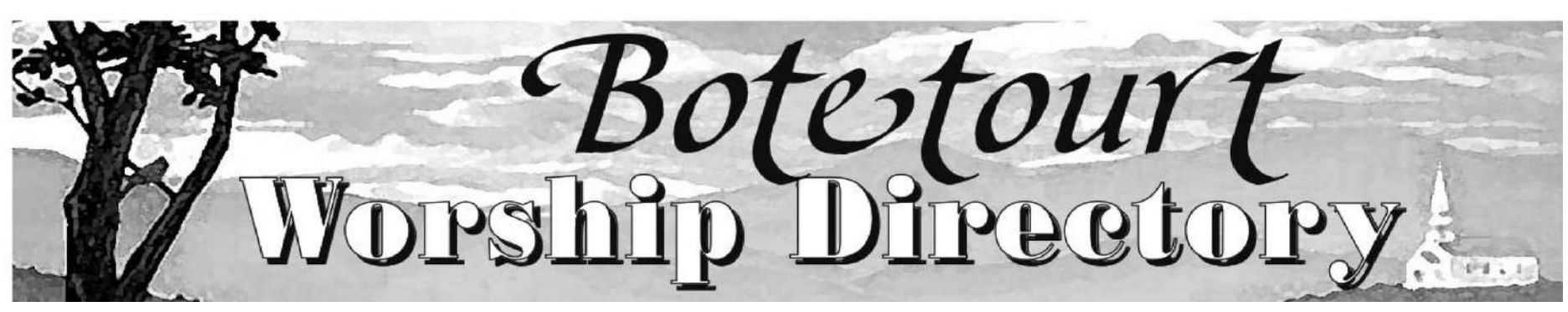
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**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**

**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.phbcweb.com](http://www.phbcweb.com).

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

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

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

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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

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

**OVERCOMING OBSTACLES**

Read Joshua 14:1 through 17:18

Sometimes, in the pursuit of God's will, we "spiritualize" our natural desire for comfort. We make "faith statements," claiming that if God is leading us, every problem should resolve itself. That is not the reality of godly living. Scripture is filled with examples of God's people encountering obstacles while following divine directives.

Division of the Promised Land among the Israelites came with the responsibility of engaging enemy nations. Israel's record in fulfilling that responsibility is spotty. As just one example, the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh claimed their inheritance was too small.

"If you are so numerous," Joshua answered, "and if the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you, go up into the forest and clear land for yourselves there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaites" (Joshua 17:15).

Joshua reminded the descendants of Joseph that much of their inheritance in the Promised Land remained to be conquered. They needed to step up to that challenge.

Prayer Suggestion: As God shows you what He wants you to do, pray in faith that He will help you overcome the obstacles.

Quicklook: Joshua 17:14-17

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 [osloanoke.com](http://osloanoke.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 Lago. 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

## Garman, Glenneta Bowden

Glenneta "Nita" Lou Bowden Preston; nieces, Kim and Jill; and nephew, Kevin. Garman, 79, of Roanoke, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gory and Elizabeth Bowden.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Sherry Mayhew; granddaughter, Lauren Mayhew; sisters, Orpha Hatcher and Sue



Visitation was held from 6-7 p.m. with memorial services at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home with Pastor Luke Swanson. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

## Rader, Ted Allen

Ted was born March 16, 1954 and at the age of 69 went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (John 3:16) on March 7, 2024. He was preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Tony and Jane Rader; and stepfather, Chester Young.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl, of nearly 40 years; son, Joshua Rader (Whitney); daughter, Jenna Rasnick (JR); grandchildren, Everett and Kenneth Rasnick, Clara Rader; step-grandchildren, Conner, Caroline and Charlotte; mother, Clara Young; siblings, Pam Jamison, Kim Musgrove (Donald), Paul Rader, Tony Rader

(Lisa); and other numerous family. He was a special man who was loving, kind, and a friend to many.

In lieu of flowers those wishing to make a contribution please consider St. Jude Children's Hospital, Fincastle Baptist Church Missions or become an organ donor. Ted received a special gift of a heart from an organ donor and in return he



became an organ donor to help others. Viewing for our beloved will be at Botetourt Funeral Home on Saturday, March 16, 12 noon-2 p.m., with the funeral to follow. Burial service will be at Springwood Baptist Church.

## Walker, Bryan Stanley

Bryan Stanley Walker passed away on Friday, March 8, 2024, at his home in Fincastle, with his wife, Cheryl, by his side.

He was born in Stones Green near the town of Harwich, in the English County of Essex, England on December 11, 1944, to Stanley and Dorothy Morgan Walker. Bryan was a member of Bonsack Baptist Church and most recently retired as President of Tabor Machine Company, Princeton, W.Va. His work at Tabor and earlier days with Screening Systems facilitated the opportunity for travel all over the world. He was a generous, kind, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

He was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Walker, and his mother, Dorothy Walker Miller.

Left to cherish his memory are his adoring wife, Cheryl Walker; daughter, Caroline Jackson of Manchester, England; son, Andrew (Leeza) Walker of Manchester, England; grandchildren, Ashleigh Jackson, Emily Grace Jackson, Matthew, Luke, and Evan Walker, and Paul Jackson, all of Manchester, England; brother, Alan (Vera) Walker;

niece, Angie (Darren) Walker and their children, Sophia and Evie, all of Accrington, England; in-laws, Peggy and C.W. Markham of Daleville; sister-in-law, Joyce Terrell of Waynesboro, and her children, Bethany Sturgill and Caleb Terrell; and special godsons, Nicholas Peters of Norfolk and Christopher Peters of Blacksburg.

A special thank you to friend and caregiver Mary Cook and the Good Samaritan Hospice staff, especially Nadia, Brittany, and Teresa.

A Memorial Service will be held at Bonsack Baptist Church, 4845 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke, 24019 with Dr. Chris Cadenhead officiating later in March. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department at 25 Vine Street, Fincastle, 24090. Arrangements are by Oakey's East Chapel, Roanoke, (540) 977-3909. Condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.Oakeys.com.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles." Isaiah 40:31.



## Hogan, Linda Barger

Linda Bell Barger Hogan, 72, of Roanoke, passed away Monday, March 4, 2024 at her home. Linda was born November 26, 1951, to the late Nanny Bell (Clark) and Frank Barger.

She had lived and worked in the Roanoke area most of her life. She was a nursing assistant for many years and had a passion for taking care of people. She was a devoted nursing assistant and caregiver for 15 years at South Roanoke Nursing Home. Linda had also been an active member of the New Covenant Assembly of God in Northeast Roanoke for the past few years. She mostly enjoyed the company of her family and particularly her grandchildren, all alongside a good cup of coffee.

In addition to her parents, Linda was

preceded in death by her brothers, James and Earl Barger.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Michael Wayne and Andraya Barger of Forest; grandchildren, Aeris and Shirley Barger; brother and sister-in-law, David and Rose Barger of Hardy; sisters and brother-in-law, Ruby and Richie Leitenberger of Moneta; Kathy Hylton of Hardy; and many loving nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.

A service celebrating Linda's life was held at 2 p.m. Saturday March 9, 2024 at Rader Funeral Home, Daleville. The family received friends from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service. Interment was in Forest Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Eagle Rock.

## Letters

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my fellow Botetourt County Republicans to serve as the chairman of the Botetourt County Republican Committee. CJ is a long-time Botetourt resident, with a proven record of public

service and volunteerism in our community. He has previously served the Committee as the Amsterdam Magisterial chair and has a broad range of experience that he brings to the position. We have a lot of work to do

to continue to elect strong leaders to our local, state and federal level positions, and CJ has the energy, the enthusiasm, the work ethic and the integrity to continue our success.

John Alderson  
Fincastle

# CHURCH NEWS

### 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 was open the second Saturday of the month, March 9. The second distribution of the month will be March 16, 9-11 a.m., hosted by St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Anyone who needs food is welcome. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

### Lenten Services in Buchanan

Buchanan Area Ministerial Association Community Lenten Service schedule:

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

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 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 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.

### Clearance sale at Cloverdale Thrift Store

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is having a winter clearance sale. All clothing (for men, women, children) is half off the original price and shoes are 25 cents a pair. All books (hardback and paperback) are 10 cents each. Sale runs through April 13. 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 3-1, \$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.

### Springwood Baptist Church Easter events

March 24: 10 a.m., Egg Hunt for Children; 11 a.m., Palm Sunday Worship Service

March 29: 6:30 p.m., Good Friday Service

March 31: 7 a.m., Sunrise Service with breakfast afterward; 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 11a.m., Easter Celebration Service

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## BTEC

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- Automotive Refinishing: Angie and David Hurt - AnD Hot Rod Shop LLC; David Ringley - Magic City Ford; Ricky Moon - Moon's Auto Body; and Blue Ridge Color Company

- Automotive Services: Dewayne - Advance Auto Parts; Sam Ross and Garrett - Botetourt County Bus Garage; BTEC's Dave Moran and Donnie Petty
- Building Trades: Steve Kiddy, H.E. (Gene) Simmons, Rob Quarles Consolidated Construction, Bruce Meyer, Matt Canull, Kegley Electrical, Roanoke IBEW Local 26, Aric Bower, Vern Heavner, Jacob Kegley, Tim Bare, Hopkins Lacy, Joe Brinley, Branch Groups, Pete Aheron, Hannah Donovan, Clark Mixon, Brock Reid, Lisa Ratcliffe, Lowes on Challenger Avenue, and Wayne Duncan

- Cosmetology: Lee Hatcher - Salon Centric; Michelle Whitmer - Shear Madness Salon; Eddie Sparks - SuperCuts; Melody Tate -s CosmoProf; Cheryl Sullivan and Anaka Cartwright - PZAZ Salon and Spa; Taylor Frohock

- Bombshell Beauty Salon & School: BTEC alumna Lyndsay Prillaman - J Roberts Salon; and BTEC alum Brianna Fieshel - Indulgence Salon & Spa

- Criminal Justice: Tim Wright, Botetourt County Sheriff's Office; Stephen Scofield, Botetourt County Sheriff's Office; Sgt. Rob Black, Virginia State Police; Trooper Kyle Gibson, Virginia State Police; Trooper Dowdy, Virginia State Police; Special Agent Jonathan Bostic, Virginia State Police; Senior Special Agent Doug Hubert, Virginia State Police; Special Agent Matthew Wade; and Captain R. Denney, Virginia State Police

- Leadership Events: Tracy Banka - BTEC; Keysha Norris - Botetourt Family YMCA; Gilbert Boyd - Arkay Packaging; and Dairy Queen of Daleville

- Welding: Kevin Kern - Tread Corp.; Tony Lucado - Tread Fabrication Supervisor; Chris Lawrence, Tread

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### Legals - City of Salem

#### Notice is hereby given

to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public

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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.

If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

### Legals - City of Salem

BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

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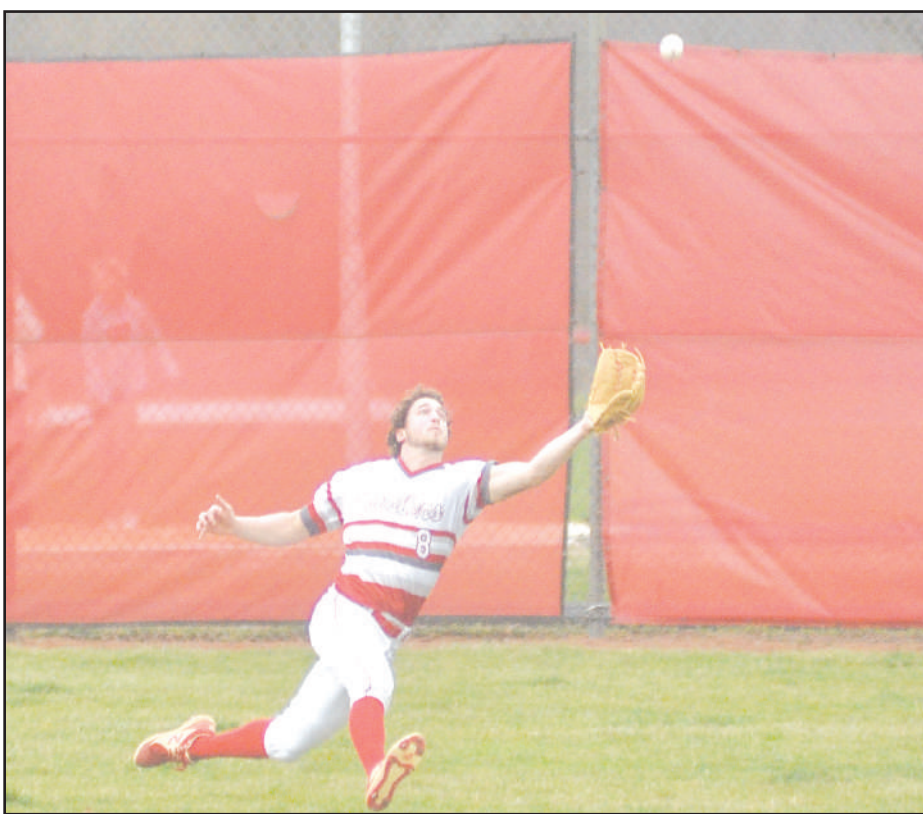


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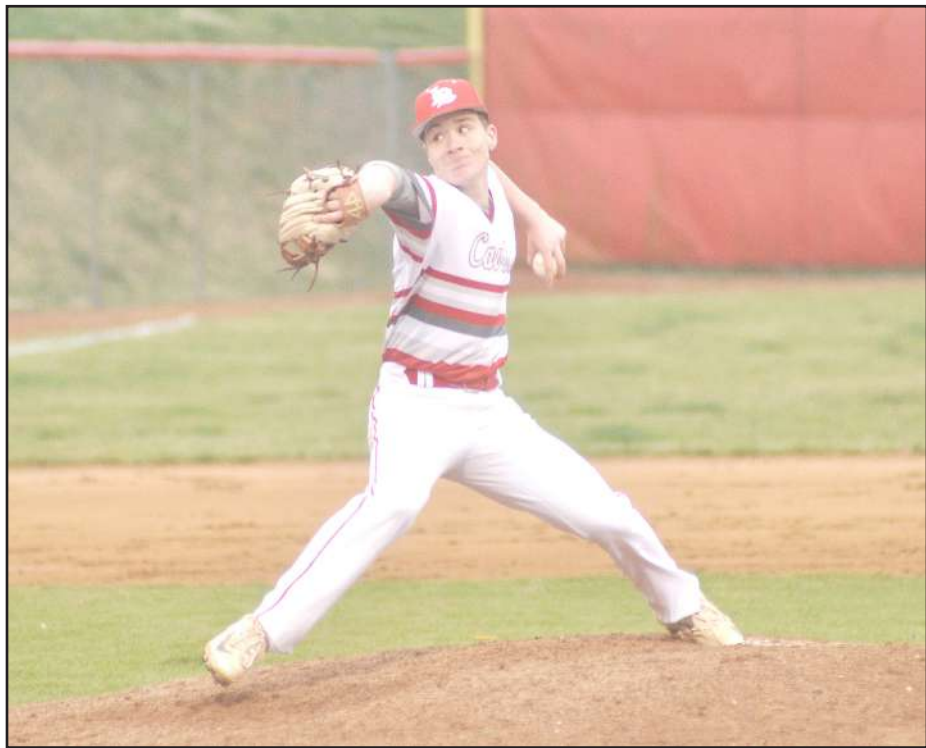


**Brian Hoffman**  
Sports Editor

# Busy week for James River, LB spring sports, softball invitational at the BSC Saturday



The Lord Botetourt baseball team scrimmaged Alleghany on Friday. Here, leftfielder Sam Grooten (above) stretches to try to catch a Texas Leaguer, catcher JJ Tyree (top right) reaches for a sliding Cougar at the plate, and Nolan Medley (lower right) pitches for the Cavs. Lord Botetourt will be home Friday to host Blacksburg.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Several James River and Lord Botetourt spring sports have already opened, and a busy schedule continues through the end of the week.

Today, March 13, the James River baseball team will play Salem High at Billy Sample Field in Salem and the River girls are home to Patrick Henry in softball.

On Thursday the River boys will host Riverheads in soccer, while the girls head to Staunton to play the Gladiators. The Lord Botetourt girls go to Bassett for tennis.

On Friday the LB baseball team will host Blacksburg and the boys soccer team is home to Salem. Also on Friday the James River baseball team will host Riverheads and

the boys soccer team is at Nelson County.

The Botetourt Sports Complex will be the site of the annual Salem Invitational on Saturday. There will be 11 varsity teams competing from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Lord Botetourt is included. The Cavaliers will take on Blacksburg at 9 a.m. and Brookville at 11 a.m.

## Knights will play baseball in Salem today

The James River baseball team will be in Salem today to take on the Class 4 Salem High Spartans. Game time is 5 p.m. and the jayvees will host Salem in Springwood at 5:30 p.m.

The varsity opened on Monday with a game at Staunton River in Moneta and dropped a 10-0 decision in Chance Henry's first game as head coach. Logan Joyce started on the mound for the

Knights and showed promise.

"The pitching was definitely the best part of our night," said Henry. "Logan threw three innings and gave us a chance to win, which is all you can ask for. It just didn't work out for us in the end."

River will be back home to host Riverheads Friday at 5:30 p.m. and next Tuesday, March 19, the Knights are at Northside.



Knights keeper Corban Wilhelm grabs a loose ball in the box.



River's Aiden Bartulis (12) handles the ball against Nelson County Monday.

PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY

## River boys soccer drops opener to Nelson Co.

The James River boys opened their spring soccer season Monday at home and dropped a 5-1 decision to visiting Nelson County.

"We know we still have a lot of work to do," said coach Jared Whiting. "From start to finish we never really settled into our game. We have a lot of players who have not played soccer or have been away from soccer for years

and it's going to take a couple games to get back in the swing of things."

Matthew Alderson scored River's goal. It came off a set piece direct kick.

The Knights will return to action with a "back-to-back." They're home against Riverheads on Thursday, then on Friday they have a rematch with Nelson County in Staunton. A trip to Northside in Roanoke

County follows next Tuesday, March 19.

"We have strong athletes and a team full of heart, so I have no doubt we will get it worked out once we get some games under our belts," said Whiting. "We saw some good things and we saw some things we need to work on. A couple days of practice and we should see some big improvements for our next game."

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Lord Botetourt keeper Abigail Foster secures a Blacksburg corner kick during the first half.



Amelia Dietrich clears the ball away on defense for the Cavaliers against Blacksburg. PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

## Cavalier girls drop soccer opener in Blacksburg

The home-standing Blacksburg Bruins scored two late goals to defeat Lord Botetourt in the season opening girls soccer game Monday. The two teams battled to a scoreless tie in the first half.

The Bruins then broke the ice late in the second half and scored an insurance goal to seal the deal. "Maisy Cook made several great saves to keep us in the game," said LB coach Giuseppe D'Arpa.

The girls won't play again until Monday, March 18, when they travel to Salem. The LB boys were scheduled to open at home against Glenvar on Tuesday, but results were too late for publication. The boys will host Salem on Friday.

## James River girls win opening soccer game

The James River girls battled back several times to take a 3-2 win over Nelson County in Monday's soccer opener for both teams in Staunton.

the Knights answered with a goal from Rhaya Kitt, assisted by Ella Monaghan, with 14 minutes left in the period to tie the score. Nelson took the lead again when the host team scored in a confused jumble of players in front of the goal five minutes later, and it stood 2-1 in favor of the Governors at the half.

to minimize the fast break preferred by the Governors. Victoria Race-Waller converted an Ava Thacker assist at the midpoint of the half to tie the score again at 2-2.

finished a shot in traffic, putting the Knights ahead for the first time in the match with just two minutes remaining. The Knights then held off the Governors for a big win.

This was a big win for the Knights, who saw their season end with a loss to Nelson in the post-season last year. Despite a chilly night there was a bit of electricity in the air and game proved to be an exciting one. The Governors scored first on a Clara Moldenhauer break-away, but

James River came out of the break re-energized. The play was still intense at both ends, but the Knights defense, led by Annabelle Peay, had adjusted

The rest of the second half was tense with both teams on the hunt for the win. Nelson's fast breaks and the Knights more deliberate attacks were entertaining and had the fans on the edge of their seats. Everyone was mentally preparing for overtime until River's Sophia Martin

Kylee Aaron played a solid match in goal for River with nine saves and strong support of her back line. River will be back in action Thursday with a game at Riverheads. The home opener is next Tuesday, March 19, with a 7 p.m. varsity game against Northside.

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