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Fincastle United Methodist Church seeks pledges toward the trimming of the grand champion Honey Locust Tree.

## Fincastle's grand champion Honey Locust needs a trim

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Fincastle is a town known for history, but maybe not for its "grand champions." Standing tall on the corner of Church and Academy streets, outside of Fincastle United Methodist Church in Godwin Cemetery, for what is believed to be centuries, is the grand champion Honey Locust Tree.

After an examination conducted by Virginia Tech Associate Professor of Urban Forestry Dr. Eric Wiseman last July, it was discovered that the tree remains healthy, but Wiseman recommended trimming the crown to relieve weight from some weak limbs and keep the tree thriving.

Last fall, a huge, live limb broke off the tree, and Wiseman indicated that that was one of the limbs that had concerned him. Fortunately, no cemetery headstones were damaged when it fell. Arborist Geoffrey Manning's quote to properly trim the tree and perform other maintenance would cost Fincastle United Methodist Church approximately \$3,400 to complete. The church is currently seeking donations for the tree's crown receiving a trim.

"It is one of the original living legacies of Fincastle," church member Eric Claunch said in a recent interview. "The estimated date is the tree was put in was about 1806 and that's only about 30 years after Botetourt became a county."

The tree was crowned grand champion in 1990 and for the next year, remained so. That is until another Honey Locust located in Michigan dethroned Fincastle's champ, according to Wiseman. Interestingly enough, soon after Michigan saw a new grand champion Honey Locust crowned, that tree died which led to a Honey Locust in Maryland taking the title of co-grand champ, along with Fincastle's. In 2019, Maryland's grand champ was reported dead, leaving Fincastle's Honey Locust as the nation's sole grand champion tree. Notably, the third largest honeylocust is also located at the top of the hill at Godwin Cemetery.

Discussions began last summer between members of the Fincastle community and Virginia Tech to evaluate the maintenance Fincastle's tree needed. Wiseman, along with a couple of students, looked the tree over and determined the tree's diagnosis, that it

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BCPS

Emily Duncan (left) and Laila Alam (center) are pictured with BCPS School Board Chair Anna Weddle. The Lord Botetourt duo received first place for "Using Montmorillonite Clay to Remediate Algal Blooms" at the 2024 RVGS Project Forum.

## BCPS School Board recognizes RVGS Project Forum participants

The Botetourt County School Board recognized this year's participants in the Roanoke Valley Governor's School Project Forum. The annual science fair represents several scientific disciplines, such as biochemistry, computer and

mathematics, medicine and health, physics, and engineering. Students from Lord Botetourt and James River High Schools competed in the 2024 forum along with several students from other local high schools in the Roanoke Valley.

Below are this year's participants and their respective projects.

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## School Board holding budget reading, public hearing this Thursday

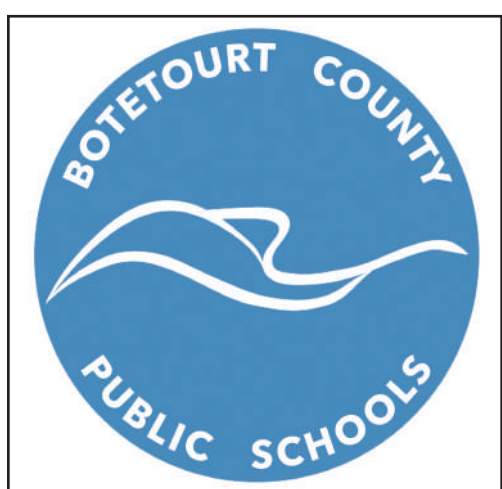
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The Botetourt County School Board will hold a public hearing this Thursday regarding the proposed 2024-2025 School Budget at the Central Administration Offices in Fincastle at 5:30 p.m.

County Public Schools (BCPS) Financial Director Brandon Lee read through the proposed budget during the School Board's March meeting. BCPS's ask from Botetourt County is \$1,943,680 for the General Operating Fund, which would be money put toward raises for teachers

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GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BCPS

## Fincastle Town Council holds March meeting; public hearing this Thursday on Heritage Family Market rezoning



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

This property located at 5 South Roanoke Street in Fincastle is being converted into a ground-level residence, unanimously approved by Town Council last Thursday.

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Fincastle Town Council unanimously approved a use by special exception for a ground-floor residency located at 5 South Roanoke Street owned by Aaron and Virginia Barket during their monthly meeting in Fincastle last Thursday.

The building's been vacant for the last three years, according to town planner Scott Critzer. While evaluating the

property, the planning commission found that this property lends itself to "flowing" back and forth from residential to commercial use, without rezoning, due to its layout.

Two weeks ago, the town planning commission recommended approval with the condition that the property has a five-

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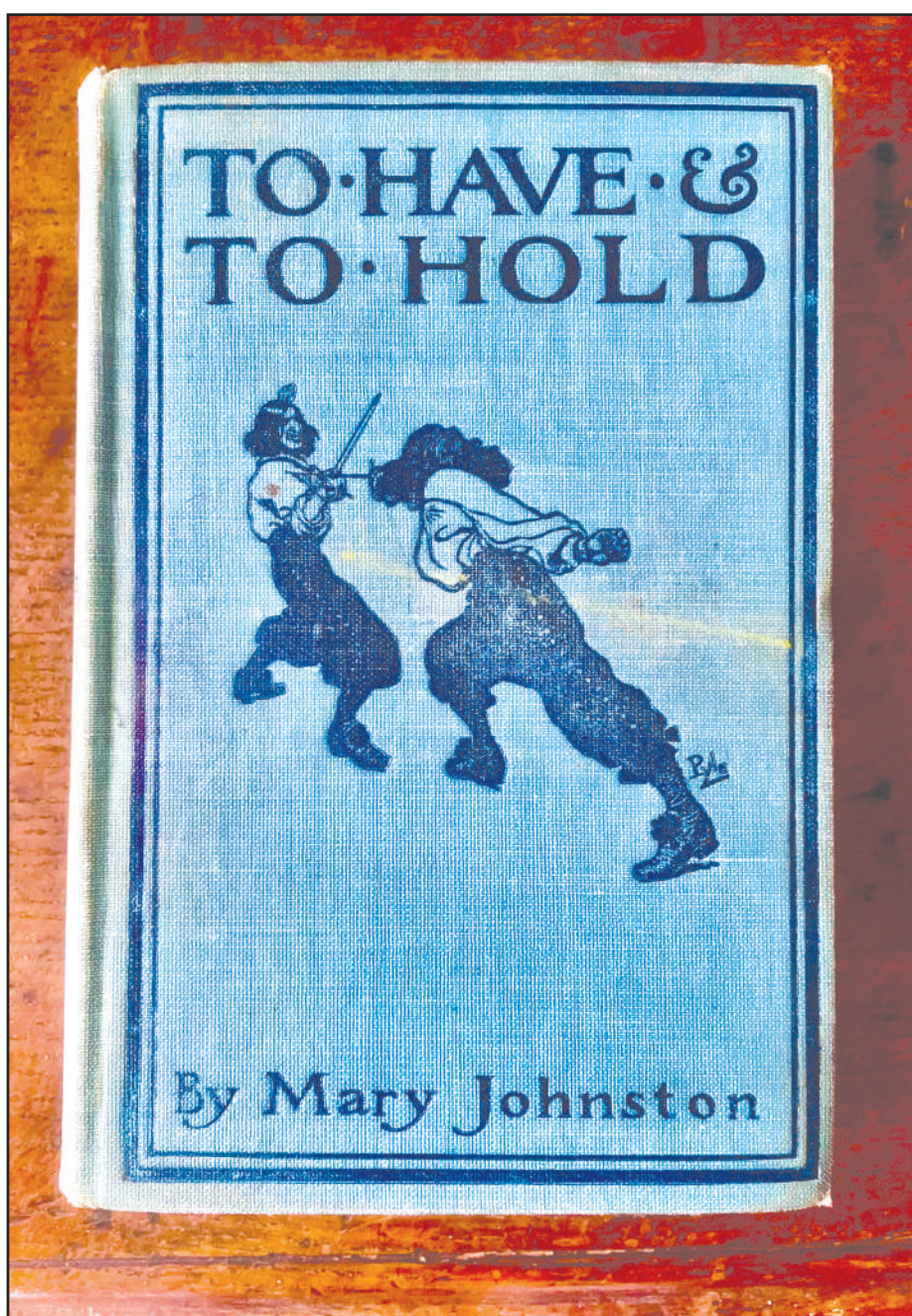
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## Botetourt County History



In recognition of Women's History Month, Botetourt County Museum of History and Culture is highlighting local author Mary Johnston (1870-1936). Her book "To Have & To Hold" is displayed in the parlor. In 1900 she became the first woman in the United States to top the bestseller list with this book. The Museum also has a table from her home in Buchanan where she was born and spent her childhood. It was donated by James Cleimer Camper. As the daughter of a Confederate veteran and

the last president of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company, Mary was a woman of strong convictions. She wrote 23 books, founded the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia and argued before the Virginia and Tennessee state legislatures. After living in Richmond she built her estate, "Three Hills," in Warm Springs where she lived until her death.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

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## CAMS and Breckinridge students collaborate and create some 'monsters'

Mrs. May's eighth grade art students and students in Mrs. Hylton's gifted program at Central Academy Middle School worked collaboratively on a project to bring monsters to life for third grade students at Breckinridge Elementary School.

Third grade students in Mrs. Swandby's class and Mrs. Schulz's class were asked to draw their best monsters, name them, and send them to eighth grade artists. Art

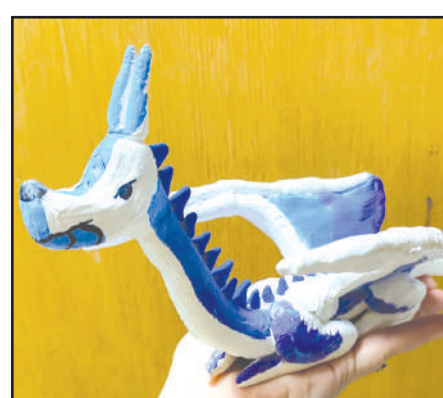
students then created their own sketches of the monsters and made 3D models based on the drawings they received from third graders.

Students in the gifted program channeled their creativity to write stories about the monsters, some of which included monsters that battled for power, and others included monsters that became best friends.

When the project was complete, CAMS students

Breckinridge Elementary School. Students at Breckinridge were able to meet the authors and artists who worked on bringing their monsters to life. The authors read the stories they wrote, and artists presented their sculptures and sketches. Third grade students then went on a gallery walk to see all of the monsters their friends created.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



PHOTOS COURTESY OF COURTNEY MAY

## Children's Fun Day at Troutville Park Saturday

A Children's Easter Fun Day will be held Sunday, March 24 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Troutville Park. An Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 11:30 a.m. A free hot dog lunch will be served in the shelter. Along with the egg hunt, there will be games and prizes, and participants may register for an Easter Basket giveaway. "Rise Up With Jesus" is sponsored by Troutville Baptist Church.

- Troutville Baptist Church

## 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.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

## Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays

Dates are March 22 and April 19, 5-7 p.m. Increased capacity to 500 people to no wait, eat-in or take-out, at the Church of the Transfiguration, 7624 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle. The cost is \$12 (ages 7 and under are free) for two filets of lightly breaded flounder, or six chicken nuggets (for children), crispy fries, sweet cornbread, homemade coleslaw, and choice of one dessert. 50/50 drawing. No advance ticket sales. Proceeds to benefit Botetourt Food Pantry, Backpack Ministry at Greenfield Elementary, Botetourt Resource Center, and other local charities once determined. Questions, call 540-904-3126.

- Church of the Transfiguration

## Spaghetti dinner at Limestone Park this Saturday

There will be a baked spaghetti fundraiser dinner on Saturday, March 23 at Limestone Park from 4-6 p.m. The \$12 meals will include baked spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drink. Contact Pat Shotwell or Nancy Epperly for tickets at 540-254-2616 or 540-254-1616.

- Pat Shotwell



# 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@mainstreetnewspapers.com](mailto:fincastle@mainstreetnewspapers.com).

**Apply now for First Bank Fall Run Scholarship**  
First Bank is currently accepting applications for the First Bank Fall Run Scholarship. The deadline for submission is Monday, **April 15**. For a printable application, email [5k10kRun@fbvirginia.com](mailto:5k10kRun@fbvirginia.com) or contact the Lord Botetourt or James River Guidance Department.

This year marks the 38th Annual First Bank Fall 5K and 10K run to be held in the Town of Fincastle on Saturday, October 19. Each year since the race's inception, the bank has presented a scholarship to a student who has participated in and completed at least one Fall Run event and has been a member of a running sport in high school.

First Bank will award two \$1,000 scholarships, one for a student at James River High School and one for a student at Lord Botetourt High School. The student must be a member of the current graduating class of the school and plan to attend an accredited college, university or any accredited post-secondary institution immediately after graduation.

**Botetourt Retired Educators offering scholarships**  
The Botetourt Retired Educators will award two \$1,000 scholarships to students from Botetourt County who are planning to enter the field of education. In addition, previous scholarship winners still pursuing a degree in a teacher educational program may apply. Applications are available from James River and Lord Botetourt Guidance Departments or from the school's website. All parts of the application, including references and transcript, must be submitted in order to be considered for the scholarship. There is more information on the application including how to submit by **April 1**.

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**.

**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

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# LAND TRANSFERS

The following land transfers were recorded in the Botetourt County Courthouse in February. The names of only one seller and one buyer are listed; others may be involved in the transaction.

- Afterburner Inc. to Patrick E. Riehl, 2.852 acres, \$429,950
- Daniel W. Agee Jr. to Daniel P. Phelps, 31.48 acres, \$85,000
- Amy Yi Yun Akers to Amy Yi Yun Akers, lot, Stratford Place, deed of partition
- Mark Arbogast to River S. Clonch, 0.763 acres, \$259,950
- Caitlin Marie Austin to Jarrett Ulrich, 1.165 acres, \$275,000
- Lisa K. Bailey to Daryl E. Snead, lot, Stonegate, \$593,000
- BLJ & Associates to Michael Tester, lot, Rainbow Forest, \$395,000
- Tonya C. Boggess to RSF Properties, 2-acre tract, gift deed
- Kenneth W. Boggs to Kenneth Warren Boggs, co-trustee, 18.083 acres, gift deed
- Botetourt Properties to Star Valley Properties, 4.677 acres, \$400,000
- Bruin Holdings to Richard Thomas, lot, Orchard Lake, \$549,950
- Shirley B. Bryant to Kitty Sue Edwards, 2 parcels, gift deed
- Wayne Winton Buchanan to Stephen F. Taylor, no description listed, \$165,000
- Christopher A. Clark to MGB Properties of Roanoke, lot, Tinkerview Townhouse, \$150,000
- David Allen Corbitt to David Allen Corbitt, 8.269 acres, gift deed
- Richard Bentley Cregger to Terry Wayne Swaim, 2 parcels, \$150,000
- Robert Charles Guy Cregger to Robert Young, two parcels, \$46,500
- Dennis L. Edwards to Sergey Velikoretskikh, 1.34 acres, \$37,000
- Elite Estate Solutions to David F. Kerins, 154 square poles, \$121,000
- Norma J. Eversole to Norma J. Eversole Trust, lot, part of lot, gift deed
- Norma J. Eversole to Norma J. Eversole Trust, lot, Troutville Townhomes, gift deed
- Meredith A. Failla to Kate Failla, two parcels, \$370,000
- Kevin Henry Farris to Eugene A. Thomas, 1.915 acres, \$191,000
- Linda Carole Lilly Farris to Susan Elizabeth Lilly Lawrence, 2 lots, Cambridge, \$150,000
- Glen Valley Farms to William John Dillon Jr., 14.81 acres, \$300,000
- Gary O. Hampton to Tyler Terry, 2 lots, \$425,000
- Kevin Harless to Ronda M. Hart, lot, Peachtree, \$295,000
- James Julia Harris to Michael E. Cahoon Jr., 3.103 acres, \$50,000
- Pricilla Rose Jackson, trustee, to John Thompson, 49 acres, \$0
- Charles Johns to Nicholas Lynn Harper, 2-acre lot, Lazy Farm Subdivision, \$335,000
- Ronald L. Jones to Janice M. Jones, lot, Steeplechase, gift deed
- Michael D. Kantorski to Nicely Investments, unit, Tinkerview Townhouse, \$133,000
- Seth R. Konopasek, special commissioner, to Wesley A. Dew, 13.38 acres, \$28,000
- Robert Laucher to Robert Scott Laucher, 2.357 acres, Rainbow Ridge, gift deed
- Solina Lilly to Bearkat Enterprises 7, three parcels, \$100,000
- James R. Mays to Brian Lowdermilk, 6 acres, \$40,000
- Sue Ann McDaniel to William L. Simpson, parcel, gift deed
- Andrew M. Neville, special commissioner, to Tiffany P. Rochay, 2 acres,

- \$9,250 Andrew M. Neville, special commissioner, to Tiffany P. Rochay, 1 acre,
- \$7,250 OM Shree Inc. to P&P Stores Inc., 1.736 acres, \$1,250,000
- Susan J. Rhodes to Roger L. Rhodes, one-half acre, \$5,000
- RNK Properties to Jantzen Hunter Minton, lot, Ashley Plantation, \$685,000
- David Wayne Robertson, trustee, to David Wayne Robertson, lot, Medallion Hills, \$0
- Iva J. Smith to Miguel Carrera Tapia, 2.055 acres, \$230,000
- Constance E. Snyder to Nancy J. Tucker, lot, \$340,000
- Ernest N. Stacey to Tex D. Sink, 4.778 acres, Sunset Ridge, \$71,670
- Summer Day Ltd. Co. to Amber Copeland, 4.4106 acres, Shady Oak Subdivision, \$143,500
- Noah A. Thomas to Noah A. Thomas, 1.296 acres, gift deed
- Lawrence E. Vines, dev., to Gary C. Woody, 3.4 acres, \$115,000
- Emma Wall to Greyson L. Merrell, 1.75 acres, \$192,500
- James A. Wilson to April B. Wilson, 2 tracts, \$62,600
- Cynthia Layne Young Preston to Becky Warner Paschal, 2.257 acres, \$0

# ELECT



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# Library Buzz

## UPCOMING COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

**Build Your Own Bear**  
 Mon, Apr 8, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge  
 Tue, Apr 9, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge  
 Wed, Apr 10, 11am-12pm, Blue Ridge  
 Fri, Apr 12, 3-4pm, Fincastle  
 Fri, Apr 12, 3:30-4:30pm, Eagle Rock  
 Sat, Apr 13, 11am-12pm, Buchanan  
 Sat, Apr 13, 12:30-1:30pm, Blue Ridge  
 Build and color your own stuffed tie-dye teddy bear to take home. \$5 fee required for each participant (covers partial supply costs), payable at the event. For ages 5-12 only. Registration is required as space is limited.

**Teen Time**  
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30pm, Buchanan  
 Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm, Eagle Rock  
 1st and 2nd Thursdays, 4-5pm, Fincastle  
 Enjoy fun crafts and activities while building social skills and forging great friendships. Ages 12-17. Registration required.

**Youth Chess Club**  
 Tuesdays 4-5pm, Eagle Rock  
 Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm, Blue Ridge (resumes in April)  
 Learn the basics of chess while expanding your critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Offered in partnership with Botetourt County Parks & Recreation. Best for ages 10-17. Registration required.

**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+.

**Eclectic Readers**  
 Thu, Mar 28, 11am-12pm, Eagle Rock  
 The Tobacco Wives by Adele Myers  
 Wed, Apr 3, 12-1pm, Buchanan  
 Theme: "Showers Bring Flowers: Stories of Growth"  
 Thu, Apr 4, 6:30-7:30pm, Fincastle  
 The Stationery Shop by Marjan Kamali  
 Discuss books and authors with fellow readers while enjoying free coffee and social connection.

**Solar Eclipse Celebration**  
 Sat, Mar 30, 10:30-11:30am, all branches  
 Learn all about the upcoming solar eclipse through hands-on activities. Attendees will receive a free pair of solar eclipse glasses (while supplies last). Best for ages 6-12.

**Used Book Sales**  
 Check out the calendar for upcoming used book sales by the Friends of the Library, held at all library branches in April! All proceeds support library programs and projects.

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

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Applauds decorum at School Board meeting; comments on reassessment

I've been told that my letters to the editor are striking a nerve among some in the county and that they are being reproduced, but only in part, on social media posts. Please, if you feel the need to share my letters with those who do not read The Fincastle Herald, at least share them in their entirety. Cherry-picking content, without including the entire letter in subsequent posts, is pusillanimous!

I attended the School Board meeting last Thursday. The decorum displayed at that meeting was a breath of fresh air! Members of the public spoke both for and against things, but their conduct was impeccable – unlike recent meetings of the Board of Supervisors. Imagine this – no yelling, clapping (except for ceremonial events), cheering, whistling, booing, interrupting or disrespectful conduct by any speaker. If only that pleasant atmosphere could make its way over to 57 S. Center Drive! Perhaps the supervisor in attendance noticed and will share it with the other supervisors? Let's hope so.

Letters are still being sent which complain about the 2024 reassessments. In case all do not know, there is a 776-page document, "Botetourt County 2024 General Reassessment Land Book," available for public inspection at the offices of the Commissioner of the Revenue and Circuit Court Clerk. When I see a letter complaining about a 93% increase and use both the 2020 assessed value shown on the GIS and the 2024 value shown in above book, do the math and come up with a 38.69% increase, I feel as if some do not know how easily their complaints can be refuted.

Additionally, to contend that a reassessment should be reduced because one does not use EMS, police, fire department or courts is a bit hollow-hearted. Those services are like an insurance policy – you hope you never need them, but are quite happy they are there when you do!

I went to the Clerk's Office last week and looked at all of the transfer deeds recorded that day. There were three. One had an old assessed value (OAV) of \$148,900; a new assessed value (NAV) of \$195,700, and a purchase price (PP) of \$255,000. Another had an OAV of \$136,600; a NAV

of \$174,800, and a PP of \$210,000. The third had an OAV of \$39,400; a NAV of \$96,400, and a PP of \$189,725. Of course, between the time the assessor went to these parcels and when they were sold, there could have been improvements added, gold discovered thereon or a successful drilling for oil, but I doubt it. All were sold for far more than the NAV.

The above are just what happened to have been recorded the day I went. They were not cherry-picked! I have seen similar examples on other days I have been there. This is just what is being paid for property in Botetourt County. It seems to me that the 2024 reassessed values may need to be increased to more accurately reflect what these and other parcels are actually worth.

*Bob Patterson  
Fincastle*

## Boothe asks for voters' support on Saturday

I am writing this letter to ask for the support of my fellow Botetourt County Republicans as I run for chairman of the local Botetourt County Republican Committee.

After much reflection and with a deep commitment to the Republican Party's values, I am eager to step up and serve our community in this capacity. Over the years, I've witnessed the strength and resilience of our party, and I believe that working together we can achieve even greater successes.

As chairman, I pledge to uphold the principals of fiscal responsibility, individual liberty, and conservative values that have long defined our party. With your support, I am confident that we can unite, energize, and empower our fellow Republicans to continue to make a positive impact in our community.

I have been privileged to serve on the committee as a magisterial chairman, and I believe that my record of volunteerism, public service and dedication throughout our community are the best indicator of the dedication, energy, and commitment that I will bring to this position.

Please come out and vote on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lord Botetourt High School. Voters will need to provide a government issued ID, and sign a pledge. Thank you for your support.

*CJ Boothe  
Daleville*

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# ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for March 4-17:

- Diana R. Thomas, 24, of Cloverdale,
- Letish M. Herald, 38, of Roanoke, domestic assault, March 6
- Rachel C. Seely, 40, of Troutville, domestic assault, March 8
- William Y. Delgado, 44, of Roanoke, driving under the influence, reckless driving, March 8
- Kadeem T. Clarke, 31, of Roanoke, drunk in public, March 11
- Ryan M. Bates, 43, of Baltimore, Md., drunk in public, March 12
- Phyllis R. Melke, 42,


driving under the influence, refusing breath test, March 4

- Stanley E. McCoy, 47, of Salem, threats over the phone, driving under the influence, driving on a revoked license, March 15
- Courtney M. King, 25, of Daleville, driving under the influence, March 16
- Tammea C. Stewart, 35, of Montvale, driving under the influence, refusing breath test, obstruction of justice, carrying a concealed weapon, March 17

of Morristown, Tenn., drunk in public, March 12

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

**Billy Jo**



Billy Jo entered the shelter on March 11 after his owner, a past LAP volunteer, passed away on March 9. Billy Jo is a bit overweight at 53 pounds and is on the green bean diet to hopefully lose at least five to 10 pounds. He's very affectionate and outgoing – also strong. A harness is suggested for his walks.

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



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- One who regrets
- Time zone
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- Bend in a river
- Alias
- Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
- Very (music)
- Zero
- Phil \_\_, former CIA
- Competitions
- Unwell
- Puts in place
- Gets rid of
- Allows light to pass through
- Climbed quickly
- We all have it
- There's a North & South
- Emaciation
- Supervises flying
- Very dark colors
- Unwanted
- Grants
- Three visited Jesus
- Wife of Amun
- Broadway actress Daisy
- A Spanish river
- I (German)
- French opera composer
- Six (Spanish)
- Last letter
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- A curved shape
- Make a mistake
- Tall plant
- Cassava
- Talented
- Capital of Estonia
- Finger millet
- In a way, assists
- Men's fashion accessories
- Misery
- Skin disorder
- Selling at specially reduced prices
- Good friend
- Stationary portion of a generator
- Expression of disappointment
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Where birds fly
- Midway between north and northeast
- Chaotic states
- Comedic actress Gastereyer
- Kids' dining accessory
- Snake-like fish
- Midway between south and southeast
- Assign lifelike qualities to
- One who cites
- Midway between east and southeast
- North wind
- One or the other
- Cavalry sword
- Of the Hungarian language
- Life stories
- Flat tableland with steep edges
- Swiss river
- Plant that makes gum
- French cleric
- One point east of northeast
- Free from

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- Computer memory
- "Et \_\_": "And wife" (Latin)
- Ancient Syrian city
- College army

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**Thursday, March 21 7 p.m.**  
**Friday, March 22 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, March 23 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 24 3 p.m.**  
**Thursday, March 28 7 p.m.**

**Coming Next: Kung Fu Panda 4**

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# Our Patriot Ancestors

## William Isham Dalton

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

William Isham Dalton is the Patriot ancestor of Botetourt County Chapter member Dana Dalton Long. William was born on April 27, 1740, in Brunswick, Va. At that time, his father, Timothy Dalton Jr., was 23 and his mother, Elizabeth Ann Talbot, was 25. (They were one of the first families to move to what is now Carroll County, Va.)

William's father, Timothy Dalton

Jr., sold the 200 acres that he owned in Louisa County that he had received from a patent on February 1, 1738. The Staunton River area was known as Brunswick County when Timothy Dalton Jr. and family moved there from Louisa County about 1745. It then became Lunenburg County in 1746 and then Bedford County in 1753.

William married Elizabeth N. Sturman in 1768, in what is now Bedford. They were the parents of at least eight sons and three daughters. According to his claim to the Land Commissioners, William came to the Burks Fork area (also defined by the Indian Ridge and Nester School area) in 1772 and owned 140 acres. By 1782, his brothers, Samuel, Timothy,

and Reuben, were also living in this area.

After the Revolutionary War, he bought up to 650 acres from various persons living near Big Reed Island Creek. He needed a lot of land as he had at least 10 children and in the fashion of his time, he intended to give a farm to each of his sons.

Pvt. Dalton served in the continental troops for the Montgomery County Militia under Lt. Capt. Johathan Isham's company. History tells us that the Montgomery County Militia, as well as other Southwest Virginia militias, was sent to fight the Cherokee in North Carolina as well as Indians along the frontier. Virginia militias also fought against Lord Dunmore. Some Virginia militias were sent to fight in South Carolina. In 1781, practically all of the available militia of Virginia were summoned into service, taking part in the Battle of Guilford Court House in North Carolina and

to serve with Lafayette at the Siege of Yorktown.

William died on January 14, 1811, at Big Reed Island, Carroll County, at the age of 70, and was buried in William Dalton Family Cemetery at Drake's Branch area of Big Reed Island Creek, Dugspur, Virginia.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political organization open to any woman who has lineage to a Patriot who contributed to the success of the American Revolution. Founded over 125 years ago, it is focused on service to the community and fosters Patriotism, Education and Historic Preservation. If you are interested or have questions about joining our chapter, please contact Membership Chair Emily Talbot-Guillote via email at eptg1019@gmail.com or Registrar JoElla John, jjohnregistrar@gmail.com.

- Botetourt DAR

## Council

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year review of the property to determine if the market has changed and if there would be a future opportunity for changes to the property's classification.

This Thursday, Fincastle Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse regarding the rezoning for a new Heritage Family

Market across from the Church of the Transfiguration and Attic Productions on Roanoke Road. The land is currently owned by Santillane, LLC. The application

is to rezone from A1 agriculture to B2 business with a special exception for reduced lot size, and with possible proffers. Information related to the

rezoning can be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town Office, located in Bank Square, by visiting the office or calling 540-473-2200.

## School budget

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and increasing the line for fuel and utilities, and \$5,271,405 in Capital Improvements, totaling \$7,215,085.

Lee noted that 85% of the division's general operating budget is directed to personnel needs. Buchanan School Board representative Jenny Wilson mentioned that when the board passed the Capital

Improvement Plan (CIP) ask last November, two needs included repairs to the track at Read Mountain Middle School that currently has an "enter at your own risk" sign prior to entry.

Valley District representative Tim Davidick reminded the board and those in attendance that the \$5,271,405 isn't for

expansion or building anything new. It is money designated for maintenance repairs.

Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ added that the board "cut back" on "half" the needs of the maintenance department in the latest request from the School Board. Many personnel positions are currently "doubling up" as opposed to creating new

positions in order to be more "creative" with personnel, which include bus driver positions.

The board has to have the budget legally approved by March 31.

To watch last week's School Board meeting in its entirety, visit bcps.live/archives.



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# Botetourt Worship Directory

## ANGLICAN

**Orchard Hills Church** - 6032 Cloverdale Rd. next to Read Mountain Fire Station. Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays. Home group Bible studies available throughout the week. Pastor Scott McLucas, 977-6800. To find out more about Orchard Hills Church go to the website at [www.orchardhillschurch.org](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** - 2245 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 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday

## CITIES OF REFUGE

Read Joshua 18:1 through 20:9

Once the Children of Israel entered the Promised Land, it had to be divided amongst the tribes. Joshua asked for a survey to be done, and with that information he carefully assigned each tribe their portion.

Chapter 20 addresses an interesting issue that reflects God's passion for justice. The "eye for an eye" principle was in vogue in those days, and God wanted justice for those who killed someone accidentally.

"Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed you through Moses, so that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection from the avenger of blood." (Joshua 20:2-3).

What a great picture of Jesus and His compassion for us. Our sins can be accidental or unintentional, but sadly we sometimes disobey on purpose. Yet in either case, Jesus invites us to come to Him, confessing our sin. He promises to forgive us and cleanse us (1 John 1:9). He provides us the ultimate refuge from our mistakes.

Prayer for Today: Lord, when my thoughts, words, or actions are not pleasing to You, I will run to You because I know You are my "city of refuge."

Quicklook: Joshua 20:1-9

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 Rd, Fincastle, Rev. Dr. David A. Tozar - pastor, Sunday worship at 11am, preceded by coffee fellowship at 10:30, Bible Study Thursdays at 7pm, 5th Sunday Potluck luncheon, Handicap Accessible, Contact Pastor Davd at [dtozar9@yahoo.com](mailto:dtozar9@yahoo.com)

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**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."

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## 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 6:30PM. Website: [woodlandchurchbc.com](http://woodlandchurchbc.com). E-mail address: [woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com).

## 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/fincastlerefbyterianchurch>) 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

## Reid, Juanita Robinson

Juanita "NeeNee" Robinson Reid, 77, of Lexington, Virginia, passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Benny Reid; parents, William "Bill" and Frances Wymer Robinson.

She is survived by her children, Charles "Ben" Reid II (Amanda), Cherie Long (Larry Lee), Shawn Smith, and Pattie Reid; grandchildren, Mary Frances Long (RL), Larry Lee Long Jr. (Danielle), Josh Smith, Jerrah McKemy, Jamie Wilmer, and C.S. VanNess; 11 great-grandchildren, Benni Ann, River, Alexa, and Taylan Tyree, Beth, Emily, and Joe McKemy, Jonathan and Brooke Wilmer, Karleigh and Charlie VanNess; two great-great-grandchildren, Kennon



and Kohen Cooper; sisters, Dianne Teague (Rick), Cindy Noblett (Danny); sister-in-law, Patsy Landes; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the home, 224 Saville Lane, Lexington from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren with Pastor Michael Tabor officiating. The family would like to thank Connections Plus Hospice of Lexington for their loving care and compassion, especially Amanda Hostetter, a true nightingale and savior through the entire time. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.

and even after he had resigned from full-time ministry because of his restrictions of MS, he continued to minister by sending Bible verses or inspirational thoughts to many. Some of those included Charlie Brown characters. Mike loved the Peanuts comic strip and all the philosophical advice that Charles Schulz gave through his characters. Many of you knew that about him and would send him memes and/or buy things that were based on the Peanuts cartoon characters. When he was little, he strongly identified with Linus.

He taught Weekday Religious Education classes for over 25 years where elementary students were able to hear the Gospel weekly during the school year. Because of his years of involvement within the community with sports and WRE, he officiated many weddings and funerals over the years. He always loved seeing the kids he had worked with over the years and all the things they accomplished. For many years as pastor of Buchanan, he was the only minister that coordinated the activities and camps for children and youth.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Bill Norman Woody

and Edna Leona Grimes Woody, and a brother, David Woody. He is survived by his wife of 26 years Susan Cochran Woody; his three children, Benjamin Lee Woody, Kristin (Tyler) Schmidt, and Jordan (Kaitlyn) Pinkard; grandchildren, Klay and Noah Grace Pinkard, Tate Schmidt; sisters, Sandra (Randy) Lichtenberger and Lisa Woody; nephew, Michael Lichtenberger; aunt, Pat Woody; numerous cousins including a special cousin, Heather (Rich) Simpson; sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindy (Rodney) Washam, Bill (Sharon) Cochran, Anne Brown, Robert (Cherise) Cochran; and a host of nieces and nephews.

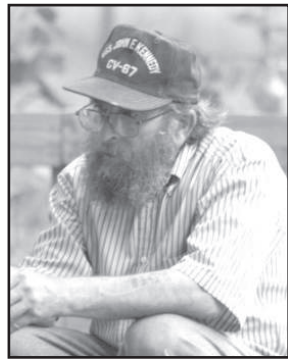
Pastor Mike's visitation was held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 2024 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home, with a memorial service following at 3 p.m. officiated by Rev. Brad Turner, Teresa Rothwell, and Pastor JR Graybill. Interment was private. Those wishing to make contributions, please consider Solomon's Mission, or Buchanan, Arcadia, or Cedar Bluff Baptist Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000. Anyone who knew Mike was blessed.

## Shelton, Damon Leroy, Sr.

Damon "Cap" Leroy Shelton, Sr., 76, of Roanoke, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ezekial and Betty Shelton; brother, Grady Shelton; and grandson, Tristan Shelton.

He was a butcher at the Kroger meat plant in Salem and a member of the House of Prayer.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret Shelton; sons and daughters-in-law, Damon, Jr. and Melinda Shelton, Michael and Charlotte Shelton, Danny and Jamie Shelton; grandchildren, Danielle (Charles) Corner, Kyle Shelton, and



Tanner Shelton; great-grandsons, Christian and Russell Corner; step-grandchildren, Jay, Logan, and Daniel; sisters and brother-in-law, Dena and Glenn Priddy and Brenda Davis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Monday, March 18, 2024 from 1-2 p.m. with memorial services at 2 p.m. in the House of Prayer, 2521 Portland Ave NW, Roanoke with Pastors Michael and Danny Shelton officiating. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Lunch, Easter Egg Hunt at Buchanan Baptist

A free lunch and Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 23 at Buchanan Baptist Church. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and the Easter Egg Hunt for preschool through fifth grade begins at 12:30 p.m.

### Special services at Buchanan Presbyterian

Buchanan Presbyterian Church will host services of darkness and light next week. The Maundy Thursday service of darkness with communion will be Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m., then celebrate the light on Easter Sunday at 11 a.m. All are invited and welcome at every service.

### BAMA Sunrise Service, breakfast to follow

The Buchanan Area Ministerial Association (BAMA) Sunrise Service will be on March 31 at 7 a.m. at the Fairview Cemetery Pavilion. Pastor Darrell Naff of Buchanan Baptist will be speaking and a free breakfast will follow in the Buchanan Baptist Fellowship Hall.

### Fincastle Presbyterian Holy Week services

Fincastle Presbyterian Church announces the following schedule of Holy Week services:

- Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. – in person and live-streaming. Palm Sunday processional.
- Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. Holy Communion, a Tenebrae Service of Shadows, special music by David Austin, Lori Turner and Lynne Bolton.
- March 31 – Easter Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – in person and live-streaming. Easter flowers, Easter music by The Back Street Ringers and Lynne Bolton and a service full of joy in the celebration of the Resurrection.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church is located at 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle. Call 540-473-2042 or email [fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) for more information.

### Sunrise Service at Galatia Presbyterian

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 7 a.m. at the front of

the church. Bring flowers (real or artificial) to help decorate the cross after the service. There will be a potluck breakfast after the Sunrise Service. All are invited to attend and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

### Woodland Church Easter celebration

This Easter, March 31, Woodland Church will celebrate the reality that Christ is Risen, and remember God's Story, in which the Living Lord is the central character.

All are invited for breakfast at 9:45 a.m. and for the Easter Celebration Service at 10:30 to Praise the Lord in song, and Pastor Howard will present a message that covers the sweep of God's Story from creation to consummation. God's Story in His Own Words is a message consisting entirely of Scripture, presenting God's plan of the ages, for the world and for each of us. Be watching the Woodland Church Botetourt Co.VA Facebook page for more information; email, [woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com).

### 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 20 – Speaker – The Rev. Fr. Paul Lagco, Church of the Transfiguration, Fincastle; Lunch – Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips. Desserts Menu 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:

See Church, page 11

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## Tyndall, Jewell Harris

February 17, 1928 – March 15, 2024

Jewell Harris Tyndall, 96, of Daleville went to be with the Lord on Friday, March 15, 2024.

She was predeceased by her husband of 39 years, Clarence W. Tyndall; her parents, Frank and Alma Harris; three brothers, Robert, Leon, and Julian Harris; two sisters, Genevieve Robbins and Estolene Treynor Lemon; and nephew, Jimmy Treynor.

Jewell is survived by two nieces, Melonie Harris Overfelt (Rob) and Belinda Harris McKee (Mike); and two nephews, J. David Robbins (Frankie) and Robert J. Harris Jr. (Tammy).

She lived in Troutville for 86 years and moved to The Glebe in 2014. She was a long-time member of Mill Creek Baptist Church where she praised the Lord by word and song as she sang soprano in the church choir.

Jewell graduated from Troutville High School and obtained a business degree in Secretarial Science from National Business College in Roanoke. She worked her entire career for the Veterans Administration in



the Poff Building in Roanoke. She retired as the supervisor of their steno office and won several national awards as the most outstanding steno office in the nation for the Veterans Administration, which was based on productivity, efficiency, and accuracy.

Jewell served several terms during the 1990s as Mayor of Troutville. One of her most outstanding accomplishments was to extend the town's water supply line to Exit 44 of Interstate 81, which attracted new business to the town and area. Jewell was a life-long Democrat and served for many years on the Democratic Committee of Botetourt.

Her funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Oakey's East Chapel. Interment will follow at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park. The service will be live streamed at [www.Oakeys.com](http://www.Oakeys.com), click on the obituary and the link is at the bottom.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Glebe Benevolent Fund, 200 The Glebe Blvd., Daleville, 24083.

## Woody, Rev. Michael Lee

Rev. Michael Lee Woody, 63, of Buchanan, beloved husband, extremely dedicated dad and granddaddy, minister, and friend, passed away peacefully Saturday morning, March 9, 2024.

He was born November 26, 1960 in Roanoke and he graduated from Cave Spring High School in 1979. He began his college career at Carson-Newman where he was set to play basketball but a foot injury sidelined him before the season began. Mike came home and attended Virginia Western for two years before transferring to Radford University where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 1983; then he enrolled in Southeastern Seminary and earned his Master of Divinity in 1988. Mike was very athletic and enjoyed all sports but had a true love for basketball. He played basketball in high school and at Virginia Western. He continued to play intramural sports through his college years and into seminary.

Pastor Mike served as Youth Pastor at Boones Mill Baptist, Tabernacle



Baptist, and Oakland Baptist; he pastored at Buchanan, Arcadia, and Cedar Bluff Baptist in the Buchanan area. He poured himself into the community because he felt that the best way for people to hear about Jesus was to see it lived out. He coached county recreational sports including basketball, baseball, and soccer. He was the assistant baseball coach at James River from 1994-1998 and assistant soccer coach from 2013-2020. He also served as Booster Club President and PTA President.

Mike's favorite time of the year was when the Carnival came to town. He worked a window every night just so he could visit with people. His line always had a long wait because he'd want to hear about what you were doing instead of serving you and moving on. Mike was very proud of his children and their accomplishments. He instilled in them a work ethic and a need not to waste money. He enjoyed attending ball games of his students and children of the church.

Mike truly had a minister's heart



# Winners from page 1

Producing Yeast on the Memory of a Drosophila Model for Alzheimer's – Keaton Lucas, Lord Botetourt High School

Second Place (AS-A 3) The Effect of Curcumin on the Mobility of a Drosophila Model for Parkinson's Disease – Erica Gergely and Ellie McClung, Lord Botetourt High School

**MATERIALS SCIENCE/CHEMISTRY**

First Place (MS 6) Using Montmorillonite Clay to Remediate Algal Blooms – Laila Alam and Emily Duncan, Lord Botetourt High School

**MICROBIOLOGY A**

First Place (MI-A 2) The Effects of Synthetic Peptide, Pineapple Enzymes, and Vinegar on the Growth and Formation of Staphylococcus epidermidis Biofilm – Adison Mayhue, Lord Botetourt High School (and Nicole Scarlatescu, Hidden Valley High School)

**PLANT SCIENCES A**

First Place (PS-A 1) Evaluation of Cuscuta interaction

with Arabidopsis thaliana Expressing RUBY Reporter – Hannah Mizuba and Kane Reczek, Lord Botetourt High School

**PLANT SCIENCES B**

Second Place (PS-B 6) The Allelopathic Effect of Tagetes patula on the Germination of Solanum lycopersicum – Trey Hipes, James River High School, and Tyler McCarren, Lord Botetourt High School

**ANIMAL SCIENCES C**

Second Place (AS-C 8) The Effect of Polyethylene Microplastics on C. elegans – Carrie Collins, Lord Botetourt High School (and Mirabel Makked, Salem High School)

**COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY**

Third Place (CB 3) A Phylogenetic Analysis of the Origin of Neurononal Structures in Basal Holozoa – Brett Smith, Lord Botetourt High School

**EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

Third Place (ES 7) The removal of silver nanoparticles

in water using calcium bentonite – Rhiannon Stowe, Lord Botetourt High School

**ENGINEERING MECHANICS A**

Second Place (EM-A 4) Self-Playing Ukulele – Kaeli Berry, James River High School (and Meribel Pan, Hidden Valley High School)

**ENGINEERING MECHANICS B**

Second Place (EM-B 3) Weight Dependent Automatic Sorting System – Kalob Daniels, Lord Botetourt High School (and Seijin Campbell, Franklin County High School)

**SYSTEMS SOFTWARE A**

Third Place (SS-A 6) Converting English Speech to German Text Using Python – Graham Dietrich, Lord Botetourt High School

- Fincastle Herald staff report

# Champion from page 1

only needed a trimming to maintain its "health and vigor," according to the evaluation.

Wiseman is also a representative of the Virginia Big Tree Program – a group that maintains a register of the three largest specimens of over 300 native, non-native, and naturalized tree species. The register includes information about each tree's size, location, and unique characteristics. Each tree must be re-certified every 10 years to maintain its status in the register. The Virginia Big Tree Program is affiliated with the National Register of Champion Trees, which is administered by American Forests. Virginia has consistently ranked among the top-five states for national champion trees. To learn more, visit <https://bigtree.cnre.vt.edu>.

Fincastle UMC has received some local pledges for donations toward the full \$3,400 estimate for tree crowning and other work, but these pledges cover less than 20% of the cost. Anyone wishing to donate to maintain the health of this champion tree can give to: Fincastle United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 63, Fincastle, 24090; memo line "Champion Tree Fund."



The grand champion Honey Locust's circumference is 21 feet, to the inch.

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# Scholarship Opportunities from page 3

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.

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.

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@vafb.com](mailto:aic@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).

committee and will be notified via email or phone. Applications are due back April 1, 2024.

**WSLS scholarship opportunity**

College-bound, graduating high 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 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.

## NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

For information regarding this meeting, please see [www.botetourtva.gov](http://www.botetourtva.gov) or contact the County Administrator's Office at 540-928-2006.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE 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 special called meeting on March 21, 2024 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse for the purpose of soliciting public input on:

A rezoning application from the Heritage Family Market for property located on the west side of Roanoke Road (Rt. 220), across from the Church of the Transfiguration and Attic Productions, and identified as (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, and with possible proffers. This is for the purpose of building a new market building.

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

Melanie McFadyen- Town Manager  
Town of Fincastle

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**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.com/VaAITC/AITCScholarship](http://form.com/VaAITC/AITCScholarship). Applicants are required to submit a high school transcript and two letters

## ABSOLUTE AUCTION

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**TOOLS/MISC:** Dayton & Lincoln welders, 50 gal. AG sprayer, Vet gun, Stihl MS 260 chain saw, Skisaw beam cutter, David White level (w/tripod & stahl rod), Central Machinery drill press, chains, boomers, Craftsman 3/4" socket set, ratchet straps, acetylene/oxygen regulators, 10' weed wick, Die Hard battery charger 500amp, Powerhouse generator 11,050 watt electric start, Kobalt compressor+

**Directions:** From Rt. 220, Fincastle: turn onto Main St. & bear rt. onto Blue Ridge Tnpke (go approx. 4.6mi.); From Rt. 11: turn onto Blue Ridge Tnpke towards Fincastle, go approx. .7 mi., sale on rt.

**Terms:** Cash, check or charge (proc. fees apply) day of sale and picture ID required. Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed material. Food will be provided by Mill Creek Alaska Team. Auction conducted outdoors....bring a chair if preferred.

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### Stockyard Report

**Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:**

**203 Head**

**Graded Steers**  
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500-599 \$291.00-\$299.00  
600-699 \$265.00

**Graded Bulls**  
400-499 \$230.00-\$285.00  
500-599 \$211.00-\$280.00  
600-699 \$225.00

**Graded Heifers**  
300-399 \$272.00-\$273.00  
400-499 \$160.00-\$271.00  
500-599 \$218.00-\$263.00  
600-699 \$194.00

**Kill Cows**  
\$62.00-\$130.00

## JOB VACANCY

**Seeking a Full-time Radiologic Technologist** for a position at the Craig County Health Center in New Castle, Virginia. This position requires current Rad Tech License. At a minimum 1 year experience, experience with electronic health records, great communication skills, ability to establish a good rapport with patients and staff. Clinic hours are Monday through Friday 8am to 4:30 pm. No Weekends. Benefits include, Retirement Plan, Health Insurance, Disability Insurance, 11 Paid Holidays, Paid Time Off, Radiologic Technologist License renewal reimbursement.

Candidates should send a current resume along with a completed employment application to Monroe Health Center, Attn: Stephanie Aliff, HR Director, P. O. Box 590, Union, WV 24983. We value diversity in backgrounds and experiences. Monroe Health Center is an equal opportunity employer. Learn more about us, visit [www.monrohealthcenters.com](http://www.monrohealthcenters.com)





# Marketplace



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### Auctions

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The contents of the listed unit will be sold at Public Auction March 22, 2024 at 11am at 1st Security Self Storage 5 Midway Plaza Dr. Christiansburg, VA. E54 F28

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### Legals - Botetourt County

#### ABC NOTICE

15 PEAKS LLC, trading as 15 PEAKS, 5053 GLADE CREEK RD. ROANOKE VA 24012.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a FARM WINERY license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

MEGAN SEIBEL, MANAGER

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.

#### ABC NOTICE

Sunset Grille at Ashley Plantation Inc. trading as Sunset Grille and Catering, 2414 Country Club Rd., Troutville, VA. 24175-3920

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

Donald Sutliff, 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.

#### ABC NOTICE

ICHIBAN STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI BAR DALEVILLE LLC., trading as ICHIBAN STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI BAR DALEVILLE, 470 Roanoke Road, Daleville, Botetourt County, Virginia, 24083-3020

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

Qiang Jiang, 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.

### Legals - Botetourt County

#### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL23-522** VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. ELSIE E. EDWARDS, ET AL, Respondent(s).

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 109-220D Account No. 16274 All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, lying and being situate in Botetourt County, Virginia and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at an iron pin at the northeasterly corner of 1.22-acre tract now or formerly of Henry V. Edwards on the southerly line now or formerly of V. G. Ferris property; thence with the line of Ferris property, S. 66° 13' 20" E. 170.54 feet to a point; thence with two new division lines through the property now or formerly of Gordon Lee Edwards property, S. 32° 01' 10" W. 200.79 feet to a point; thence N. 66° 13' " W. 170.54 feet to an iron at the southeasterly corner of the Henry V. Edwards property; thence with the line of same, N. 32° 01' 10" E. 200.79 feet to the BEGINNING and containing 0.778 acres and being designated as Tract "C" on map platted from records by T. P. Parker & Son, Engineers and Surveyors, Ltd. dated December 22, 1986.

And being a portion of the real property conveyed to Gordon L. Edwards and Elsie D. Edwards, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety from Henry V. Edwards and Linda R. Edwards, divorced, by Deed dated February 18, 1993 and recorded April 1, 1993 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Deed Book 429 at Page 625.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 274 at Page 265.

Tax Map No. 109-220B Account No. 16272

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, lying and being situate in Botetourt County, Virginia and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at an iron pin on the northwest corner of the property now or formerly owned by Gordon Lee Edwards and Elsie D. Edwards, corner to property now or formerly of V. G. Ferris and N and W Railway Co. right-of-way; thence S. 66° 13' 20" E. 325 feet to an iron pin; thence S. 32° 01' 10" W. 200.79 feet to an iron pin; thence N. 52° 52' 10" W. 335.41 feet to an iron pin; thence N. 37° 44' E. 124.94 feet to the place of beginning and being Tract "A" and containing 1.222 acres, more or less, all as shown on plat of survey by John T. Parker, C. L. S., dated November 3, 1981, a copy of which is of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Deed Book 274 at Page 263.

And being a portion of the real property conveyed to Gordon L. Edwards and Elsie D. Edwards, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety from Henry V. Edwards and Linda R. Edwards, divorced, by Deed dated February 18, 1993 and recorded April 1, 1993 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Deed Book 429 at Page 625. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 274 at Page 265.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made

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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: Gordon L. Edwards, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o Henry Edwards 164 Wandas Lane, Dante, Virginia 24237-7102; Elsie E. Edwards, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o Henry Edwards, 164 Wandas Lane, Dante, Virginia 24237-7102; Wanda Edwards Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Daniel Moore, whose last known address is unknown; Kevin Moore, whose last known address is 71 Lois Lane, Roanoke, Virginia 24019; Mary Lou Edwards Arnold, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Darrell Arnold, whose last known address is 3228 Plantation Road NE, Roanoke, Virginia 24012; Birchie Dawn Bowman, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Donnie Vest, whose last known address is 4333 Electric Road, Apt 2, Roanoke, Virginia 24018; Barry Vest Jr., whose last known address is 2577 Volunteer Pkwy, Apt 1, Bristol, Tennessee 37620; Stephen Gilmore Vest, whose last known address is unknown; Jasmine Bowman a/k/a Jasmine Bowman Vest, whose last known address is 2631 Durham Street NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24012; Melinda Arnold Froelicher, whose last known address is 725 Murray Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia 24013; Christopher Arnold, whose last known address is unknown; Eric Leon Edwards, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Henry V. Edwards, whose last known address is 164 Wandas Lane, Dante, Virginia 24237; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the 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 the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before April 12, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

I Ask For This: Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) 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) Garrett W. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800, Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 864-0080 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No.: 924036

Entered on the 5th day of March, 2024. The Honorable Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

### 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. 2011100838, 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

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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, THE NOTER, 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 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 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 #

### Legals - City of Salem

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 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.

The request of Carol Grimes, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 2933 Phillips Brook Lane, Tax Map # 290-1-3.9. The petitioner is requesting a 4 foot rear yard setback variance to allow the construction of a 12 x 16 sunroom addition. Section 106-202.3(B)(1) states that the rear yard setback for the principal structure in the RSF Residential Single Family zoning district is 25 feet.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 3753032). THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

### Legals - Montgomery County

#### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL23001822-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY MOUNTAIN COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re BRENDA MARIE BRIDGES v. SCOTT THOMAS BRIDGES

### Legals - City of Salem

#### Notice is hereby given

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that SCOTT THOMAS BRIDGES appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 8TH, 2024.

Signed March 5, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

**Order of Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24000402-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY MOUNTAIN COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOHANNA RENEE PHILLIPS v. MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS.

### Legals - Montgomery County

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 15, 2024. MARCH 13, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

### Legals - Montgomery County

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 15, 2024. MARCH 13, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

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# Cavaliers will open Blue Ridge baseball schedule today



**Noah Donaho rips a hit for LB.**

PHOTO BY JENNIFER KING

The Lord Botetourt baseball team will get an early start to the district season against a big rival today. The Cavaliers will be in Vinton to take on William Byrd in the Blue Ridge District opener for both at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Cavs have started off 1-2 in non-district games, all against River Ridge District opponents. They opened with a 4-3 win at Hidden Valley last week as Nolan Medley gave up just one hit in five innings. Nolan struck out nine and walked four before Ethan Deschambault came on and picked up the win with two hitless innings of relief. Medley and JJ Tyree had two hits each for LB and Brayden Well had two

runs batted in. Botetourt hosted Blacksburg for the home opener last Friday and this time the score was reversed, with the visiting Bruins taking a 4-3 win. Caleb O'Quinn got the start on the mound and allowed all four runs, but just two earned, in five innings of work. Cody McConnaughey came on in relief and threw two scoreless innings. Offensively, Noah Donaho went three-for-four with a double and an RBI and Gavin Walker had two hits. "It was definitely good to get the first win at Hidden Valley but we just made too many mistakes to overcome against Blacksburg," said LB coach Todd Smith. "We

saw some good things in the first week and some things that we certainly need to work on." On Monday the Cavaliers played host to Salem and quickly fell behind 7-1. Botetourt cut the lead to 7-5 after five innings, but Salem roughed up some Cavalier relievers and took a 20-5 win. Tyree made his first start on the mound and took the loss while McConnaughey had a double and Deschambault had two runs batted in for LB. After today's game with Byrd the Cavaliers will be off until after next week's spring break. They return April 3 with a rematch against the Spartans at Billy Sample Field in Salem.

# LB girls beat Salem in soccer

The Lord Botetourt girls evened their soccer record at 1-1 with a 4-1 win over Salem at Spartan Field in Salem Monday. Botetourt used a big second half to pull out the win. This game was tied at 1-1 at the half. Salem drew first blood but Autumn Estrada tied the game on a goal assisted by Emma Rice and that's how it stood at intermission. The Botetourt girls took the lead 15 minutes into the second half. Rice hit a corner kick that Ella Fletcher turned into a goal for a 2-1 lead. Then Bria Harvey scored off a Fletcher assist to make it 3-1, and Rice put some icing on the cake with a goal assisted by Harvey. The Cavaliers were scheduled to travel to Jefferson Forest on Tuesday for their last game before spring break. They'll return to action on April 5 with a home game against Blacksburg.



**Emma Rice works around a Salem girl in Monday's LB soccer win.**

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

# Jennings Creek Gospel feeding fishermen for Trout Heritage Day

The Ladies Friendship Circle at Jennings Creek Gospel Church will be selling breakfast and lunch, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the annual Trout Heritage Day on April 6 to folks coming out to fish or anyone wishing to enjoy good food and fellowship while supporting missions. For breakfast, sausage and gravy biscuits, sausage biscuits, ham biscuits, scrambled eggs and homemade fried apple pies will be available. Lunch will include hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs with homemade chili, chili beans, pinto beans, loaded

baked potatoes (your choice of toppings), cornbread, chips, and assorted desserts. Assorted canned sodas, bottled water, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate also will be available. The food will be available at the picnic shelter at the church at 5486 Jennings Creek Road (Rt. 614), Buchanan. Proceeds will support the church's local missions. For more information, contact Cherry Ramsey at (540) 520-5853. - Ladies Friendship Circle

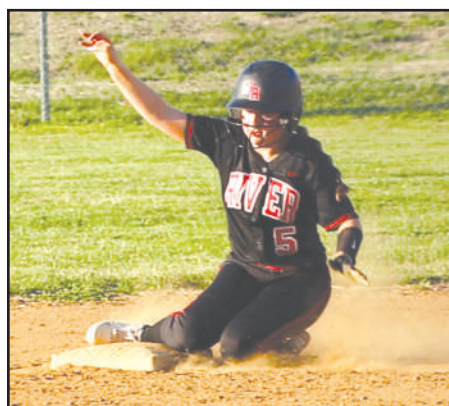
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children under 3, free; children 3-1, \$6; and children 12-adults, \$12. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the TAME—"Rise Against Hunger" meal packing event. Other donations for this ministry will also be accepted. You can pay for your breakfast 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; 11 a.m., Easter Celebration Service **April 12 deadline for Joyful Journey trip** The Joyful Journey Club at St. Mark's United Methodist Church is planning a trip to the South: Savannah, Golden Isles, and Beaufort -Three Belles of the South; 5 days/4 nights, June 17-21; \$723 per person, double occupancy; \$922 per person, single occupancy. Package includes: 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners including a family-style at Paula Deen's, The Lady and Sons, guided tour of the Golden Isles including St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island, guided tours of historic Savannah, Ga. and Beaufort, S.C., Musical Revue Show at the historic Savannah Theater, the Savannah History Museum, Parris Island

Museum, Jekyll Island Club Hotel, Savannah's River Street District and Old City Market, St. Simons Island Village, luggage handling in Georgia, all taxes and meal gratuities, deluxe motorcoach transportation and driver's tip. The deadline to register and pay in full is April 12. Payments may be made in increments. For information and reservations contact Julia Greer at Joyful Journey, St. Mark's UMC, 540-330-7933, or julia.short.greer@gmail.com. You may also access flyers and registration forms on the church website, stmarksmethodist.com, scroll across the top of the home page to the far right and click on the word MORE. Scroll down and click on Joyful Journey. Information is also available on the church Facebook. Call the church secretary, Becky, at 540-992-3030 before going to the church to make sure she is there.



**Caitlyn Downey steals second base for the Knights.**

# Knights will host James River Bash this Saturday

The James River softball team will host the four-team "James River Bash" this Saturday at the Botetourt Sports Complex. The event will include four varsity teams and four jayvee teams. Action begins at 10 a.m. with two varsity games. Salem will play Riverheads and James River will meet Craig County. The two winners will play at 2 p.m. for the championship and the first round losers will meet at the same time for third place. At noon two jayvee games will be held, with Salem against Riverheads and James River against Jefferson Forest. The championship and consolation games for the jayvees will be held concurrently at 4 p.m. The Knights got the season off to a good start last week as they squashed a seventh inning Patrick Henry rally to win their home opener, 3-2, last Wednesday evening in Springwood. Senior Ripley Barry won her first varsity pitching start, allowing only three hits. She struck out 10 batters while walking five and hitting three. "Ripley continues to progress as a

pitcher," said River coach Steve Austin. "She has worked tirelessly to revive her pitching career solely for the good our high school team. Her dedication is a wonderful example for our young, inexperienced squad." Barry also led the Knight offense with a first inning solo home run to right field and a key RBI in

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**Ripley Barry pitches in River's softball opener with Patrick Henry.**

PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY

# River boys split two soccer games

The James River boys played back-to-back soccer games last week and split, with both games resulting in shutouts. The Knights beat Riverheads at home last Thursday, 4-0, then lost at Nelson County a night later, 5-0. Against Riverheads Josiah Clark had two goals and an assist. Matthew Alderson and Brayden Forbes also had goals and Zach Griswold had an assist. "We played well and enjoyed a speed advantage, which is

always nice," said River coach Jared Whiting. "We weren't being pressed hard, which gave us some time to think and settle into our game some." On Friday River returned the trip to Nelson County, a team they lost to 5-1 to open the season. This time the Governors took a 5-0 win to drop River to 1-2 on the season. "We kept it within reach in the first half and had some good opportunities to finish," said Whiting. "We could

have easily been tied at the half. We pushed forward more the second half trying to even things up but also got hurt by their fast break. A few very unlucky bounces late in the second half put a win out of reach but we played a much better game against them this time." The Knights were scheduled to play at Northside Tuesday but results were too late for publication. They return from spring break April 2 with a home game against Alleghany.

# LB tennis teams fall to Salem Monday

The Lord Botetourt tennis teams took on strong Salem counterparts Monday and the Spartans came away with two wins. The Salem girls won 7-2 at Hollins University and the Salem boys took an 8-1 win at Salem High. With the loss the LB girls are 2-1 after three matches. They opened the season with a 6-3 win over Christiansburg, winning three through six singles and second and third doubles. Kadence Overstreet won 8-1 at third singles and Raimee Sykes won 8-0 at four. On Thursday of last week the girls played host to Bassett and took a 7-2 win over the Bengals. LB was up 4-2 after singles as Reagan Meade and Zoe Brown won at numbers one and two. LB then swept the doubles. "I was very proud of our girls for sweeping doubles," said coach Sam Belcher. "We've been changing up who is playing in the top three doubles teams and the girls have done a great job adjusting." On Monday the girls played a strong Salem team and lost on a cold and windy day. Botetourt's points



**LB number one Ridge Radtke hits a return against Salem Monday.**

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

came from Kennedy Dorsey at number five singles and Emmy Sprouse at six. The boys played two matches week, falling 9-0 to Christiansburg and then 8-1 at Salem. The doubles team of Tyler McCarren and Payten Arnold got LB's point. The boys are at Hollins today to host Rockbridge and the girls will return to the courts on Friday when they return the trip to Bassett. Then both teams are off next week for spring break.



# Cavaliers off to a good start in softball



PHOTOS BY EDMEE HASLER

**Bry Orange pitches for the Cavs at the Botetourt Sports Complex.**

**Hadley Evans of LB is greeted at the plate after blasting a home run Saturday.**

The Lord Botetourt softball team will play host to Christiansburg today, Wednesday, with a 5:30 p.m. start in Daleville. The Cavaliers have won three of their first four games while scoring 51 runs in the four games. LB opened the season at home against Hidden Valley last week and took an 18-8 win. The Cavaliers had 16 total hits with Riley Shupe, Mikayla Reed and Bry Orange each collecting three hits. Hadley Evans and Autumn Russell also had a multi-hit game while Orange got the win in the circle.

Salem Invitational at the Botetourt Sports Complex, as the James I. Moyer Center in Salem is still being renovated. Botetourt opened with an early morning loss to Blacksburg, 9-8 in eight innings. The Cavaliers out-hit Blacksburg, 11 to 10, and rallied for six runs in the sixth inning but still went down to defeat.

always a tough place to play, and came away with a 14-3 win in six innings. Botetourt had 19 hits with Shupe and Maya Mougin leading the way in hits and runs batted in. Shupe went five-for-five and Mougin went four-for-five. Grace Thomas went the distance in the circle and earned the win.

In their second game Saturday the Cavs beat Brookville, 11-0, in five innings. A six-run third inning highlighted a game where LB had 13 hits. Evans hit a two-run homer in the third inning.

"I am so proud of these girls and the grit, talent, passion and hard work they are showing," said coach Megan Cook. "In just four games we have collected 59 hits and 51 runs. That is incredible! We've got something special this year."

On Saturday the Cavaliers played two games in the

On Monday the Cavaliers traveled to Cave Spring,

## LB boys drop first two games on the pitch



PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

**Hunter Atkinson (10) of LB battles a Glenvar player for the ball.**

The Lord Botetourt boys will have to wait awhile to get their first soccer win. After opening the season with two losses the Cavaliers won't play again until after spring break, when they host Christiansburg on Wednesday, April 3.

"The boys fought hard and we missed some good opportunities on goal," said coach Taylor Leonard.

Botetourt took on two strong Salem area teams to open the season. Last Tuesday they traveled to Glenvar to take on the defending Class 2 state champs and dropped a 3-0 decision in a hard fought match.

The Cavaliers' next game was last Friday when they hosted Salem for their home opener. Again, the Cavs failed to hit the net as they dropped a 5-0 game to the visiting Spartans. The game was just 2-0 until Salem put it away with three goals in the final 10 minutes.

## River girls have two home soccer games this week

The James River girls will play two home soccer games this week before taking off for spring break. The Knights were scheduled to host Northside on Tuesday and Nelson County on Friday.

energy from the start and a bit chaotic due to a very bumpy field," said River coach Bill Smith. "Both teams struggled to maintain possession, leading to a lot of back-and-forth play."

it up and that was the remainder of the scoring for the rest of regulation and overtime. Kylee Aaron had eight saves in the goal for River.

River comes into the week with a 1-0-1 record after tying Riverheads, 1-1, in a game in Staunton last Thursday.

After a scoreless first half the Knights broke on top when Konner Myers converted a penalty kick midway through the second stanza. Five minutes later Riverheads tied

After Friday's home game the Knights will be off until April 2 at Alleghany.

## Knights look for first baseball win with three games this week

The James River baseball team will look to crack the win column with three games this week before taking off for spring break. River was scheduled to play at Northside Tuesday followed by a trip to Riverheads today and a home game with Staunton River on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Staunton River they played one of the top teams in Region 4C when they took on the Spartans at Salem's Billy Sample Field last Wednesday and dropped a 28-2 game. The Salem bats were on fire as Salem scored 25 runs in the first two innings against three River pitchers. Only five of the runs were earned as Hunter Mays started, followed by Kody Park and Maddox Woodyard with little success against the hot hitting

Salemities. Gabe Staton had two hits for River.

On Friday the Knights had their home opener against Riverheads and dropped a 14-1 decision in five innings. Logan Joyce started and four pitchers combined to give up just three earned runs of the 14 total as fielding errors continued to plague the Knights.

After this week's action River will return after spring break with a trip to Alleghany on April 2.



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**James River coach Chance Henry consoles Kody Park after a rough outing.**



**Hunter Weaver connects for the Knights in last week's game in Salem.**



**Aiden Meade of James River chases a pop foul.**

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the bottom of the sixth inning. Caitlyn Downey had a single, stolen base and a run scored, and Sydney Breeding also singled and scored a run.

positive step on a very long journey," said Austin. "We did some good things, but this evening highlighted the multiple areas of concern where we need to get serious about our work."

Melissa Worrell threw a four-hitter for Patrick Henry, with eight strikeouts and no walks. She also had two of the Patriots' three hits, including a double.

River was scheduled to play at Northside Tuesday. Next week they're off for spring break, returning April 2 with a game at Alleghany.

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