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Botetourt students compete in division and regional spelling bees

Last month students from Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) competed in the BCPS Division Spelling Bee at Lord Botetourt High School. Savannah Collelouri of Colonial Elementary School was the division winner at the February 19 contest. Her winning word: "boba." The division runner-up was Finn Wilkinson from Read Mountain Middle School.

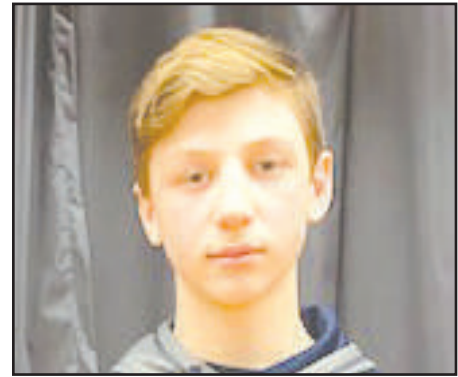
School Champions and Alternates are as follows:

SCHOOL CHAMPIONS: Sadie May (Breckinridge Elementary), Jovie Franklin (Buchanan Elementary), Holly Weddle (Central Academy Middle School), Leona Wilhoit (Cloverdale

Elementary), Savannah Collelouri (Colonial Elementary), Adelyn Tribble (Eagle Rock Elementary), Kyra Lake (Greenfield Elementary), Finn Wilkinson (Read Mountain Middle School), and Keylee Wittensoldner (Troutville Elementary).

ALTERNATES: Mariah Downs (Troutville Elementary), Andrew Collins (Cloverdale Elementary), Nate Wilson (Colonial Elementary), Harper Beckner (Greenfield Elementary), Baylee Hylton (Eagle Rock Elementary), Rosalie Stull (Buchanan Elementary), Jaden Herrig

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF BCPS

Savannah Collelouri of Colonial Elementary School won this year's BCPS Division Spelling Bee with Finn Wilkinson placing as the division's runner-up. The contest was held on February 19 at Lord Botetourt High School.

Easter Egg Hunt in Buchanan this Saturday

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF TOWN OF BUCHANAN

The Easter Bunny is coming to Buchanan Town Park this Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. until noon. Guests are invited to bring cameras to take photos with the Easter Bunny, and have the opportunity to participate in a fun morning of egg hunting, crafts, and visiting with neighbors.

For event updates and how to volunteer check the event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/289141714193003>.

- Town of Buchanan

Town of Buchanan provides town manager update in newsletter

The Town of Buchanan recently published a newsletter for residents that provides updates regarding town positions, activities, business spotlights, and more.

Last month, the town "separated employment" with former Town Manager George

Hayfield and announced in the recent newsletter that Reese Peck was appointed as a parttime interim town manager. Peck had previously worked with the town in an interim role in 2023 on the town website update, new software, and the town's budgeting process.

The announcement went on to explain that the town will also soon hire an interim planner and contract with a marketing firm to manage social media and other marketing initiatives. The town is currently seeking

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Botetourt Libraries will celebrate the April 8 solar eclipse this Saturday providing activities and information about the upcoming event.

Botetourt Libraries celebrating April 8 solar eclipse Saturday

Matt de Simone

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Botetourt County Libraries are inviting guests to help celebrate the 51st solar eclipse of the 21st century.

The libraries will hold a Solar Eclipse Celebration this Saturday, March 30, at all Botetourt branches. The celebration event takes place from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Visitors have the opportunity

to learn more about the upcoming total solar eclipse through hands-on activities geared toward Botetourt's younger, aspiring scientists.

Activities help teach kids about the solar system and include: star constellation tracing, making a solar system model, eclipse chalk art, and solar system coloring sheets. This program

is recommended for children ages 5-12.

This celebration is in anticipation of the total solar eclipse taking place on Monday, April 8, which will be visible across all of North America. According to the National Weather Service (NWS), there were 228 solar eclipses in the 20th century (1901-2000) with 71 being considered "total" solar

See **Eclipse**, page 8

BCPS recognizes February employees of the month, student athletes

Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) employees of the month for February were announced by the School Board at the beginning of March's regular meeting in Fincastle. The two employees recognized were

Connie Woodson, administrative assistant at Central Academy Middle School, and welding instructor Troy Linkenhoker at Botetourt Technical Education Center.

See **Recognitions**, page 8



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCPS

BTEC Principal and BCPS Supervisor of Instruction Mike Ketron, February employee of the month Troy Linkenhoker, and Valley District representative Tim Davidik. (Not pictured: Connie Woodson)

Botetourt County History



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCMHC

Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc. commissioned Brook Ludy to do this painting for Botetourt's 250th celebration in 2020. Ludy specializes in painting pictures that feature local buildings and communities. She uses many different mediums such as colored Apple pencils, watercolors and acrylics on procreate. Her original painting is

framed and in the Museum bookstore along with prints for \$10. One can find local historic structures shown in this painting. They include the Jeter Barn, Botetourt Courthouse, Early Cabin, Roaring Run, Buchanan Theater, Buchanan Swinging Bridge, Daleville College, Wilson Walker Community House, Breckinridge Law Office, Breckinridge Mill,

Old Jail, an iron furnace and the Moore Company's lime kilns in Eagle Rock.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

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Botetourt DAR hears from veteran who served in Iraq



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Botetourt County DAR members at the March meeting

The Botetourt County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 16, in the Blue Ridge Library.

Members gathered to hear SSG Seyward McKinney tell her story of her time in the service and her journey after returning home. Seyward is a resident of Salem and an Army veteran who served in Iraq as an operating room tech. After returning to the United States, she suffered a medical event that caused her to need a service dog. Knight, her new dog, accompanied her to the meeting and she demonstrated how he helps her.

She is a 10-year member of the Fort Lewis DAR Chapter and has served as a page at many DAR conferences and events. Seyward currently serves as the VADAR State Vice Chair and the Fort Lewis Chapter Chair of Service for Veterans Committees.

Seyward told members how Project Healing Waters has been a wonderful way for her to use fly fishing as a way of increasing her mobility while enjoying the outdoors. Members made a donation to Project Healing Waters/Roanoke-New River Valley in her honor.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. DAR chapters participate in projects to, promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Over one million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890. If you are interested or have questions about joining the chapter, contact Membership Chair Emily Talbot-Guillote via email at eptg1019@gmail.com or Registrar JoElla John, jjohnregistrar@gmail.com.

America 250 Patriots marker unveiling May 18

The Botetourt Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will unveil the America 250 Patriots marker Saturday, May 18, at the Botetourt Museum of History & Culture located at 26 East Main Street in Fincastle. The organization's goal is to place at least one marker in every state in advance of the nation's 250th anniversary in an effort to create a coast-to-coast network of markers.

Del. Terry Austin will be the keynote speaker to commemorate the dedication with remarks by Virginia State Regent Lauree Parker Nesbitt. The unveiling will take place at 3 p.m.

- Botetourt County DAR

2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a list of the scholarships currently available for Botetourt County high school seniors. Deadlines for 2024 applications begin this week.

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 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 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. The deadline for submissions is March 31.

For additional information please contact the Bank's Scholarship Committee at scholarship@bankofbotetourt.com.

Scholarships offered by Democratic Committee

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

To apply:

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

Part Two: A separate page with personal information

- Applicant name and parent/guardian names
- Address and phone number for contact purposes only (not for publication)
- High Schools attended
- Post-secondary education plans
- A list of 3 activities you have participated in at high school
- A dated pledge that your essay is original and prepared by the applicant. Your typed name will be your electronic signature
- A sentence giving your permission for your submitted materials to be published as part of the announcement of winners to the media

Submission: Submit the essay and personal information page as two separate electronic attachments

to demsbotetourt@gmail.com.

Deadline: Friday, April 5

A panel will choose the winners based upon the essays alone without knowing the personal information of the applicant. You may have any GPA, party affiliation or financial status.

Winners and their school counselors will be informed before April 19.

AITC announces new scholarship opportunity for students

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

Scholarship winners will receive \$1,000 to further their studies at a two- or four-year college or university.

Interested students can apply online at form.jotform.com/VaAITC/AITCScholarship. Applicants are required to submit a high school transcript and two letters of recommendation.

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

Applications are due March 31 and can be emailed to aitc@vafb.com. Scholarship winners will be notified by May 31.

For more information about this scholarship and other AITC initiatives, visit virginia.agclassroom.org.

Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Scholarship

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

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

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.

Lions hold Bland Memorial Music Contest

The Daleville Fincastle Lions held their fifth annual James A. Bland Memorial Music Contest at The Glebe on Saturday, March 2.

Eight contestants participated: Moriah Bremner, piano; Seth Lee, piano; Eva Campbell, piano; Emery Maxson, vocalist; Josh Miao, violin; Beau Lee, violin; Annelise Campbell, piano; and Joshua Miner, piano.

First place winners Emery Maxson, vocalist, and Joshua Miner, pianist, are



shown above with Daleville-Fincastle Lions President Lowell Skelton (left) and Lion Jim Reynolds, who was the Bland Music event emcee.

Emery and Joshua

advanced to the Lions District 24-C semi-district contest in Roanoke on March 10.

- Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club



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Library Buzz

UPCOMING COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

American Journeys
 Thu, Mar 28, 3-4pm, Eagle Rock
 Thu, Mar 28, 6-7pm, Fincastle
 Enjoy this multimedia performance by singer and songwriter Aspen Black, featuring original songs, poems, and stories inspired by people living "off the beaten path" all over rural and small-town America.

While we tend to focus on the players at the top, the biggest difference we can make is right in front of us: one person deep. Josh Urban facilitates a discussion on how we can understand our neighbors better, engage in difficult conversations productively, and build a better world - one relationship at a time.

Choose Your Own Adventure
 Tue, Apr 9, 4-6pm, Buchanan
 Based on the popular book series, follow a story and choose your own plot twists to create a unique adventure! Follow your adventure to craft stations inspired by the first four original books in the "Choose Your Own Adventure" series. Best for ages 7-14.

StoryTime
 Tuesdays 10:30-11am, Blue Ridge
 Wednesdays 10:30-11am, Eagle Rock
 Wednesdays 6-6:30pm, Fincastle
 Thursdays 10:30-11am, Blue Ridge & Fincastle
 Fridays, 10:30-11am, Buchanan
 Enjoy books, songs, and tactile activities that build literacy, motor, and social skills. Best for preschoolers.

How (Not) to Argue with Strangers
 Thu, Apr 4, 6-7pm, Buchanan
 What can an astronomer learn from flat earthers? Learn how a cordial disagreement over the shape of the planet changed the way Josh Urban tackles big ideas. With a year of contentious opinions still ahead, join Josh on this exploration of how to listen better, discover our own blind spots, and make the world better by talking to strangers.

Author Talk: J'Nell Ciesielski
 Fri, Apr 12, 4-5pm, Buchanan
 Sat, Apr 13, 10:30-11:30am, Blue Ridge
 Local author J'nell Ciesielski shares insights into her historical romance novels and writing methods, along with Q&A.

One Deep: Navigating Our Differences
 Thu, Apr 11, 6:30-7:30pm, Fincastle
 As the 2024 election cycle heats up, there's one bipartisan agreement: this is miserable.

Outdoor Book Club
 Tue, Apr 9, 11:30am-1pm, Troutville Town Park
 Join a leisurely 20-minute group walk around Troutville Town Park, then discuss what you're reading and share book recommendations over warm (or cool) beverages at One Love Coffee across the street (group discount provided).
 Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader says Patterson's letter was condescending, arrogant

This is in response to Bob Patterson's letter to the editor on March 20. His comments were quite condescending, leading to the point of arrogance, and preposterously projecting himself as the authority in other people's affairs. He started with his purported previous letter to the editor as "striking a nerve" (no sign of humility here) in the county and told people not to be "cherry-picking content," as if he were instructing students on what they should and should not do. I highly recommend he should cogitate on how badly and arrogantly his words and comments come across. Further, he went on to comment that he reviewed "all of the transfer deeds recorded that day." It is apparent he really doesn't have much to do but scrutinizing others' deed transfers, etc. For what purpose, one must ask, other than for him to use in self-initiated unnecessary quarrels. Moreover, he also chided someone's previous letter that stated "a 93% increase in assessed value." It is not his place to dispute how the 93% increase was calculated or under what circumstances that transpired the figure. Just a friendly reminder, "An idle mind is the devil's playground." He should spend his idle time in some self-reflection and correcting his inappropriate, disrespectful comments about others. Here's the appropriate paraphrase to help him remember: the free rein of one's loose tongue cuts (metaphorically) one's own throat. One thing for sure, Patterson absolutely deserves at least a ten-fold assessment on his real property, if he has one. Likewise, he broke his own rules about "cherry-picking" when he remarked on the word "EMS" by comparing it with an insurance policy. Indeed, it is a social contract/insurance policy. What's troubling is he didn't mention anything else but that word, contradicting his own prohibition of "cherry-picking." What hypocrisy! Furthermore, the letter was clearly addressed to and

implored the county assessment official for re-assessment; it certainly was not addressed to Patterson for the purpose of eliciting his pontificating and unwarranted comments. In addition, as it's like an insurance policy, Patterson is reminded that good drivers without DUI, speeding, and other vehicle violations receive a hefty discount on the insurance policy. Therefore, people who conscientiously take care of themselves to free up public service, i.e., EMS, etc., must be appreciated and praised, rather than "cherry-picked" and making it his self-aggrandizing opportunity for an unsolicited didactical session. What a pity. Here are some recommendations for Patterson: 1) as an adult (I assumed) he should know that there's eloquence in silence - practice often; 2) if he must utter words or write, make sure his words are true, factual, positive, and/or affirming others; 3) rather than idly "policing" others' affairs and being a nosy, know-it-all, he should do some community volunteer work - like substitute teaching; and 4) he should apologize for the condescending comments he's made about others thus far with impunity, if he's a mature person. Here's the perennial wisdom prescription for his ailment: "Know Thyself."
Anna Yu Cloverdale

Residents have questions concerning reassessments

We have several questions regarding the recent reassessments of properties in Botetourt County. How was the firm of Wampler-Eanes chosen to do the reassessments? Was the job put up for bid with Wampler-Eanes submitting the lowest bid? How much did the county pay Wampler-Eanes to do the reassessment? How much did the properties owned by the members of the Board of Supervisors increase in reassessment?
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"Bob at the Movies"

By Bob Garver
Dune: Part Two
 I wasn't the biggest fan of the first installment of director Denis Villeneuve's take on the Frank Herbert sci-fi classic "Dune" back in 2021. The sounds and visuals were great, and I understood why it won so many technical Oscars that year, but I couldn't get invested in the characters or story, so I didn't recommend the film. I feel the same way about "Dune: Part Two," but somehow the dynamic has shifted without anything really changing. The characters and story arcs are still baffling to keep straight (and as with the "Demon Slayer" movie last week, this doesn't make for a great entry point into the series), but the sounds and visuals are so awesome that I give it a recommendation. I guess I could chalk it up to going into the film with a little more familiarity with the property, having seen the first movie, but I'd like to think that Villeneuve has just upped his game in some subtle fashion. The story this time sees
 See **Dune 2**, page 5

League for Animal Protection's Waifs of the Week



Bailey and **Molly** are full-blooded Labs that were surrendered due to no fault of their own. Both are super friendly and full of love. Bailey is 7 and Molly is 3. They came from a loving home and are up to date on all vaccines, spayed and HW negative.
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 23. A way to look
 24. Heroes
 28. A surfer rides it
 29. Potato state
 30. Insect repellent
 32. Cool!
 33. Have already done
 35. Collegiate women's fraternity
 36. To the ___ degree
 39. Gasteyer and de
- Armas are two
 41. Blood type
 42. Looked over
 44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
 46. Species of armadillo
 47. Touch softly
 49. Part of your upper body
 52. Large, stocky lizards
 56. Lack of social or ethical standards
 58. Congressman
 60. Unofficial force
 62. As a result of this utterance
 63. A main branch of Islam
- CLUES DOWN**
 1. Woman (French)
 2. Province of Pakistan
 3. This (Spanish)
 4. Transportation device
 5. Greater in importance or priority
 6. The human foot
 7. Within 8. Consumed
 9. Respectful Malaysian term
 10. Therefore
 12. Ceased to exist
 13. Type of macaroni
 16. English composer
 17. Wooded tract
 20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
 22. 36 inches
 25. Take too much (abbr.)
 26. Allow
 27. Individually
 29. Journalist Tarbell
 31. Bar bill
 34. Hong Kong food
- stall: ___ pai dong
 36. Not messy
 37. Species that includes reed mace
 38. Former MLB catcher Ed
 40. Northern U.S. state
 43. Wilt
 45. Commercial
 48. Bolivian river
 50. Nursemaid
 51. A car needs four
 53. Guns (slang)
 54. American state
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Dune (Part 2)
 (2024) Paul Atreides unites with Chani and the Fremen while seeking revenge against the conspirators who destroyed his family.
 (2 hr 46 min)
Friday, March 29
 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 30
 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 31
 Closed for Easter

Thursday, April 4
 7 p.m.

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Children's Fun Day at Troutville Park Saturday

A Children's Easter Fun Day will be held Saturday, March 30 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

Fincastle UMC Choir preparing for Easter

The Fincastle United Methodist Church Choir is preparing for the upcoming Easter services. Choir Director Heather Mitchell has planned special music for this important season, including vocal arrangements, with cello and oboe accompanist, and the Botetourt Ensemble. Special services include a Good Friday Tenebrae at 7 p.m., Easter sunrise service



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at 7 a.m. in Goodwin Cemetery, and the Easter service at 10 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited.

- Fincastle UMC

Historic Fincastle, Inc. will celebrate Fincastle churches, planning new book

Historic Fincastle, Inc. (HFI) has announced a series of events throughout this summer that will celebrate Fincastle's historic churches. Each event will present a lecture on the history of the church, a live music celebration and church fellowship.

The series' first event will be at the First Baptist Church of Fincastle on the Blue Ridge Turnpike. The event, to be held on Saturday, April 13 at 3 p.m., will feature a historical discussion about the rich history of the church and feature

music by the a cappella gospel group The Glorylanders. A fellowship will follow the presentation and music.

HFI's May event will be held at the Fincastle Presbyterian Church and will feature a discussion by a church historian as well as music by Hannah Cox from the RSO. A fellowship will follow the program. The exact date is still under development, but the event will be held in late May.

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hero Paul Atreides (Timothée Chalamet) living full-time, and stripped of his noble title, on the sand planet Arrakis, known for its valuable "spice." He joins up with the good-but-rebellious Fremens, led by Stilgar (Javier Bardem), in their war against evil spice-controllers House Harkonnen. Stilgar and other Fremens believe that Paul may be a messiah sent to win them the war, so much so that his mother Lady Jessica (Rebecca Ferguson) is immediately granted the high religious position of Reverend Mother and all the powers and responsibilities that come with it. Paul, his mother, his mentor Gurney (Josh Brolin), and his warrior girlfriend Chani (Zendaya) know he's no messiah, but he starts to give input that turns the tide of the war, so are the Fremens so wrong to believe in him? Could it even be that he really is the messiah and never known it?

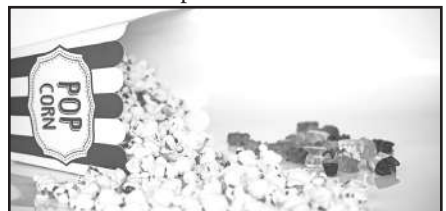
Over on the bad guys' side, Baron Harkonnen (Stellan Skarsgård) has been weakened, but is still alive following the battle with Paul's father in the first movie. He has since put his nephew Glossu (Dave Bautista) in charge of his army, but Glossu is about as good at leading an army as Bautista was at being a lead babyface wrestler going into WWE WrestleMania 10 years ago, which is to say not good at all. In fact, that's probably why Paul is doing so well in battle - he's up against a lousy opponent. The Baron is considering putting his younger, more sadistic nephew Feyd-Rautha (Austin Butler) in charge of the army instead. Also, everyone on Arrakis has to answer to Emperor Shaddam (Christopher Walken), who doesn't care about the war and just wants spice harvesting to go smoothly for economic reasons. His daughter

Irulan (Florence Pugh) is preparing to take over for him, she doesn't have much of a role here but she's sure to be given more development down the line.

And I'm looking forward to seeing what happens down the line. Not so much for the still-bland story and characters, but just to see what this series can do to top itself as a sheer spectacle. After the first "Dune," I didn't care if we ever got another movie. But after "Part Two," I care. Just my luck, I'm hearing that the next installment won't be ready for at least five more years, but this movie is doing so well at the box office that the studio may tell the production to step on the gas. This is the kind of ambitious epic that doesn't come along very often, so when it does, it makes for a special occasion, which is why I recommend springing for special large-scale theater experiences like IMAX or Dolby. This film is likely to fare even better than its predecessor at next year's Oscars, and is frankly the first "must-see" film that I've seen in a long time.

Grade: B-

"Dune: Part Two" is rated PG-13 for sequences of strong violence, some suggestive material and brief strong language. Its running time is 166 minutes. See the sci-fi epic at the Buchanan Theatre starting this Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m.



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OBITUARIES

Calkins, Aiden Scott

Aidan Scott Calkins, 18, our friends there that continued after beloved son and brother, died on graduation. Upon returning to Fincastle, he worked at Food Lion before starting a bachelor's degree program in aviation.



Aidan was born on May 11, 2005 in McCall, Ind., a small mountain community where he spent most of his youth. He was athletic and loved hockey, cross-country skiing, and mountain biking with friends. Aidan traveled with his hockey team all over the Western United States and Canada.

The family moved to Fincastle, where he finished his last two years of high school at James River. During this time, he formed lifelong relationships with his high school friends, co-workers, and fellow hockey players with the Lynchburg Coyotes and Raleigh Raptors.

After his graduation, he completed a rigorous flight school program at Blue Line Aviation near Raleigh receiving accolades for his skill and dedication. He was there less than six months but made such great

Snoopy. Aidan was an amazing son and little brother and a bright light in our lives. His absence will be felt forever. He brought joy and laughter to all the lives he touched.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the Back Creek Barn, 528 Back Creek Lane, Buchanan, beginning at 11 a.m., followed by a reception. Memorial donations may be made to your favorite charity. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Jones, Ocie Craft

Ocie Ann Craft Jones, 92, of Long, Katherine Long, and Harrison Roanoke, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

She was born on December 11, 1931, in Craig County, daughter of the late Ted and Goldie Looney Craft. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Elmer G. Jones, and granddaughter, Emily Caroline Jones.

She is survived by her son, Jerry Jones (Caroline); daughter, Carol Canode (Sam); grandchildren, Shannon Turner (Mitch), Ann Long (Davison), and Alan Canode (Jess Main); great-grandchildren, Alayna Phillips (Jonathan), Kylie Turner, Emily



Long; and great-great-grandson, Levi Phillips.

A graveside funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024, at Ross Cemetery in Craig County by the Rev. Mitchell Turner. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the cemetery. Memorial donation may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be made at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements were by Oakey's North Chapel, (540) 362-1237.

Littleton, Leigh Alan

Leigh Alan Littleton died unexpectedly at his home on February 8, 2024.

Leigh had spent the years since his retirement enjoying his many interests – from music of all kind, live and recorded, vocal and instrumental, Shakespearean plays, reading mystery stories, and much more.

Leigh's early life was as the son of a junior high school principal and mother who ran a proofreading department at the local daily newspaper. He was an expert .22 rifle shot, winning many competitions; a Boy Scout, a paper boy, and an avid reader.

He entered the University of Chicago after his high school junior year and joined the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. While there, he met his wife Kathleen and they had one daughter, Susan Eileen. He worked at the Lab for Astrophysics and Space Research and became an expert assembly language programmer. He earned a master's

degree from the University of Chicago.

While in Chicago, Leigh developed his life-long interest in sight hounds, and began raising and running borzois in field trials. He was a member of the Midwest Borzoi Club, and served as president and other positions.

Leigh moved to the east and settled in the Roanoke area where he lived the rest of his life. He worked for several

hospital systems, eventually heading a group which oversaw software for the Centra Health software systems. Leigh spent his free time taking his borzois to field trials, serving as field trial judge ... his field champion and #1 Locket and Noelle. Among his many interests were photography and cameras, raising and selling bamboo and bromeliads.

Leigh is survived by his wife, Vickie Littleton (Fincastle); his daughter, Susan Littleton Sestini (Turin, Italy); and his sister, Sally Breckenridge (Stamford, CT).



Childress, Teddy Wayne

Teddy Wayne Childress, 64, of wife, Jessica; sisters and brothers-Springwood, passed away on Tuesday, in-law, Patty and Mark Worth, March 19, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl, Sr. and Dorothy Childress; sisters, Gracie Louise Hamilton, Alice Marie Hamilton, and Patsy Darlene Paitsel; and brother, Carl Childress, Jr.

He is survived by his sons, Teddy Lee Childress and girlfriend, Nikki; Terry Wayne Childress and



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Services were private. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

CHURCH NEWS

Ebenezer UMC bake sale Saturday

Ebenezer United Methodist Church is having a bake sale Saturday March 30, at the shelter at the Virginian Markette on Lee Highway, Troutville, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Hot dogs will be sold from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. or until sold out.

Lapsleys Run Baptist Easter Sunrise Services

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church will have Easter Services on Sunday, March 31. An Easter Sunrise Service begins at 7:30 a.m., with breakfast after the service. There also will be an Easter Egg Hunt.

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

Zion Hill Baptist Easter Services

Zion Hill Baptist Church invites everyone to the celebration of the Risen Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 31.

A Sunrise Service begins at 8 a.m. A breakfast prepared by the men of the church will follow the service. The worship service, led by Pastor Don Goforth, will begin at 10 a.m. No Sunday School will be held.

Zion Hill Baptist Church is located at the intersection of Zion Hill Road and Old Fincastle Road.

Fincastle United Methodist Holy Week and Easter Services

Fincastle United Methodist invites all to Holy Week and Easter Services:

March 29 – Good Friday Tenebrae Service – 7 p.m. service will have the readings of the Passion interspersed by music, silence, and darkness. There will be congregational singing as well as anthems by the Sanctuary Choir, guest musicians, and oboe.

March 31 – Easter – 7 a.m. Sunrise Service in Godwin

Cemetery and a 7:30 a.m. Easter breakfast in the Family Life Center. The 10 a.m. service in the sanctuary will include a joyful Easter message, handbells, and anthem with four-hand piano and tambourine.

Lunch, Easter Egg Hunt at Buchanan Baptist

A free lunch and Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday 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 this 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:

• 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 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.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church news

PHBC will be holding the following Easter services:

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HFI

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The Fincastle United Methodist Church will present HFI's June offering featuring historian Angela Coon and music by the church's musical group. Again, a fellowship will follow the presentation. The June date is to be determined.

The September event in the series will be held on September 28, in conjunction with HFI's Fincastle Fall Festival. St. Mark's Episcopal Church will present a historical discussion,

music by the Botetourt Music Academy and a fellowship. The time is to be determined.

Visit HFI's website at www.hisfin.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/historicfincastleinc> for additional information and updates.

HFI announces planning for 'Around Town,'

Vol. II'

In the 1970s, a committee of Dottie Kessler, chairman, Mary Westerman, treasurer, Bobbie Bowman, Angela Coon, H.W. Scott, E.C. Westerman Jr., Peggy Westerman, manager, and Marsha Campbell, publicity, gathered many pictures and assembled a book, "Around Town, A Pictorial Review of Old Fincastle." This volume is still for sale through Historic Fincastle,

Inc., and the Botetourt County Historical Society Museum.

It is time for a second volume that will cover the last half of the 20th century and possibly the first quarter of the 21st century. There will be an organizational meeting on March 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fincastle Library meeting room. The purpose of the meeting will be to talk about what should be included and to start planning for the collection of

pictures. Anyone who has thoughts on this project is encouraged to attend. In the original book there are over 55 people acknowledged as contributors, so there is a great need for participation.

If you are interested in participating but cannot attend the meeting, contact Patsy Dickerson, psdicke@yahoo.com or 540-460-4597.

-Historic Fincastle, Inc.

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ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests March 20-22:

- Matthew E. Muce, 40, of Roanoke, simple assault, March 20
- Gabriella F. Sowers, 41, of Troutville, malicious wounding, drunk in public, March 22
- Chad L. Hancock, 43, of Roanoke, violation of a protective order, March 22
- Travis W. Myers, 50, of Ferrum, drunk in public, March 23

Letters

According to Wampler-Eanes, the average sale price of homes in Botetourt increased in value 33% since 2019. Why did certain areas of the county and certain properties increase 60 to over 90 percent in reassessment?

Our home has a driveway of three-tenths of a mile long and is surrounded by trees. No accurate assessment could be made without coming to the house. Neither of us spoke to an assessor and there was no paperwork left indicating a reassessment was done. Did all the other much nicer and larger homes surrounding us also see an increase of over 90% in their reassessment?

We have been told we can appeal the reassessment. The odds of getting our reassessment reduced are about the same as having a UFO land in our backyard.

*Charles and Barbara Fridley
Eagle Rock*

Recognitions

Four student athletes representing James River High School were also recognized for their achievements in winter sports.

The students acknowledged during the meeting were James River students Xaiden Wynn (Wrestling State Champion, 2024 VHSL Class 2, 106 lb. Weight Class), Brayden Forbes (Wrestling First Team All-State, 2024 VHSL Class 2, 120 lb. Weight Class), Nathan Stewart (Wrestling First Team All-State, 2024 VHSL Class 2, 106 lb. Weight Class), and Nevaeh Van Buren (All-State Indoor Track Team, VHSL Class 2, Triple Jump).

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Eclipse

eclipses. April 8's will be the 15th total solar eclipse this century.

Attendees will receive a free pair of solar eclipse glasses (while supplies last), and they'll be entered in a drawing for a special goodie bag. According to NASA, besides the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the moon completely blocks the sun's bright face, it is not safe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing. Viewing any part of the bright sun through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter secured over the front of the optics

will instantly cause severe eye injury.

There are four types of solar eclipses: total, partial, annular ("full"), and hybrid. The April 8 total solar eclipse is when the moon's umbral (total) shadow traverses Earth.

The last total solar eclipse occurred on December 4, 2021, but took place in the early morning hours. The next solar eclipse is scheduled to occur between 1:58 p.m. and 4:29 p.m., with its "peak" visibility occurring around 3:15 p.m. In the Botetourt region, onlookers will see approximately 88% of the sun obscured by the moon.

This solar eclipse is the first of two scheduled eclipses in 2024. The next one is cycled for October 2. This century, 2024's solar eclipses are just two of 224 scheduled events, of which 77 will be partial, 72 will be annular, 68 will be total, and seven will be hybrids.

Learn more about the 2024 total eclipse including when and where the eclipse will take place from NASA: <https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/solar.html>.

To learn more about Botetourt Libraries programming, visit <https://www.botetourtva.gov/308/Programs-Classes>.

Spelling Bee



This year's Spelling Bee school champions



This year's Spelling Bee alternates

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(Breckinridge Elementary), Noah Horne (Central Academy Middle School), and Marie Olivier (Read Mountain Middle School).

The Regional Bee was held at

Radford University on March 16, and won by Audrey Lee, a seventh grader at Andrew Lewis Middle School in Salem, who will go up against the nation's top spellers in

May's Scripps National Spelling Bee.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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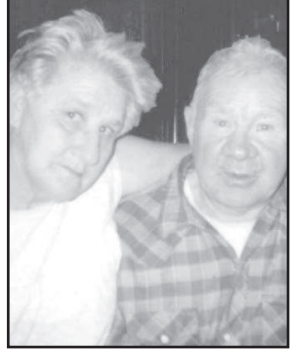
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Obituary

Dudley, Vera Hickman

Vera Hickman Dudley, 81, of Botetourt County, passed away Saturday, March 23, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Erskin "Nochie" Dudley; son, Alvin Dudley; parents, John and Mary Hickman; brother, Leonard Hickman; sisters, Nadine Painter and Nancy Johns; nephew, Wayne Hickman; son-in-law, Gary St. Clair.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Brenda St. Clair; Gaynelle and John "Buck" Higgins; special "daughter," Kathy Ray; grandchildren, Gracie Higgins, Marlena McCullough, Angela Higgins, and Frankie "Bubba" Higgins; great-grandchildren, BJ and Norman Irvine, Joseph Heater, Lacey Lawhorne, Bethany Eastburn, Chevy Esquire,



Matthew and Danielle Higgins, and brothers, Carson "Pete" Hickman; sisters, Joyce and Tinker Dudley, Jane Powell, and Christine Grishaw; numerous nieces and nephews; special dog, Missy; and special friends, Cleatus Lester, Ted Fowler, and Patsy Landes.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2024 at Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, March 29, in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home officiated by the Rev. Michael Tabor and the Rev. Kevin James. Interment will follow in Deacon Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

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Amsterdam District: Jeremy D. & Megan E. Henderson request a rezoning from the Rural Residential (RR) Use District to the Agricultural (A-1) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, located at 2920 Catawba Road, Troutville, identified on the Tax Maps as 87-26B.

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Blue Ridge man arrested for murder

Zachary Alan Bishop, 33, of Blue Ridge, has been arrested and charged with murder in connection with the death of a 5-year-old boy.

On August 2, 2023, at approximately 10:12 p.m., the Botetourt County Emergency Communications Center E-911 received a call about a 5-year-old male being unresponsive. Deputies and emergency medical personnel responded to the 2900 block of Blue Ridge Springs Road to find an unresponsive child. Botetourt County Department of Fire and EMS transported the child to Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Detectives immediately began working to determine the events that led to the child's hospitalization. The child was pronounced dead at the hospital on August 4, 2023. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Western District, performed an autopsy and ruled the manner of death as homicide.

On March 4, 2024, detectives with the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office presented case information to the grand jury. The grand jury returned true bills resulting in direct indictments of felony child endangerment and murder



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCSO
Zachary Alan Bishop

for Bishop.

Bishop is currently being held in the Botetourt-Craig Regional Jail without bond.

The information in the news release from the Sheriff's Office is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed, the news release said.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Bingo will benefit Glebe Benevolent Fund, Daleville/Fincastle Lions

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.

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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

'Heritage Day' April 6 at Jennings Creek

On Saturday, April 6, Jennings Creek Gospel Church will hold its annual "Heritage Day" from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The day is a continuation of the once traditional "Trout Season Opening Day" on the creek at Arcadia.

The Ladies Friendship Circle will be selling home-cooked breakfasts and lunch for those who come to fish and those who come just

for the food. Along with the meals, homemade fried apple pies and other homemade desserts will be available. Proceeds will support the church's local missions.

The church is located at 5486 Jennings Creek Road, Buchanan. For more information, call Cherry Ramsey at 540-520-5853.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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Class of '59 has 'Spring Fling' gathering

A "Spring Fling" gathering of the Class of 1959 of Fincastle High School was held at Lentini's, Daleville, on Friday, March 22. Class members attending were (from left): seated, Martha Etzler Kamm, Peggy Moses Wood, Angela Coon, Carol June Deeds Caldwell, and Doris Goad Wood; standing, Corrine Goad Wood, John David Lucas, Lynwood Cox, Peter Shick, Patsy Shanks Duffy, Douglas Duffy, and Rosalie Hamilton Goad.

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Daleville Town Center announces this summer's live concert lineup

Earlier this month, the Daleville Town Center published the lineup of upcoming musical acts coming to Botetourt beginning May 4.

"If you're looking for some amazing live music this season, you won't want to miss out on what we have in store for you," Daleville Town Center's Facebook account

shared in a March 15 post. "From classic country to rock to pop, we've got an incredible lineup of talented musicians and unforgettable performances coming your way. So, if you love good music, be sure to mark your calendars and join us for an incredible season of live music that you won't forget. Be sure

to check out the Facebook events coming soon for all event related details! See you there!"

For more information please visit <https://www.facebook.com/dalevilletowncenter>.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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a Public Works maintenance supervisor and full-time town manager.

The Berkely Group, a local government consulting firm, was

recently hired by the town to manage and conduct the search process for a town manager.

To read an online copy of this month's newsletter, visit <https://www.buchanan-va.gov/living-here/page/town-buchanan-march-2024-newsletter>.

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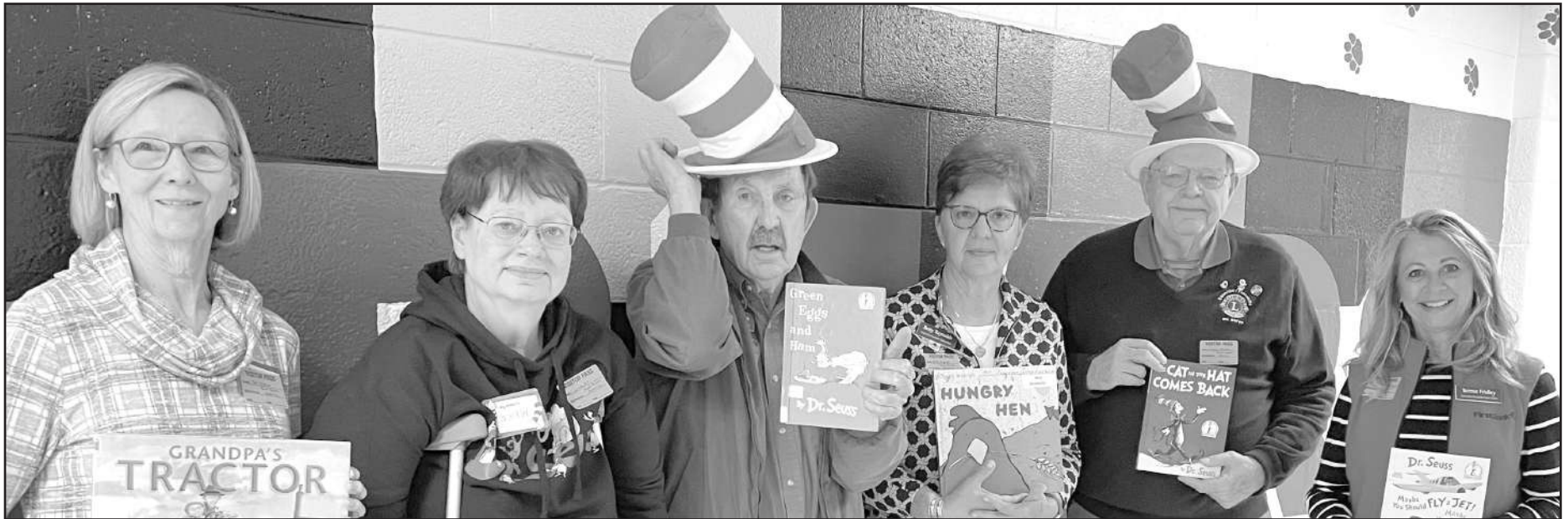


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Lions visit Breckinridge students for Read Across America Day

On Monday, March 4, the Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club participated in the annual Read Across America Day, which is always on or near Dr. Seuss's birthday. This year they read to the children at Breckinridge Elementary School. The Lions always say, "We have more fun than the children." Participating in this fun service project were (from left) Teri Walker, Linda All, Lowell Skelton, Betty Reynolds, Mike Jackson and Teresa Fridley.

- Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club

Tuesday Morning Club helps veterans



PHOTO COURTESY OF TUESDAY MORNING CLUB

The Tuesday Morning Club met March 12 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with 12 members and one guest. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order. Barrie Knox was hostess and had devotions. Nancy Waddell read minutes. Ruby Taylor gave treasurer's report. Cheryl Wood won the hostess gift. As a March project, members prepared snack bags and personal care bags for 23 veterans at Cave Creek in Troutville. April's project will be a donation to the Fincastle Fire Department and food for food banks at Pleasant Hill and Troutville churches. Game prizes were won by Nancy Waddell and Barbara Harris. The club meets on the second Tuesday each month at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Pictured are, from left: front, Nancy Goad, Nancy Waddell, Dot Hillard, Linda Harris, and Gwen Britt; back, Mary Furr, Ruby Taylor, Priscilla Hedrick, Barbara Harris, and Cheryl Wood; not pictured, Rita Bruffey and Barrie Knox.

- Tuesday Morning Club

Church News

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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.

Easter events at St. Mark's UMC

St. Mark's United Methodist Church will be hosting a community-wide Easter event on Saturday, March 30 from 9-11 a.m. There will be a "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" from 9-10:30 a.m. During this time, there will be activities for the children and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The cost of breakfast

is: children under 3, free; children 3-1, \$6; and children 12-adults, \$12. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the TAME—"Rise Against Hunger" meal packing event. Other donations for this ministry will also be accepted. You can pay for your breakfasts at the door.

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

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

Springwood Baptist Church Easter events

March 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

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.

Wesley Chapel Cemetery Fund needs donations for upkeep

Donations are needed for the upkeep of the Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Eagle Rock. Those who wish to help may send checks to Wesley Chapel Cemetery Fund, c/o Doris Johnson, 1906 Salt Petre Cave Road, Eagle Rock, 24085.

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TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2048: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025; Adopting the Real Estate Tax Rate; and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year. The proposed

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ordinance would approve the Town's 2024/2025 operating budget and maintain the existing tax rate. This is described in more detail in the stand-alone advertisement published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024.

Ordinance 2049: An Ordinance Amending Blacksburg Town Code Sections 18-201, 18-400, 24-301, 24-306, 24-314, And 24-602 to Increase Fees for Water and Sewer Services and Meter Fees. The ordinance increase the amounts of the referenced fees; the increases are described in more detail in stand-alone advertisements published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024 and March 31, 2024.

Ordinance 2050: An

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Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Appropriate \$2,500,000 of Bond Proceeds to the General Capital Improvement Fund. Ordinance 2050 will appropriate funding for the potential purchase of several parcels of land. The funding for this purchase will be included in the 2024 bond offering.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m.

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and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, the Radford City Council hereby gives notice of a joint public hearing with Planning Commission to be held on April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA, in order to hear citizen comments regarding City Council's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by K&J Properties (applicant) on behalf of Islands on the New, LLC (owner) for a Special Use Permit to allow for a RV Resort. The use is defined as "Recreational Vehicle Park" in the Zoning

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Ordinance, which is allowed in the M-1 Zoning District and within the CD Zoning District only by an approved Special Use Permit. The property is located at 3080 Little River Dam Rd, further identified as Tax Parcel 24-1-8, with 36 acres, zoned CD Conservation and M-1 Light Industrial. The property is designated as Low-Density Residential in the Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plan, applications, ordinances may be examined at the Community Development Office, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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LB softball falls to Demons in last game before break

The Lord Botetourt girls are 3-2 as they take a week off for spring break. Botetourt dropped an 8-3 game to Christiansburg in Daleville last Wednesday before taking off for two full weeks.

Bry Orange started in the circle for LB but fell into some trouble in the second inning. Grace Thomas was brought in to pitch in relief and the Cavaliers weren't able to catch up.

Riley Shupe led the LB offense with two hits in four at bats in the leadoff position. Maya Mouglin



PHOTO BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY
Riley Shupe of the LB softball team slides safely into second against Christiansburg.

and Jackson Kemper each drove in one run.

"We showed discipline at the plate, having five

walks, but we could not get the hits going," said Botetourt coach Megan Cook. "This was a

disappointing loss for us but I am hopeful we will

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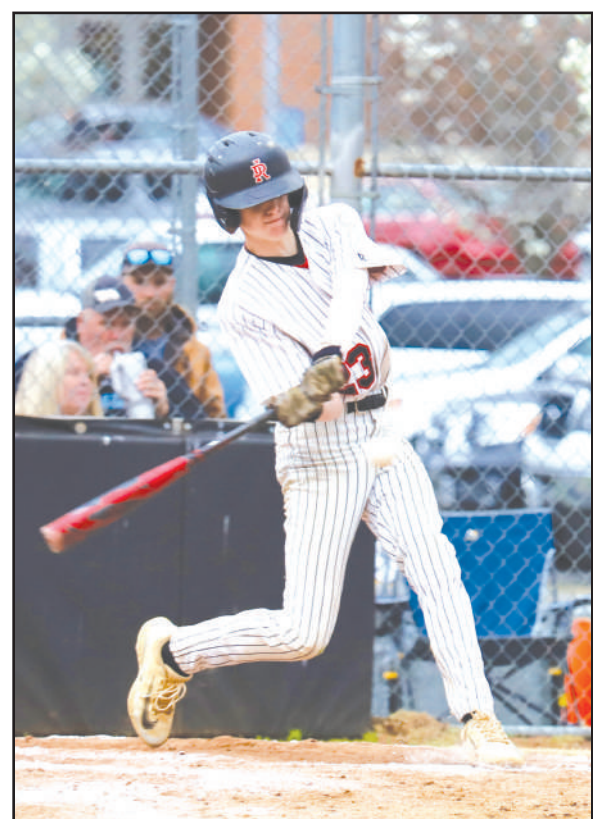


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Cam Saunders of James River bats against the Golden Eagles in Springwood.

River softball unbeaten at the break, tournament at BSC was rained out

The James River softball team has played just two games in the first two weeks of the spring sports season and will be off all this week for spring break. The good news is, River is 2-0.

The Knights were scheduled to host the "James River Bash" at the Botetourt Sports Complex last Saturday, which would have been two more games. However, with rain in the forecast the Bash was cancelled on Friday and will not be made up. Instead, River will look to add two more games sometime later this season.

The Knights last played on Tuesday, March 19, when they took a hard-fought 6-5 win at Northside. River out-hit the host Vikings, 10-3, and withstood a late inning rally to hold on for the win.

"I'm proud of our performance and in how we found a way to win," said River coach Steve Austin. "This

was our second 50-50 game where we could have lost as easily as we could have won. We did just enough to pull it out once again."

River's Ella Hutchens led off a two-run second inning with a single and was sacrificed to second by Makayla Petty. Freshman Kaylee Harlow's two-out single plated the Knights' first run. Abbie Wilson followed with an RBI single, scoring Harlow, who had moved to second on the previous throw to the plate.

In the fifth inning, leading 2-1, James River used singles by Cloey Joynes, Hutchens, Petty, Wilson, and Sydney Breeding, and a walk to Caitlyn Downey, to score four runs.

Northside took advantage of some late game walks and hit batters, along with one hit, to pull to within a run at 6-5. However, River pitcher Ripley Barry put the win in the book with a three-up,

three-down bottom of the seventh on only five pitches. An outstanding over-the-shoulder catch by second baseman Keira Crawford aided in the quick last frame.

Breeding, Joynes, Hutchens and Wilson had two hits apiece. Barry pitched a complete game, allowing only three hits. The Knights committed just one error for the second straight game in improving to 2-0.

The Knights return from spring break next Tuesday, April 2, with a game against Alleghany at the Jackson River Sports Complex.

"This was only our second game so we're just getting started," said Austin. "We'll continue to evaluate different line ups to try to find the best options we have as the season progresses. Not only do we have eight new varsity kids, each of our four returning starters are playing a different position this year."

River will open district baseball schedule Tuesday

The James River baseball team will travel to Alleghany High School next Tuesday, April 2, to open the Three Rivers District schedule against the Cougars. The Rivermen are off this week for spring break.

The Knights will be looking for their first win after falling to 0-6 with three losses last week, including two to Class 3 teams. The Class 2 Knights have played a challenging schedule to date with three games against Class 3 schools, a game against undefeated

Class 4 Salem and two against Riverheads, a team that made the state semifinals in Class 1 last year before moving to Class 2 for the 2023-24 school year.

Last week the Knights opened with an 11-1 loss at Northside. River trailed just 1-0 after three innings before the Viking bats came alive against four different River pitchers.

"This was definitely our best game so far this year even though the score reflected

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PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Lord Botetourt keeper Maisy Cook cradles the ball after making a save.

Botetourt soccer teams look to regroup

The Lord Botetourt High soccer teams are off this week with the county schools on spring break. Both the Cavalier boys and girls are looking forward to resuming action next week.

The boys haven't played since March 15

when they lost a home game to Salem. The Cavaliers went into the break at 0-2 and were still looking for their first goal of the season. They'll be back on the pitch after 18 full days off when they host Christiansburg in Daleville next Wednesday,

April 3.

The LB girls were at Jefferson Forest for their last game before break last week and dropped a 2-0 decision. The girls are now 1-2 and they'll return to action on Friday, April 5, with a home game against Blacksburg.

River soccer teams return from break with district openers against Alleghany



PHOTO BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY
River's Brayden Forbes (2) leaps high to contest a 50-50 ball against Northside.



PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY
Annabelle Peay (4) of James River pushes the ball up the field against Nelson County.

The James River soccer teams will begin their Three Rivers District seasons next Wednesday, April 3, when they take on Alleghany opponents. The girls will be at Alleghany while the boys host the Cougars in Springwood.

The boys are 1-3 after four games. They dropped their final game before break at Northside last week by a 7-0 score.

The girls are 1-2-1 after dropping home games to Northside, 1-0, and Nelson County, 5-1, last week.

"Both of these were entertaining games, even with the one-sided loss to Nelson," said River coach Bill Smith. "Our team is balanced and has some great talent. I still feel we are in for a strong season."

Against Northside the Knights played in their own half for most of the first 20 minutes. As the half moved on the momentum shifted in favor of the home team, but a counter attack by the Viking Blair Hungate proved costly for the Knights, giving up a goal with just minutes left in the period.

The second half was dominated by the home Knights, but it didn't result in a goal as the Northside keeper played a strong game.

"The match saw some really solid play and was a good early season test for both squads," said Smith.

Last Friday the Nelson County girls traveled to James River for the second meeting of these teams this season. The Governors came

out strong from the opening whistle and started scoring early as the Knights struggled to contain the attack. Nelson had five goals in the first 25 minutes to take a dominating lead.

Despite the one-sided start to the game, James River did not give up. The team started shifting the momentum, first holding off the Nelson attack then providing some offense of their own. With nine minutes remaining in the half Rhaya Kitt scored for the Knights to spoil the Governors' shutout. The second half was played mostly in Nelson's end but River couldn't find the net.

"The second half was like a different game," said Smith. "The control was back and the quality of play was better."

Tennis teams back on the court next week

The Lord Botetourt tennis teams will return from spring break next Wednesday, April 3, when the Cavalier teams take on Salem.

The LB boys will host the Spartans next Wednesday at the Hollins University courts, hoping to turn around a prior 8-1 loss to the Spartans in Salem. The Cavalier boys closed out their pre-break

schedule with a 5-3 loss to Rockbridge at Hollins last week and they're now 0-3.

The girls were scheduled to play at Bassett last Friday but that match was postponed. The girls, who will return with a match at Salem next Wednesday, are 2-1 at the break with their only loss to the Spartans in a previous meeting at Hollins University.

Cavaliers rally to beat Byrd in baseball

The Lord Botetourt baseball team headed off to spring break on a high note after defeating William Byrd, 7-5, in baseball last Wednesday. The Cavaliers scored four runs in the top of the seventh to pull out the win in Vinton.

"It was definitely good to get a win before we left for spring break, and especially a district win against Byrd," said LB coach Todd Smith. "Every time we play them it's always a battle and we were lucky enough to make some tough plays to come out on top."

The Botetourt bats got things going early as LB took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a two-run homer by Nolan Medley. Byrd scored three runs in the bottom of the first, but the Cavaliers tied it up on a solo shot by Isaac Nichols in the second.

Byrd pitcher Brogan Dent settled down at that point and pitched four scoreless innings and the Terriers led 5-3 after six frames. However, Dent was done for the day after six and the Cavaliers put the first two

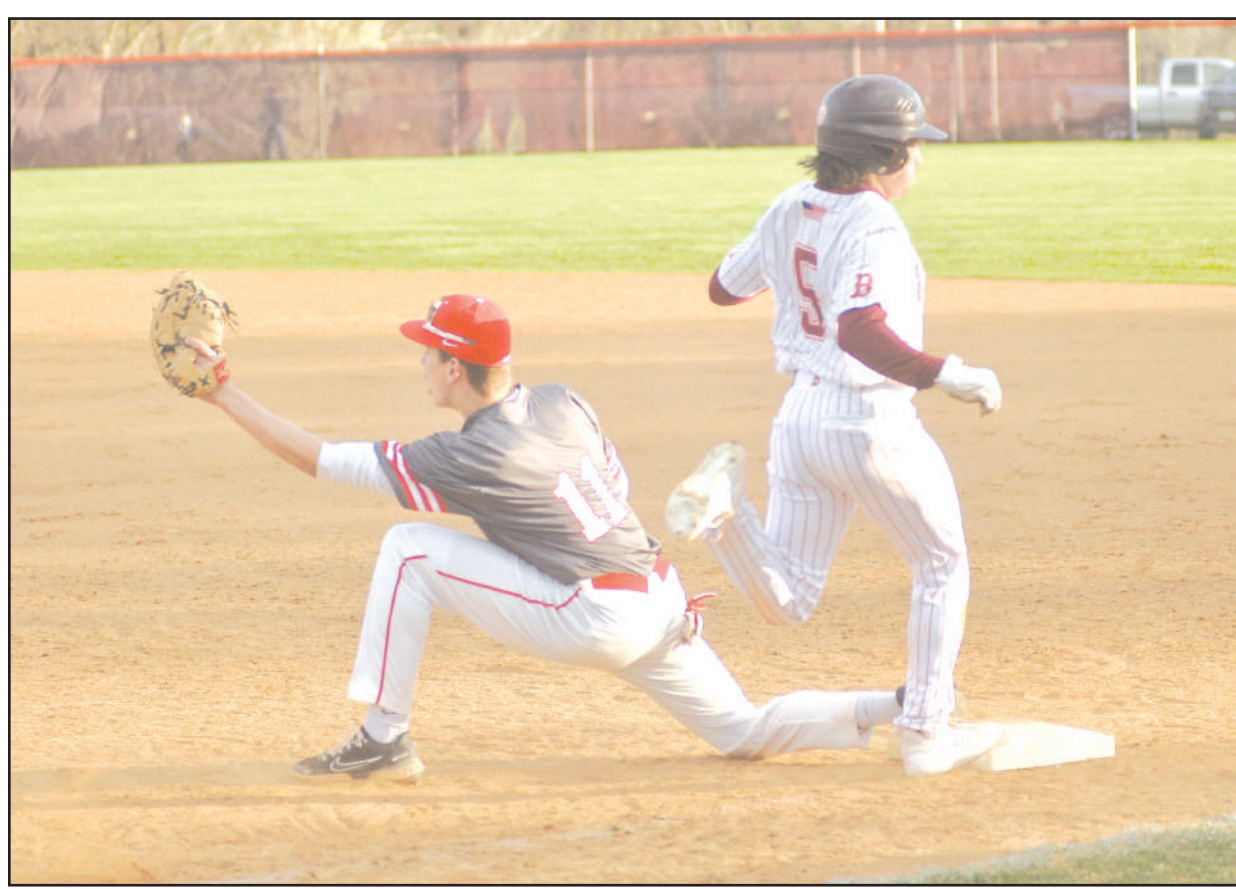
runners on base with walks in the top of the seventh. An error loaded the bases and Gavin Walker's two-run double highlighted a four-run seventh to give LB a 7-5 lead. Cody McConnaughey then retired the Terriers in order in the bottom of the seventh to pick up the win.

Caleb O'Quinn started on the mound for LB and pitched four and two-thirds innings, giving up five runs of which just two were earned. He allowed six hits, struck out six and walked four.

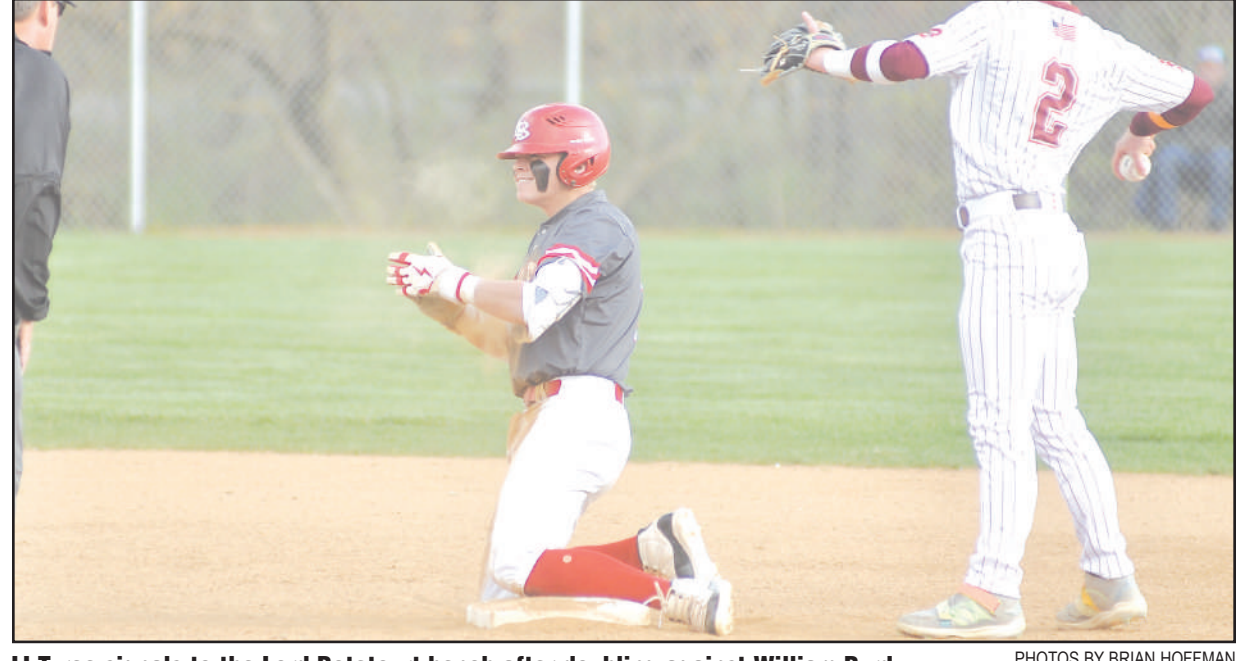
McConnaughey pitched two and a third hitless innings of relief in picking up the win. He walked one and fanned a pair.

Offensively, Medley and Tyree had two hits each for the Cavaliers, with Medley and Nichols stroking home runs.

With the win the Cavs evened their record at 2-2 and are off to a 1-0 start in the Blue Ridge District. They're off this week, returning Wednesday, April 3, with a non-district game against Salem High at Billy Sample Field in Salem.



LB's Brayden Wells stretches at first to get the out against Byrd.



JJ Tyree signals to the Lord Botetourt bench after doubling against William Byrd.

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Nolan Medley is congratulated by Cavalier coach Todd Smith as he rounds the bases after a first inning home run in Vinton last week.

Botetourt's Winterton on All-State hoop team

Lord Botetourt junior Madilyn Winterton has been named to the Virginia High School League Class 3 All-State basketball team. Madilyn was a second team selection while making the all-state team for the second year in a row.

Winterton led the 22-4 Cavaliers with 11.5 points per game and 3.8 steals per game. She was second on the team with 3.8 assists per game and the top "non-post player" rebounder with 5.1 boards per contest.

"Madilyn is a Swiss army knife player who can play any position on the floor both offensively and defensively," said LB coach Renee Favaro. "Her points and rebounds per game are down from a year ago but we had a lot more people this year who could really score. Our

balance is what made us special. We did not have anyone on our team take more than 10 shots per game, which is a testament to how unselfish the whole group is. I think had we not fallen short of the state tournament we may have had more kids named all-state."

Carroll County senior shooting guard Alyssa Ervin was named the Class 3 Player of the Year, and Liberty Christian Academy (LCA) head coach Heather Stephens is the Class 3 Coach of the Year. Eight players make up the first and second teams, regardless of position. Only those players selected to all-region first teams are eligible for selection to the all-state team. The all-state selection committee comprises eight basketball coaches, with two from each region.



Lord Botetourt junior Madilyn Winterton has been named to the VHSL Class 3 All-State second team in basketball.

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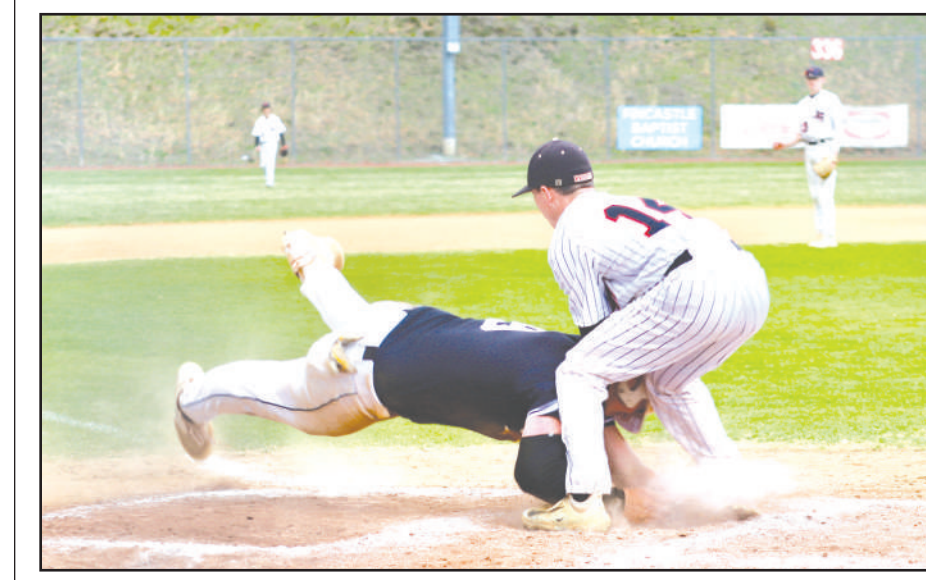
Mikayla Reed of the Cavaliers catches an infield pop-up.

PHOTO BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

be able to bounce back having seen some good competition."

The Cavaliers will return to action with a rematch against the Blue Demons on Wednesday, April 3, only this one will be in Christiansburg.

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James River's Hunter Mays (14) covers home plate in Friday's game with Staunton River.

PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY

otherwise," said River coach Chance Henry.

Kody Park started and pitched well before Zeal Hammons took over, his first game action since a football injury in the fall.

"We kicked the ball around a bit behind him when he was in the game," said Henry. "However, it being his first outing he really did well and kept us in the game. I was proud of the way he handled himself."

"Unfortunately, the game got away from us in the fifth and sixth but up until that point we had some better at bats and managed to get guys on. We just weren't able to get them in."

Hunter Mays had two hits and the Knights had six hits as a team.

A day later the Knights made the long trip to Riverheads and lost 11-0. River was held to two hits, one each by Mays and Gabe Staton. The Gladiators scored 10 runs in the first three innings to pull away.

On Friday the Knights played host to Staunton River and battled the Golden Eagles through six innings. The Knights led 3-2 after three innings and trailed just 5-3 after six before the visitors plated five in the top of the seventh and won 10-3.

"We competed fairly

well in the game," said Henry. "We just hit a lull in the middle part of the game with our bats and it burned us in the end."

Hammons started and pitched one inning, followed by Mays who went the next three. The two combined to allow just one earned run. Park pitched the fifth and sixth and allowed one run before the dam burst in the seventh.

Offensively, River had five hits. Mays, Park, Cam Saunders, Hunter Weaver and Logan Joyce had one hit each.

"The needle is moving in the right direction for the team," said Henry.

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