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Veteran's shadowbox recovered in Buchanan

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How does a veteran's shadowbox containing all of his medals, bars, and patches end up in a waste bin? This may be a question that a family in Salem will never know.

A shadowbox containing photos, accolades, and medals of United States Air Force (USAF) veteran Nelson Glass was found in Buchanan by crew workers with C&S Disposal last month. Glass, who passed away in 2009, served as a military police officer for the USAF and also ranked as Staff Sergeant E6 with the U.S. Army National Guard during the Vietnam War.

When the C&S crew recovered the shadowbox, they didn't want to add it to the waste collection, according to Glass's nephew, Steve Palmer. The crew brought the shadowbox to Buchanan's Town Hall hoping there

would be someone who could help find its home. The town contacted Bill Price, co-founder of Sirens & Salutes, a local non-profit committed to honoring and memorializing first responders and veterans.

After doing some digging, Price contacted Palmer, set up a meeting place, and gave Glass's shadowbox back to his family.

In a recent interview, Palmer recalled the mystery of the Salem resident's shadowbox discovered in a pile of trash miles away from where Glass lived.

"It's quite a journey. Evidently, there was a house being remodeled in the Town of Buchanan. Whoever cleaned it out threw the shadowbox in the trash. We (the family) have no idea because (my uncle) was born, raised,

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL PRICE

A shadowbox of the late USAF veteran and City of Salem resident Nelson Glass was recovered in Buchanan by a crew from C&S Disposal last month.

EARTH DAY EVENT

APRIL 20, 10 AM TO 2 PM

FINCASTLE LIBRARY

Learn about

- Soil & Water
- Composting & Plant Exchange
- Bees & Pollinating
- Future Farmers
- Conservation Easements
- Earth Day Art

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF SUSCOM

Earth Day Event planned at the Fincastle Library

The Fincastle Sustainability Committee (known as SusCom) and the Friends of the Fincastle Library are excited to be partnering an Earth Day Event planned for Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fincastle Library. The event being held in conjunction with a book and bake sale taking place at the Fincastle Library at the same time. The book and bake sale is also being held on April 18, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and April 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Earth Day Event is Saturday only and is free and open to the public.

Local experts will lead the topics for Earth Day, and will include information about bees, composting and plant exchange, water and soil exploration, and conservation easements. Topics will include "Bees" led by Tom Wolfe and the 4-H Bee Club, "Composting & Plant

Exchange" led by Lyn Burton and the Big Spring Garden Club, "Soil & Water" led by Anne Jones, the local Extension Agent, and "Conservation Easements." Visitors are invited to bring plants to participate in the plant exchange.

This is the first year the Fincastle Sustainability Committee is organizing the Earth Day Event. The committee grew out of the Fincastle Comprehensive Plan with a mission to help Fincastle be a community that can persist over generations, enjoying a healthy environment, prosperous economy, and vibrant civic life. Their goal for 2024 is to provide information to the community on environmental issues. The chair of the committee is Bess Madonna, and other committee members include Amanda

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Capps holds grand opening celebration in Troutville



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Members of the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce and the Roanoke Regional Chamber join Capps staff and community leaders for the ribbon-cutting of the new business in Troutville last Friday.

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Capps Home Building Center held its official grand opening celebration in Troutville last Friday. Event attendees had the opportunity to tour the new facility and speak with members of the Capps staff to learn more about what the building center offers customers.

The facility is located at 3396 Lee Highway on the corner of Route 11 and Humbert Road at the old location of Cash Building Supply, which was vacant for several years before Capps purchased the property.

Members of the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce and the Roanoke

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Botetourt DAR receives award at State Conference



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT DAR

Botetourt County DAR Regent Elizabeth McKinley Holt (left), State Regent Laurie Parker Nesbitt and State Historian Susan Manley Walls

Daughters of the American Revolution from around the Commonwealth gathered in Williamsburg in late March for their annual State Conference. Members from 125 chapters in Virginia gathered to share ideas, attend workshops, conduct business and celebrate their heritage.

The Botetourt County Chapter

received an award for Exceptional Press Coverage Highlighting Patriot Ancestors at the awards luncheon on Saturday, March 23.

State Regent Laurie Parker Nesbitt and State Historian Susan Manley Walls presented the award

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Botetourt County History



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This is an old photograph of the Blue Ridge Baptist Church Choir. It is from the program "Finding What Has Been Lost...African American History of Botetourt County, Va." which is shown everyday at the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture. George Wilson provided the following names, left to right: back row-Helen Coleman, Alfred Williams, Marion Coleman, Theodore Macklin, Missouri Saunders, Theodore Redd, Juanita Coleman, Edward Saunders; middle row, Mattie Coleman, Gloria Priest, Marie Redd, Betty Russell, Barbara Coleman; front row, Carey, Ruth, Mozella and Irene Saunders. The original version Blue Ridge

Baptist Church was organized after the Civil War as a one-room log building in 1873. Today, it is a modern brick church located along State Road 661. Its history has been documented by the County-Wide League, Judith and Edward W. Barnett, Deedie Kagey in "From Bonsack to Blue Ridge" and more recently in "Sentinels of the Faith" by Robert McRae. The visual program, these books and more information can be found in the Botetourt Museum in Fincastle where history is brought to life.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Blue Ridge Library will hold a book sale April 25.

Book sale April 25-27 at Blue Ridge Library

Friends of the Blue Ridge Library will hold a book sale April 25-27. The sale begins on Thursday, April 25, from 5-8 p.m. The sale continues Friday, April 26, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m.-1:45 p.m. There will be a large variety of books for sale. Hardcover books are priced at \$1 each and paperback books are priced at 50 cents each. Saturday is Bag Day when you may purchase a bag of books for only \$3.

Proceeds from the book sale help the

Friends to support library programs such as the annual Summer Learning Challenge or to purchase materials that the library needs, especially those not covered in the annual operating budget. Blue Ridge Library is located at 28 Avery Row on US 460 about a half-mile east of the Bonsack Walmart. For directions, call 540-928-2900.

- Friends of the Blue Ridge Library

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Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry April 19

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is April 19, 5-7 p.m., with little-to-no-wait. Eat in or take out until 7 p.m. at the Church of the Transfiguration, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle. Cost is \$12 (ages 7 and under are free) for two filets of lightly breaded flounder (or six chicken nuggets reserved for children or adults who do not want fish), crispy fries, sweet cornbread, homemade coleslaw, and choice of one dessert. A50/50 drawing will be held. There are no advance ticket sales. Proceeds will benefit Botetourt Food Pantry, Backpack Ministry at Greenfield Elementary, Botetourt Resource Center, and other local charities. For more information, call 540-904-3126.

- Knights of Columbus



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN CENTER TAP HOUSE

The Town Center Tap House in Daleville offers their "Boucher's Fried Oyster Po' Boy" during Botetourt's Restaurant Week from now until April 13.

Restaurant Week continues in Botetourt

Now through April 13 participating restaurants in Botetourt County offer unique specials and deals for guests to enjoy during Botetourt's 2024 "Restaurant Week." Those who wish to share their Restaurant Week experiences may do so using the hashtag #BoCoEats on socials and posting on www.facebook.com/ShopBotetourt.

Some of the following exclusive Restaurant Week food items offered this week include:

1772 Rooftop on Main - 18 S Roanoke Street in Fincastle - Shrimp Fra Diabolo; Carne Taco Plate; and Smoked Bourbon BBQ Pork Chops, each for special prices

Angelle's Diner - 2609 Lee Highway in Troutville -

Meal deal for two featuring one preselected appetizer, two preselected entrée choices, two non-alcoholic beverages, and a sharable dessert for a special price

Bella Pizza - 2716 Lee Highway in Troutville - Buy any extra-large specialty pizza and get six free garlic knots for a special price

Bellacino's Pizza - 1176 Roanoke Road in Daleville - 16-inch pepperoni pizza and cinn stix for special prices

Bryant Orchards Farm Market - 15 Cedar, Plateau Way in Daleville - "Grab-N-Go" meal deals for special prices

Donnie D's Bagels & Deli - 70 Market Center Way in Daleville - 12-inch Chicken Finger Sub & fountain soda; and the No.

1 combination meal, each for special prices

First XI Coffee - 19733 Main Street in Buchanan - Bacon, Egg, & Cheese croissant & 12 oz. coffee; Chicken salad on a croissant & 12 oz. latte; and a jumbo hot dog & 12 oz. drink, each for special prices

Foot of the Mountain Café - 126 Arcadia Road in Buchanan - 14 oz. hand-cut ribeye & two sides; Larry's lobster roll & one side each at a special price; and, only on Thursday, April 11, a special buy one, get one half off burger deal, each for special prices

Iron & Oar - 14683 Church Street in Eagle Rock - Lunch special BLT salad; Philly chicken sub; and a

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2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a list of the scholarship opportunities still available for Botetourt County high school seniors. This is the final week to submit applications for the following scholarships.

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 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.

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.

News from the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club

Traditionally in January, the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club finalizes the Community Service and Standing Committee objectives. These objectives are guides for community service projects throughout the year. This year, the club did not meet in January; therefore, the objectives committees met in February to set the yearly calendar of projects. Club members enjoyed a potluck meal provided by all the members.

One of the Community Service objectives is litter pickup in the Eagle Rock area sponsored by the Environment Committee, Barbara Holaday, chair. On a sunny day in February, six Ruritans met for the first of four litter pickup days for this year collecting 12 bags of litter.

In addition to the four scheduled days for litter pickup, Ruritan member Priscilla Vaughan has taken on the Last Log of the Kanawha Canal for some extra

sprucing up. Of course, she has some volunteer grandchildren helpers.

At the March meeting, members and guests enjoyed a meal catered by Twink's Diner in Iron Gate. Special guest Reanna Hamm Wyatt gave an informative program on the services offered by the Allegheny Highlands Healthy Youth Coalition. Her enthusiastic presentation resonated with Ruritan members because it appealed to all ages.

Wyatt, a prevention specialist, offered many suggestions covering a wide variety of common concerns. For example, she reminded members about the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, proper ways to dispose of unused/unwanted/expired medications, and safe storage of guns and meds. The Coalition works closely with the schools to encourage students to develop healthy habits.

Beth Leffel, club president,

and Audrey Clark, chair of Community Engagement Committee, discussed progress on plans for the Second Annual Science Fest to be held at the Blue Ridge Vineyard on May 11.

On behalf of the Citizenship and Patriotism Committee, a good turnout was reported for the recent dual primary election.

Erin Slusser-Pease, chair of Public Services Committee, reported that the "Y" will be returning to the Eagle Rock Elementary School for the after-school program.

It was announced that going forward, the Galatia Community Potluck Meal will be at the Community Center at noon on the second Monday of each odd month beginning May 13.

The meeting closed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

- Eagle Rock Ruritan Club



PHOTO COURTESY OF EAGLE ROCK RURITAN CLUB
Reanna Hamm Wyatt

LAND TRANSFERS

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

- Roger L. Alexander to Fall Mountain Inc., two tracts, \$422,000
- Russell C. Allen to Dianna L. Jefferies, lots, West Gate, \$32,000
- Atlantic Trustee Services to Navy Federal Credit Union, 2 parcels, \$136,679.42
- Diane C. Baker, trustee, to Adam Alderman, 4 parcels, \$0
- Brenda C. Booze to Kevin Chaney, 2.3350 acres, \$349,950
- Botetourt Forest to Gerald Bailey Bowen, lot, Heatherstone, gift deed
- Warren E. Brown to Jeramine Brown, 5.456 acres, gift deed
- Ross Robert Campbell to Gregory Thomas Sink, lot, Rainbow Forest, \$248,500
- Daniel Bruce Carpenter to Howard Wilburn, lot, Ashley Plantation, \$742,650
- Jennifer M. Carver to Larry W. Gaulin, 2 parcels, \$950,000
- Nathan Clements to Griffin Knobloch, lot, Stratford Place, \$290,000
- Jimmy Dean Cooper to Kendall Erin Lucas, five lots, Rainbow Forest, \$45,000
- Countryside Land Company to Joseph Thompson, 1.307 acres, \$195,000
- Janet M. Cox to Angela Marie Cox Edmondson, 2 parcels, \$0
- Elaine Crider to Western Virginia Water Authority, 4.462 acres and 10.253 acres, \$40,000
- Diversified Trust Company to Leonard Clyde Carter III, 4.311 acres, \$30,000
- John S. Dooley to Logan T.H. Linkous, lot, Wildwood, \$389,950
- Delbert A. Dudding Jr. to RSF Properties, 2 tracts, quit claim deed
- Equity Trustees to Lakeview Loan Servicing, 0.604 acres, \$148,520
- Cody J. Feury to Alexis Schneider, 1.349 acres, \$255,000
- Tyler J. Fisher to William L. Crowder III, lot, Orchards, \$445,000
- Lindsey Fizer to Coulter S. Hodges, 1.23 acres, \$272,000
- Anita L. Flowers to Bryce A. Flowers, lot, Strafford Place, \$0
- Timothy M. Foutz to Wanda H. Wise, parcel, \$0 quit claim deed
- Fralin & Waldron to Stateson Homes, 7 lots, Daleville Town Center, \$337,030.94
- Robert Fridley to Desirae Nicole St.Clair, lot, Pattonsburg, \$215,000
- Gerald Franson Properties to Kenneth O. Yeagley, 34.531 acres, \$125,000
- Carolyn A. Goodykoontz to Mary Ledikwe, lot, Botetourt South, \$332,000
- Shelby Spangler Gore to Michael S. Gore, 3 parcels, gift deed
- Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows to James River Drip, tract, Town of Buchanan, \$130,000
- Ingrid L. Gray to Bradley M. Debildt, lot, Rainbow Forest, \$360,000
- Alisha S. Gusler to Lecia Kay Paulson, lot, Live Oak Woods, \$350,000
- Gary Wayne Hall Sr. to Jason L. Hall, 2.04 acres, gift deed

- Helmtoller Properties to Richard Przybylski, 2.271 acres, \$339,900
- Barry Lee Holland, trustee, to Ernest D. Yoder, 15.48 acres, \$325,000
- Anne White Hollingsworth to James D. Layman, lot, Santillane, \$515,000
- Jayceej Ventures to Stateson Homes, two parcels, \$1,000,000
- JEG Realty to Ryan Sanfratello, 4.352 acres, \$200,000
- Thomas Reed Jennings to Carol Catherine Wheeler, lot, Tinkerview Townhouse, \$210,000
- Hailey Keiser to Brandi Gulley, 1.00 acre, \$189,725
- Kylan S. Kirkwood to LLE Properties, 60.371 acres, \$275,000
- Seth R. Konopasek to Patrick Skelton, 17 acres, \$30,000
- James D. Layman to Anmar Abdalhadi, 5.440 acres, \$889,000
- William J. Lemon to Briar Oak Farms, 8.423 acres on Route 615, \$0
- William J. Lemon to Briar Oak Farms, two parcels, \$0
- William J. Lemon to Briar Oak Farms, 135.503 acres, \$0
- William J. Lemon to Briar Oak Farms, parcel, \$0
- Robert L. Little Jr. to Margaret T. Little, 8.950 acres, \$0
- Robert L. Little Jr. to Robert Lee Little Jr., 3.282 acres, \$0
- Robert Lee Little Jr. to Robert Lee Little III, 5.07 acres, gift deed
- Robert G. Lucas to Rachel E. Tennison, 4.870 acres, gift deed
- Mag Seven Properties to Aaron Thomas Martin, 1.397 acres, \$285,000
- Jennifer L. Mengel, successor, to Steven Slaubaugh, 7.10 acres, \$410,000
- Ryan Alexander Merryman to Robert F. Hyatt, lot, Cedar Ridge, \$376,200
- Tata Denise Michael to Walter Frease Michael IV, parcel, quit claim deed
- John G. Mullins to Belinda Edwards, lot, Jamestown subdivision, gift deed
- Samantha Nash to Michael W. Parr, 2.918 acres, \$187,500
- Peter M. Pearl to Drift Way, two parcels, \$250,000
- Gary M. Peck, trustee, to John A. Register, 12.6073 acres, \$200,000
- Doris Ann Prichard to Jason Lavergne, parcel, \$0
- James B. Reckling to David Austin McNabb, lot, Apple Tree Village, \$390,000
- Arthur C. Reed to Jacquelyn Johnson, 1.50 acres, \$140,000
- Rickie Bobbie Holdings to Matthew P. Price, 2 acres, \$320,000
- John S. Roberts Jr. to Paula A. Hypes, lot, Rainbow Forest, \$325,000
- Rocky Top Properties to Coleman Clark, 0.996 acre, \$221,000
- RSF Properties to Stacy Anderson, 2 parcels, \$170,000
- Wanda G. Smith to James Brian Reckling, lot, Apple Tree Village, \$0
- Robert L. Taylor to Brian G. Tew, 0.181 acres, Daleville Town Center, \$535,000
- Eunice W. Thomas to John Samuel Roberts Jr., lot, Rainbow Forest, \$51,000
- Kimberly Lynn Thomas to Zion Hill Farm, 18 acres and 109 poles, \$313,000
- Richard W. Thomas to Dana Sims, lot, Brookfield, \$455,000
- Dottie M. Underwood to Mark A. Underwood, one-third of an acre, gift deed

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Library BUZZ

UPCOMING COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

Community Conversation: Artificial Intelligence

Tue, Apr 16, 7-8:30pm, Tizzone (Daleville Town Center)
How does AI affect you now, and what does it mean for the future? Following a brief talk by Vladimir Bratic, Association Professor of Communication Studies at Hollins University, share your thoughts and hear from others in a small group conversational format.

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. 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.

Anniversary Open House

Thu, Apr 11, 10am-8pm, Blue Ridge
Sat, Apr 13, 10am-2pm, Eagle Rock
Celebrate Blue Ridge's 36th and Eagle Rock's 14th birthdays! Enjoy light refreshments, tour the library, and participate in fun activities.

Author Talks

J'Nell Cielieski (historical romance) -

Fri, Apr 12, 4-5pm, Buchanan and Sat, Apr 13, 10:30-11:30am, Blue Ridge
Brook Allen (historical fiction) - Sat, Apr 13, 10:30-11:30am, Fincastle

Build Your Own Bear

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. Ages 5-12 only. Registration required; space is limited.

Choose Your Own Adventure

Wed, Apr 17, 4-6pm, Blue Ridge
Thu, Apr 25, 4-6pm, Fincastle
Tue, Apr 30, 4-6pm, Eagle Rock
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.

National Library Week

April 7-13
Drop by any library branch for fun activities all week long!

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lighted turbines would endanger 'Dark Skies' areas

Two Virginia State Parks, Douthat and Natural Bridge, received the status of being "Dark Skies" areas, which are not overcome by artificial light, to allow star viewing. The highest elevation between the two parks is the southern range of North Mountain.

One can travel south on Route 220 through Rainbow Gap between Clifton Forge and Iron Gate and view the southern end of North Mountain, where a wind farm is proposed to be established. These wind turbines are to be taller than the Empire State Building and with artificial lights at night.

Artificial light can travel a great distance. I live in Northern Botetourt, two miles from Alleghany County. I can see, from my upstairs western-side windows, a lighted large dome in the distance that is the glow of the artificial lights of Roanoke, which are 40 miles away.

Bob Hundley
Eagle Rock

Patterson 'knows no shame, no boundaries'

Bob Patterson's April 3 letter unequivocally revealed the true character of himself even more clearly in his yet another unnecessary, incoherent, bellicose ranting.

Through his unrestrained angry ranting, which completely lacks any hint of social decency or "decorum," he has shown his chronic ailment: self-referential, self-serving nosy, know-it-all

that is deeper and more serious than I thought. It made me chuckle but also feel compassionate toward him for his apparent long years of suffering.

Patterson has been writing unwarranted, unsolicited, unnecessary, and disrespectful comments about practically anyone whom he thinks he can attack, insult, or bully. But when he is confronted and challenged with the truth, his juvenile-like impetuous temper tantrum and unconstrained tirade are on full display - he knows no shame, he knows no boundaries.

As Patterson is the cause of his problem, he must be the solution to his problem. The first step of a solution would be his thoughtful and careful exercise of when and how to keep himself silent. But if he must utter words, send out positive words because he'll hear positive echoes. Remember, love begets love, hate also begets hate. Patterson has a choice and must choose which echoes he wants to hear. Otherwise, he'll go through the vicious cycle of self-inflicted grievances, and his words/actions will also cause injuries to others.

Again, if he is any wiser, he should take this opportunity to self-reflect and learn from it: "practice silence often." However, the wisdom of "Without inner change, there can be no outer change," truly applies to him. Better yet, one of my students quipped, "You can't teach an old dog a new trick even if his life depends on it." I rest my case.

If, however, his maddening ranting continues, the reader's attention is kindly directed to the March 27, 2024, Letter to the Editor of The Fincastle Herald for detailed facts regarding his incorrigible behavior.

Anna Yu
Cloverdale

"Bob at the Movies"

'Kung Fu Panda 4'

By Bob Garver

Since Po (Jack Black), the main character of the "Kung Fu Panda" movies, is known for his corpulent eating habits, it makes sense to compare the animated franchise to a sort of comfort food. These movies aren't exactly "healthy" choices that send the imagination soaring, but they aren't "junk" that people outside the target

audience are likely to detest. They're agreeable, but not spectacular. Fortunately for "Kung Fu Panda 4," it's arriving at a time when kids haven't had a decent movie for a while. Even though it coasts on preexisting goodwill at times, it's not the painful, phoned-in effort it could have been.

At the start of the movie, Po is basking in his fame as the legendary Dragon Warrior. He does his job well, fulfilling all his duties as protector of his village, but he's also become complacent, using his standing in the community to endorse the noodle restaurant run by his adoptive goose father Ping (James Hong) and biological panda father Li (Bryan Cranston). His mentor, red panda Master Shifu (Dustin Hoffman) tells him his time as Dragon Warrior is coming to an end and he needs to pick a successor, but all he

wants to do is continue to be the Dragon Warrior.

And eat, of course, be the Dragon Warrior and eat. One day Po catches a fox named Zhen (Awkwafina) stealing artifacts from his temple. He battles her and she holds her own, but ultimately he wins and throws her in prison. But it turns out she may know something about a series of attacks that have been going on in nearby Juniper City. It seems Po's old nemesis, the snow leopard Tai Lung (Ian McShane) has returned from the Spirit Realm and is seeking to regain power. Zhen knows to put emphasis on the "seems" part, because it's really shapeshifting villain Chameleon (Viola Davis) plotting to steal power from the entire Spirit Realm. Zhen agrees to help Po in exchange for a lighter sentence, and the

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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Billy

Billy was a stray abandoned in a cemetery in West Virginia. A kind lady took him home and taken to her veterinarian. He was not chipped and there was no ID on him. She had the first set of vaccines and rabies given. The LAP had him tested for heartworm, chipped and neutered. He is a year and a half year old and very gentle.



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

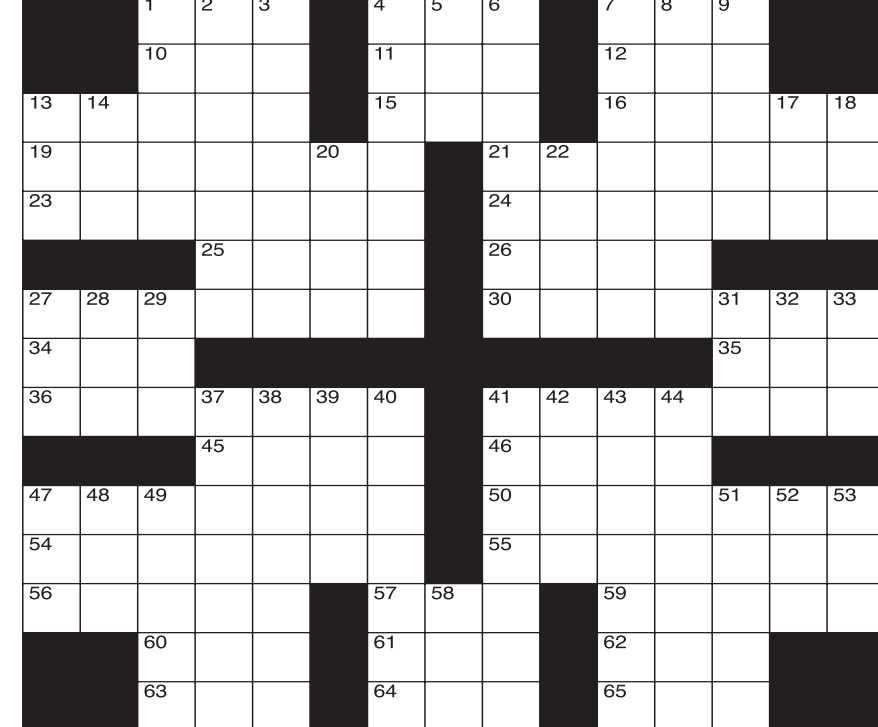


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1. Atomic mass unit
4. Criticize mightily
7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
10. Stand in for
11. Everyone has one
12. Brew
13. Rectify
15. Popular Dodge truck model
16. Beef or chicken intestine
19. Satisfy
21. Of a particular people or localized region
23. Movements in quick tempos
24. Able to pay one's debts
25. Fleshy bird beak covering
26. Dueling sword
27. Helps
30. Court is in it
34. Touch lightly

35. Airborne (abbr.)
36. Of one
41. Baked good
45. Jai __ sport
46. About aviation
47. Low oval mound
50. Rugged mountain ranges
54. Compel to do something
55. A way to carve
56. Sao __ city in Brazil
57. Mustachioed actor Elliott
59. American Idol runner-up Clay
60. A way to soak
61. Car mechanics group
62. Born of
63. Time zone
64. Sea eagle
65. Even's opposite

CLUES DOWN
1. Sharp mountain ridge
2. Thin, fibrous cartilages
3. Provides new details
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Ottoman military title
6. Banes
7. Horse-riding seats
8. Arms of a shirt
9. Narrow path along a road edge
13. Viper
14. Disfigure
17. Variety of Chinese language
18. Portray in a show
20. Wrongful act
22. No (slang)
27. State of agitation
28. __ Diego
29. One point east of due south
31. 007's creator
32. The NBA's Toppin
33. Midway between north and

northeast
37. Examples
38. __ Gould, actor
39. The habitat of wild animals
40. Artful subtlety
41. Infielders
42. Keep under control
43. Herb
44. Distressed
47. A way to go down
48. Type of acid
49. Take by force
51. Collected fallen leaves
52. Shout of welcome or farewell
53. Monetary unit
58. Swiss river

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Kung Fu Panda 4

(2024) After Po is tapped to become the Spiritual Leader of the Valley of Peace, he needs to find and train a new Dragon Warrior, while a wicked sorceress plans to re-summon all the master villains whom Po has vanquished to the spirit realm. (1 hr 34 min)

Friday, April 12
7 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
7 p.m.

Sunday, April 14
3 p.m.

Thursday, April 18
7 p.m.

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Fincastle District Supervisor Brandon Nicely (center) and Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce Community Engagement Coordinator Channing Preston (left) spoke during the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Capps Home Building Center.

Capps Home Building Center welcomed guests to explore the new facility last Friday.

Regional Chamber welcomed guests to the facility, including the new Botetourt Chamber Community Engagement Coordinator Channing Preston, who spoke briefly during the ceremony thanking all of the attendees for joining the chambers and the Capps family in welcoming the new business to the county. Fincastle District Supervisor Brandon Nicely also

spoke during the event sharing, "I was really excited when I heard Capps was coming (to Botetourt). I knew that this corner was going to come back to life again. We needed that and they've done a great job... I know (Capps) got a lot of support. I can see that already."

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CHURCH NEWS

Buchanan Food Pantry opens Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open Saturday, April 13, from 9-11 a.m. Volunteers from Buchanan Baptist Church will distribute staples, milk, meat and other food, curbside, to all who need it. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

Food Box Distribution Saturday

Food Box Distribution is April 13 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 4930 Country Club Road, or Eagle Rock Library, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., or till all boxes are gone.

Lapsleys Run Baptist celebrating pastor's anniversary

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church will celebrate their pastor, the Rev. David W. Halsey Sr.'s fifth anniversary as pastor on Sunday, April 14, beginning at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Bishop Isaiah Freeman III from New Dimensions Christian Fellowship Church, who will be accompanied by his choir.

Lunch will be served after morning service; no afternoon service.

Everyone is invited to this and all services at Lapsleys Run Baptist Church, 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. Regular services are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Fincastle UMC Chicken BBQ April 20

Fincastle United Methodist Church will have its annual Chicken BBQ with Percy Bolton's "Special Sauce" on April 20 from 4-7 p.m. at the VFW on Route 220. The dinner is available as dine in or take out. Dinner includes half a BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked apples, roll, and drink. Dessert items will be sold separately. Tickets are \$15 per person. For questions and/or tickets, contact Gayle Ross at (540) 473-2437; leave a message and your call will be returned.

Spring Fashion Show in Cloverdale

Cloverdale Church of Brethren, along with the Heaven Sent Thrift Shop, will host a Spring Fashion Show with refreshments on Saturday, April 27, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

New outreach program at Fincastle United Methodist

Fincastle United Methodist Church is starting a new outreach program, "Terrific Tuesdays," beginning April 30. Terrific Tuesdays will be a church and community dinner, taking place on the last Tuesday of each month, year-round. The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and is free to all. Donations will be accepted. Plan to come to a meal and enjoy visiting with the community.

Cowbell Service at Mt. Joy

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren will host a Cowbell Service at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 2565 Buffalo Road, Buchanan.

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store

Spring has sprung at the Thrift Store. There is summer apparel for the entire family - name brand clothes for only \$1.

The Thrift Store is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations are welcome.

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.

Mother's Day Tea at St. Mark's UMC

St. Mark's United Methodist will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. You can dine in for a "High Tea" experience or get a box to go. Traditional tea foods will be served including finger sandwiches, scones and dessert. The cost is \$20 for one meal and tea; \$36 for two meals; \$48 for three meals; and four or more meals are \$16 each. Children under 12 are \$10. To reserve meal/meals, go to the church website, www.stmarksmethodist.com, or call 540-966-3629 and leave a message.

Mountain Gateway Community College to host Career Fair on May 3

Job seekers are invited to attend a regional Career Fair at Mountain Gateway Community College in Clifton Forge on May 3. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., employers will be set up outside along the sidewalk that runs from Scott Hall to the Moomaw Center and Warren Hall. The event is designed to connect job seekers with local businesses looking to hire.

MGCC has partnered with Greater Roanoke Works to open up the Career

Fair to an even wider audience, drawing out even more job seekers and hiring employers to the campus. This is an opportunity to learn about available job opportunities and potentially land a job. Businesses will have the chance to connect with a pool of qualified candidates and fill their open positions with workers.

- MGCC

Fishing Rodeo will benefit Backpack Buddies

The Buchanan Moose will host its Eighth Annual Fishing Rodeo at Steve Thrasher's Pond in Springwood on Saturday, April 20, rain or shine. It begins at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon. Activities will include fishing, hay rides, sack races, a 50-50 drawing, raffle tickets and entertainment for children. Each child

will receive a door prize. Lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

The cost is \$30 for the first child and \$20 for additional siblings. If you would like to attend, there is a form to be filled out; contact Steve at 540-632-3598 or thrasher65115@gmail.com, or Melissa at dirtdevl2004@yahoo.

com, 540-520-1752.

All proceeds will go to the Backpack Buddies for the 2024-2025 school year. The public is encouraged to support this project by participating in the rodeo or donating money and/or door prizes for the day.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Bank of Botetourt breaks ground for office in Rocky Mount

Bank of Botetourt broke ground to establish a full-service branch in the Town of Rocky Mount on April 2. The new 2,700-square-foot office will be constructed at 875 Tanyard Road in Rocky Mount. Services will include a 24/7 accessible ATM with deposit capabilities, a drive-thru, and night deposit. The bank's mortgage company, Virginia Mountain Mortgage, will also be available from this location.

Bank CEO and Vice-Chair G. Lyn Hayth III said at the groundbreaking that "this office will be the bank's 14th office, and second location in Franklin County. As the largest community bank headquartered in the Roanoke Metropolitan Statistical Area, we are pleased to continue the expansion of our services during a time of consolidation in the region's financial industry. We are looking

forward to expanding our footprint to better serve the community, residents, and businesses."

Bank President and COO Michelle Austin also addressed the crowd and said, "Today is not only a celebration of expansion but a reaffirmation of our commitment to serving the communities that have become part of our story."

Architectural designs were developed by Hughes Associates Architects & Engineers and F&S Building Innovations has begun site preparation and building will begin soon. Bank of Botetourt will have a formal ribbon cutting and public grand opening celebration in fall 2024.

- Bank of Botetourt

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two reluctantly set out on a mission to save the village.

I'm not going to pretend that the movie aspires to be anything more than standard "reluctant buddies road trip" fare. As a matter of fact, it's two "reluctant buddies road trip" movies in one because Ping and Li set out on their own mission soon after Po and Zhen leave. But the Po/Zhen story has all the twists and turns you expect. Of course, the too-turning Po will have hard time navigating the city's criminal underbelly and need the streetwise Zhen to bail him out. Of course, Zhen's duplicitous nature will get the two of them in trouble (my favorite sequence of the movie sees Po try to return money stolen by Zhen while simultaneously fighting the victims). Of course, Po's good-heartedness will rub off on Zhen. Of course, there's a secret that makes things complicated. And of course, Po will eat everything he can along the way.

But as unambitious as "Kung Fu Panda 4" is in its storytelling, it's ambitious in its humor. What can I say - the jokes just hit. Black's energy is infectious as always (he sings a new take on a pop song that might just be more earworm-y than the original), and everyone else manages to steal at least a few scenes. The visual gags work too, and it's hard not to have your heart stolen by some psychotic bunnies. As an overall effort this movie may be just as complacent as Po is in the first act, but the "Kung Fu Panda" franchise knows what brings audiences comfort. The concession stand can handle the food.

Grade: B-
"Kung Fu Panda 4" is rated PG for martial arts action/mild violence, scary images and some mild rude humor. Its running time is 94 minutes.

See it at the Buchanan Theatre this weekend with showtimes beginning Friday at 7 p.m.



Celebrating Fincastle's Historic Churches - 2024

Celebrating the First Baptist Church

Blue Ridge Turnpike, Fincastle, VA

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Through History and Music

Glorylanders from the New River Valley

Fellowship Time to follow



The history of the church will be given by a panel of church members.



The music will be the Glorylanders, from the New River Valley, performing a cappella gospel music.

Upcoming Events: May 30: Fincastle Presbyterian Church Celebration; June: Fincastle United Methodist Church Celebration; September 28: St. Mark's Episcopal Church Celebration. Stay tuned for details.

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Longaberger Bingo April 20 in Fincastle

Longaberger Basket Bingo to benefit the Friends and Family Relay For Life Team of the American Cancer Society will be played Saturday, April 20, at the Fincastle Fire Department. Bingo begins at 10 a.m. with doors opening at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 for

20 games for assorted Longaberger Baskets of all sizes. Food will be for sale, along with a bake sale and door prizes. A Chinese Auction will include Longaberger Baskets, Longaberger Wrought Iron and Longaberger Pottery along with other

items. Pre-register by April 15 by contacting Andrea Mundy at 540-330-8902 and to register for a drawing for a Longaberger Basket.

- Friends and Family Relay For Life Team

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests March 26-April 7:

- Kristopher W. Call, 25, of Daleville, domestic assault, March 26
- Stephen L. Bolden, 32, of Newport, threaten to kill or do bodily injury, April 5
- Halee R. Guentzel, 23, of Eagle Rock, driving under the influence, April 5
- Matthew W. Boyer, 39, of Bedford, driving under the influence, April 7
- John E. Brogan, 39, of Troutville, driving under the influence, April 7
- Roy R. Howard, 23, of Roanoke, driving under the influence, April 7

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daily dessert special served with ice cream, each at special prices
Mrs. B's Restaurant and Bar – 19857 Main Street in Buchanan – Mushroom Swiss burger, smoked pulled pork sandwich; and “Pineapple Paradise,” each for special prices
One Love Coffee House – 40 Summers Way No. 102 in Roanoke (South Botetourt) – Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a croissant & 12 oz. coffee; Chicken Salad on a croissant & 12 oz. latte; and BLT on Oat Bread & 12

oz. latte, each offered at special prices
Pancho Mexican Restaurant – 412 Roanoke Road in Daleville – Regular Fajitas for Two (steak or chicken); Fajitas Texasas for Two; Make Your Own Combo - Pick 2; and Make Your Own Combo - Pick 3, each for special prices
Three Li'l Pigs Barbeque – 120 Kingston Drive in Daleville – BBQ Sandwich plus one side and domestic Beer or Boylan's Bottled Soda; Taco Trio (6 tacos) & Chips & Dip; and the Triple Meat Platter &

Appetizer, each at special prices
Tizzone Wood-fired Kitchen & Wine Bar – 90 Town Center Street in Daleville – Shrimp & Apple Ceviche; and Ancho & Espresso Brisket Burnt Ends, each offered at special prices
Top Dawgs Pub & Deli – 40 Summers Way in Roanoke (South Botetourt) – 4 Fried Oreos; Choice of BBQ ToTs or Loaded Fries; and Choice of 10 Traditional Wings or Beer Cheese Burger with Chips, each for special prices

TJ's Java & Sno – 24 Azalea Road in Daleville – Medium Red Velvet Cake & Ice Cream Shaved Ice Dessert Combo; Large Frappe (any flavor); and Large Bubble Tea with Tapioca Pearls, each for special prices
Town Center Tap House - 90 Town Center Street in Daleville – “My Big Fat Greek Chicken Wrap” and “Boucher's Fried Oyster Po' Boy,” each offered at special prices
 - Fincastle Herald staff report

Earth Day from page 1

Schulz, Jonathan McCoy, and Tara Williamson. Reach out to Bess Madonna (bessmadonna@aol.com) if you are interested

in working on one of their projects. Last year, the SusCom planted a Pollinating Garden

at Big Spring Park in Fincastle. They will continue to enrich the garden with more upgrades and plants this year. The Pollinating

Garden can be found along the new trail and is open to the public. The Pollinating Garden is pictured in the background at Big Spring Park.
 - Fincastle Herald staff report

DAR from page 1

to Botetourt County Regent Elizabeth McKinley Holt. The chapter earned this award for the “Our Patriot Ancestors” articles which appear monthly in The Fincastle Herald. The articles that

have appeared in the newspaper highlighted the service and contributions for 12 patriots who are the ancestors of 19 members. 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.
 - Botetourt DAR

Glass from page 1

and lived his whole life in the City of Salem. We don't know if he may have given to somebody and they left in the house. We have no idea.”
 Price and his wife, Cindy, found an obituary for Nelson Glass published by Oakey's Funeral Service in Salem in 2009. The Prices called the funeral home inquiring about the Glass obituary/shadowbox. Staff at the funeral home laid a note on the desk of one of Oakey & Son – Salem's Funeral Service Licensee Jeff Wolfe, who is a friend of Palmer's.
 “It just so happens, a good friend of mine, Jeff Wolfe, that works at Oakey & Son, had a note

on his desk and he called me because they previously held the funeral for my mom. Nelson Glass's nephew, Michael Glass, is my stepdad. So, (Wolfe) called me and asked if the name Nelson Glass was familiar to me. I said, yeah, absolutely I knew him. Wolfe said, I have a phone number from Sirens & Salutes that they found a shadowbox in a trash can in Buchanan. So, I contacted Bill Price and probably, about half an hour to 45 minutes later, we met at the Daleville Kroger. He gave me the shadowbox and took a picture there.”
 Following the retrieval of the shadowbox, Palmer

gave the shadowbox to Glass's niece, Becky Ayers, who is the closest relative Palmer contacted. Palmer is thankful that the shadowbox is recovered and in good hands after showing up seemingly out of nowhere.
 “My initial thought was, he fought and served for our country,” Palmer



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Steve Palmer (left) and Sirens & Salutes co-founder Bill Price stand with Glass's shadowbox.

said. “I just couldn't see how somebody could just throw that in the trash. The rough estimate between his patches and his uniform badge, there's 8 to 10 medals he earned during his service that wound up in that shadowbox. If those gentlemen (from C&S Disposal) hadn't taken it upon themselves to drive it up to Buchanan Town Hall, none of this would have ever happened.”
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 Pursuant to the provisions of Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors jointly with representatives of the Virginia Department of Transportation will conduct a public hearing on the 2025-2030 Botetourt County Secondary System Six Year Plan. This public hearing will also consider the FY25 Secondary System budget. The public hearing is scheduled for April 23, 2024, beginning at 3:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, at the Botetourt County Administration Center located at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville.
 All projects in the Secondary Six Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds.
 Complete copies of the Six Year Plan and FY25 budget are available for inspection at the Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, 714 South Broad Street, Salem, Virginia; the Botetourt County Administrator's Office; and in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Botetourt County Courthouse, Fincastle, Virginia, during regular business hours.
 Persons wishing to make comments about the proposed Six Year Plan and budget may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the Citizen Comment Form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail will be received until April 18, 2024 and website/email comments will be received until 9:00 a.m. on April 23, 2024.
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 Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of public hearing to be held on April 23, 2024, at 3:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below. Information may be viewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and is available online by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section at: https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter.
 The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of text amendments to Chapter 25, Zoning of the Botetourt County Code that would amend standards of the sign ordinance to address content neutrality and amend standards associated with electronic message board signs.
 Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, April 18, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on April 23, 2024.
Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator

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 Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of public hearing to be held on April 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the requests listed below. Information may be viewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and is available online by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section at: https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter.
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LB baseball, softball teams look to get back on pace this week

It was a rough week on the diamonds for the Lord Botetourt baseball and softball teams last week as the boys were rained out of two games and the girls probably wished they had been.

Botetourt's boys were scheduled to play at Salem last Wednesday and at Blacksburg last Thursday but inclement weather postponed both games. The Cavaliers were hoping to host Staunton River on Tuesday of this week with a trip to Brookville on Wednesday. The boys came into the week at 2-2.

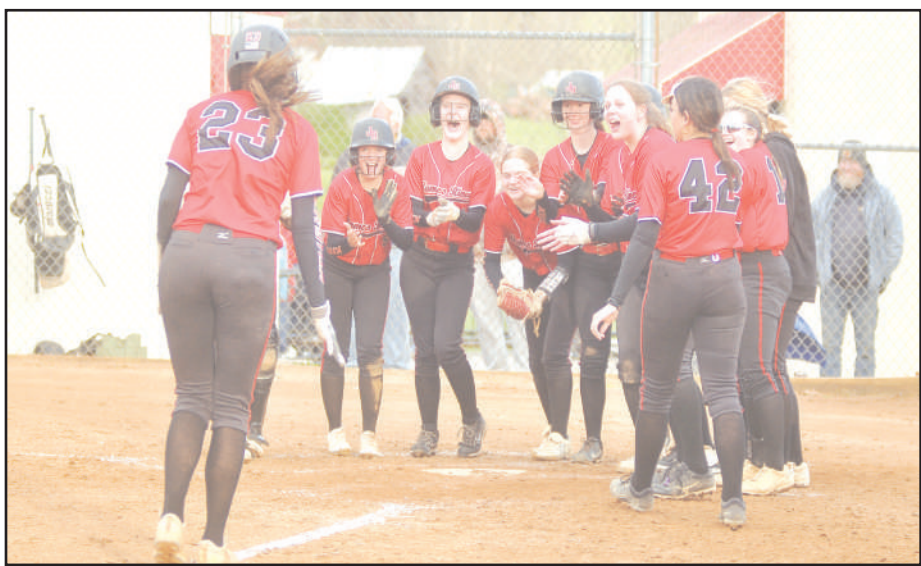
The girls got two games in, but they weren't pretty. Botetourt was shut out at Christiansburg, 11-0, last Wednesday and dropped a 16-2 decision at home to Blacksburg a day later.



PHOTO BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY
Lord Botetourt catcher Autumn Russell (left) and third baseman Bryanna Orange (right) trap a Christiansburg base runner between third and home.

"Huge hiccup this week but we are hopeful to bounce back as strong as ever as we start district play this week," said coach Megan Cook.

The girls dropped to 3-4 after the two losses and were scheduled to play at Staunton River on Tuesday of this week, then host William Byrd on Friday.



River's Ripley Barry returns to the dish with a welcoming party of teammates and, below, follows through on her grand slam swing.

The James River softball team is looking to snap a three-game skid at Patrick Henry today

The James River softball team is looking to snap a three-game losing streak today when they travel to Roanoke to take on Class 5 Patrick Henry. The Class 2 Knights started the season with two wins but have lost the past three, including a couple tough losses in the past week.

Last Thursday in Springwood the Knights played a wild one against Floyd County. The Knights had a 12-11 lead after five innings before giving up six late runs to Floyd for a 17-12 loss.

It was a typical early April day in Virginia with cool temperatures, high winds, intermittent sleet and rain squalls and even some sunshine. The wild Three Rivers District affair included 26 hits, 10 walks and four errors. Both teams scored multiple runs in the second, third, fourth and fifth innings as the lead changed back and forth.

Ripley Barry led James River with three hits, including the two home runs and five runs batted in. One



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

of her homers was a grand slam.

"I think we kicked too many field goals," said River coach Steve Austin. "We definitely needed another touchdown, as it were."

On Monday the Knights hosted Class 3 Northside and dropped a 5-3 decision as Viking freshman Patelin Huddleston's fifth inning two-run home run ended up being the difference.

Abbie Wilson had three hits for River, including a double, and knocked in three runs. Caitlyn Downey had an RBI and Keira Crawford scored twice.

Barry pitched a complete game five hitter for River, allowing only two earned runs while striking out five. She was hurt with three unearned runs in the first inning when River made four consecutive errors on balls that never left the infield.

"Ripley pitched her best game of the season," said Austin. "She gave us a chance. If we continue to improve and eliminate some of our lapses, we'll have some better outcomes."

After today's game at PH the Knights will host Patrick County for a Three Rivers District game next Monday.

Busy time for River girls on the pitch

The James River girls soccer team had a busy time in the past week. The Knights won two of three games over a span of six days, including a split of two Three Rivers District affairs.

Last Wednesday the girls were at Alleghany for a 6-0 shutout win. Sophia Martin got an early goal, assisted by Konner Myers, then Alise Orient scored with eight minutes remaining in the first half off an assist by Victoria Race-Waller. Alise Jennings and Race-Waller put two more scores on the board to make it 4-0 at the break.

The second half was more of the same with the Knights in control and the Cougars holding off goals through tight marking and

strong goal keeping. Rhaya Kitt scored at the midpoint of the half, assisted by Laikyn Crawford. Jennings scored a second goal with 16 minutes on the clock, assisted by Drew Whitson to complete the scoring. Molly McGee and Kylee Aaron split time in the James River goal, each making one save.

A night later the Knights hosted Carroll County in Springwood and dropped a tight 2-1 decision. Carroll led 1-0 at the half and upped the lead to 2-0 in the second half before Martin responded with a goal for the Knights, driving a shot through traffic. Despite many close calls, James River was unable to score again as the Cavaliers headed back to Hillsville with

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in the 100 hurdles and seventh in the long jump. Botetourt's distance medley relay team was third.

"We were excited to get the season started at Byrd," said Gantzorn. "Their facilities are top notch, not to mention their meets are always run so smoothly.

Our girls did great for their first meet despite the freezing temperatures and crazy winds. I am excited to see where the season goes."

The James River girls took fourth overall. Navaeh VanBuren had a good day to open the season as she won the triple

James River baseball team picks up first win

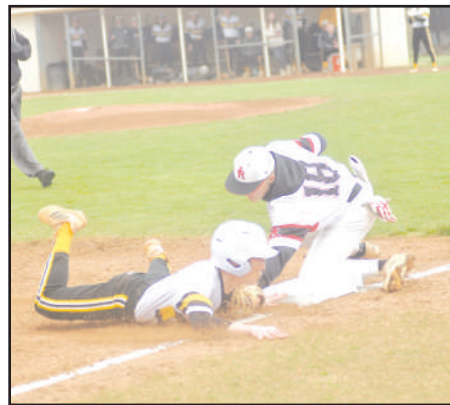
The James River baseball team picked up their first win of the season last week and they did so in dramatic fashion. River scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a walk-off win over Floyd County in a Three Rivers District game.

"We finally broke through and got one when we really needed it," said coach Chance Henry, who got his first victory as head coach of the Knights. "Our staff has really been pushing our guys hard at practice recently and they responded perfectly. We showed a lot of toughness and poise in the tight game."

Kody Park started on the mound for the Knights and pitched five solid innings, allowing just two unearned runs while allowing three hits and fanning four. Hunter Mays pitched the sixth and recorded the first two outs in the seventh before Zeal Hammons closed out the inning and picked up the win when the Knights rallied in the bottom of the seventh.

"Our pitching was great all night," said Henry. "Kody Park threw the first five innings in 90 pitches and got nailed by a line drive in the third and stayed in, which showed a lot of toughness and really set the tone for our team in this game. Hunter Mays and Zeal Hammons did their job coming in later and pounded the zone."

Jeremiah Mays had three hits to lead the Knights. Park, Hunter Mays, Gabe Staton and Logan Joyce had one hit each as River had seven total, all singles. Park, Joyce and Evan Byers drove in the runs for the Knights.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
James River third baseman Maddox Moore puts the tag on a Buffalo trying to advance.

On Monday the Knights hosted Class 3 Northside and dropped a 6-4 decision. The Knights fell behind 4-0 but battled back to make it a one run game into the seventh.

"This felt like a game we could've won if we got off to a better start," said Henry. "They came out swinging and we threw it around to help them out."

Freshman Cam Saunders got his first varsity start on the mound and allowed just one earned run in three innings. Hammons, Hunter Mays and Park all pitched in relief and allowed just one more earned run.

"The boys have really come together and have started playing cleaner baseball because of it," said Henry. "We still have things to improve but we're continuing to move along in the right direction."

Now 1-8, River is scheduled to host a strong Class 4 Salem team today followed by a trip to Radford on Friday.

River boys fall to Northside in soccer

Northside proved to be too strong for the James River soccer team on Monday as the visiting Vikings took a 9-1 win in Springwood.

"The score shows a bad loss, but I have to say I was pleased and impressed with my guys going out and battling a big school," said River coach Jared Whiting. "I saw some of the best soccer out of these guys yet this year, a big jump since the last game. Nobody

likes a loss, but myself and the guys alike walked from the field feeling good about the improvement we have made and where our game is headed for the season. Step by step, little by little, we are getting there."

Josiah Clark scored River's goal with an assist from Paul Theimer. Corbin Wilhelm had 15 saves as the Vikings peppered the River Knights

also played Carroll County last week and dropped a 3-0 game in Springwood.

"It sure was a cold and windy night for soccer," said Whiting. "Finishing is our main point of concentration now and hopefully we can shore that up this week."

The Knights are scheduled to host Radford Thursday, play at Riverheads Friday and then go to Patrick County Monday.

LB soccer teams look to get back on track

The Lord Botetourt soccer teams had a tough time last week as both the girls and boys suffered shutout losses.

The boys were edged at Glenvar last Thursday, 1-0, to fall to 0-4 on the season. The Highlanders remained undefeated with the win, sweeping the season series from LB. A highlight for LB was a diving save on a Highlander penalty kick by JB Cook to keep the game within reach.

"It was a hard fought match against the reigning 2A state champs," said LB coach Taylor Leonard.

A day prior the boys hosted Christiansburg and dropped a 5-3 decision to the Blue Demons. Kalob Daniels scored early in the game to give LB a 1-0 lead off a cross from Will Hall, but the Demons responded with four unanswered goals to take a 4-1 lead.

Hall scored late in the half to cut the lead to 4-2 at intermission, and Will opened the second half with a score to bring LB to within a goal at 4-3. However, Christiansburg was able to keep the Cavs at bay for the remainder of the game and added an insurance goal for the 5-3 final.

The girls fell to 1-3 when they fell



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY
Robbie Sanchez (8) of LB controls the ball in a tight game at Glenvar.

to Blacksburg in Daleville last Friday, 4-0. It was the third time the girls have been shutout this season, including twice against the Bruins.

"We played well but made some careless mistakes that caused two of the goals," said LB coach Giuseppe D'Arpa.

Both the boys and girls will open Blue River District play this week. On Tuesday the girls were scheduled to host Staunton River with the boys playing the Golden Eagles in Moneta. On Thursday the girls are at William Byrd and on Friday the boys will host the Terriers.

Myers to finish the scoring for the night.

Aaron had a good night in the goal for River with a clean sheet, six saves and some exciting play at and beyond the borders of the penalty area.

The win evened River's record at 3-3-1 for the season. The Knights will host Riverheads on Friday at 7 p.m., then the newest member of the Three Rivers District, Patrick County, comes to Springwood on Monday.

jump, took second in the discus with a state-qualifying toss and was fourth in the long jump. Emma Bobbitt was second in the shot put with a state-qualifying heave and fourth in the discus.

In the running events, Kaia Binns was fourth in the 100 with a state-qualifying

time and Kelsey Firebaugh was sixth. They were seventh and ninth in the 200 and both ran on the fifth place 4x100 relay team with VanBuren and Alise Orent.

River's next meet is today when the Knights help inaugurate the new track at LB.

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Sports Editor

LB opens track season with new track, new boys' coach; River will help inaugurate new oval with a meet today

The 2024 high school track season is now underway and it's an exciting time at Lord Botetourt High School. The Cavaliers have a new head coach for the boys team and a brand new track that is scheduled to be used for a meet for the first time today. LB will host county rival James River and Parry McCluer on the new track today, Wednesday, at 4 p.m.

"It's the first meet we've hosted in a few years," said new boys' coach Jamie Harless. "I invite the community to come out and see our team and the new track. We're all excited about the new track, and we've already had 33 practices since February 19."

"The girls love the new track and are excited about the chance to try pole vault," said LB girls' coach Michelle Gantzhorn.

Gantzhorn returns as girls' coach at LB but Harless is new to the program. Jamie is well known in the community as the Cavalier football coach, having lifted the program to the most success in school history. He's been a track coach at both Franklin County and Cave Spring High Schools and he's excited to take on a new challenge at LB.

"I observed the track team as a parent last year and when the position came open I felt like there was a lot I could add to the program," he said. "I think the team we have as of today has a chance to compete at the state level if we continue to develop."

This year's track program is a little different than in the past, when the boys and girls teams practiced together. This year they have separate, but equal, practice times on the track and each coach is responsible for his or her own assistants. After concerns were raised on social media about equity for the girls the central office made a decision to keep the programs separate with equal access to the new track.

Harless wasted no time building his staff. One of the first people he reached

out to was Salem's Tra Wilson, who has a son, Jeremiah, on the University of Virginia track team and a younger son, DaRon, who was also a track standout for the Spartans. Both boys won state Class 4 championships at Salem and both participated on the Roanoke Tigers team, a travel team that Tra coached with kids from all over the Roanoke Valley.

"We played in the state (football) all-star game together in Hampton in 1993," said Harless of Wilson, who was a standout quarterback at Salem High in his high school days. "I sacked the quarterback late in the second quarter, and a couple plays later Tra threw a touchdown pass to (future NFL star) Tiki Barber."

Harless also enlisted Lusheeda Kenner to help with the jumps and he's hoping to add Jeff Johnson, a former head football coach at Patrick Henry High, to coach pole vaulters with pending approval from the School Board.

The Lord Botetourt and James River teams opened the season last Saturday at the "Terrier Team Challenge" at William Byrd High School in Vinton. Perennial track power Blacksburg swept the team titles but the LB boys took second among 20 teams entered in the first big meet of the season.

"If we could have pulled out one other thing we could have won," said Harless.

Botetourt's Caleb Miller set a new school record in the 110 hurdles at 15:43 and Triston Graves also ran a state qualifying time as they finished second and third in the event. Graves and Miller took third and fourth in the 300 hurdles.

T.J. McGinnis was second in the 100 with a state qualifying time and Kendal Howard won the discus and took second in the shot put.

For the girls, Jillian Harris took fifth

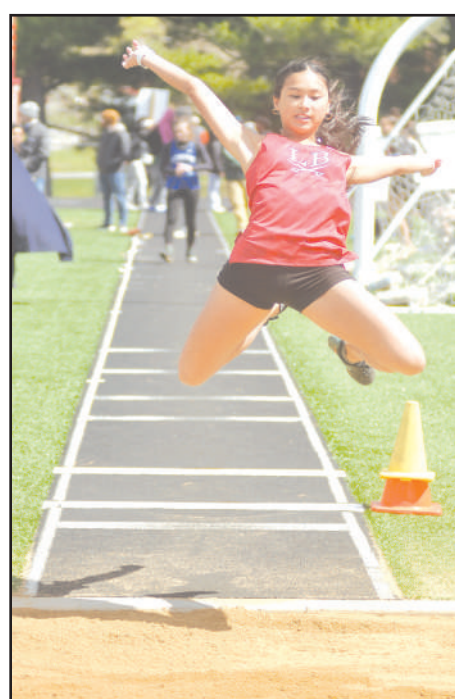
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Triston Graves (left) and Caleb Miller (right) run the hurdles for LB at William Byrd.



Ryder Ward of James River (2) runs at the Terrier Team Challenge.



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Botetourt's Jillian Harris long jumps in the Terrier Team Challenge in Vinton.

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