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Board approves the VDOT's Secondary System Six Year Plan and budget



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The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) updated the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors on the current priorities in the FY 2025-2026 Secondary System Six Year Plan (SSSYP) during last week's meeting of the supervisors. The board unanimously approved the plan and budget following a public hearing.

During the review, VDOT Assistant Resident Engineer Ashley Mothena went over the current plan which included estimated allocations, a priority list, and potential projects with estimated totals. The plan's funding is provided through Telefees (\$493,854) and District Grant – Unpaved (\$3,161,924) funds. The proposed FY25-30 Secondary System budget

totals \$3,655,778 across all six years. Telefees represent funds that can be used on various types of projects and fund countywide service funds. District Grant – Unpaved constitutes funds that can only be used to hard surface gravel roads already maintained by state and have a minimum of 50 vehicles per day.

The current priority list includes:

1. Route 645, Fringer

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(left to right) Dee Nichols, Member, Rotary Club; Karen Turner, Supervisor of Special Education, Botetourt County Schools; Anita Aaron, President, Rotary Club; and Joseph Obenshain, Member, Rotary Club

Botetourt County Public Schools provides free parent coaching and mental health resources, supported by Local Rotary Club Chapter

Botetourt County Public Schools, in collaboration with the Cook Center for Human Connection, offers access to free mental health resources for parents and families through ParentGuidance.org. While these resources have been

available for some time, recent support from a local community organization brings renewed attention to them. Anita Aaron, President of the Rotary

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Botetourt County looking to ensure 'Safe Streets for All'

Botetourt County, Roanoke County, and the Town of Vinton are collaborating on a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan through the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program with the goal of preventing deaths and serious injuries for all roadway users including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, commercial vehicle operators, transit riders and micromobility users.

Community meetings are being held in each locality for citizens to comment on the high crash areas identified. Paper surveys will be available at the meeting and digital versions will be available online. A second round of community meetings will be held later in 2024 that will focus on proposed projects in each locality to reduce deaths and serious injuries on the roadways. Botetourt County meeting dates and locations:

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Very late bloomer scores poetry award

Mark Fryburg of Daleville waited until he was 71 to start "serious" poetry writing – just 19 months ago. This weekend, at age 73, he will receive a major poetry award in Virginia.

Fryburg will accept first place in the Poetry Society of Virginia 2024 contest, in its "Sense of Place" category, at a ceremony in Richmond on Sunday. The poem will be published in the society's journal later this year.

His winning entry, "Dunes," reflects the turmoil and uncertainty young people faced in the late 1960s and early 1970s, as the Vietnam War raged and national leaders were assassinated.

"We live in very difficult, sometimes terrible times," Fryburg said. "Please remember, things also got pretty bad, and worse in many ways, a generation ago. We survived it. That gives me hope for our nation's future." He said we especially need poetry right now,



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK FRYBURG

for perspective and inspiration.

Fryburg, a self-described "very late bloomer," said he dabbled

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Waid retires after years of service

The Botetourt Board of Supervisors recently recognized Sally Waid, who recently retired after serving for nearly 30 years as a deputy commissioner in the Botetourt Commissioner of Revenue's Office.

Waid, who began her work in 1994, served as a main contact point for most of the local businesses in the county, worked with personal property, elderly tax relief, and became a "vital part of local government in Botetourt County," Booth explained during Waid's recognition.

"It would be hard to find a local business



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Sally Waid recently retired from the Commissioner of Revenue's Office after 30 years of service. Here, she stands with Botetourt Commissioner of Revenue Chris T. Booth.

who has not come in contact with Sally in the last several years," Booth continued. "I just wanted to take some time to recognize the benefits she's

brought to the taxpayers here in the county, her bubbly personality, her smile, her warm greeting–

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5-9PM

MAY 5

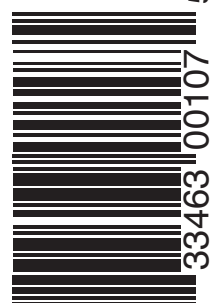
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MAY 10

RED DIRT REVOLUTION

5-9PM



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Botetourt County History



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Shown are a tin measuring scoop, tin and wood pastry blender and tin Rumford doughnut cutter from the 1800s. The Rumford doughnut, cruller or fried cake tool was made by the Rumford Chemical Works Company in Providence, R.I. A new type of phosphate baking powder was its primary product and was widely advertised as “superior in baking quality and healthfulness.” They also published a cookbook for making biscuits, cakes and doughnuts. Life in

Botetourt in the early 19th century was more sophisticated than one might think. Stores, mills and farmers provided the products that housekeepers needed for cooking.

Madeline Marshall Bunn (1912-2009) donated her family’s utensils to the Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc., in 2006. She was a legend and touched many lives in Botetourt. She taught everything from eighth grade English to senior level English and physical pducation

for 28 years. She taught at Troutville High School, Lord Botetourt and James River High School. She was the PTA president at Fincastle High School and taught Sunday School for over 50 years at Mill Creek Baptist Church.

It is through history that the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture can educate generations by showcasing their many artifacts.

~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

BCPS Employees of the Month announced for March

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Each month at the regular meeting of the Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) School Board, the board recognizes the services of employees for their exceptional performance.

At the April meeting, the board recognized

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Read Mountain Middle School English Learning teacher Susie Bruce and Blue Ridge District School Board representative Matt East



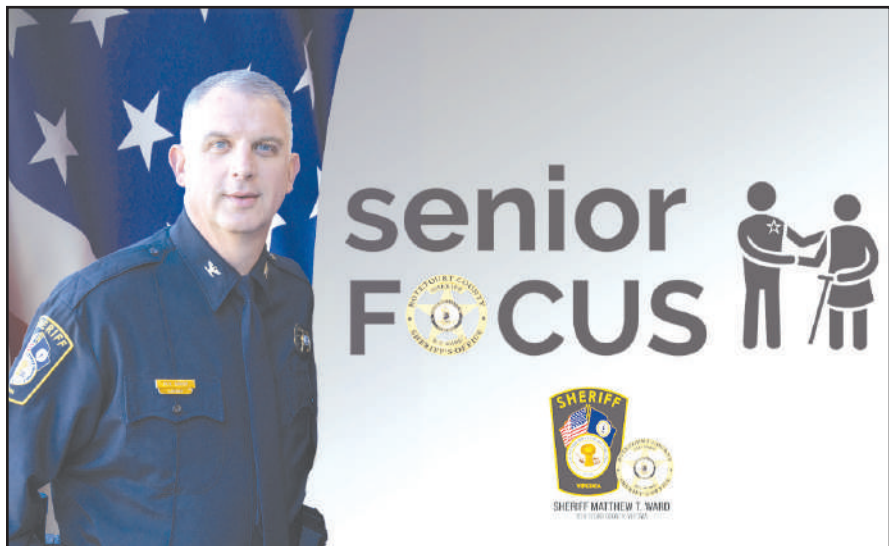
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Join Sheriff Ward for ‘Senior Social’ event May 3

“Senior Social,” a component of the Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office Senior Focus Outreach Program, announces its next upcoming community event on Friday, May 3, at Orchard Hills Church at 11:30 a.m. The Senior Focus Program exists to empower seniors to live independent lives through essential services and support.

A free lunch will be served by the Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office and Sheriff Matt Ward will be presenting an abbreviated summarization on Senior Social Fraud and Prevention, followed by a brief presentation by Scotti Hartman, guest speaker from Good Samaritan Hospice.

Seniors will be able to visit with many of the public and private services available to seniors. Services such as daily wellbeing checks, general health, and financial wellbeing will be on site. Government services will also be on hand to answer questions and help

seniors navigate their future needs. The event and all services are provided free of charge to the senior community.

“We remain committed to partnering with our senior community through our Senior Focus Outreach Program,” said Sheriff Matt Ward. “Our Senior Social event allows us to network with our seniors, allows our seniors to network with each other, and it facilitates the opportunity for us to provide information to our senior communities in order to prevent them from becoming victims of crime.”

Sheriff Ward invites the senior community to join him at the Senior Social event Friday, May 3, at Orchard Hills Church (6032 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke, at 11:30 a.m. For more information on the event, contact Andrea Mundy at 540-928-2233.

~ Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office



PHOTO COURTESY OF DALEVILLE-FINCASTLE LIONS CLUB

Lions Club Treasurer Mary Sue McCormack (left) presents the car and Past Lions President Jim Reynolds presents the check to Character Counts! founder Wanda Martin.

Lions Club supports Character Counts! program

The Daleville-Fincastle Lions presented a \$1,000 check and a “Character Counts!” miniature race car at the April 16 meeting to Wanda Martin, founder of Character Counts!

Each year, the Character Counts! organization conducts a week long Character Academy for 24 rising sixth graders representing each of the seven elementary schools in Botetourt County. The attendees participate in team building activities at Camp Bethel on the first day and the remainder of

the academy is involved in activities that provide the attendees with a deeper understanding of the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

“The Daleville-Fincastle Lions are pleased that they are able to support this character building program for our Botetourt County youth,” a Lions Club spokesman said.

~ Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club

Fishing rodeo at Thrasher’s Pond May 4

The Roanoke Valley Longbeards will hold a fishing rodeo at Thrasher’s Pond in Springwood on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event is free and limited to 50 participants age 17 and under. Check-in takes place between 9-10 a.m., followed by fishing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided for participants and their families. Due to space limitations, walk-ins are not allowed. Register in advance online at <http://your.nwtf.org/members/events>.



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your.nwtf.org/members/events ~ Roanoke Valley Longbeards

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Botetourt County Democratic Committee meeting May 6

The Botetourt County Democratic Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 6 at Pomegranate Event Center, 106 Stoney Battery Road, Troutville. Delegate Sam Rasoul will be the guest speaker and will provide a legislative update from the 2024 General Assembly and an overview of the Impact Center. Hors d’oeuvres and fellowship begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by the business meeting and speaker beginning at 6:45 p.m.

-Submitted by Botetourt Democratic Committee

Day of Prayer event May 9 in Daleville

A National Day of Prayer gathering will be held from 12-1 p.m. on Thursday, May 9 at the VFW Hall, 4902 Roanoke Road (Route 220), Daleville. “Get some spiritual food on your lunch break with encouragement and empowerment to be ‘salt and light’ (Matthew 5:13-16) in this dark world,” one of the organizers said. “With prayers and positive action, you can make a positive difference in our society.”

The event will be held rain or shine; gather in the covered picnic shelter or indoors if raining.

-Submitted by C. Liana

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Botetourt County high schools have released the following honor rolls for the third nine weeks grading period:

JAMES RIVER A HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Emma Bobbitt, Hope Burton, Alexis Chocklette, William DeSouto, William Dulaney, Katelynn Furry, Joshua Halsted, Caden Hoyt, Jaden Kitt, Grant Kovar, Kaeden Lehman-Knepprath, Sara McFadyen, Dylan Metheny, Silas Miller, Damien Mitchell, Paiton Moore, Keegen Mundy, Annabelle Peay, Makayla Petty, Kaela Riddle, Ethan Sherman, Aiden Shotwell, Braylin Snider, Ethan Spickard, Gracelyn Stump, Paul Theimer, Austin Thomas, Zachary Vernon, Angela Vish, Lily-Ann Waddell, Drew Whitson, Corban Wilhelm, Abigail Wilson, Titus Wilson

JUNIORS: Kylee Aaron, Breanna Anduiza, Aiden Bartulis, Kaeli Berry, Sasha Birkhead, Ethan Bryant, Isaiah Campbell, Elizabeth Davis, Roselyn Dayton, Kailin Duty, Kelsey Firebaugh, Cassidy Gauvin, Zachary Griswold, Koleman Harvey, Emerich Jamison, Addison Jones, Adelynn Jones, SarahGrace Laughridge, Savanna Martin, Hunter Mays, Jadyn Miller, Ella Monaghan, Blake Orfield, Halee Puffenbarger, Daniel Slusser, Lainey Stephenson, Isabelle Stewart, Ava Thacker, Nevaeh Van Buren, Regan VanNess, Jordan Wilhelm, Avery Williams, Jonathan Wolcott, Emily Woodson

SOPHOMORES: Hannah Albers, Miley Austin, Brian Barger, Sydnee Breeding, Elise Buchanan, Aiden Byrd, Regan Childs, Colt Cook, Grace Curtis, Siera Davis, Caitlyn Downey, Kaylee Gill, Donald Griffin, Aeris Hawkins, Rylee Jordan, Gwendolyn Kincaid, Kenadi Kovar, Conor McFadyen, Josiah Merchant, Madison Muncey, Abbey Parker, Aaron Petty, Hayley Rader, Madeline Rutledge, Makenna Saville, Mitchell Snare, Savannah Teaford, Jalen Thompson, Lillian Tingler, Jenna Tucker, Emma West, Silas Whitson, Mia Williams

FRESHMEN: Jeremy Albright, Olivia Ayers, Clayton Bia, Avery Carr, Conor Childs, Evangelyn Clonch, Isaiah Coleman, Hannah Curtis, Kennedy Davis, Hailey DeMarco, Sydney DeMarco, Declan Duncan, Lilly Falls, Brennan Firebaugh, Emily Griswold, Adeline Hanna, Jay Hipes, Louisa Jamison, Ayden Jennings, Kristen Kessler, Paisley Kitt, Rhaya Kitt, Cheyenne Kuykendall, Joran Little, Caleb Longley, Jeremiah Mays, Brennen Monaghan, Carson Mowles, Cora Mullins, Austin Myers, Kyleigh Napier, Brianna Patterson, Riley Persinger, Stacy Plumb, Keegan Price, Noah Riley, Avery Saunders, Holden Saville, Ryleigh Scott, McKinley Sink, Gillian Smith, Lacey Smith, Leanna Steger, Charles Stull, Kyra Taylor, Vivian Vernon, Mark Voight, Samuel Wilson

A-B HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Matthew Alderson, Carter Baka-Collins, Ripley Barry, Kyleigh Brady, Lydia Dunbar, Dylan Hicks, Tyler Hill, Honesty Liming, Aaron Mejia, Evan Mines, Elle Norris, Alise Orent, Haden Parker, Vianey Ramirez-Bautista, Tanner Reid, Edward Shumate, Ethan Smith, Gabriel Staton, Madeline Stull, Dakota Thomas, Walker Wilson

JUNIORS: Taylor Albright, Wyatt Bankert, Chase Britnell, Caitlin Canada, Rylee Clark, Alexander Davis, Logan Deel, Zoe Entsminger, Avia Fochtman, Joseph Gabay, Brady Gordon, Nathaniel Graff, Staci Green, Kambrie Hight, Courtney Hodge, Shea Hubbard, Logan Joyce, Noah Longley, Emma Lowe, Griffen Lucas, Jared Monaghan, Jakob Mulcahey, Konner Myers, Gracin Niday, Madison Painter, Kody Park, Victoria Race-Waller, Kendal Rutrough, Madison Snare, Lucas St. Clair, Brianna Torres, Hunter Weaver, Catalyne Webb, Isaiah Wright

SOPHOMORES: Jayden Alston, Nicole Baker, William Ballard, Jack Beheler, Audrey Benson, Walker Bierer, Gavin Binns, Kaia Binns, Anna Cash, Chase Clemons, Rain Copeland, Keira Crawford, Anna Davidson, Carli Edwards, Olivia Eubank, Landon Flores, Chloe Helmandollar, Anna Hensley, Cameron Hosey, Ella Hutchens, Trevor Hylton, Eli King, Jenna Lynch, Randall McClung, Georgia Miller, Briana Mitchell, Maddox Moore, Ella Moran, Carter Mullins, Nathaniel Powell, Jacob Reese, Jazmyn Rinehart, Addisyn Rodgers, Maddox Smith, Nathan Stewart, Ryder Ward, Maddox Woodyard

FRESHMEN: Logan Alls, Khloe Austin, Landon Bolling, Orion Booher, Gracie Cash, Alexis Cassell, Emma Cecil, Samira Cefola, Christopher Daniels, Aidan Davis, Grace Davis, Efraim Echavarria, Rylee Forbes, Richard Francis, Mason Gilliland, Kaylee Harlow, Brooklyn Hayslett, Amiah Higginbotham-Sandidge, Gretchen Huffman, Braden Jones, Selene Kelley, Cheyenne King, Caleb Kinion, Sage Leeka, Sarah Lorman, Caiden Martin, James Martin, Melody Martin, Sophia Martin, Parker Melson, Crystal Muncey, Samaya Osborne, Reagan Peterson, Jason Rose, Camden Saunders, Abigail Simmons, Abilene Simmons, Cooper Stewart, Trenton Taylor, Naudia Thomas, Abigail Thomasson, Katie Whitmer, Pierce Woodyard


LORD BOTETOURT A HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Laila Alam, Grayson Alfano, Alexis Amos, Ainsley Anderson, Isabella Antivero, Aidan Appicello, Allison Argabright, Samantha Bishop, Emily Bowling, Zoe Brown, Sophia Burbridge, Keely Caldwell, Lauryn Campbell, Alexa Carillo, Eisen Colon-Arroyo, Owen Cooper, Ryan Counts, Sarah Crain, Tyler Cronise, Angel Damian-Mariano, Amelia Dietrich, Erna Dietrich, Christina Ellis, Benjamin Ferrell, Aurora Fitzgerald, Casey Gentry, Benjamin Gilbert, Hunter Gilbert, Donovan Goad, Samuel Grooten, Madison Guy, Nicholas Hall, Emily Hanson, Elizabeth Hodges, Mary Hodges, Aliyah Honaker, Abigail Huffard, Ella Johnston, Jackson Kemper, Daniel Kidd, Spencer Krimski, Keaton Lucas, Juliana Manello, Tristan Marshall, Christopher Martin, Adison Mayhue, Casey McFarling, Nolan Medley, Sarah Miles, Chase Mitchell, Bryson Mutter, Kaitlyn Nichols, Bryanna Orange, Kadence Overstreet, Rey Pablo, Preston Palmer, Tucker Peery, Emmerson Perdue, Skyler Piluso, Theodore Piluso, Harriett Polinsky, Ridge Radtke, Kelli Reed, Mikayla Reed, Emma Rice, Chase Richmond, Isabella Sanchez, Sydney Schwallenberg, Kaylee Sell, Riley Shupe, Avrey Smith, Brianna Teaford, Katzen Tetreault, Grace Thomas, Emily Thompson, Tyler Towe, Joel Vance, Brayden Wells, Ethan Wells, Emma Williamson, Mackenzie Willmott, Kenzie Wilson, Hezekiah Wolfe, Emma Yates

JUNIORS: Natalie Alban, Connor Barnes, Addison Cadenhead, Mia Camp, Emma Campbell, Madelyn Caron, Olivia Carswell, Rayden Chrimes, Meredith Claterbaugh, Raymond Cobb, Brayden Coleman, Joshua Crigger, Kalob Daniels,

Update from the House

By Del. Terry Austin



To the Constituents of the 37th House District:

The Virginia General Assembly has completed the 2024 Regular Session, and I would like to take a moment to share with you a brief summary, as well as the status of the bills I patroned. Though budget negotiations are still ongoing, as a budget conferee I am confident that a compromise will be made that meets the needs of the Commonwealth to fund our schools, law enforcement, critical health services, and transportation needs.

As your delegate I have the privilege of serving on the committees of Appropriations, Transportation, Rules, and General Laws. I also serve as chairman of the VA250 Commission and as a member of the I-81 Committee, MEI Project Approval Commission, and the Governor’s Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates. As a legislator, I carry bills that I believe will have a positive impact on our district, our region and Virginia. While my focus during Session is on my committee responsibilities, the legislation I choose to carry covers numerous facets of life in the Commonwealth. This year, though serving in the minority, I am pleased to report that all but one bill I carried will become law, granting me the distinction of being the legislator with the highest percentage of bills passed in the 2024 Session. At the end of this update is a list of my bills, as well as some legislation of interest.

Being in the minority often means that the best action we can take is to oppose legislation, and this session we did manage to stop several bills,

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Danny Dominisac, Noah Donaho, Madelyn Dooley, Chase Dozier, Emily Duncan, Carson Edwards, Janey Farrar, Cameron Ferguson, Dakota Ferguson, Hunter Ferguson, Seth Fitzwater, Braelyn Folks, Campbell Franco, Joshua Frate, Sarah Frederickson, Erica Gergely, Cole Griffin, Lindsey Hamilton, Jackson Harless, Jillian Harris, Bria Harvey, Ty Hensley, Ryley Hoffman, Lola Hollett, Grayson Hooven, Abigail Humphries, Walker Johnson, Evan Klampfer, Blake Lovern, Mia MacCormack, Caden Marshall, Ava Martin, Bailee Masters, Journi Maxey, Tyler McCarren, Jasmine McDaniel, Jackson Miller, Aidan Mitchell, Hannah Mizuba, Maya Mougin, Kyle Nordgren, Lea Norris, Ian Park, Oscar Ramos Cedillo, Kane Reczek, Seth Reiter, Nathan Robinson, Mali Ruppel, Autumn Russell, Christopher Saunders, Aaron Scher, Isabella Shelton, Jeremy Simmons, Aiden Siracusa, Hannah Slate, Brett Smith, Emberlea Sprouse, Raimee Sykes, Brayden Underwood, Gavin Walker, Madeleine Whitacre, Madilyn Winterton, Natalie Wolfe, Michael Yamatani, Azlynn Zini

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- Ryan K. Hale, 48, of Troutville, driving under the influence, April 23
- Marvin R. Layne, 48, of Goodview, trespassing, obstruction of justice, possession of controlled drugs, April 25
- Clarence G. Downey, 76, of Troutville, simple assault, April 27

Performances are Thursday and Friday, May 3 and 4, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.

~IRHS Knightly Players

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Austin

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including legislation that would have allowed criminals to serve multiple sentences concurrently. For example, if someone convicted of robbing two banks was sentenced to 15 years for each robbery, this legislation would have allowed them to serve just 15 years total. Fortunately, it was sent back to committee at the last minute, preventing it from going to the governor’s desk. Unfortunately, some bills that should have passed did not, including one that would formally give our school boards the authority to set rules for phone use during instructional time – including the ability to prevent the use of phones in class. Cell phones are a constant distraction in our classrooms, and it is not unreasonable to have our students focused on the task at hand rather than the new trend on TikTok.

One of the key issues before the General Assembly this session was how to deal with the scourge of fentanyl, which kills an average of five Virginians every day. After much debate, we were able to get legislation through that cracked down on those who use pill presses to make fake prescription drugs laced with fentanyl. This law will help law enforcement stop the string of overdoses in our schools by children who think they are taking Adderall but are actually consuming a potentially lethal dose of an opioid. However, our efforts to hold accountable those who kill by selling fentanyl were blocked, as were our efforts to create stiffer sentences for those who commit a second crime of violence with a gun.

The majority brought forward an aggressive agenda aimed at curtailing our Second Amendment rights, voting to ban the sale of new modern sporting rifles, implement an age limit on those sales, create a waiting period on all sales, and establish a licensing program to even purchase a firearm. Many of these bills have been found unconstitutional by Federal courts. In fact, age limits for those over 18 were overturned by a Federal court in Virginia in 2023. Furthermore, a bill passed that would ostensibly let anyone sue a gun store for “nuisance” problems, as some have sued tobacco companies, in an effort to subvert Federal law that blocks such lawsuits. Congress passed the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act to stop such cases from being filed in either Federal or state courts, and similar efforts in other states have been unsuccessful.

While those bills passed out of the General Assembly, they did so without my vote, and were subsequently vetoed by the governor. As Gov. Youngkin said recently, our gun laws are among the toughest in the nation, and there’s no need to make significant changes that curtail our constitutional right to protect ourselves and our families.

As former chairman of Transportation, I am fully aware of the impact our transportation system has on the economy and our quality of life. Improving Interstate 81 is an issue I will continue to champion, along with looking at means by which to improve and diversify travel options while lessening the cost burden as inflation rises. This means embracing new technologies while also continuing to use proven, reliable methods of transport. Unfortunately, legislation that would have ended the electric vehicle mandate was defeated. The current mandate, which requires all new cars sold in Virginia to be electric vehicles by 2035, will not only make it more expensive to buy a new car, but it will also drive up the cost of used cars as gasoline-powered vehicles become increasingly rare.

Though the 2024 Regular Session has concluded, our work continues with various committee and commission meetings until the General Assembly reconvenes January 2025. It has become a misnomer to call us a part-time legislature! It is an honor to serve you in the House of Delegates. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions or if there is anything that we can assist you or your family with. My staff and I can help with matters involving state agencies and can also help guide you in the right direction for assistance within your locality, as well as federal matters. Please contact the office at DelTAustin@House.Virginia.gov or 804-698-1037.

Delegate Terry L Austin
37th House District
My Bills

• HB191 streamlines the sale process for auto franchise operations, creating objective measures for manufacturer approval and establishing a 60-day timeline for which approval can be granted. Many franchises are family-owned entities, and this bill creates objective measures that make the sale process easier for those that choose to sell their operations.

• HB237 adds the Secretary of Labor, a position created after the establishment of GO Virginia, to the state board and reduces the local match so that funds to support these efforts can be more quickly deployed. GO Virginia identifies and supports regional economic development opportunities. Successful projects include establishment of the Blue Ridge regional health sciences talent pipeline, the Alleghany Drone Zone, and numerous CTE workforce and continuing education training programs.

• HB839 amends the membership and staffing of the VA250 Commission to allow ex officio members who are directors of historic homes, historic sites, or National Park Service sites or former legislative members of the Commission to serve. As chairman of the VA250, I am pleased to say that the Commission’s efforts are truly leading the nation. This past March we hosted our second annual Common Cause to All, attracting more than 400 people from 37 states to celebrate our history and learn from our efforts. Adding historic locations such as Mount Vernon, Highland Manor, Fort Monroe, and others will further cement the historical significance of Virginia’s role in our nation’s founding. An impressive note: every locality now has a local VA250 committee that will organize events, and I encourage you to engage with yours. Please visit va250.org to learn more.

• HB840 creates a special license plate marking the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, with revenues being used to support the VA250 Commission’s efforts celebrating Virginia’s leading role in the founding of our nation.

• HB842 unfortunately did not pass. It sought to expand student transportation options, addressing the school bus driver shortage in Virginia by allowing school systems to not only permit the utilization of vehicles other than the yellow school bus (which requires a Commercial Driver License), but provide in lieu of transportation grants to families who choose to drive their children to and from school. The resulting flexibility would reduce systemwide transportation expenses and improve the chronic student absenteeism still much too prevalent in our schools, both rural and urban. The bill had the support of numerous educational institutions,

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

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.
Troutville Assembly of God, 118 Conner Lane, P.O. Box 728, Troutville, VA 24175, Pastor Dennis Carroll, 540-960-1224, Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Everyone welcome.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST
Colonial Baptist Church - 221 Hillcrest St., Blue Ridge, VA 24064. Phone 540-977-5683. Senior Pastor Joel A. Wegner; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships; 10:30 a.m. Worship (Nursery, Tots' & Children's Church)-broadcast on Facebook Live; One Sunday evening worship per month at 6 p.m. Wednesday schedule during the school year: 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Studies; 6:45 p.m. WOL Teens, 7 p.m. WOL Gopher Buddies & Olympians (Age 3-Grade 6), 7 p.m. MERGE (College Age). E-mail: office@cbcblueridge.org; website: www.cbcblueridge.org; On Facebook, Instagram, YouTube
Crossroads Baptist Church - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M.
Faith Baptist Church- 4258 Botetourt Rd., 4 miles N. of Fincastle; Dr. John W. Reynolds, pastor- teacher, 473-2325, jwr56fbc@yahoo.com. Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. fincastlefaith.com.

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church- Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., Pastor. 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. 540-556-3504. Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00a.m.
New Hope Baptist Church- 2315 Blue Ridge Blvd. (US 460), 977-6610, Pastor David McNeill; Sunday School, 9:45AM; Worship, 10:45AM, 7PM; Wed., Bible Study 7PM; Kings Kids, 7PM; Daycare and Preschool, Mon-Fri. 6:30AM-6PM.
Valley View Baptist Church- 17471 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Daniel Boone, 254-2760 (church), 254-2570 (H). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM, Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM; Wednesday: Prayer and Youth Ministries, 7 PM, Word Of Life youth ministry for 4 year olds-12th grade Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST
Bonsack Baptist Church - 4845 Cloverdale Rd. (Alt. 220) Dr. Chris Cadenhead, 977-5701, Sunday School, 8:30a.m. and 11a.m.; Worship 9:45a.m.; Wed. Bible study, 6 p.m.
Buchanan Baptist Church - 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site - buchananbaptist.com; Phone - 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

Daleville Baptist Church- Corner of Valley Rd. and Orchard Dr., 992-1570; Senior Pastor Wes Belcher; Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Youth 6:30 p.m., Children (age 4-5th grade) 6:45 p.m., Bible study & prayer 7:00 p.m.
Fincastle Baptist Church- Located at 7330 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, Rt. 220, 1 mile south of Fincastle, 540-473-2861; www.fincastlebaptist.org; Sr. Pastor Kevin B. Cummings. Sunday Mornings, we offer a dual Bible Study/Worship Service at both 9:00 am and 10:45 am. On Wednesday evenings, we offer events for the entire family: Kids Club (3 years-5th grade) 6:15-7:30 pm; Middle School Ignite (Grades 6-8) 6:15-7:15 pm; Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm; Ignite High School Group (Grades 9-12) 7:45-8:45 pm; and childcare (birth-36 months).

Forest Grove Baptist Church- 693 Mt. Moriah Rd. (Rt. 681), Eagle Rock, Rev. Jerry Marsh, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:35 a.m., Wed., Bible Study 7 p.m.
Glade Creek Baptist Church - 3148 Webster Road, Blue Ridge, Virginia 24064. Pastor Steve McChesney. Phone 540-977-1686 or 540-798-7462. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m., to include Children's Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.
Mill Creek Baptist Church -11475 Lee Hwy., Fincastle, 992-3474. Danny Quirin, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday night activities begin at 6pm: Bible study, children and youth activities, choir and handbell rehearsals follow. office@millcreekbc.com

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church - 4930 Country Club Road (corner of Country Club & Haymakertown Roads), 540-992-5556. Pastor Danny Barham. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Worship can also be viewed online at the PHBC Facebook page or on Youtube (PHBCtube). Other activities and schedules can be found at www.phbcweb.com.
Springwood Baptist Church -88 Cops Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email pmike09@outlook.com. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.: Wednesday night bible study will be held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Troutville Baptist Church -P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, Pastor Dr. Jeff Ritchey. Sunday School 9:45 AM; Worship 11 AM. Wednesday: Adult Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30PM; Youth & Children Activities 6:30PM.
Zion Hill Baptist Church- Intersection of Zion Hill Road and Old Fincastle Road. Pastor Donald Goforth (540) 884-2285. Sunday School -10 AM Worship 11AM. Youth Activities (grades 6-12) and Kingdom Kids (preschool-grade 5) Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Cloverdale Church of the Brethren- 4708 Read Mtn. Rd., 992-1060; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wed. (Sept.-May), Family Dinner, 6 p.m., Bible study, 6:45 p.m. Preschool, after-school care & summer day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna Burkhardt, preschool director.
Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday

OUR PATIENT GOD

Read 2 Kings 14:1 through 16:20

And since the Lord had not said he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam son of Jehoash (2 Kings 14:27).

Reading through the Old Testament can seem like an exercise in frustration. We read about privileged people who regularly rebel against God and get themselves into trouble. God becomes angry at their constant attraction to sin, and threatens to punish them. From truly remorseful hearts, they repent in sackcloth and ashes, and God stays His hand. He keeps His word by punishing the ringleaders or by allowing them all to go into slavery. However, He always comforts and rescues them. Why, we wonder, do they never learn their lesson?

Interestingly, if we are honest with ourselves, we might just see our own failings mirrored in the lives of these Israelites. Like them, we, too, experience the loyal heart of a God who is unwilling to leave us in our sin and never ever willing to abandon us.

Challenge for Today: Read through the entire Old Testament this summer. Rejoice in God's long-suffering heart of love for you.

Quicklook: 2 Kings 14:23-27

School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.
Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren- 2565 Buffalo Rd., 10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Michael Tabor, (540) 309-7595.
Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, 3732 Breckinridge Mill Rd, Fincastle, Rev. Dr. David A. Tozar- pastor, Sunday worship at 11am, preceded by coffee fellowship at 10:30, Bible Study Thursdays at 7pm, 5th Sunday Potluck luncheon, Handicap Accessible, Contact Pastor Davd at dtozar9@yahoo.com Follow on Facebook, Sunday worship and Thursday Bible study stream live.
Troutville Church of the Brethren - 5133 Lee Hwy., 992-1571; Terry R. Johnson, Pastor; Don Obenshain, Choir Director. Sunday Morning Services: Sunday School, 10 am; Worship Service, 11 am. Sunday Night Meetings: Rainbows, 5:30 pm; Christ Seekers, 6:00 pm. Wednesday Night Meetings: Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Choir practice, 7:00 pm. Family Fellowship Time will be held each 3rd Sunday of the month. Handicap Accessible. Our email address is: Troutvillecob@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

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

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) - 9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at osloanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888.
Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church- 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (in person or parking lot, tune car radio to 88.9 FM). The Rev. Chuck Miller, 540-589-7553. Facebook, <http://www.wheatlandlutheran.org>; teemwheatland@gmail.com

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Grace Bible Church of Botetourt - 148 Amsterdam Rd. (beside the south lane of 220 in Amsterdam, 1.5 miles north of LBHS). Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Pastor Jay Robinette - 855-4620.
Mt. Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock at intersection of Rt. 43 and 688; pastor, Richard Ronk; phone # (540) 884-3653; Sunday School at 10:00 A.M., Worship at 11:00 A.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M., 4th Sunday Evenings at 7:00 P.M.

Woodland Church-A Place Where You Can Grow - 45 Woodland Rd. Troutville, VA. Corner of Blacksburg/ Country Club Rds., 3.5 miles W. of Fincastle; 992-1008. Sunday School, 10AM; Worship, 11AM, Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30PM. Website: woodlandchurchbc.com. E-mail address: woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN
Buchanan Presbyterian Church - 19559 Main St.

Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org
Fincastle Presbyterian Church - 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, Supply Minister, Lori Turner, Music Director. Worship service in the Sanctuary and via Live Streaming (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastleresbyterianchurch>) at 10:30 AM. Adult Sunday School offered at 9:30 AM. Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning service. Bell choir practices after Sunday Fellowship, often providing special music in our services. For more information please email fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com or call 540.473.2042.

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church - 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Rev. Emily B. Hook, pastor, 804-516-6552. Sunday School at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Morning Worship & Praise at 11a.m. each Sunday. Communion once each quarter.
Virginia Presbyterian Church - 918 Pico Road, Buchanan, 24066. Worship 9:30 a.m. (nursery provided), Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

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

UNITED METHODIST
Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church- 3936 Beaver Dam Road, just off Springwood Road, Springwood. Rev. Morris A. Bennett. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. followed by Worship, 10 a.m.
Eagle Rock United Methodist Church - 14565 Church St. Eagle Rock 10:15 AM; Glen Wilton UMC, Main St. Glen Wilton, 9:00 AM; Shiloh UMC, Shiloh Rd, Eagle Rock, 11:15 AM. Pastor Ray Sandifer (540) 525-0258.

Fincastle United Methodist Church - Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. In person services Sunday, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, 136 S. Church St., Fincastle. Pastor Reverend Jim Bollinger, office, 473-3001. E-mail: office@fincastleumc.org.
St. Mark's United Methodist Church - 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Pastor Samuel Plymale, 992-3030. Worship Times: Praise and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship often with presence of the choir--this service is live streamed and celebrates Communion on the first Sunday. Children and Youth Ministries meet for Sunday School at 10Am each Sunday! Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday 4 to 6pm unless we are doing a special monthly mission. Frogs and Tadpoles Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!
Trinity United Methodist Church - 19637 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Doug Mitchell, 254-2475 (O). Sunday School, 9:45AM, worship 10:30 AM.

OBITUARY

Fenix, Allison Beth Morris

Allison entered the world on April 6, 1950 at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, Calif., the daughter of Iona and Letcher Morris. Allison had a love for plants and flowers, and surrounded herself with them in her home. She also loved to sew, quilt, and crochet and made many gifts for her extended family. Above all, Allison treasured her family and her faith in God.

Allison departed this world in April 15, 2024 from Tulsa, Okla. She was preceded in death by her father, Letcher Morris, and brothers David, Benjamin, and Patrick Morris.

She is survived by her three sons, Jeremy (Elizabeth), Jeffrey, and Nick (Melissa) Fenix; and grandson, Aaron Fenix. She is also survived by her mother, Iona Morris; brother, Michael (Debbie) Morris; sister, Marcia (Mark) Fralin; sister, Mary (Randy) Myers; sister, Theresa (Gary) Morris; brother, Joeseeph Morris; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A celebration of life was held at the Church of the Transfiguration in Fincastle on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. with Father David Stanfield officiating.



Otey, Houston Allen, Sr.

Houston Allen Otey Sr. was born October 27, 1946 and ended his earthly journey on April 27, 2024. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Otey; mother, Kathlene Burns Otey; brother, Frank Otey; and sister, Ann Otey.

Houston was a soldier in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as well as the Army Reserve. He worked for Hancock Steel for 17 years before beginning his own business. The name "Big O" was generated from this entrepreneurship. Houston was a devoted husband and father and the backbone of the family. He was a Dallas Cowboy fan right down to the end!

Those left to cherish in his memory are his devoted wife of 54 years,

Mary Welch Otey; sons, Houston (Tonya) Otey Jr. and Tony (Vonzella) Otey; grandchildren, Alysa, Briona, Trinity and Tiffany; great-grandchildren, Matthew, Ava, Lala and Maleia; siblings, Jean, Sam, Barbara and Ronnie; brother-in-law, Gary Welch; sister-in-law, Charlene Toliver; special friend and "brother," James Hickenbotham; along with a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends at Rader Funeral Home on Friday, May 3, 2024 from 10:30 until 11 a.m. A funeral service will follow in the chapel of Rader Funeral Home at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Monte Brown officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Old Dominion Memorial Gardens.



Longbeards award two scholarships; recognized for Turkey Hunters Care, WITO event

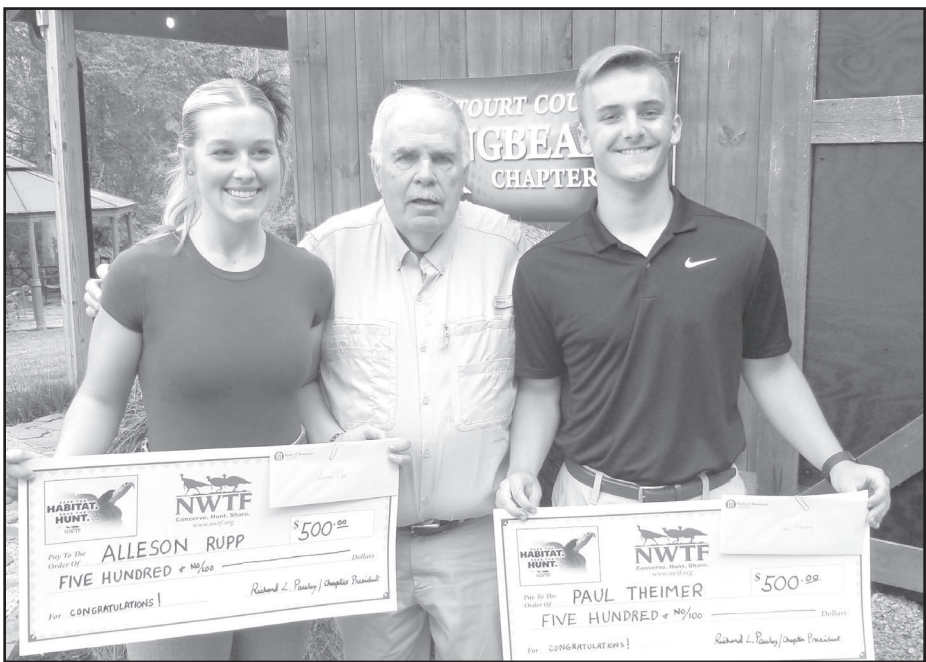


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The Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) awarded two scholarships

during the chapter's regular April meeting. The two \$500 scholarships were awarded to Alleson Rupp (left) and Paul Theimer

Austin Bills

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community organizations and businesses, but was continued to the 2025 Session.

- HB843 directs 0.025 percent of Historical Horse Racing Revenues (HHR) to the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington. This dedicated funding stream is projected to raise up to \$1 million initially for the facility in the first year and is estimated to increase to \$4 million annually once an HHR facility in Dumfries goes online. With 734 stalls, the Horse Center is a tremendous asset for the region, and this funding will both improve the facility, and help offset the fiscal impacts currently borne by the locality.

- HB844 places into State Code federal regulations related to drug violations and CDL training. Failure to conform to State Code would have resulted in lost federal funding for the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. This federal program provides financial assistance to states to reduce the number and severity of crashes and hazardous materials incidents involving commercial

motor vehicles.

- HB845 creates efficiencies for the abandoned vehicle purchase process. Currently, DMV must contact other jurisdictions to obtain lienholder and owner information for abandoned vehicles. This process often takes up to six months. This bill allows for third-party databases to be used, significantly reducing purchase times and costs for the salvage industry.

- H B 1 4 5 2 provides an exemption to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority in the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) related to the construction and maintenance of bridges and tunnels. This exemption is currently granted to VDOT and acknowledges that the USBC is not the most efficient tool by which to determine safety of these assets as they are constructed and maintained. The upshot is shorter construction timelines without sacrificing safety protocols. Rail is crucial to taking vehicular traffic off our roads and this bill will help enable this effort.

- HB1505 deals with Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) provisions in college athletics. Signed by Gov. Youngkin on April 17, this bill is first in the nation when it comes to providing student athletes and universities the resources they need to make informed decisions related to NIL compensation opportunities. Once it becomes law on July 1 of this year, it will hopefully force the NCAA to finally provide much needed clarity for higher education institutions and student athletes in this area.

Bills of Interest
HB633: Forced labor or service; civil action for trafficking, penalties.

Expands the offense of abduction to penalize any person who, by force, intimidation or deception, and without legal justification or excuse, obtains the labor or services of another, or seizes, takes, transports, detains or secretes another person or threatens to do so. The bill also expands the offense of receiving money for procuring a person to penalize any person who causes another

CHURCH NEWS

Spring Bazaar at Mount Olivet

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church's Spring Bazaar will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, with breakfast and lunch, a bake sale, yard sale (space, \$5), and items for sale made by the Mt. Olivet Quilters. The church is located at 26310 Lee Highway, Buchanan. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship. For information, call 540-254-1353 or 540-798-8192.

Eagle Rock Clothes Closet May dates

The Eagle Rock Community Clothes Closet, located at Eagle Rock United Methodist Church, 14565 Church Street, Eagle Rock, will be open Saturdays, May 4 and 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Wednesday, May 8, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The Clothes Closet has ladies', men's and children's clothes at no charge. To make clothing donations or volunteer to help with this mission, contact Pastor Ray Sandifer at 540-525-0258.

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store

With summer around the corner, the Thrift Store has a large selection of shorts and capris for \$1 and summer shoes for everyone, \$1. The Thrift Store is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations are welcome.

Galatia Community Meal moving to Community Center

The Galatia EPC Potluck Community Meal is moving from Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church to the Eagle Rock Community Center and will be held on the second Monday, every other month. The next Potluck Community Meal will be Monday, May 13 at 12 noon. Bring a dish and come for good food and fellowship. Galatia EPC will be providing plates, cups, napkins and eating utensils. Drinks will also be provided.

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

The TAME (That All May Eat) Ministry at St. Mark's United Methodist will host the fourth annual Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds from this

event will go towards packing 10,000 meals for the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing this September.

Enjoy the atmosphere of a tearoom serving "High Tea" in the church fellowship hall or get tea boxes to go. One box is \$20. Two boxes are \$36. Three boxes are \$48 and four boxes are \$60. Five or more boxes 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.

Springwood Baptist yard sale May 4

Springwood Baptist Church is sponsoring an indoor yard sale on May 4 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A variety of gently used clothing items and household goods will be available for purchase at reasonable prices. From noon until 1 p.m. on the day of the sale, a \$1 Bag Sale will take place – items that can be placed in a single bag may be purchased for \$1 during this hour. Fill as many bags as you would like for the price of \$1 each. Additionally, a bake sale will be held with homemade baked goods and drinks. All proceeds from this sale will be donated to the church's Community Emergency Relief Fund and the Patricia S. Shiflett Scholarship Fund.

Shiloh Cemetery needs donations

Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery on Shiloh Road, Eagle Rock, is asking for those who have loved ones buried in the cemetery or own plots to give monetary donations to help with the upkeep of the cemetery. Expenses for gasoline, equipment and labor have gone up. If you have any questions, call 540-620-2625, or are interested in a final resting place. Make checks payable to Shiloh Cemetery and send to: Shiloh Church Cemetery, c/o Sharon Britt, 1281 Salt Petre Cave Road, Eagle Rock, 24085.

Donations being accepted for upkeep of Mt. Bethel Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of the Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren Cemetery. The cemetery is located on Rt. 43/Narrow Passage Road near Eagle Rock.

Please mail donations to Mt. Bethel Cemetery, c/o Eta Alexander, P.O. Box 5, Eagle Rock, 24085.

(right) by Longbeards President Richard Pauley. Theimer is a senior at James River High School and will attend Virginia Tech in August. Rupp is the first Botetourt home school student to receive one of the Longbeards' scholarships. She is finishing classes at Virginia Western Community College and was accepted at Virginia Tech during early admission where she will also begin studies in August. The Longbeards have awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to graduating high school students from Botetourt County as part of the chapter mission since it was first organized. The Longbeards chapter was

also recognized for the 17th consecutive year with the top Turkey Hunters Care award by the Virginia State NWTF Chapter. The Longbeards raise funds to provide frozen turkeys to Botetourt's food pantries. In 2023, the chapter provided 805 frozen turkeys to the local pantries at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Longbeards were also recognized by the state chapter for having the best Women in the Outdoors (WITO) event in the state. The event was held last August at Blue Ridge Vineyard in Eagle Rock.

- Botetourt Longbeards

shall review course.

Requires the Department of Education to review its Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff course for appropriateness based on the age range of children served by staff who are required to complete such course and to consider excluding portions of such course that are solely relevant to providing care for students in a certain age range for staff whose duties do not include the care of children in such age range.

HB1443: Trial by jury; contact with jurors after trial prohibited; penalty.

Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person who knowingly and intentionally contacts, with the intent to harass or intimidate, a juror regarding such juror's service as a juror after a jury trial.

HB 1513: Service members; active-duty status for any member injured while in the line of duty.

Provides that the Adjutant General may maintain state active-duty status for any service member injured while in the line of duty during

the course of a state active-duty mission who is unable to return to civilian employment for a period of up to 90 days after the date of the service member's injury.

HJ 45: Constitutional amendment; property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses (second reference).

Expands the current tax exemption for real property available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty with a Line of Duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense.

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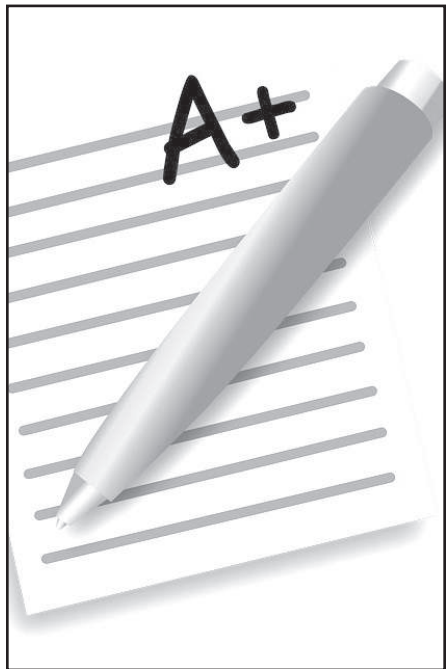
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Resource Center receives grants supporting seniors in Botetourt County

In late January, The Botetourt Resource Center, Inc. was awarded a \$29,455 grant from the Mary Louise Home Fund of the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia. In addition, the Resource Center was awarded a \$11,070 grant from the Marion S. and Willie Z. Camp Fund for Eldercare of the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia.

The Resource Center's project, which was entitled "Community, Connection and Compassion: Lending a Helping Hand to Seniors

in Need," focuses on programs and services that support the needs of the elderly living in Botetourt County. This includes assistance with fuel and utility costs, dental costs, small home repairs, recreation and socialization opportunities, as well as helping to meet other essential needs to ensure independence, survival and overall quality of life.

The BRC is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission for the

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EOTM

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Susie Bruce, English Learning Teacher at Read Mountain Middle School, and Lori Draper, School Nutrition worker at Cloverdale Elementary School. Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ read comments about each staff member that came with their respective recommendations.

"Susie (Bruce) is an exceptional EL teacher," Russ shared. "She goes above and beyond to help core teachers with lessons as well as language learners themselves. Ms. Bruce is always in communication with gen ed teachers about students and is always ready and



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Cloverdale Elementary School Principal Steven Anderson and Nutrition worker Lori Draper

willing to assist in any way possible. She is proactive where the students are concerned and demonstrates a genuine interest in their success."

Draper then received her certificate with Russ sharing that "Lori

(Draper) has done a great job preparing lunch for students and staff at Troutville Elementary. She is so sweet to everyone she meets. She might great you with a 'sweet pea' or 'darling,' but always with a smile."

Waid

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it's been a true asset to me and to many others."

Booth presented Waid with a gift on behalf of the county for her service.

"Thank you," Waid said. "It's been an honor and a privilege to serve Botetourt County."

Board Chairman Steve Clinton and other members of the board thanked Waid. The county's Facebook page recently posted about Waid's recognition sharing, "Congratulations to Sally

Waid who is retiring from Botetourt County after 30 years of dedicated service! Sally is one of the kindest people that we know and we are so thankful for everything she has done for the citizens of BOCO! She

greet's everyone with a smile and has been instrumental in helping our business community!

"Sally, we will miss you very much and wish you much health and happiness as you start your next adventure!"

Fryburg

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in poems after retiring in his native Oregon, but his move to Southwest Virginia in late 2022 spurred creativity.

"This is a wonderful place for a writer to live, among beautiful mountains and very talented poets who inspired and mentored me," Fryburg said. He cited Daleville author and poet Kenneth Conklin and Blacksburg poet Piper Durrell, in particular. Fryburg also credits leaders in the Poetry Society of Virginia for their encouragement, critiques and online programs for members.

He said that while the winning poem was very symbolic, most of his creations use "a very straight narrative. I'm a storyteller. I also like to keep it short. I want to be a favorite of busy people with short attention spans."


Fryburg also performs at live storytelling events in Southwest Virginia. His style in both pursuits reflects an early career in the Roanoke Valley.

After graduating from Stanford University in 1973, Fryburg became a news reporter and anchor at WROV Radio in Roanoke. Six

years later, WDBJ-TV hired him as an on-air reporter. He married a local nurse, Laura James, in 1983.

Fryburg's work eventually took him and his family back to Oregon for more than three decades, "but the Blue Ridge always beckoned," he said. "My wife, Laura, is from Botetourt County. She is particularly happy to be home."

~ Fincastle Herald staff report




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Virginia Department of Transportation

Culvert Repairs on Various Routes
Botetourt, Craig and Franklin Counties

Find out about a project to repair drainage culverts in three counties in the Virginia Department of Transportation's 12-county Salem District. The culverts are at the following locations:

| County | Route | Road Name | Crossing |
|-----------|-------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Botetourt | 43 | Parkway Drive | Bearwallow Creek |
| Craig | 42 | Cumberland Gap Road | Branch of Sinking Creek |
| Franklin | 220 | Virgil Goode Highway | Branch of North Fork of Chestnut Creek |
| Franklin | 834 | Brooks Mill Road | Popular Camp Creek |

Review the project information and the National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353, 800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Jack Bayne, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153 on or prior to **May 9, 2024**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you have questions or concerns about your civil rights in regards to this project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Jack Bayne at the phone numbers listed above.

State Project: BR02-962-816, P101, D648, D649, D650, D651, D652, D653, D654
Federal Project: STP-BR02(464) UPC: 121223

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Club of Botetourt, expressed the club’s enthusiasm for supporting initiatives that positively impact the community. “The Rotary Club is dedicated to promoting health and education within our community, making this collaboration with Botetourt County Public Schools a natural fit for us,” Aaron remarked.

Recognizing the potential impact of mental health issues on students and families, Karen Turner, Supervisor of Special Education for the school division, encourages Botetourt parents to utilize these resources. ParentGuidance.org not only offers coaching services but also provides answers to common mental health questions from parents and grants access to over 50 on-demand courses developed by licensed therapists. Turner believes that by accessing these free resources, families can bring about positive changes in their lives.

Information is available on the school division website or by navigating to <https://parentguidance.org/>

- BCPS

Safe Streets

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Botetourt County (North): Monday, May 6, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Eagle Rock Elementary School Cafeteria (145 Eagles Nest Dr., Eagle Rock)

Botetourt County (South): Tuesday, May 7, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Botetourt County Administration Center at Greenfield (57 S. Center Dr., Daleville)

The county asks the community to participate in a brief survey that is open to the public from now until May 21. The survey can be found on the Botetourt

County website at www.botetourtva.gov/874/Safe-Streets-and-Roads-For-All-SS4A.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 3.2-6569 Code of Virginia – Notice is hereby given by Animal Control Officers: The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office seized one German Shepherd, female, approximately one year of age, tan with a black muzzle named Kyree from 274 3rd St., Buchanan, VA. A hearing date to determine the disposition of the animal is scheduled for 11 a.m. May 6, 2024 at the Botetourt County General District Courthouse, 20 East Back St., Fincastle. For additional information, contact Deputy L. Gossett at (540) 928-2200.

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BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live. Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. May 9, 2024 at:

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION for the County of Botetourt

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Botetourt County will meet on the days hereafter listed for the purpose of hearing complaints of inequalities, errors, or that the real property is assessed at more than fair market value. Upon hearing such objections, either oral or written, the Board will give consideration and **INCREASE, DECREASE, OR AFFIRM** such real estate assessments. Before a change is granted, the taxpayer or his agent must overcome a clear presumption in favor of the assessment. The taxpayer or agent must provide a preponderance of the evidence that the property is not uniform with other similar properties or prove that the property is assessed in excess of its fair market value.

The Board will hear objections by appointment only scheduled every 30 minutes to minimize waiting. To appear before the Board of Equalization, please call 540-613-3026. Meetings will be held in Room 229 at the Botetourt County Administration Center located at 57 S. Center Dr., Daleville, Virginia. The dates and times are:

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| Wednesday, April 24 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Thursday, April 25 | 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm |
| Friday, April 26 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Wednesday, May 1 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Thursday, May 2 | 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm |
| Friday, May 3 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Thursday, May 9 | 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm |
| Friday, May 10 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Wednesday, May 15 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Wednesday, May 22 | 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, May 23 | 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm |
| Friday, May 24 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |

Additional dates and times will be scheduled and advertised, if needed. County ordinance requires all applications be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2024, and the Board of Equalization must complete their work by June 28, 2024.

By order of the Botetourt County
Board of Equalization
John F. Kilby, Chairman

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past 24 years has been to provide the residents of Botetourt County with information, advocacy and referral to needed human resources and programs to assist them in healthy and independent living. All of the BRC’s services and programs are available at no cost to all residents of Botetourt County.

For more information about any of the services or programs, call 540-254-1468, visit the office at 33 Bedford Street in

downtown Buchanan, or e-mail Director Melissa Lucas at mlucasbrc@yahoo.com. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Appointments are encouraged. Due to the current high number of calls to the center, please leave a detailed message on the answering machine, and your call will be returned within 24-48 hours.

- Botetourt Resource Center



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Plan

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Trail (\$500,000) – estimated to be completed this summer/early fall

1a. Route 767, Blue Ridge Drive Drainage Improvements (\$100,000) – estimated to be completed this summer/early fall

2. Route 712, Stevens Road (\$550,000) – estimated to begin summer, 2025

3. Route 685, Ball Park Road (\$400,000) – summer, 2026

4. Route 643, Mountain Valley Road (\$250,000) – summer, 2027

5. Route 658, Laymantown Road (\$50,000) – summer, 2027

6. Route 677, Roy Road (\$500,000) – summer, 2028

7. Route 638, Old Hollow Road (\$350,000) –summer, 2029

8. Route 728, Redbud Lane (\$300,000) – summer, 2030

9. Route 600,

Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the
Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:
179 Head

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| 400-499 | \$273.00 |
| 500-599 | \$288.00-289.00 |
| 600-699 | \$275.00 |

Graded Bulls

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| 400-499 | \$236.00-\$270.00 |
| 500-599 | \$259.00-\$270.00 |
| 600-699 | \$249.00 |

Graded Heifers

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| 400-499 | \$250.00-\$265.00 |
| 500-599 | \$235.00-\$245.00 |
| 600-699 | \$230.00 |

Kill Cows

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| \$50.00-\$123.00 |
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Kill Bulls

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| \$90.00-\$110.00 |
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Fincastle needs donations for the July 4

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on **Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the request listed below. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will make a final decision on the request. Complete information on the request below may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & 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 at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section. Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Planning & Zoning Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to planning@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, May 9, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on May 13, 2024.**

Fincastle District: Roy N. Lacks, Sr. requests to re-zone a 1.323-acre portion of the Business (B-2) Use District to the Agricultural (A-1) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, and a Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, to reduce the required minimum district size in the Business (B-2) Use District for the property, located at 213 Roy Road, Troutville, identified on the Tax Maps as 89-47.

C. Nicole Pendleton, AICP, CZA, CFM
Director of Community Development

Proposed Priority List

1a. Route 645, Fringer Trail

1b. Route 767, Blue Ridge Drive Drainage Improvements

2a. Route 712, Stevens Road

2b. Hunters Green Subdivision FDR

3. Route 685, Ball Park Road

4. Route 643, Mountain Valley Road

5. Route 658, Laymantown Road

6. Route 677, Roy Road

7. Route 638, Old Hollow Road

8. Route 728, Redbud Lane

9. Route 600, Haymakertown Road

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This graphic shows the priority list suggested by VDOT at last week’s meeting. The board unanimously approved the FY 2025-26 SSSYP.

Haymakertown Road (\$400,000) – summer, 2031

Mothena shared that there are still \$726,616 available in Unpaved funds and \$641,901 in Telefees that could be applied to potential projects that include:

Potential Projects:

1. Route 684, Sugar Tree Hollow Road (\$2.5 million) – this 4.5-mile project could take several years to develop in its entirety due to funds.

2. Route 638, Trevey Road (\$450,000) – this project has drainage considerations which Mothena explained “could make the project a little bit more complicated.”

3. Hunters Green Subdivision (\$600,000)

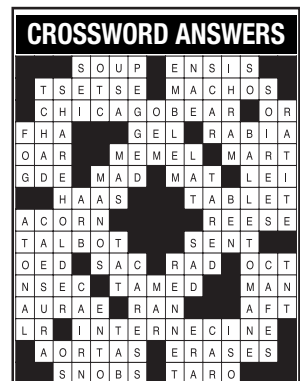
– recently added as a potential project, this would involve a Full Depth Pavement Reclamation to Drake Trail, Pheasant Run, and Deer Track roads totaling 0.82 miles. VDOT proposes using unused Telefees in previous allocations along with this year’s and next year’s allocations that could total approximately \$600,000 which Mothena shared that could take care of half the roads within the subdivision and it would be completed with next year’s paving cycle. She suggested adding this item as priority “2b” behind the Stevens Road project next summer.

Valley District Supervisor Mac Scothorn

asked Mothena if the potential projects would interfere with any current projects on the Six Year Plan, to which Mothena informed that board that they would not.

“These are all Telefee funds that have not been allocated to any other projects,” Mothena explained. “The Telefees from previous years were left over from the Murray Drive project that were not needed to complete that project and there were funds from FY 24 Secondary Six Year funds, this year’s fiscal funds, and then the Telefees from next year’s we could allocate to come up with that \$600,000. We wouldn’t be able to complete the project this year. It would be something we would be able to complete next year.”

Mothena explained the roads suggested were the roadways that needed attention. A full depth reclamation is a full tear out of the pavement structure and a rebuild, which makes the project so costly and why VDOT couldn’t repair the entire subdivision’s roads at once.



TOWN OF FINCASTLE

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Projected Revenues

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| General Fund | \$190,000.00 |
| Water/Sewer Fund | \$355,000.00 |
| | \$545,000.00 |

Projected Expenditures

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|------------------|--------------|
| General Fund | \$190,000.00 |
| Water/Sewer Fund | \$355,000.00 |
| | \$545,000.00 |

A public hearing concerning the proposed budget for the Town of Fincastle will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room, located in the upper parking lot of the Fincastle Fire Department, 25 Vine Street (the 8400 block of Roanoke Road (Route 220)), Fincastle, Virginia 24090. A copy of the budget can be obtained by calling the Town offices at (540) 473-2200 or making an appointment on Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Additionally, a detailed copy of the proposed budget can also be found online at:

<https://www.townoffincastle.org>

Individuals are encouraged to submit comments prior to the meeting in lieu of attendance, by calling the Town offices, sending written comments to P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, Virginia, or emailing town staff at townmanager@townoffincastle.org. Individuals who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in or attend Town Council meetings should contact the Clerk to the Council at (540) 473-2200 at least 48 hours in advance.

April 25, 2024

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RAIN DATE

May 11.

Auctions

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Help Wanted - Health Care

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 423 TINKERVIEW DRIVE, CLOVERDALE, VA 24077.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 31, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$114,075.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160004078. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on May 31, 2024, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: UNIT 2004 OF PHASE IV, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT SHOWING PHASE IV SUBDIVISION OF TINKERVIEW TOWNHOUSE PROPERTY, BLUE RIDGE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, DATED JUNE 30, 1988, PREPARED BY MATTERN & CRAIG, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYORS, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 166. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-369557-1.

PROPERTY, BLUE RIDGE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, DATED JUNE 30, 1988, PREPARED BY MATTERN & CRAIG, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYORS, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 166. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-369557-1.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CWF2200000-10** BOTETOURT COUNTY Circuit Court, 5 WEST MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090

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Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ESTATE OF CHARLES MATTHEW BARTON, DECEASED v.

The object of this suit is to: SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ASSETS IN INSOLVENT ESTATE.

It appearing that a report of the accounts of James A. McClure, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Matthew Barton, deceased, and the debts and demands against the estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on motion of the personal representative, it is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate of Charles Mathew Barton show cause, if any they can, on the 13th day of May 2024, at 11:00 a.m., before this Court at its Courthouse at 1 Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the assets in the insolvent estate, pursuant to Virginia Code §64.2-528, to the creditors as listed on Schedule B of the Motion for Entry of Show Cause Order previously filed in this matter. It is ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper having general circulation in the County of Botetourt, Virginia. Enter: April 11, 2024 Leslieanne Smith Clerk I ask for this: Lenden A. Eakin (VSB #23885) FERRIS & EAKIN, P.C. 22 Luck Avenue, SW Roanoke, Va 24011 Phone: 540-345-1000 Fax: 540-344-6608 Email: Lenden@rvlaw.com Counsel for James A. McClure, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Matthew Barton, deceased

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

at its regular meeting on May 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Consider the request of JBN Investments, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow the conversion of a single-family dwelling into a two-family dwelling on the property located at 324 Pennsylvania Avenue, (Tax Map # 120-6-3).

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

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following request relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a

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portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map #s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

No formal action by Council will take place at the May 13, 2024 meeting. Council action for the required first and second reading of the ordinance will be scheduled for future Council meeting agendas.

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

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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended to date, notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Salem will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., May 28, 2024, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, to receive views of citizens within the Salem School District regarding an appointment to fill the unexpired term ending 12/31/2026 of one member on the City of Salem School Board.

All candidates seeking appointment must submit a letter of interest and résumé to the Deputy Clerk of Council. Submissions are requested prior to noon on Friday, May 24, 2024, however, in all cases must be submitted prior to the closing of the public hearing.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA H. Robert Light Clerk of Salem City Council

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24000530-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ERIC RANDALE BRYANT v. CHRISTINA MARIE BRYANT

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that CHRISTINA MARIE BRYANT appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 5, 2024. APRIL 2, 2024 ROBERT M.D. TURK, JUDGE TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

TRUSTEE'S SALE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN: West Ward of the City of Radford, Virginia Containing 0.2479 acres, more or less Commonly Known as: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia

IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RADFORD CITY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 201100838, DATED AUGUST 29, 2011, WHEREAS, BY DEED OF BARGAIN AND SALE AND ASSUMPTION DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 201600804 THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSUMED BY MARK BROOKNER. DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT THEREIN SECURED AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE

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UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING FOURTEEN (14) DAYS DUE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, IN FRONT OF THE RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ON THE 9th DAY OF MAY, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

All that certain tracts or parcels of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the City of Radford, Virginia, and described as follows: BEING all of Lots 28 and 29, part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35, Section 1, Plan C, Radford Land and Improvement Company Lots, containing 0.2479 acres (10,800 sq. ft.), as designated and described on a plat of survey entitled, Physical Survey Lots 28, 29 and Part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35 Section 1, Plan C Radford Land and Improvement Co. West Ward City of Radford, Virginia for Ronald R. Sowers", dated August 23, 2011, Job No. 565811, by James Conrad Groseclose, II, Land Surveyor, Mathews and Henegar Inc., professional engineers and land surveyors, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and reference is hereby made to said plat of survey for a more accurate description of the property herein conveyed.

Tax Map Number: 13-(5)-SEC 1-27A-28-29-30A-34A+ Account Number: 020000684. Commonly Known As: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia

SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, SETTLEMENT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SALE. A BIDDERS DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) MAY BE REQUIRED.

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

DATE OF SALE: MAY 9, 2024

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M.

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

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

Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

AFD-24-1/ORD 2052- Withdrawal of 3.036 acres of land from the Agricultural and Forestal District at 701 Bishop Road (Tax Map No. 137-T-A-1, Parcel # 006339) by James and Carol Burger (property owner).

Request to withdraw 3.036 acres of land from the Town of Blacksburg Agricultural and Forestal District (AFD) at 701 Bishop Road by James and Carol Burger. A minor subdivision application (SUB 23-0006)

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for the creation of three (3) parcels is currently under review by the Planning and Engineering Department.

Persons affected by or interested in this Agricultural and Forestal District withdrawal may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission will take action. Copies of the request and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/publichearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia.

You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL23001539-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re REBECCA LYNN AKERS BOYD v. TIMOTHY RALPH BOYD The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that TIMOTHY RALPH BOYD appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 26, 2024. April 22, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, JUDGE



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LB Girls sweep Franklin in soccer, boys battle to two ties

The Lord Botetourt girls opened a two-game lead over Franklin County in Blue Ridge District soccer when the Cavaliers swept the Eagles in two games last week. The LB boys also played Franklin County twice and tied both games.

LB and Franklin were tied atop the BRD girls' standings when the two met for the first time last Tuesday, April 23. That game was in Rocky Mount and Emma Rice scored four goals in a 6-3 win. Cailey Petrauskas and Katherine Woodward had one goal each while Bria Harvey and Janey Farrar had two assists each.

On Friday the same two played in Daleville and this time LB won 7-2 as Rice scored four more goals and added two assists, giving her eight goals against

the Eagles in the span of four days. Harvey had a goal and three assists Friday while Farrar and Ella Fletcher also hit the net.

With the two wins the Cavaliers improved to 8-3 overall and 5-0 in the district, two games ahead of second place Franklin County.

The boys also played Franklin twice and came out with a Mexican standoff on both occasions. The two battled to a 1-1 tie in Daleville, and then a 2-2 tie in Rocky Mount. In between the Cavs played at Christiansburg and lost 5-0 in a non-district match. LB is now 3-7-2 overall and 3-1-2 in the district.

Both teams were scheduled to play Staunton River on Tuesday, but results were too late for publication. They'll meet William Byrd on Friday with the girls at home and the boys in Vinton.



James River's Jackson Taylor heads a ball against Carroll Monday

PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY

River boys at Glenvar tonight in Three Rivers District soccer

The James River boys will be looking to pull an upset when they travel to Glenvar tonight for a Three Rivers District soccer game. The Highlanders are the defending Class 2 state champions and they're still undefeated after 11 games this spring.

Meanwhile, the Knights dropped two district games in the past week to Alleghany and Carroll County. Last Thursday at Alleghany the host Cougars took a 5-1 win with Brayden Forbes

scoring River's goal, assisted by Josiah Clark.

"Everything that could go wrong did go wrong," said River coach Jared Whiting. "We moved the ball well at times but were not consistent with it. We did play some good soccer but it seemed like Lady Luck was against us. It probably should have been a tight game but the score sure doesn't show it."

On Monday the Knights hosted Carroll County and dropped

a 3-1 decision. Clark scored River's goal with an assist from Cayden Hoyt.

"Another frustrating game," said Whiting. "I'm proud of these guys for how they played. I feel we were the better team with ball movement and control but they were better at finishing."

"Overall it was a great game, just not the results we were looking for. We'll keep working hard and hit the field Wednesday against the defending state champs."



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Botetourt's Emma Rice had eight goals in two games against Franklin County last week.

Girls will host undefeated Glenvar in soccer tonight

The James River girls will host undefeated Glenvar in soccer tonight in Springwood. Game time is 7 p.m. as the girls look to drop the visiting Highlanders from the ranks of the unbeaten.

In the past week the Knights split two Three Rivers District games, defeating Alleghany but falling to Carroll County. With those results River is 3-3 in the district and 5-6-1 overall.

Last Thursday in Springwood the Knights shut out Alleghany, 4-0. Konner Myers scored a first half goal to give River a lead at the half and the Knights put three more on the board after intermission. Myers hit another deep shot in the back corner, then Victoria Race-Waller scored off an assist from Ella Monaghan. Myers completed a hat trick with a third unassisted goal from outside for the final tally. Kylee Aaron and Chloe Helmandollar shared the James River goal and had a quiet evening.

On Monday in Hillsville host Carroll County took a 4-1 win over the Knights. Cavalier senior Ashlyn Newman scored two



PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY

Ella Monaghan controls the ball for River.

goals in the first half to give Carroll the early lead. River's Rhaya Kitt, after a few strong attacking runs, broke past the Carroll defense and was denied a goal by a foul in the penalty area. Myers scored on the resulting penalty kick with three minutes remaining in the period and Carroll led 2-1 at

the half.

The second period favored the home team in possession and in attacking opportunities as Newman scored twice more for four goals on the night. Aaron limited the second half damage with a couple of spectacular saves for the Knights, but it was not enough.

Carter in the circle for second seeded Hornets

University of Lynchburg pitcher Bre Carter, a senior from Lord Botetourt, will be pitching in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference for the Hornets when the tournament opens this week. Bre pitched in six games in relief for Lynchburg this season and has a 3.00 earned average. Lynchburg is 27-11 on the season.



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Tyler McCarren hits a return for the Cavs.



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Elaina Brown hits a backhand for LB.

Lord Botetourt tennis teams sweep Franklin County

The Lord Botetourt tennis teams swept Franklin County last week with the boys winning 7-2 and girls whitewashing the Eagles, 9-0.

The Botetourt girls remained undefeated in Blue Ridge District play with the win. Elaina Brown, a freshman, played at number six and won 8-0.

"Elaina was very consistent and her serve has seen a lot of improvement," said LB coach Sam Belcher.

The girls played at Christiansburg last Thursday and took a 6-3 win. Elaina Brown and Kennedy Dorsey won third

doubles. Zoe Brown, at second singles, fought hard but lost 8-4.

"It was the best singles she has played this year," said Belcher. "She faced a very tough opponent and gave great effort."

The boys also played a strong Christiansburg team and lost 8-1.

Tuesday both teams were scheduled to play Staunton River, but results were too late for publication. On Friday the girls are at William Byrd and the boys will host the Terriers at Hollins University.

Kelly is back in Boston



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Lord Botetourt grad Zack Kelly, here pitching in a rehab assignment in Salem last summer, was recalled to the big league Boston Red Sox last week. Kelly has pitched in two games since returning to the big club. He's pitched in two games since his return, going two scoreless innings against the Guardians on April 24 and two scoreless innings against the Cubs on Friday. In four innings Zack has allowed just one hit and no walks while striking out four.

Lord Botetourt, James River will participate in Cosmo Track meet this weekend

Lord Botetourt and James River will send teams to Roanoke this weekend for the annual Cosmopolitan Club Track Meet. The three-day meet is held at William Fleming High School.

The middle school field events and running trials will be Thursday. Junior Division athletes, in ninth and 10 grades, will have field events Friday at Fleming along with trials and some senior running trials. Senior field events, for juniors and seniors, will be Saturday morning and all running finals, for all three classes, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Both LB and River competed in the Titan Track Classic at Hidden Valley High School last Saturday. The Blacksburg girls and Salem boys won team championships while LB's boys were third and the girls were 10th. River's girls took sixth and the boys were 16th among 18 schools at the meet.

For LB, Kendal Howard broke his own school record in the discus with a winning toss of 176' 9" and he also won the shot put at 47'8". TJ McGinnis won the 100 meters in 11.07 and Ethan Thorne was third in the 1,600 and sixth in the 800. Caleb Miller was second in the 110 hurdles and third in the 300 hurdles. The LB 4x100 relay team was second.

For the girls, Alina Toliver was second in the discus with a toss of 99'4". Anne Thorne was third in the 800 and fourth in the 1,600. Jillian Harris was seventh in the 100 hurdles and eighth in the triple jump.

For James River, Emma Bobbit won the discus at 101'6" and took fourth in the shot put. Kaia



LB's Olivia Gantzhorn competes in the discus event.

Binns was third in the 100 and ran on the sixth place 4x100 relay team with Navaeh VanBuren, Alise Orent and Kelsey Firebaugh. VanBuren also took second in the triple jump and third in the discus while Drew Whitson was sixth in the 800



River's Kelsey Firebaugh (middle) runs the 200 in the Titan Invitational.

and seventh in the 1,600.

For the boys, Jayden Alston was fifth in the shot put. The 4x800 relay team of Aiden Bartulis, Brayden Jones, Silas Miller and Austen Myers was sixth.



Hunter Mays pitches for James River in a recent game.

Knights will host Glenvar tonight in Three Rivers baseball

The James River baseball team will host Glenvar tonight in a long-standing rivalry. The first pitch is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the Three Rivers District game in Springwood.

The Knights are coming off a 10-3 loss to Alleghany on the road last Friday. The Cougars broke open a close game with five runs in the bottom of the fifth. River trailed just 4-3 to that point.

"Alleghany is a tough opponent, probably a top two team in our district this year and we fought the whole way," said River coach Chance Henry.

The Knights jumped out to a 2-0 lead thanks to some good swings and playing some small ball. Alleghany answered with two runs in the bottom of the first but River took a 3-2 lead in the top of the fourth. The Cougars then scored two in the bottom of

the inning and put it away with the fifth inning rally.

Kody Park pitched into the fourth for the Knights before he was relieved by Logan Joyce, who gave up five runs of which just one was earned. Logan didn't allow a hit but walked four batters.

"Kody Park did great to keep us in the game, but again one bad inning kept us from being able to mount a comeback," said Henry.

River had four hits in the game. Joyce, Maddox Woodyard and Maddox Moore drove in runs.

The Knights were scheduled to host Carroll County on Tuesday. Glenvar is here tonight and River is then off until next Tuesday, May 7, when Radford comes to Springwood.

River girls have three tough softball games in as many days

The James River girls have their work cut out for them with three tough district softball games in three days. The Knights were scheduled to host Carroll County on Tuesday, Glenvar is here today and on Thursday the girls are at Radford for their third Three Rivers District game of the week.

It's a tough time for a tough schedule, as River comes into the week hoping to snap a rare four-game losing streak. Last week the Knights fell to 3-7 overall and 0-5 in the district with losses to Floyd County and Alleghany.

Last Tuesday, April 23, the girls dropped a 7-1 game at Floyd. Lilly Gillespie of Floyd hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the first to set the tone and Emma Biesterveld pitched a three hitter for the Buffalo gals.

Ripley Barry pitched for River and allowed



Makenna Saville delivers for the James River softball team.

seven runs, but only two were earned. Makenna Saville pitched two perfect innings in relief.

"We got up there a little late and never

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Big week for Lord Botetourt softball team

The Lord Botetourt softball team has two key Blue Ridge District games this week as the Cavs jockey for position in the post-season. Botetourt had undefeated Staunton River at home on Tuesday, then the Cavaliers are at William Byrd on Friday.

LB is 3-2 in the district and 7-7 overall after dropping a non-district game to Class 4 Blacksburg on the road Monday, 6-2. The Cavaliers outit the Bruins, 6-5, and got a great game from Grace Thomas in the circle. Thomas was tagged with the loss despite striking out 10 and allowing only one earned run. Riley Shupe led the LB offense with two hits.

Last week the Cavaliers took on Franklin County in a home-and-home series and split two district games. The Eagles were 9-2 overall before LB rallied for a 10-4 win in Daleville last Tuesday.

Franklin opened an early 4-0 lead in this one but the Cavaliers chipped away, scoring two in the fourth, four in the fifth and four in the sixth inning to pick up a big win. LB had 10 hits as Autumn Russell went three-for-four and Thomas drew three walks. Grace pitched the first four innings and Bry Orange went the last three to pick up



LB's Mikayla Reed

the win when LB rallied.

"I am so proud of the fight and energy the girls showed all night," said LB coach Megan Cook. "It was so much fun to be a part of."

On Friday the Cavaliers returned the trip to Rocky Mount and lost a heartbreaker, 6-5. Again the Eagles took the early lead, this time 6-0, and Botetourt came roaring back with a run in the fifth and four in the sixth. This time, however, they came up just short. Botetourt finished with eight hits, including two by Hadley Evans, and Thomas drove in two runs.

"It was a tough one to lose considering we just played them a few days prior," said Cook. "As always, the girls impress me with their ability to not give up."

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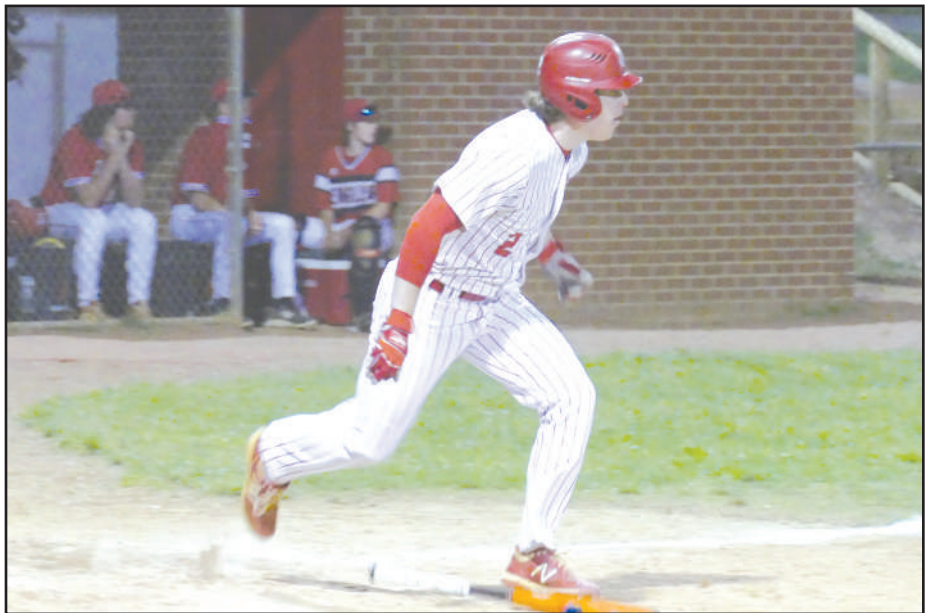
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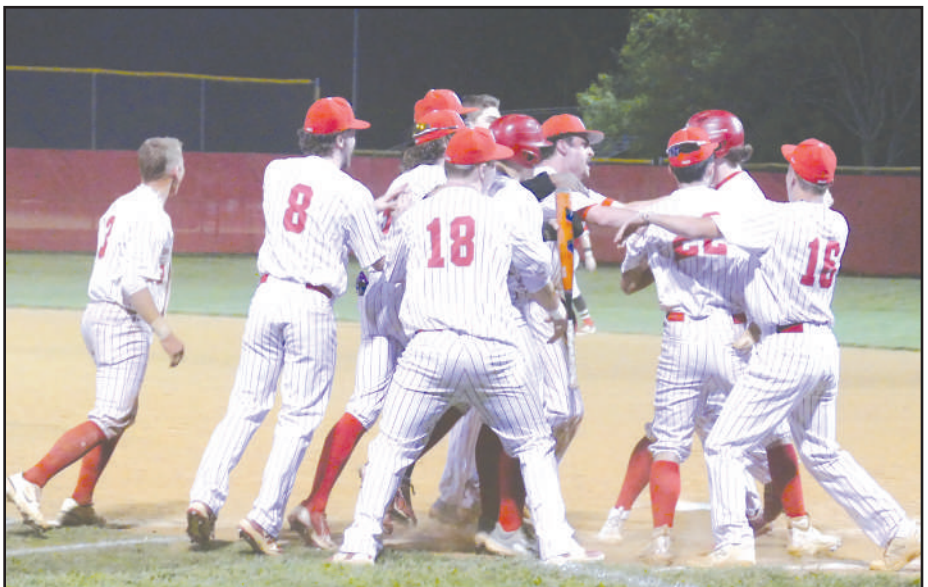
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Cavaliers have big district game with William Byrd Friday



Left, Cody McConnaughey watches his two-out hit drive in two runs to “walk off” Franklin County in Daleville Friday.



Right, LB teammates swarm McConnaughey after the big hit.

The Lord Botetourt baseball team will play host to William Byrd this Friday in what is always a big game, and this one is no exception. Coming into the week LB and Franklin County are tied atop the Blue Ridge District standings and Byrd is just a game behind.

The Cavaliers were undefeated in the BRD until they split a home-and-home series with Franklin County last week. On Tuesday of last week in Rocky Mount the host Eagles took a 9-4 win over LB. Caleb O’Quinn and

Cody McConnaughey split time on the mound and Franklin hit both pretty hard, scoring eight earned runs on 11 hits. Nolan Medley and Isaac Nichols had two hits each for LB and O’Quinn had a double and two RBIs.

On Friday the same two played in Daleville and LB evened the series in dramatic fashion, winning 4-3. The Cavaliers trailed 3-0 heading into the bottom of the seventh and scored four times for a walk-off win. McConnaughey drove in the final two runs with a two-

out hit to walk-off the visiting Eagles.

Medley started on the mound and went five innings, fanning eight. Ethan Deschambault pitched the last two innings and picked up the win in relief. JJ Tyree and McConnaughey had two hits each for LB.

“That was a big win for us,” said LB coach Todd Smith. “Franklin County has a really good team.”

On Monday of this week the Cavs played host to Brookville in a non-district game against a possible post-season

Region 3D opponent. O’Quinn fanned 10 Bees to get the win as Botetourt took a 5-2 victory while Deschambault pitched the last inning to pick up a save. Noah Donaho’s two-run homer was the big hit for the Cavaliers.

With the win Lord Botetourt improved to 10-3 overall. The Cavs took a 5-1 district record to Moneta Tuesday to play Staunton River and they’ll be at Pulaski County for a non-district game Thursday before the big game with Byrd Friday in Daleville.

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seemed to catch up to game speed,” said River coach Steve Austin. “The first inning was a microcosm of our season to date. We let the leadoff hitter get on, then turned a beautiful 4-6-3 double play. Two batters later, we made one mistake that opened the door for four unearned runs. All with two outs and none on.”

On Friday at Alleghany the Knights fell to the host Cougars, 8-3. Four Knight errors led to five unearned runs in the loss.

After the Cougars took the lead, 1-0, in the bottom

of the first inning the Knights went ahead in the top of the third, 2-1. Jalen Thompson singled to lead off rally and was sacrificed to second by Audrey Benson. Pinch hitter Kaylee Harlow, replacing injured Caitlyn Downey, reached on an error. Abbie Wilson and Ripley Barry followed with RBI singles, putting James River ahead.

Alleghany coupled three hits and two River errors to reclaim the lead in bottom of third, 4-2. The game settled down until four late Alleghany runs and a Barry solo home run set the final score.

Barry’s two hits and two RBIs led the Knights. Wilson, Benson, Thompson, Keira Crawford, Cloey Joynes, Ella Hutchens and Jennah Lynch had one hit apiece. Saville pitched a complete game for James River.

“I thought our effort was good against one of the top teams on our schedule,” said Austin. “Makenna Saville has come back from an early season injury to get more pitching time. This was her first start and the stat line is somewhat deceiving. Only three runs were earned and there were several infield hits. She gave us a chance.”


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