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Chapter Treasurer Alicia White-Braxton, "America 250!" Committee Chair Trish Morris, and Botetourt DAR Chapter Regent Betty Holt unveil the new Patriot marker at the Botetourt Museum of History & Culture last Saturday afternoon.



Last weekend's event saw a great crowd that visited the museum prior to the ceremony.



PHOTOS BY MATT DESIMONE

Virginia DAR State Regent Lauris Parker Nesbitt spoke during the unveiling event last Saturday.

DAR Patriots marker unveiled in Fincastle

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The Botetourt Chapter of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) unveiled a new marker outside of the Botetourt Museum of History & Culture last Saturday in Fincastle. The marker commemorates the 250th anniversary of the United States and the Revolutionary War patriots who fought for freedom

from 1775-1783.

The marker program honors the memory of the men and women who fought to ensure that the United States of America continues as a government "of the people, by the people, for the people." It is also designed to raise appreciation amongst current and future generations of Americans of their countrymen's sacrifice.

"The goal of the national society has been to place at least one

marker in every state before July 2026," Botetourt Chapter Regent Betty Holt said during her remarks Saturday. "Ours is not the first one in the Commonwealth, but it is one of the first to be dedicated. Thank you for sharing this special day with us here in Fincastle."

Holt read an article that was printed in the June 14, 1973 edition The Fincastle Herald about a grave marking ceremony held at Fincastle Presbyterian Church

honoring Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots buried in the cemetery. Outside of the church is a marker put up by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) honoring 36 patriots. Holt noted that since they decided not to hold the ceremony at the museum due to weather, Fincastle Presbyterian was a natural substitute due to its historical significance.

Virginia DAR State Regent Lauris Parker Nesbitt was invited

by the Botetourt Chapter to speak during the dedication ceremony. She shared her excitement about the Fincastle marker.

Del. Terry Austin shared some remarks about the marker's significance and the significance of Botetourt County to United States history.

"It's amazing to think how much of our history sits right here

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Troutville mayor resigns

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After nearly a decade, Troutville will soon have a new mayor later this year. David Horton, who served as the town's mayor since 2015, recently announced his resignation from the position.

Horton, who has been a resident of Troutville for the last several years, was born and raised in Carroll County. He spent many years working as a firefighter beginning in 1971. Around the time he retired, he moved to Botetourt County working for the county's Animal Control department for the next 15 years.

Horton took some time out of his day last week to share memories about his time as mayor, beginning with how he came into the position.

"Mayor Bill Rader was the mayor when I moved here," Horton recalled. "I had lived here about two years, I guess, and there was an opening on Town Council. I can't remember who mentioned it, but someone said to me that I should run. I did and

they voted me in. A few years later, the former mayor moved and council named me acting mayor. And it was that way up until about two weeks ago when I resigned and retired."

Horton is proud of his time as Troutville's mayor and some of the things he was able to help provide for the community like the fencing along town park, purchasing a new pickup truck for the water department, and a new speed limit sign that digitally tracks speeds

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN OF TROUTVILLE

David Horton, who served as Troutville's mayor since 2015, recently resigned from his position.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KURTIS KENNEDY

BTEC's Computer Systems Technology students who worked on the grant project were (left to right) Ethan Spickard, David Merritt, Bryan Nida, Wyatt Dickenson, Chase McGrath, Aaron Petty, DJ Toliver, Tyler Fitzpatrick, Adam Smith, and Ryan Markham.

Botetourt students donate computers to local food bank

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Earlier this year, a group of Botetourt high school students from the Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC) who won a \$10,000 grant from Altec Inc.'s Innovation Challenge recently revealed their plans to spend their award. The competition instructed students to develop a project to benefit the local community.

The students received a group of donated computers earlier this year to clean up and update. They were able to utilize the grant money in updating the donated computers and made the decision

to donate them to families that may not have access to home PCs.

BTEC Computer Systems Technology (CST) teacher Kurtis Kennedy recently shared in an interview that the students decided to donate the refurbished computers to the Botetourt community to a local food bank.

"With there being new internet (fiber) coming to area, we figured that there would be families that could use a refurbished computer, but just didn't have one in their home other than a cell phone. So, we thought that there would be a need in the community," Kennedy said.

Last week, the class was in

the process of refurbishing the computers. CST students Bryan Nida and Ryan Markham shared their thoughts on the process and what it is like to provide a need for the community.

"There were about 10 of us who volunteered," Nida explained. "I kind of took the responsibility of making the proposal happen to actually win the competition. After winning the grant, it's been really fun managing the project. I've just kind of been focused in on the function of (the project) but only recently I've been retrospective on who these computers are going to.

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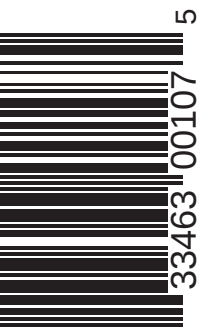
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Botetourt County History



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Children love music and this wooden toy piano can still be played. It belonged to Joanne Merchant who grew up in Eagle Rock and owned Joanne's School of Dance. Sheryl Merchant

donated the toy to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture along with other family artifacts in April 2024. May is designated as National Historic Preservation

Month in an official Proclamation by Governor Glenn Youngkin.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Governor Youngkin proclaims May as National Historic Preservation Month

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin recently proclaimed May as National Historic Preservation Month throughout the state. In recognition, Youngkin states that Virginians are proud of the Commonwealth's rich and diverse history that extends approximately 16,000 years or more; and that legacy gave rise to one of the earliest state historical societies in 1831; the first national preservation movement in the 1850s; one of the earliest statewide private preservation organizations in 1889; and the nation's first historical highway marker program in 1927.

The recognition goes on to explain that vast legacy propelled creation of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission in 1966, predecessor of today's Department of Historic Resources (DHR), and the Commonwealth's preservation easement program and the Virginia Landmarks Register; and the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places now lists more than 3,400 individual sites and nearly 600 districts that highlight the significant contributions of many diverse populations to the storied tapestry of the Commonwealth's and the nation's history.

Since 1966, Virginia property owners have donated to the Commonwealth more than 690 preservation easements and have preserved more than 45,000 acres in Virginia affiliated with historic houses, buildings, archaeological sites, and battlefields, while keeping these lands in private ownership. The Commonwealth has erected 2,900 historical highway markers and seven Green Book plaques that highlight people, places, or events important at the regional, state, or national level since 1927.

Heritage tourism adds more than \$7.7 billion annually to Virginia's economy, and tax credit rehabilitation of Virginia's historic buildings has leveraged more than \$6.8 billion in private investments, resulting in tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in rehabilitation and post-rehabilitation spending that ripple across the state's economy.

Historic preservation fosters community pride about history in the "places that matter" where people live, work, and play in Virginia; thus, it is important to celebrate Virginia's history and its impact on citizens' lives and communities.

- Botetourt County Historical Society

Flag Retirement Ceremony Monday

VFW Post 1841 in Daleville hold its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, May 27, at 7 p.m. at the post home, 4902 Roanoke Road (US 220).

There will be dozens of old, unserviceable flags to be honored and then burned at this event. The public is invited to attend; it will last about an hour.

- Jerry Jacobsen, Post 1841 commander

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Botetourt County announces settlement for the ongoing Fincastle courthouse project

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors approved a settlement regarding specific legal matters the board reviewed and considered about the ongoing courthouse project in Fincastle at a special meeting held last week in Daleville.

In a press release Friday, it explained that there was a recommended resolution from the county attorney and county staff for the board to approve a settlement agreement with the construction company (KNA) and Surety (bonding company) regarding the Fincastle Courthouse Project.

The resolution explains that the project's contractor, KNA Constrution, LLC, entered into a construction contract with Botetourt County on October 26, 2022. The bonding company, Surety, issued a performance bond weeks prior to the county's agreement with KNA.

The total construction project for package A was bid for \$5,208,657. Package A consisted of site preparation

and demolition of the current courthouse. On July 28, 2023, the county issued to KNA a "Notice of Default and Right to Cure."

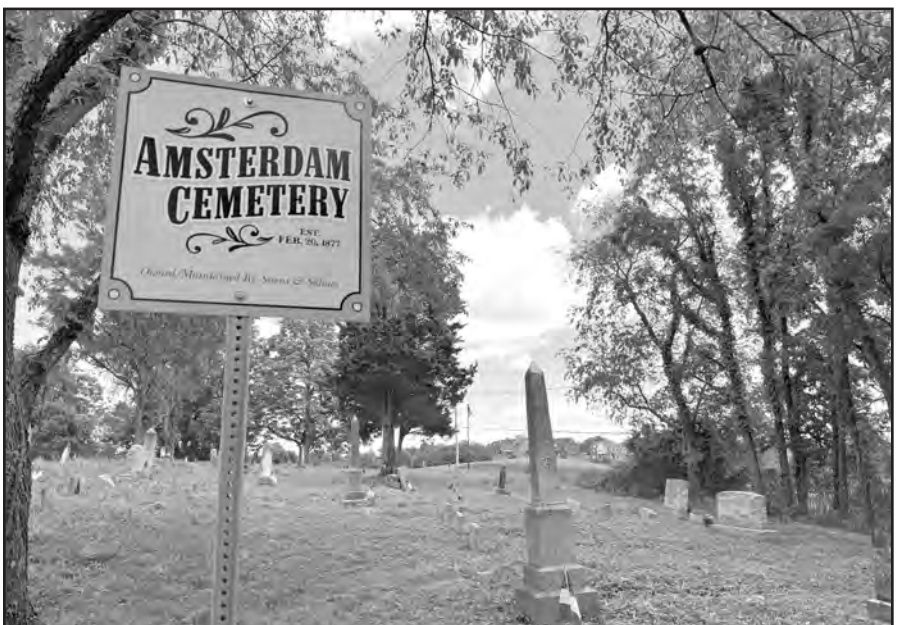
After negotiations, Botetourt County will receive compensation totaling \$850,000. Botetourt County Capital Projects Manager Rich Evans will be working with pre-qualified contractors to appropriately solicit bids to complete the courthouse construction project as soon as it can be accomplished.

"This has been an extremely complicated situation to work through," the release went on to say. "Botetourt County has lost construction time, however fortunately, due to the work of the Botetourt County team, including our legal counsel, financial losses have been substantially mitigated. The timeframe for the completion of the project is still to be determined, pending final design and bidding for construction."

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Sirens & Salutes prepares for busy summer of community services

Co-founder Bill Price was recently made trustee of the Amsterdam Cemetery



The Amsterdam Cemetery has recently received a refurbishing thanks to the work of local community organization Sirens & Salutes, who recently installed a new sign as a part of their cleanup efforts.

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With Memorial Day approaching, Sirens & Salutes—a local organization that honors fallen heroes—continues giving back to the community. This time of year presents the organization with several projects and annual tasks that need completing by Memorial Day, when Sirens & Salutes and members of the Botetourt community work to ensure the sacrifices of military veterans, police officers, and emergency workers are remembered.

The organization's co-founder Bill Price was recently made trustee of the Amsterdam Cemetery in Daleville, which was originally established in 1877. He's spent the last few weeks clearing out a lot of the vegetation and installing a flagpole with a solar spotlight which can be seen when driving along Roanoke Road (Route 220, on the corner of Amsterdam Road and Greenfield Street).

"You couldn't see any of this when we first started," Price said about

the work done for the cemetery. "The trees were right to the ground. You couldn't even see the stones."

Work began around the end of March and Price thinks he'll continue work over the next several weeks. Over the last few weeks, Price and others have uncovered gravestones that date back well over 100 years. Last weekend, Price and helpers took to weed-eating and spraying to better clear a lot of the overgrown weeds that have spiraled throughout

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PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

Price (right) works the weed-eater last Friday at the Amsterdam Cemetery.



NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS AT BOTETOURT LIBRARIES

Libraries Closed May 25-27
All library branches will be closed on Saturday, May 25 - Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

New print service
With our new Princh print management system, you can now print remotely (like from home), from any mobile device (like your smartphone) or laptop, as well as from library computers! Pay at the library's front desk to release your print job. See instructions at bocolibraries.info > Services > Print Remotely.

Beach Party with Shana Banana
Wed, Jun 5, 2:30-3:30pm, Botetourt Family YMCA
Travel through the water cycle with this one-woman interactive musical concert, meeting all sorts of interesting aquatic and marine species along the way. YMCA membership is not required to attend.

Art Lab
Dive into hands-on, book-based, ocean-themed crafts!
Whale Bubble Wrap Art - ages 2-6
Tue, May 28, 2:30pm, Eagle Rock
Ocean Shirt Tie Dye - all ages
Wed, May 29, 3pm, Buchanan
Fri, May 31, 11am, Blue Ridge
Fri, May 31, 2:30pm, Eagle Rock

Recycle & Play
Enjoy a story, then dive into an ocean-themed craft using recycled materials.
Aquarium Dig - ages 2-6
Wed, May 29, 11am, Blue Ridge
Aquarium Sensory Bottle - ages 7-11
Tue, May 21, 3pm, Buchanan
Jumping Dolphin Tissue Box - ages 7-11

Tue, May 28, 11am, Buchanan
Paint Pour Ocean Canvas
Thu, May 30, 4-5pm (teens) or 6-7pm (adults), Blue Ridge
Thu, May 30, 4:30-5:30pm (teens/adults), Eagle Rock
Fri, Jun 7, 3-4pm (teens/adults), Buchanan
Create a swirly ocean scene using straws and paint. Wear old clothes, this will be messy! Registration required; call 540-928-2900 to sign up.

Eclectic Readers
Thu, May 23, 11am-12pm, Eagle Rock
Chances Are... by Richard Russo
Fri, May 24, 11am-12pm, Blue Ridge
The Glass Ocean by Beatriz Williams
Discuss books and authors with fellow readers.

Septic Health: Preventing Costly Repairs
Mon, Jun 3, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge
Tue, Jun 4, 11am-12pm, Buchanan
Learn how to maintain your septic system so you don't spend money on costly repairs down the road, as well as keep harmful contamination from spreading on your property. Get details on Residential Septic Program's cost-share options available for parts of Botetourt County. Presented by Mountain Castles Soil & Water.

Summer Reading Challenge
Calling kids age 0-12 to "Dive into Reading" with our ocean-themed challenge! Ends June 30.
Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Horton for years as Troutville's mayor
Vice Mayor Laura Bumgarner, Town Council and employees of the Town of Troutville would like to thank Mayor David Horton for his 10 years of service to our town. Mayor Horton resigned on May 8, 2024. We wish him the best of luck in his retirement.
*Judy Carter
Town of Troutville*

Donations still needed for Fourth of July fireworks
The Fourth of July fireworks display at Breckinridge Elementary School in

Fincastle will cost \$7,000 this year because we had to hire a professional fireworks company. We will be using the same company, Master Display, as we had last year.
Donations are needed. We appreciate all who donated to the wonderful event in Fincastle last year.
Let your friends, co-workers, and families know about the Fincastle Fourth of July fireworks. Come and have an enjoyable time together with family and friends.
Donations can be taken to the Fincastle Town Office or sent to Town of Fincastle, P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, 24090. You can call the Town Office at 540-473-2200 to use your debit or credit card to make a donation.
Let's make the 2024 Fincastle Fourth of July fireworks display the best show of the year.
*Paige Ware
Fourth of July Fireworks Committee*

Bank of Botetourt promotes Lima

Kristina Lima has been promoted to manage the Bank of Botetourt's Bonsack location. Before her promotion, she previously worked at the bank's Daleville Town Center office as an assistant branch manager.
Lima has been with the bank for 10 years and has been in the financial industry for almost two decades. She graduated from James River High School and continued her education at Radford University where she earned a degree in Business and Spanish, which she speaks fluently. Lima resides in Buchanan with her husband Alex.

- Bank of Botetourt



Kristina Lima PHOTOCOURTESYOFBANK OF BOTETOURT

Fish fry June 1 at Mill Creek

The Alaska and Standing Rock Mission Teams will host a fish fry on Saturday, June 1, in the fellowship of Mill Creek Baptist Church from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The menu will consist of two pieces of fish, parsley potatoes, slaw and hushpuppies, dine in or carry out. Homemade desserts will be available for purchase.
Tickets are \$12 and may be obtained by calling (540) 797-2304 or (540) 797-2673; feel free to leave a message and your call will be returned. Advance tickets are recommended.

- Mill Creek Baptist

'Terrific Tuesdays' free community dinner May 28

Everyone is welcome to the free church and community dinner at Fincastle United Methodist Church's Family Life Center, 137 S. Church Street, on Tuesday, May 28. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m.

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests May 14-19:
• Hannah L. Meador, 23, of Troutville, drunk in public, obstruction of justice, May 14
• Travis L. Austin, 39, of Buchanan, domestic assault, May 18
• Timothy A. Begley, 32, of Boones Mill, driving under the influence, May 18
• Angel Hernandez Cruz, 24, of Roanoke, driving under the influence, driving with a revoked license, May 19

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week



Ted

Ted arrived at the LAP Shelter on May 1. Sadly, his mom has serious health issues and is not able to care for him any longer. Ted is very obese and is now on a weight-restricting diet. He is 8 years old, tested for feline diseases, UTD with vaccines and chipped. The LAP Shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

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5. Presides over meetings (abbr.)
9. Trefoil
10. Father of Paris
12. Asian nut for chewing
13. Machine gun from the air
16. The communion table
17. His razor
18. Father
19. Doctor of philosophy
22. Cologne
23. Black tropical Am. cuckoo
24. Diversifies
28. Razor author 14th C
31. Maple sugar fluid
32. A corp.'s first stock offer to the public
34. The premier bike race
42. References
43. Extremely high frequency
44. Actress Farrow
46. Not good
47. State of annoyance
48. S. China seaport
51. Bengal quince
52. Provide the means
54. A large and imposing house
55. Excessively fat
57. Spars
58. Former wives
59. Repeat
CLUES DOWN
1. Podetiums
2. Frankenberg river
3. Feel ill
4. 12th state
5. "Anything Goes"
author's initials
6. Daily time units (abbr.)
7. Cagiva __; motorcycle
8. Drug agent (slang)
9. Study of poetic meter
11. Ceremonial staffs
12. Russian pancake served with caviar
14. Supervises flying
15. Large Australian flightless bird
16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
19. Before
20. Hall of Fame (abbr.)
21. Constitution Hall org.
24. Atomic #35
25. Ducktail hairstyle
26. Independent ruler
27. Oval water scorpion
29. Modern London Gallery
30. On top
33. Identicalness
35. 2002 Olympic state
36. Tease or ridicule
37. Arrived extinct
38. Opposite of begin
39. Ol' Blue Eye's initials
40. South Am. nation
41. Type of salamander
42. S. China seaport
44. Woman (French)
45. 007's Fleming
47. __ Domingo
49. A French abbot
50. Gorse genus
51. An uproarious party
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54. A waterproof raincoat
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Taking Chance
(2009) Based on real-life events, Lt. Col. Michael Strobl, a volunteer military escort officer, accompanies the body of 19-year-old Marine Chance Phelps back to his hometown of Dubois, Wyo. (1hr 17min) PG
Fri. & Sat., May 24-25
7 p.m.
Sun., May 26
3 p.m.

Unsung Hero
(2024) Based on a true story, a mum's faith stands against all odds and inspires her husband and children to hold on to theirs. (1hr 53 min) PG
Thurs., May 30
7 p.m.

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Students

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“It’s very satisfying knowing that I am helping the community because the people these are going to are probably using their phones for most of their ‘computer work’ where a computer would be much better. Or maybe it’s a parent, through the food bank, trying to get a computer for their child because maybe they can’t afford a new computer. It’s been very satisfying to think about who this project is helping and all the work we’ve put into it.”

Nida, who graduated this week, said that he enjoyed the experience as a project manager, refining his leadership skills and learning “the in’s and out’s” of putting together a reliable team.

Ryan Markham is a sophomore who is looking forward to taking over the role of a project manager for his class’s future projects in the next couple of years.

“The first month I worked on the Altec project was daunting in comparison to my other classmates who had years of experience working on computers,” Markham recalled. “They know way more than I do, but as the months went by working more and more (on the project), we all became friends and I learned a lot working with Bryan.”

Most of the equipment involved with this year’s distribution came from Altec, but the class also received equipment from Spectrum Design along with other private donations that will be used next year. Kennedy and his CST class encourage others in the community to consider donating any electronic equipment they may have to this worthy program. Even the oldest equipment can be used in the classroom for learning opportunities.

The class and Kennedy have been in correspondence with Martha Rodgers of the Botetourt Food Pantry about donating computers to the food bank. He noted that Rodgers is “an indispensable part of this program.” On Tuesday, students donated 42 computers to the Botetourt Food Bank, two to the Buchanan Resource Center, and two to Solomon’s Mission. The class also plans to expand the program to involve proper e-waste recycling and hopefully some kind of community event in the near future.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KURTIS KENNEDY

Sirens

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The Amsterdam Cemetery’s peaceful setting

PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

the cemetery grounds.

The wrought iron fence surrounding the plots was made from by the Eagle Iron Company that was based in Tennessee during the late 19th century.

Several of the individuals buried at Amsterdam have damage to their headstones that Sirens & Salutes plan to repair. Recently, the organization purchased memorial stones for former police officers from the Roanoke area to be placed at the Amsterdam and Fairview cemeteries.

This weekend, the Buchanan Theatre will hold special movie screenings, free of charge, of the 2009 war drama

“Taking Chance” starring Kevin Bacon. Showtimes begin this Friday, May 24, at 7 p.m., continuing with another 7 p.m. showing this Saturday, and concluding with a third showing at 3 p.m. Sunday. Sirens & Salutes annually sponsors a free film played each Memorial Day weekend in Buchanan.

Sirens & Salutes will be placing memorial flags on the graves of veterans in Fairview Cemetery in Buchanan next Saturday at noon, and picking up those flags at the same time the following Tuesday. The organization has ordered 160 military flags and plans to line the fence of the cemetery this

weekend.

On Memorial Day Monday, there will be a special 11 a.m. Memorial Day service at Fairview followed by a lunch at Solomon’s Mission at noon. After that, Price and others will then travel out to Carrington Place for a special Memorial Day service for the veterans at the center.

Later this summer, July 20, Sirens & Salutes and Quilts of Valor will hold an awards ceremony honoring local veterans at the Buchanan Community Center, presenting quilts to several members of the Botetourt community.

For more information about Sirens & Salutes, visit sirensandsalutes.org.



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ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. 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 9:15 AM, Worship 10:30 AM; Wednesday: Prayer & Bible Study - 6:30 PM, Youth - 6:30 PM
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 Copps 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 Burkhart, preschool director.
Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11

Time to Rest

Read Exodus 30:1 through 32:35

“This project has to be done right, and it has to be done soon. Work all weekend if you have to.” Some work assignments make us wonder if we need to make a few clones to help us get the work done. Life’s responsibilities may seem larger than we can handle, yet we need to learn the importance of rest.

“It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed” (Exodus 31:17).

God created the Sabbath for two key purposes. First, people need to set aside a day to worship God and fellowship with His people. Second, we need a day of rest and refreshing. Scientific research bears this out.

Nearly everyone must contend with deadlines and expectations from others. God, however, wants us to set aside time to rest and to seek Him. Obeying His instructions for rest and worship actually helps us gain the energy and renewal we need to be more effective and productive in the responsibilities we carry.

Prayer Suggestion: God, please direct me in ways to better rest in You.

Quicklook: Exodus 31:14-17

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 osroanoke.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.

OBITUARIES

Hammit, John Douglas

The world became a better place on January 8, 1927, the day John Douglas Hammit was born to Oly F. and Jessie T. Hammit in Buchanan. John passed away peacefully March 15, 2024, with his loved ones at his home after a long and blessed life. While 97 years seems a long time, it wasn't nearly enough.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his beloved granddaughter, Sue Ann Watts; his seven older sisters, Anna Lee (Russell) Hess, Ruth (C.W.) Stull, Mary (J.D.) Hawkins, Margaret (Gil) Stinnett, Frances (Gil) Rollins, Doris (Fred) Racey and Norma (Frank) Wickline. Peace comes when we imagine the reunion of John with Sue Ann and many loved ones. John lived his faith in Christ every day with love and kindness he showed family and friends, and courtesy he showed to all.

Left to cherish his memory is the love of his life, Marian S. Hammit; his loving daughter, Sally Godsy, and special son-in-law Robert (Butch) Godsey; and many nieces and nephews he held dear. John married Marian on May 17, 1947, and cherished their life together, which he recently



said was "77 short years." They loved dancing, traveling, telling jokes, and gathering with family and friends. John was a proud WWII Army veteran and avid wildlife hunter, especially with his nephews. He served as a volunteer in Buchanan Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. John began his hardware career in Buchanan and then 38 years as owner/manager of Lexington Hardware. He declined the request to run for mayor of Buchanan, but a write-in campaign led to John being elected. He respectfully declined his election. John will be missed by all who loved and knew him. Our memories of this wonderful son, husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend are always in our hearts.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25, 2024, in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home at 14920 Lee Highway, Buchanan. The family will receive friends from 12 to 2 p.m. The burial will follow the service, and then all are invited to return to the Botetourt Event Center for food and fellowship. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.

Hopper, James William

James William Hopper, 53, of Fincastle, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2024.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Ashley Nicely Hopper; and grandparents, Catherine and William "Bill" Graff.

He is survived by his daughter, Allyson Hopper; parents, James and Susan Hopper; sister, Carol Hensler; and

nephews, Jake and Brendan Hensler. A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, June 2, at 5 p.m. in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home, 14920 Lee Hwy, Buchanan. The family will receive friends from 4 to 5 p.m. with the service to follow. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Williamson, Lily Hill

Lily Hill E. Williamson, 91, of Buchanan, passed away peacefully with her loving family beside her on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Ray Williamson; siblings Charlotte (Zach) Phillips and Waring (Evelyn) Edwards; her sister-in-law Dorothy W. Howard; and brother-in-law Fred P. Williamson.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, J.L. Williamson and D. Ray Williamson; grandchildren, Megan and Forrest Kessler, Scott Williamson, Sarah and Kevin Kerwin, Caroline Williamson; honorary grandchildren, Matt Marshall and Brian Kelley; great-grandchildren, who lovingly called her "Meemaw," David Kessler and Haidyn Kessler; and many nieces and nephews.

Lily was a very special woman. She always had a smile and a hello for everyone. She was part of the Waskey's Mill Community for many years. She will be missed by many. "She will never be gone, but forever in our hearts." Visitation was on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Funeral services were at Wheatland Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19, with Pastor Chuck Miller officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Please consider donations to Good Samaritan Hospice, Attn: Development, 4751 Cove Road, NW, Roanoke, 24017. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Witt, Jean Deacon

Jean Deacon Witt, 87, of Troutville, was welcomed into the arms of her Lord and Savior on May 13, 2024.

Jean laughed freely and loved fully. Her life was marked by service to the Lord, love for her family, and delight in music, her cats, planting flowers, decorating, puzzles, and baking cakes.

Jean was born in Roanoke on January 4, 1937 to Elroy and Bessie Deacon. She grew up in Botetourt County alongside her big brother, Ralph. Jean graduated as valedictorian of the Colonial High School Class of 1954 where she was an avid basketball player. In June 1956, she married the love of her life, Carlton Witt. Together they built a home on her family farm where they raised their three children; David, Carol and Teresa. Jean resided here her entire life, enjoying the farm life and her view of grazing cows in the pastureland.

In her early years, Jean worked at Pittsburg Plate Glass and was a homemaker before beginning her career at Oakey's in 1971. She began as the part-time organist and grew into a full-time office position in accounting and payroll while still playing for services. Jean retired in September

2018 after 41 years at Oakey's.



Jean loved music and was an accomplished pianist and organist, playing until her very last days. She began playing the organ as a teenager at Bonsack Baptist Church where she grew to passionately serve as the organist for over 35 years alongside her lifelong friend, June Brown. Jean cheerfully and faithfully volunteered in numerous roles at the church including as the financial secretary, women's ministry chairperson, and counting committee.

Jean is reuniting in Heaven with her parents; her loving husband of 35 years, Carlton Witt; her precious grandson, Jared Arney; her beloved son, David Witt; and her big brother, Ralph Deacon. She is survived by her daughters Carol (Darryl) Pugh, Teresa (Bill) Arney; daughter-in law, Debbie Witt; grandchildren, Josh

(Rachel) Witt, Krishna (Josh) Golla, Regina (Victor) Rivera, Savannah Pugh, Will (Nicole) Arney, Katelyn Arney, Katie Arney; 12 great-grandchildren; nieces, Cindy Bireley and Kim Charlton; nephews, Dennis and Jeff Deacon; and sisters-in-law, Marlene Deacon and Darlene Witt.

The family received friends at Oakey's East Chapel on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 12-2 p.m. The memorial service began at 2 p.m., followed by interment at Evergreen Burial Park in Roanoke. Those wishing to honor Jean may donate to the SixForty Corporation for the restoration of Colonial Elementary, P.O. Box 731, Fincastle, 24090.

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CHURCH NEWS

Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Area Presbyterian Food Pantry will be open Saturday, May 25, from 9 till 11 a.m. Volunteers from St. Mark's United Methodist Church will distribute meat, milk, bread and staples to all who need it. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

Fincastle Presbyterian next in 'Celebrating Historic Churches' series

Fincastle Presbyterian Church will host the second edition of "Celebrating the Historic Churches in Fincastle" on Thursday, May 30, starting about 6:15 p.m. Lori Turner and David Austin will provide gathering music with voices, guitars, and a concertina.

About 6:35 p.m., Bo Trumbo will present a history of Fincastle Presbyterian Church. The music program will be presented following that. Hannah Cox, Roanoke Symphony Orchestra's Community Engagement and Education Coordinator, will present a program on "The History of Music." There will be a fellowship time on the front porch of the church.

Children invited to 'Noah's Park Club' at Valley View Baptist

Valley View Baptist Church invites children ages 3-10 to participate in "Noah's Park Club" from 6:30-7:30 on Wednesdays, beginning May 29. The hour will include a Bible lesson, arts, crafts, singing, snacks, and an award system. Registration is free. The church is located at 17471 Main Street, Buchanan.

News from the Buchanan Food Pantry

The Mission and Outreach Committee of Buchanan Presbyterian Church would like to thank their partners in the Food Pantry for their continued support and participation. Volunteers from St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Buchanan Baptist and Buchanan Lions Club have been faithful in caring for many folks in the community who need their help.

If you grow vegetables and have extra to share, the clients would be most grateful to benefit from your excess. Please call 540-354-1537 to arrange for delivery. If you can't get them to Buchanan, any food pantry near you would probably be happy to receive them.

"Fill the Porch to Save My Sheep" will be held June 15. Volunteers will be on hand from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. to receive your gifts. Can we beat last year's donations of 750 pounds of staples plus \$1,000 in monetary donations?

Do you have stuff you want to be rid of, but don't want to go to the bother of a yard sale? There will be a garage sale on the Buchanan Presbyterian Church property July 20 from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. for the benefit of the Food Pantry. Donations can be left on the porch any Wednesday or Saturday between

now and then.

The Mission and Outreach Committee would also like to thank the entire community for their continued support of the Food Pantry and volunteers of all the various organizations and committees throughout Buchanan and the surrounding hamlets. You all contribute to making our world a better place.

Yard sale and bake sale at VFW June 1

The Women's Ministry and the 413 Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Fincastle will be sponsoring a yard sale and bake sale Saturday, June 1, starting at 8 a.m. The location will be at the VFW building located at 4902 Roanoke Road in Daleville. Vendors are welcome for a donation of \$15. Please contact Dr. Maxine Casey at 540-539-4962 if interested in selling. Everyone is welcome.

Shiloh Community Center available to hold events

The Shiloh Community Center is available for events. It is located on Shiloh Road across from Shiloh United Methodist Church, 519 Shiloh Road, Eagle Rock. There's no charge for use of the building, but users may leave a donation. For more information, call Bobby at 540-797-9651 or Brian at 610-716-6955.

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.

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 Etta Alexander, P.O. Box 5, Eagle Rock, 24085.

Celebrating Fincastle's Historic Churches - 2024

Celebrating the Fincastle Presbyterian Church

108 Back Street, Fincastle, VA

Thursday, May 30 starting at 6:30 pm

Through History and Music

Lori Turner—gathering music starting at 6:20 pm

Bo Trumbo—History of Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Musical Program by Hannah Cox

Botetourt County School Board recognizes local businesses and individuals in the 2024 Virginia School Boards Association Business Honor Roll

Local businesses have the power to shape community attitudes about public schools, and the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Business Honor Roll is a platform for school divisions to acknowledge their invaluable support. Businesses, whether large corporations or family-owned enterprises, play a vital role in enhancing our communities and local schools.

Through in-kind or financial contributions, scholarship donations, sponsorship of extracurricular activities and field trips, internship opportunities, and volunteerism, these businesses enrich the educational experience for students and staff alike.

The Botetourt County School Board

proudly nominates the following for this year's VSBA Business Honor Roll:

- Altec Industries, Inc.
- MAAG Gala, Inc.
- Virginia Cooperative Extension

/ Tyler Painter

These businesses and individuals have demonstrated exemplary commitment to Botetourt County Public Schools, providing countless learning opportunities, enrichment, and resources. "Their contributions make a tangible difference in the quality of education and the overall well-being of our community," said Anna Weddle, Botetourt County School Board Chair.

~ BCPS



Brian Price and School Board representative Dana McCaleb



MAAG Gala, Inc.'s Jason VanNess (left), Tracy Nester, and David Jewell



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Virginia Cooperative Extension agent Tyler Painter and McCaleb

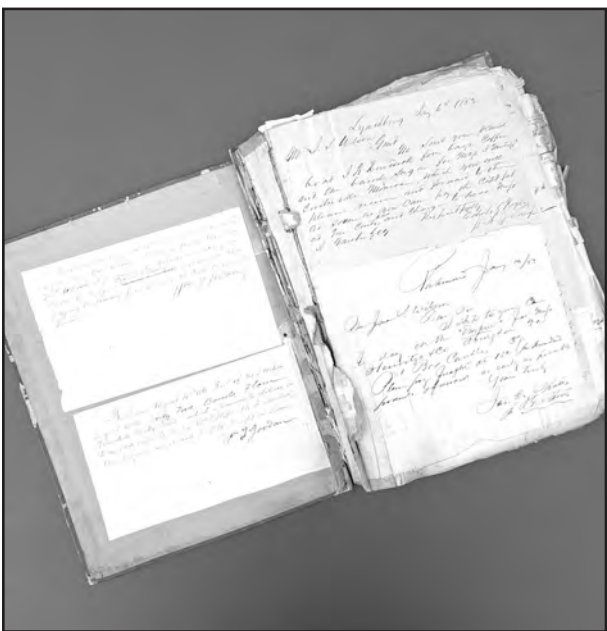


PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCHANAN TOWN IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY
An 1853 Wilson Warehouse ledger of shipments received by canal boat

Open house Monday at the Wilson Warehouse

The historic Wilson Warehouse in Buchanan, built in 1839, welcomes area residents to an open house and tour on Monday, May 27, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The open house follows the 77th Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Service held at Buchanan's Fairview Cemetery at 11 a.m. and luncheon at Solomon's Mission at noon.

The Wilson Warehouse is owned by the Buchanan Town Improvement Society. Many know the building as the "Community House." During the open house, the society will show a presentation at 1:30 and 2:30, "Historical Discoveries at the Wilson Warehouse." Recent work

at the warehouse uncovered over 30 "ledgers" and other documents dating from 1812 to 1931. The majority of the ledgers pertain to early Buchanan history and the Wilson Company that operated a shipping, receiving and retail operation out of the Wilson Warehouse.

Renovation of the building and grounds is just one of the projects underway to upgrade the 185-year-old structure. Other projects include exterior painting and lighting, HVAC updates, restoration of the second and third floors and preservation of historical documents.

For many decades, the Wilson

Warehouse was a place for weddings, receptions, service club meetings and community events. It features a large, open event space and commercial kitchen. The space is available for rental.

The Town Improvement Society actively seeks new members as well as local and corporate sponsors. For information call (540) 817-5772 or email: tis1903@gmail.com; Visit the website: wilsonwarehouse.org; and Facebook: Buchanan Town Improvement Society.

~ Buchanan Town Improvement Society

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**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on May 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below. Information may be viewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and is available online by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section at: <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/Agenda-Center>

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.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, May 23, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on May 28, 2024.

Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator

AARP Fraud Alert: Home Repair Scams

Spring has sprung and with warmer weather comes home repairs. Unfortunately, shady

contractors are out there looking for homeowners in the market for spring repairs. Contractor fraud and home improvement scams can cost homeowners

thousands of dollars and leave them with shoddy workmanship, unfinished projects, or even damage to their homes.

Scammers often target older adults, but anyone can fall victim to these scams. Here are three things to know to stay safe from a home improvement rip off.

First, make sure to shop around. Don't settle for the first contractor you encounter. Get multiple estimates and ask for

references before hiring anyone.

Next, never pay the full cost upfront. Reputable contractors typically require a deposit, but not the full amount prior to starting the job.

Lastly, resist responding to a solicitation at your door, on your phone, or online. Be proactive in your search for a reputable contractor.

May 20-24 is Contractor Fraud Awareness Week.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

~ AARP

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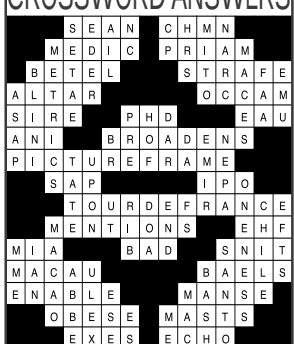
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-1427(F) and 15.2-1508 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on May 28, 2024, at 2:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below.

The Board proposes to adopt an uncodified ordinance authorizing payment of a bonus to employees of the Botetourt County Department of Social Services upon receipt of a match from the Commonwealth of Virginia. The full text of the ordinance is available in the office of the County Administrator.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, May 23, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on May 28, 2024.

Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator

NOTICE
All Botetourt County governmental offices, libraries and the landfill station will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day. The Botetourt County Treasurer's Office and Registrar's Office will also be closed.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS


NOTICE
The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

For information regarding this meeting, please see www.botetourtva.gov or contact the County Administrator's Office at 540-928-2006.

Fincastle needs donations for the July 4 fireworks show!
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Theimer, Whitson receive HFI scholarships

Historic Fincastle, Inc. (HFI) awarded two scholarships at the James River High School Awards Assembly on Tuesday, May 14.

The Elizabeth and Israel Christian \$1,000 Scholarship was awarded to Paul Theimer of Shavers Farm Road, Fincastle. He is the son of Michael and Jennifer Theimer. He is an honor student and the Senior Class president. Paul has participated in soccer, FCA, and National Honor Society. In the fall he plans to attend Virginia Tech and study finance. One of Paul's references described as "civic minded... with a great sense of responsibility towards improving the lives of those around him ... and can mobilize others and foster collaboration." Another

reference describes him as "hardworking, driven and motivated... kind and caring...and determined."

The Pat Simmons and Sally Eads \$500 Scholarship was awarded to Drew Whitson of Black Forest Lane, Buchanan. She is the daughter of Sean and Ashley Whitson. Drew plans on attending Virginia Western Community College and study nursing. She showed many types of volunteering on her application: Swim Club, Bee Club, Feeding America 2021, Fincastle Library Book Sale, New Freedom Farm Cheer Team, Solomon's Mission, YMCA Older Adults Luncheon, and James River High School Day of Service 2023 and 2024, just to name a few. One of Drew's references



Paul Theimer and HFI's Patsy Dickerson

described her as "zealous, resilient, sacrificial leader, dedicated, ... quick to cheer others on, putting their needs above her own." Her other reference described her as "a breath of fresh air, ..., she completes her tasks, and is willing to do anything



Drew Whitson and Dickerson

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asked of her."

HFI President Patsy Dickerson presented the scholarships to the winners.

~ Historic Fincastle Inc.

Patterson retires from Bank of Botetourt board

Bank of Botetourt has announced that D. Bruce Patterson has retired from its Board of Directors after serving 23 years (2001-2024). Patterson joined the board as the bank expanded into the Rockbridge region and has overseen the bank's total consolidated assets grow by nearly 377%, from \$167 million in 2001, to more than \$800 million as of March 31, 2024.

Board of Directors Chair Joyce Kessinger said, "On behalf of the entire board, I want to express our deepest gratitude to Bruce for his unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions to the bank over the past 23 years. His efforts have had a profound impact on our bank, our employees, and our customers. We are a stronger institution because of his service, and I will miss working alongside him."

"Serving on the bank's board of directors for the past 23 years has been both a rewarding and educational experience that I am grateful to have had the opportunity to do. Through my time on the board, I have met countless people I would not have otherwise had the pleasure of meeting and I look forward to watching the bank continue to grow further," Patterson said.

Patterson grew up on a farm in Rockbridge Baths and lives in Brownsburg. After graduating from Rockbridge High School, Patterson attended Virginia Tech University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Public administration. He later attended graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University, earning his degree in Business Management. He returned to Rockbridge



PHOTOCOURTESY OF BANK OF BOTETOURT

and ran for Clerk of the Rockbridge County Circuit Court, a position he held from 1978 until his retirement in 2017. In addition to his experience on the Rockbridge County Circuit Court, Patterson is a former member of the Judicial Systems Advisory Committee of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Patterson's commitment extended beyond the Bank of Botetourt, as he generously donated his time to various community organizations. His roles included directorship at the Rockbridge Area Housing Association, board membership at the Brownsburg Community Water Association, and participation in the Judicial Systems Advisory Committee of the Supreme Court of Virginia. His past leadership roles include presidency of the Brownsburg Ruritan Club, zone and district governorship of the Natural Bridge District Ruritan Clubs, and presidency of the Rockbridge Chapter of the American Heart Association.

~ Bank of Botetourt



PHOTOCOURTESY OF BOTETOURT LONGBEARDS

Longbeards hold trout rodeo at Thrasher's pond

The Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation again held a trout rodeo for disabled sportsmen on Saturday, May 18 at Steve Thrasher's pond in Springwood. All of the participants caught their limit of trout, enjoyed a hot lunch, and won door prizes. Pictured is Donnie Dixon of Galax, seated, with Longbeards members and a nice trout he caught.

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Historic Greenfield Advisory Council of Botetourt County presents Juneteenth event

The Historic Greenfield Advisory Council of Botetourt County recently announced a Juneteenth Celebration scheduled for June 15 at the Wilson Warehouse/Community House.

This free event starts at 2 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The Wilson Warehouse/Community House is located at 421 Lowe St., in downtown Buchanan. The celebration features music, storytelling and light refreshments.

To learn more about Historic Greenfield, please visit www.botetourtva.gov/historicgreenfield. Questions? Email: historicgreenfield@botetourtva.gov.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

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Auctions

LEGAL NOTICE

A public auction will be held on Wednesday May 29, 2024 at 10 a.m. at Grand Storage of Vinton 1119 Vinyard Rd, Vinton, VA 24179, to sell personal property in the following units: Matthew Bowden C27 Loretta Dooley C34

Help Wanted - General

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Help Wanted - Software Engineer

Software Engineer, Autonomy TORC Robotics, Inc. seeks a Software Engineer, Autonomy, in Blacksburg, VA.

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Legals - City of Salem

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing,

in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on May 29, 2024, at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearing shall be to determine if certain structures are dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structures should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structures are located as follows:

(1) Dilapidated accessory structure located at 702 Front Avenue, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map # 201 – 10 – 2)

All parties in interest at the public hearings will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potentially dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036).

THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY Troy D. Loving
Troy D. Loving, Building Official

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on May 28th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing to consider the sale of a portion of Tax Map # 91-1-2.1 consisting of an approximate 867 square feet; together with a permanent drainage easement consisting of an approximate 1,139 square feet; together with a temporary easement consisting of an approximate 1,499 square feet, to the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation.

Questions concerning the proposed sale may be addressed to the office of the City Manager, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, at 540-375-3016.

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

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. **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

RESOLUTION SETTING RATE SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Public Service Authority does hereby agree to set the following proposed preliminary schedule fixing and classifying rates, fees, and charges for water and sewer service:

WATER RATE

Proposed 9.99% Increase From: \$13.11 to \$14.42 per 1,000 gallons

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Proposed 1.44% Increase From: \$10.40 to \$10.55 per 1,000 gallons

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Montgomery County Public Service Authority, that the Public Service Authority hereby authorizes the Director to advertise a public hearing in accordance with Section 15.2-5136G of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to be held on June 05, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Board Room, in order to receive citizen comments on the preliminary schedule fixing and classifying rates, fees and charges for water and sewer service.

Legals - Montgomery County

is less than the 30 bedroom-per-acre density approved in RZN 19-0002/ORD 1895. The Future Land Use Designation for this parcel is Medium Density Residential, which allows up to 10 units per acre, or up to 20 bedrooms per acre for multifamily use, whichever is less. This proposed density represents an increase over the residential density envisioned in the future land use designation.

CUP-24-1-Conditional Use Permit Request for a drive-in restaurant in the GC-General Commercial zoning district on 1.02 acres at 1421 South Main Street (Tax Map Nos. 287-22 1-5 & 287-22 102-105) by Balzer and Associates, LLC (applicant) for Blacksburg Square, LLC (owner). This is a request for a drive-thru coffee shop for Seven Brew Coffee. There will be no exterior service boards, internal seating, or customer parking proposed on the site. The proposed site will contain two structures for the main coffee stand and a freezer building with three wraparound drive-thru lanes. Two entrances will be from the existing Blacksburg Square shopping center parking lot, with one entrance off of Ardmore Street. The existing single family home and driveway at 1421 South Main Street will be demolished. The Future Land Use (FLU) is Commercial and Mixed Use E.

ROW-24-1/ORD 2055-Request to vacate approximately 111,464 square feet of unbuilt right-of-way at the end of Progress Street by James Taylor of Balzer & Associates (applicant) on behalf of S & S Construction, LLC and CC & B Development, LLC (property owners). This request will vacate approximately 114,464 square feet (2.63 acres) of Town-owned Right-of-Way at the end of Progress Street NW (adjacent to Tax Parcels 166-A 4C; 166-17 B; 166-17 A; 166-10 A & 166-10 B) known as future Progress Street. The future Progress Street ROW is current unbuilt. The application also includes dedication of approximately 138,158 square feet of right-of-way to accommodate realignment of the future roadway. The request also includes vacation of several utility easements, access easements, and a trail easement. The process will include dedication of a new public utility easement and a new greenway easement. The existing trail would be relocated as part of subdivision of the adjacent tax parcels.

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

Persons affected by or interested in the rezoning or right-of-way vacation requests, the conditional use permit request or Agricultural and Forestal District withdrawal may appear and present their views. After hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the requests and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg,

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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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Region track meets are Thursday

Region track meets for Lord Botetourt and James River will be held today, Thursday, May 23. LB will participate in the Region 3D meet in Abingdon while River athletes will head to Glenvar for the Region 2C meet. Left, Lord Botetourt sophomore Triston Graves participates in the long jump at the recent Blue Demon Invitational and, right, James River's Drew Whitson runs the 1600-meter race at the same event in Christiansburg.



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Lord Botetourt athletes put their names on the line to play sports in college



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Four Lord Botetourt athletes participated in a ceremony at the Lord Botetourt gym last Wednesday to affirm their choices to continue their education and play sports. Left to right, with school and sport, are T.J. Piluso (Randolph College, wrestling); Jackson Kemper (University of Lynchburg, track); Riley Shupe (Randolph College, softball) and Ella Johnston (Longwood University, cross country and track).



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River girls will open region soccer at Glenvar Friday

The James River girls will open Region 2C play this Friday with a road game against top-seeded Glenvar. The game is scheduled for 5:30 pm and

Glenvar's boys will play the second game of a region doubleheader. Here Vivian Vernon(left) handles the ball for the Knights in a recent game.

Cavalier soccer teams will host Hidden Valley Thursday in boys-girls doubleheader to open Region 3D tournament

Daleville will be the site of a Region 3D soccer doubleheader on Thursday as the post-season moves to a "win-or-go-home" format. Lord Botetourt will host Hidden Valley in both games.

The boys game will be first with a kickoff time of 5:30 p.m. The girls will follow at approximately 7:15 p.m. and one admission is good for both games. Neither Cavalier team played Hidden Valley during the regular season.

The boys open the doubleheader with a 6-10-2 record compared to 4-9-3 for Hidden Valley. The LB boys made it to the Blue Ridge District tournament championship game last week before falling to William Fleming in the final, 5-0.

In last week's semifinal at LB the Cavaliers defeated Northside,

3-1. Goal scorers for the Cavaliers were Mateo Oviedo, Andres Barroso Fossi and Kalob Daniels. Oviedo was pulled up from the jayvee team for the post season to give the Cavs some depth and was able to knock in his first varsity goal.

The girls played the second game of last week's BRD tournament semifinal doubleheader and advanced with a 5-1 win over William Byrd. Katherine Woodward had two goals and scoring once each were Autumn Estrada, Emma Rice and Erna Dietrich.

With the win the LB girls advanced to the BRD championship game where they lost to Franklin County in overtime, 2-1. Rice score for Botetourt, assisted by Cailey Petruskas.

The Cavaliers go into Thursday's game with a 13-5 record while Hidden Valley is 10-5-1.



Ryan Mosdell (right) battles Northside's Miles Linden for a header in last week's district tournament game in Daleville.



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LB's Katherine Woodward (13) heads the ball in last week's win over William Byrd.



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Kadence Overstreet hits a return for the LB girls tennis team.

LB girls' tennis is second seed in Region 3D tournament

The Lord Botetourt girls finished undefeated in Blue Ridge District tennis play and will be the second seed in the Region 3D tournament. The girls were scheduled to host Magna Vista to open region play on Tuesday at Hollins University, but results were too late for publication.

"I am really proud of these ladies," said LB coach Sam Belcher. "Franklin County showed up but we blowed them up. Today the Eagles are real sad and the Cavaliers are glad."

Cavalier softball team will open region at Carroll County Friday

Hillsville will be the site of the Region 3D softball tournament opener for the Lord Botetourt girls. It will be a battle of Cavaliers when LB plays at Carroll County to open the tournament Friday.

Carroll is a member of the Three Rivers District and is one of just two Class 3 teams in the seven-team district, with the

other five competing in Class 2. Carroll comes in with a 16-3 record compared to 12-9 for Lord Botetourt, who plays in a district with four Class 3 schools and two Class 5.

"From what I have seen, they are a very beatable team," said LB coach Megan Cook of Carroll County. "They have not faced as much competition

as I believe we have."

Lord Botetourt last played in the Blue Ridge District tournament semifinal last Thursday at the Botetourt Sports Complex. The Cavaliers dropped a 6-2 decision to Franklin County and their ace pitcher, Kaylee Manning.

"It honestly came down to

timely hitting with runners on base and getting ahead early," said Cook. "We weren't able to establish a good base of power up against Kaylee Manning, who we know to be very strong in the circle. We showed tremendous fight towards the end of the game, just should have been present throughout the game."

Autumn Russell went two-for-three at the plate for LB with an RBI. Kaden Johnson collected two hits.

Franklin County lost to Staunton River in the BRD tournament final, 15-3, and the Cavaliers could run into Staunton River in the Region 3D tournament if they can get by Carroll on Friday.

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and walking none. She broke the school record for strikeouts with her 695th career K early in the game.

James River lost their third straight road game to a top three team in the district by two runs or less, including two by walk-off fashion. Carroll County clinched the unofficial Three Rivers District title with

the win.

"Another frustrating loss but another road contest where we competed to the end," said River coach Steve Austin. "Our pitching kept us in the game and we played solid defense. A key double play and a couple of highlight plays allowed us to stay close."

James River fell to 6-12 with the loss. As of Tuesday the Knights were pulling for Carroll to keep River's season alive.

"I feel that we are growing and building a solid foundation for the future," said Austin. "Hopefully, we are starting to trend back up."

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Lord Botetourt has new volleyball coach, will soon have new boys basketball coach

The wooden floor in the Lord Botetourt High School gym will find two new head coaches in charge when the 2024-'25 school year opens. Botetourt has hired Samantha Wilkins to coach the volleyball team and applications are currently being reviewed to name a successor to boys basketball coach Andrew Hart, who recently stepped down.

Wilkins knows her way to the gym. Samantha was head jayvee volleyball coach at LB from 2013 to 2018 and was varsity coach Julie Conner's assistant from 2013 through last season. The highly successful Conner recently stepped down to spend more time at home, and she's confident Wilkins can keep the program at a high level.

"Coach Wilkins has been at LB for the past 11 seasons, she knows the program well but, more importantly, she knows the girls, so I think it will be a smooth transition," said Conner. "I'm excited that she's been given this opportunity, and know she will set high expectations and will continue the success of the LB volleyball program."

"I'm very excited about taking over the volleyball program at LB," said Wilkins. "It has always been a goal of mine to be a head coach and have had opportunities to go to other programs, but Julie and I always

worked so well together and we put a lot of effort into this program that it never felt right to leave."

Samantha played high school volleyball in the Blue Ridge District at Staunton River High School, where she started playing in the eighth grade. She went on to Randolph College where she was a four-year starter and captain.

Wilkins has been with Lord Botetourt for three state championships. She knows the program and doesn't anticipate a lot of changes.

"I think it will benefit me greatly since I was already with the program and will make the change an easy and seamless transition," she said. "I have learned so much from Julie over the past 11 years and because of that not a lot will change. She has built such a strong program during her time heading the program and I just need to complement that and keep the ball rolling. We have also built such a strong relationship over the years that we had gotten to the point where we could finish each other's sentences on the court."

Samantha will keep the existing staff. Michelle Bower will remain jayvee coach and Alexis Ellis will be her varsity assistant.

Come winter, LB will have a new boys basketball coach after Andrew Hart recently stepped down, also citing a desire to spend more time with



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

There's a changing of the guard in two sports at Lord Botetourt for next year's sports seasons. Andrew Hart (left) has stepped down as LB boys basketball coach and Samantha Wilkins is taking over for Julie Conner as volleyball coach. In the photo at the right, Wilkins (left in photo) and Conner pose for a shot after the Cavaliers won the 2017 state championship.

his young family. LB athletic director Tim Fulton reports there has been lots of interest from some strong candidates to replace Hart at the end of the LB bench. It wasn't an easy decision for Andrew to leave his seat.

"There is no doubt that I will miss a lot of what goes into coaching," said Hart. "The competitiveness, the preparation, practices, games and the relationship with the players and coaches. But, I am also excited

to free up some time and energy to devote to other important areas of my life. With three young kids of my own, it is probably inevitable that I will end up back on the sidelines one day, at some level, but I am also looking forward to not having any plans to do so."

Hart looks back on his time at LB with some great memories.

"In 2019, I was excited to move back to the Roanoke area and take over a program that Coach Chad Conner

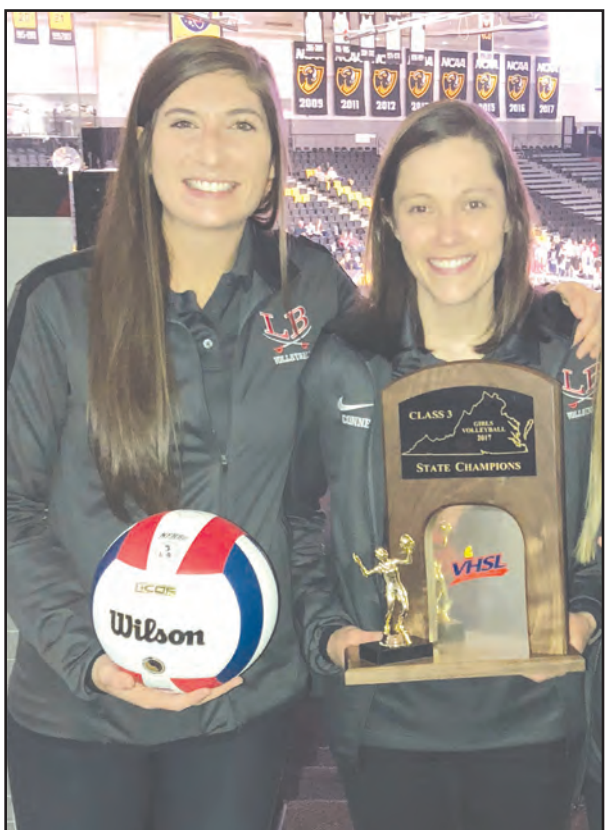


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had done a great job of building since 2011," he said. "I knew it would be a smooth transition with my familiarity with the school, administration, and basketball program. We had a lot of success during the five seasons, all in part to the talented and hard-working players in our program. It was a pleasure to work with our student-athletes and enjoy the ride alongside them."

"While it will always sting me that we didn't quite get over the hump to win a district or region

championship, I will certainly always remember the big games, the big moments, and many nights we packed the gym at LBHS and got to experience what high school sports is all about."

Andrew will continue to teach at Lord Botetourt.

"Botetourt is a great community with excellent people and I am looking forward to continuing teaching and leading in different capacities," he said. "I am incredibly grateful for my time as head coach at LBHS."

Region 3D baseball opens Friday for Lord Botetourt

The Lord Botetourt baseball team will open Region 3D play on Friday. At press time the Cavaliers knew when they were going to play, who they were going to play and who was going to start on the mound. They just didn't know where.

Cavalier ace lefty Nolan Medley will pitch the region opener on Friday against Carroll County, but at press time it was yet to be decided where that game would be. Carroll County had a regular season game with Radford early this week, and the outcome would decide where Friday's game will be played. If Carroll won it will be in Hillsville, but if Radford won then the game will be in Daleville.

Carroll was favored to win. The Carroll team had a 14-4 record to 5-14 for Radford and Carroll won the first meeting between the two. The second meeting was scheduled for Monday but moved back to Tuesday, after press deadlines, due to Radford having their spring sports banquet on Monday.

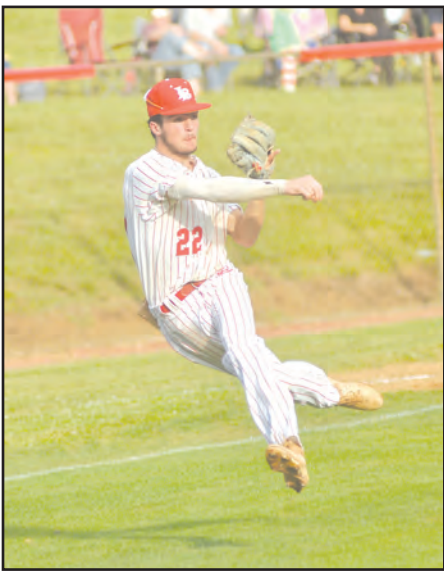
"I'm glad they moved it back because now I can go scout," said LB coach Todd Smith, as he was attending Lord Botetourt's graduation on Monday.

The Cavaliers come into the region with a 13-7 record. Botetourt last played on Thursday of last week in the Blue Ridge District tournament semifinal. The Cavs dropped an 11-4 game to William Byrd, who went on to beat Northside and win the tournament.

This game was close through five innings. Medley homered in the first inning and LB took a 2-0 lead. Byrd scored three runs in the third to go up 3-2, then put eight on the board in the top of the sixth, highlighted by a Torin Bundy grand slam home run.

The Cavaliers had just three hits for the game and two of them were homers. Medley had two hits and Noah Donaho also had a home run for the Cavs. Caleb O'Quinn took the loss on the mound as LB heads into the region with a fresh start, having eight days without a game before playing Carroll.

"We'll have to play our best," said Smith. "We can beat anybody, but we can get beat by anybody."

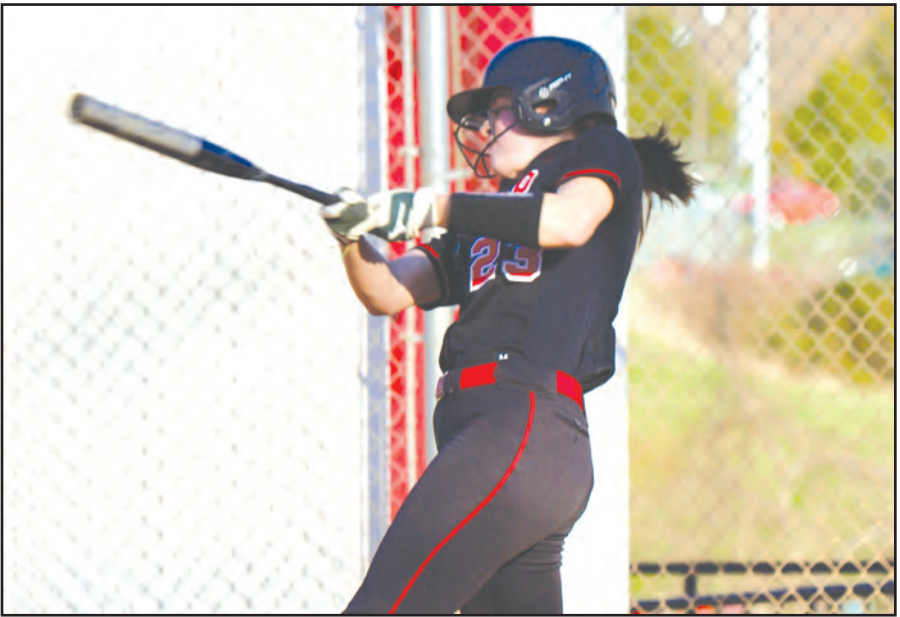


Lord Botetourt third baseman Isaac Nichols fires to first in action against William Byrd.



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Ethan Deschambault of LB makes the pivot at second in last Thursday's BRD game in Daleville



Ripley Barry had a home run against Carroll County.

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James River softball team hoping to make Region 2C tournament

The James River softball girls were big fans of Carroll County on Tuesday when Carroll played Radford in the last game of the regular season. The Knights needed Carroll to win to make the Region 2C tournament, and the game was yet to be played at press time.

James River and Radford were both hoping to gain the region tournament's eighth and final spot prior to Tuesday's Carroll-Radford game. If Carroll won that game James River will make the tournament and travel to top-seeded Appomattox, tentatively scheduled for Thursday. If Radford won on Tuesday, the Bobcats are in and River's season is over.

River had the numbers on their side. Carroll came into the week at 16-3 while Radford was

7-12. Carroll won the first meeting between the two, but only by a score of 2-1.

The Knights could have clinched a spot with a win last Thursday when they finished the regular season at Carroll but the host Cavaliers edged River, 3-2. Carroll got a two-out, walk-off infield hit in the bottom of the seventh inning to score the winning run.

James River entered the sixth inning with only two hits, being shutout 2-0. The Cavaliers' Emma Leath was dominating with eight strikeouts to that point.

With two outs in the top of the sixth, Abbie Wilson served a seeing eye single up the middle and Ripley Barry followed with a long home run to centerfield, tying the score at 2-2.

The Knights held the home team scoreless in

the sixth before going three up and three down in the top of the seventh, setting up the last at-bat heroics. Addie Greene hit a ground ball in the third base-shortstop hole to score Laynie Jo Leonard with the winning run in the 3-2 victory. Leonard had walked to lead off the final frame. She was sacrificed to second and moved to third on a ground out.

Barry had the only extra base hit for either team. In addition to Wilson's single, Keira Crawford and Cloey Joyne had singles for James River.

Pitcher Makenna Saville scattered eight singles for the Knights, allowing two earned runs, striking out two, and walking three. Leath scattered four hits for Carroll, striking out 11