



Town of Fincastle makes plan to spend remaining ARPA funds



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In addition to planning ARPA spending, the town discussed a “cluster” of signs (above right) at the top of Main Street at its intersection with Hancock Street and how they plan to solve the issue.

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Fincastle Town Council met at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department training room for its August meeting last Thursday night.

Mayor Mary Bess Smith gave her monthly report following the approval of the monthly bills and treasurer’s report. In it, Smith said that during an infrastructure committee meeting two weeks ago, the committee made note that the town currently has \$270,000

in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that still needs to be spent by 2026 on infrastructure work that is outside of the town’s normal maintenance and repair activities.

ARPA is a federal stimulus bill to aid public health and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic signed by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021. Recipients must obligate ARPA funds by Dec. 31, 2024, and spend them by Dec. 31, 2026.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

Rehearsing for “Footloose” at the “Burger Barn” are (from left) Dylan Ludlow, Kaiya Hoagland, Demarion Williams, and Josh Miner.

‘Footloose’ opens this Thursday at Attic Productions

Attic Productions is bringing the explosive movie musical to the live stage—“Footloose, the Musical,” adapted for stage by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie, with music by Tom Snow and lyrics by Dean Pitchford.

As noted by the publisher, “With dynamic new songs augmenting the powerhouse hits from its bestselling Oscar-nominated score, ‘Footloose’ celebrates the exhilaration of

youth, the wisdom of listening to one another, and the power of forgiveness.”

A large, talented, local cast has been working hard this summer to bring this production to life, directed by Kerry Williams, along with musical director Katie Miner and choreographer Mandy Masching. The show will be presented at Attic’s D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, August

15-September 1. Thursday and Friday evening shows begin at 7:30, and Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30. Please note: This show contains mild adult themes and language.

Adult tickets are \$20, students 18 and under and groups of 10 or more are \$15 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. A \$2 convenience fee per ticket will be added

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Town of Buchanan appoint new town manager

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The Town of Buchanan has a new, permanent town manager, Angela Lawrence.

The town worked with the Berkley Group to find a permanent replacement for George Hayfield, the former town manager. Earl Mathers has acted

as interim town manager recently, and assisted with Lawrence’s hiring. Mathers’s appointment as interim manager will end September 3, with Lawrence’s appointment as new town manager beginning August 30. Additional duties

will include Lawrence being the town’s zoning administrator and subdivision agent.

Mayor Tristan Harris referred to Lawrence as council’s “top pick” during the process.

“She was a unanimous pick,” Harris said. “I think we have a good

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PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Buchanan Town Council met for their monthly meeting Monday.

August grand jury returns 43 indictments

A Botetourt grand jury met in Fincastle on August 5 and returned the following indictments:

DIRECT INDICTMENTS

- Adam Ross Cunningham, address unavailable, possession of a firearm as a felon, possession of methamphetamine with a firearm, possession of a firearm by a felon, brandishing a firearm
- Joshua Ryan Dooley of Troutville, possession of fentanyl
- Merrion Andrew Dudley of Buchanan, possession of cocaine
- Jeremy Madison Dunbar of Buchanan, destruction of property, possession of ammunition by a felon, three counts of violation of a protective order, attempted malicious wounding, disorderly conduct, reckless driving
- Farrah Tiffany Eaton of Roanoke, possession of hydrocodone
- Hubert David Ewing of Salem, possession of methamphetamine
- Christopher Erick Giebner, possession of methamphetamine
- Amanda Gail Gilliam of Buchanan, possession of methamphetamine
- Melvin Jawaun Jeffries of Salem, three counts of breaking and entering
- Devon Tyler Journell of Blue Ridge,

possession of methamphetamine

- Rufus Alan Lee of Vinton, possession of methamphetamine
- Charles Meador of Roanoke, two counts of cruelty to animals
- Heather Diane Miller of Newnan, Ga., possession of fentanyl, driving under the influence
- Haley Autumn Reese of Rocky Mount, possession of methamphetamine
- Jack Grayson Short of Elliston, breaking and entering, petit larceny
- William Ashby Smith of Troutville, possession of 50-100 marijuana plants
- Elden Lee Stout of Roanoke, possession of hydrocodone

CERTIFIED INDICTMENTS

- Rodney Weston Anderson of Fincastle, possession of methamphetamine
- Stephen Lindsey Golden, threats/extortion in writing
- Trasaundria O. Cook of Memphis, Tenn., assault and battery on a law enforcement officer
- Melinda Nicole Creed of Roanoke, credit card theft

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School Board reports on the first day of school

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The Botetourt County School Board held the regular meeting for August on Monday night in Fincastle just as the students and teachers returned to their classrooms for day one of the 2024-2025 school year. This meeting was postponed from last Thursday’s scheduled meeting due to weather conditions.

Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ touched on

“one of the smoothest first days of school openings” he has witnessed. He touched on transportation not being “perfect,” but thanked BCPS Director of Operations Andy Dewease for his efforts in getting the administrative team to different schools.

“Unless people have prepared for the opening of a school year... you can’t imagine the amount of work that goes into it,” Russ said. “Hats off to our admin at each building, to our teachers

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BCPS

at each building, and the parents for their patience on a delayed opening of school, but also getting their students ready and to us today. It was a great opening.”

A total of 4,424 students were enrolled on the first day of school, according to Russ. He mentioned that “the schools look phenomenal” and praised the BCPS custodial staff for getting the buildings ready.

During the superintendent meeting, the superintendent gave his

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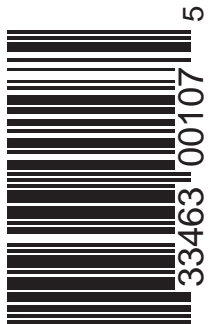
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5-9PM



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Botetourt County History



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This copper horse was the trophy awarded to Calvin Austin at the Botetourt County Fair near Fincastle in 1949. That was the last year the fair was held on the fairgrounds off Route 220 near Hawthorne Hall Road. The fair had been held there for 70 years starting in 1879. In 2013 the Botetourt County Fair was resurrected at the Buchanan Town Park and continues today. It was

recently held August 2 and 3 to celebrate Botetourt's rich agricultural heritage. A picture of Calvin Austin and this horse were donated to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture on June 7, 2024, by Rose M. Barger.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Kidd receives Volunteer Appreciation Award

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The Town of Buchanan presented Patricia Kidd with a Volunteer Appreciation Award at Monday's Town Council meeting. Kidd is a member of the town's Special Events Committee, where she often works the check-in tables welcoming visitors to local events. She joined the Buchanan Rotary Club after moving to Buchanan 28 years ago and served many years as an officer. Kidd is also involved with the Friends of the Buchanan Library, often encouraging children's programs.

"(Kidd) is often first to volunteer to serve and frequently takes



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Buchanan Town Council member Marty Rickman and Volunteer Appreciation Award recipient Patricia Kidd

the leadership role," town resident Jessie Burton read during Kidd's recognition. "Her spirit and energy frequently inspire others

to contribute and work harder... Buchanan is very fortunate to have such an energetic and giving lady in our community."

Fourth Annual Honey Fest this Saturday in Buchanan



The Botetourt Farmers Market is excited to announce the 4th annual Honey Festival, set to take place on August 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the picturesque Buchanan Town Park. This year's festival promises to be the most vibrant yet, with over 50 vendors, including delicious food trucks, and a full lineup of activities and attractions for all ages.

In addition to the honey vendors and artisan crafts, visitors will find fresh produce, pasture-raised meat, and homemade baked goods from our local farmers and bakers. This festival truly showcases the best of our community's agricultural and artisanal talents.

Get up close and personal with the fascinating world of bees. The market will feature observation hives from local beekeepers, providing a unique opportunity to learn about the vital role bees play in our ecosystem directly from the experts.

For adults 21 and up, there will be mead samples and the opportunity to purchase from The Meadery at Graham Ordinary, adding an extra layer of local flavor to the festivities.

Children can enjoy a variety of crafts and activities designed to educate and entertain. Our talented face painter will be on hand from 9 to 11 a.m., and the Botetourt County Library will provide story time. Additionally, children visiting the festival can look forward to receiving honey sticks from our very own Queen Bee, adding a touch of sweetness to their day.

The festival will host two exciting honey tastings. Brent Hershey and his team will oversee the "People's Choice Award" honey tasting, allowing attendees to sample and vote for their favorite local honey. Additionally, the "Official Botetourt Honey Festival 2024 Best in Show" tasting will be held in front of the stage from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., showcasing the finest honeys in the region and being judged by special guests.

"We are thrilled to bring the Honey Festival back for its fourth year," said Brandy Underwood, organizer of the Botetourt Farmers Market. "This event is a fantastic opportunity for families to learn about bees, enjoy delicious honey, and participate in a range of fun activities."

Don't miss out on this delightful celebration of bees and honey. Join the community at the Buchanan Town Park on August 17 for a day filled with learning, fun, and supporting local artisans and farmers.

Admission to the Botetourt Farmers Market Honey Festival is free, and ample parking is available at Buchanan Town Park. The Botetourt Farmers Market encourages everyone to bring their friends and family to join in the festivities and support local farmers and artisans.

For more information about the Honey Festival and other upcoming events, follow the Botetourt Farmers Market on social media at @BotetourtFarmersMarket.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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Botetourt County to open new TRACK trail August 17

Botetourt County and the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation's Kids in Parks program will open a new kid- and family-friendly trail at the Cherry Blossom Trail on Saturday, August 17, at 10:30 a.m. Parking can be found at the trailhead off of International Parkway in Daleville by the Botetourt Beekeepers Association Bee Hives. Additional parking can be found further down the trail. The community is invited to the dedication.

The grand opening will be held in conjunction with National TRACK Trails Day, an annual event

celebrating the Kids in Parks program's national network of kid- and family-friendly TRACK Trails. This year's celebration marks the 15th anniversary of the program.

The Cherry Blossom TRACK Trail is the newest TRACK Trail in the Kids in Parks network. TRACK Trails are a type of environmental scavenger hunt for young children and their families to get unplugged and active outdoors, offering a series of self-guided activities that turn an ordinary hike into a fun-filled, discovery-packed adventure. At the

TRACK Trail's trailhead, four brochure-led activities are available that help kids learn about topics such as Hide and Seek, Bug Out, Tracks and Traces, and Pond Life.

Kids who participate in the program can register their TRACK Trail adventures at <http://www.KidsInParks.com> to earn a series of prizes designed to make their next outdoor adventure even more fun and meaningful.

With this new TRACK Trail, Botetourt County is

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Groendyk reunion August 24 at Limestone Park



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIMESTONE PARK

All former employees are invited to the annual Groendyk reunion on Saturday August 24, from 4-7 p.m. under the pavilion at Limestone Park in Buchanan. Family members are welcome to attend. The meal will begin about 4:30-5 p.m. Please bring a side dish to share and a 2 liter. The pool will be open and is \$4 per swimmer.

For more information, call Rhonda Cox at 540-529-5689, Missy Dudley at 540-314-9847, Dot Deacon at 540-254-2774 or Jerrah McKemy at 540-784-9868.

Limestone Park is located at 18291 Main Street, Buchanan.

- Submitted by Rhonda Cox

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Saturday, September 21
AM - Cheryl Lackey
PM - Leah Coffman

Sunday, September 22
PM - Cheryl Lackey



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Botetourt deputies donate at Botetourt Family YMCA blood drive

In a display of community spirit, deputies from the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office rolled up their sleeves and donated blood at the recent Botetourt Family YMCA blood drive. The event, held at the

Botetourt Family YMCA on August 8 saw a strong turnout from Botetourt deputies, who were eager to support the life-saving cause.

Deputy Bentley, one of the participants, emphasized the

importance of giving back to the community. "As law enforcement officers, donating blood is just another way we can help save lives and support those in need."

Organizers expressed their

gratitude to the deputies for their leadership and commitment to meaningful community engagement, noting that their involvement contributed to a successful blood drive with dozens of pints donated.

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office is committed to being active participants in events that promote the well-being of our community.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



Party held for veteran's birthday

Mission BBQ put on a birthday party on Saturday, Aug. 3, for Jack Cassell in celebration of his 98th birthday. Cassell, from Fincastle, is a U.S. Navy WWII

and Korean War veteran. Pictured above are (from left): seated, Jack Cassell and Louis Silcox; standing, Marion Noel and Jerome DeGraff. Sunshine Girls pictured

with the veterans below are Lee Henry, Susan Thomas and Ann Rowell.

- Submitted by Lee Minnix



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New Freedom Farm's First Annual Gala

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'Bluegrass Beats for Brave Hearts' a night to honor veterans

Come out to New Freedom Farm's "Bluegrass Beats for Brave Hearts," a gala evening that will bring together the community to celebrate and support the vital work done at New Freedom in Buchanan. It will be held from 5:30-10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. Tickets are limited, so pre-register early at (540) 855-1158; visit the website at www.newfreedomfarm.org.

This year's gala features an exciting lineup, beginning with a breathtaking performance by Riley

Specialty Acts- trick rider on a mustang, followed by a buffet catered by Aaron's Smokehouse. The night will be filled with lively music from the Blue Connection band, dancing, and a silent auction.

Proceeds from the event will directly support New Freedom Farm's annual operating budget, to continue providing essential services to those who have served their country and communities.

- New Freedom Farm

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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS AT BOTETOURT LIBRARIES

True Crime Book Club
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 Discuss "whodunnit" books and authors with fellow true crime enthusiasts. Choose your own books or find one from the list of recommendations. August theme: Kidnappings.

Eclectic Readers
 Thu, Aug 22, 11am, Eagle Rock
 A Painted House by John Grisham
 Fri, Aug 23, 11am, Blue Ridge
 Daughter of Doctor Moreau by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
 Wed, Sep 4, 12pm, Buchanan
 Theme: Revolutionary War (Historical Fiction)
 Discuss books and authors with fellow readers.

LEGO Club
 2nd Thursdays, 4pm, Blue Ridge
 3rd Mondays, 4pm, Fincastle
 Develop engineering and creative skills through LEGO challenges. Older kids (6-11) tackle LEGO activities together while younger kids (0-5) play with large LEGO DUPLO blocks.

Music with Miss Claudia
 Sat, Aug 24, 10:30am, Blue Ridge
 Play with a variety of instruments while exploring music and movement. Instructor: Claudia Pittenger, Certified

Music Therapist. Best for ages 3-5. Registration required; call 540-928-2900 to sign up.

Teen Reading Society
 1st Tuesdays 4pm, Buchanan
 1st Thursdays, 4pm, Eagle Rock
 2nd Tuesdays, 4:30pm, Blue Ridge
 3rd Thursdays, 4pm, Fincastle
 Tweens and teens engage with peers as they discuss books they enjoy, set their own reading goals, and earn incentives.

Theater Workshops
 Every Wednesday, September 11 - October 16
 6-7pm, Blue Ridge
 With theater coach Kerry Williams, take this 6-week workshop series to cover different aspects of theater, including character development, character studies, performing, and dialog coaching. Best for ages 7-12. Space is limited; call 540-928-2900 to sign up.

Back to School: August Reading Challenge
 Log how much time you spend reading and earn fun badges along the way! Track your reading with the Beanstack app or at botetourtva.beanstack.org.

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

BUCHANAN UPCOMING EVENTS

Botetourt County Farmers Market Honey Fest – August 16 – 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Town Park
 LEAP Farmers Market – August 18 – 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Resource Center
 Feeding SWVA Mobile Market – August 28 – 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Resource Center
 NWTF Event – August 31 – Town Park
 BVFD Memorial Walk – September 7 – 8 a.m. at Town Park
 Buchanan Tri – Run, Ride & River Race – September 7 – Town Park

SIRENS AND SALUTES
 5th Annual
 9/11 Memorial Walk
 Buchanan, Va
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 Walk is at Riverfront Park (Buchanan carnival grounds)
 Opening remarks @ 8 AM
 Walk 8:46- 10:28AM
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Bank of the James ribbon-cutting today



The Botetourt Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Bank of the James's new Buchanan branch today, August 14, from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. with the ribbon-cutting taking place at 3:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All guests are welcome to attend this event in welcoming Bank of the James to Botetourt County. The Bank of the James is located at 19792 Main Street in Buchanan. For more information, contact the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce at 540-566-8812.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Henry



Henry came to the LAP July 25, due to no fault of his own; his owner sadly had to go into a nursing home. He's 7 years old, all medical work done, house trained, heart-worm negative, microchipped and good with other dogs. This is a sweet, sweet fellow.

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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- Darcell Lamont Elliotte of Bedford, destruction of property
- Melvin Jawaun Jeffries of Salem, eluding police, breaking and entering
- Marvin Ray Layne of Bedford, possession of methamphetamine
- Rufus Alan Lee of Vinton, driving revoked, subsequent offense
- Shelley Howard Williams of Roanoke, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of Schedule I/II drugs

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 - Sun up in New York
 - Japanese honorific
 - Czech name for Prague
 - Ochocinco's first name
 - Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
 - Scots word for "home"
 - Upper class young woman (abbr.)
 - Monetary unit of Albania
 - Raise
 - Drain of resources
 - Uncultured, clumsy persons
 - Hikers use them
 - Retrospective analysis (military)
 - Tibetan form of chanting
 - Influential European statesman
 - Soluble ribonucleic acid
 - Monetary unit of Romania
 - Snakelike fish
 - Round green vegetable
 - Well acquainted with
 - Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
 - Basics
 - "The Godfather" actress Keaton
 - Snakelike fish
 - Tall deciduous tree
 - Russian river
 - Long Balkans river
 - Ancient Greek coin
 - Senegal's capital
 - Unwell
 - Snout
 - Low bank or reef of coral
 - Innate
 - Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
 - Soda receptacle
 - Spanish stew: ___ podrida
 - Viet Cong offensive
 - Large body of water
 - Beginning military rank
 - Dissimilar
 - Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
 - Shows who you are
 - Chinese dynasty
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 - African nation
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 - Former Bucks star Michael
 - Showed again
 - Body part
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Fly Me To The Moon
 (2024) Marketing maven Kelly Jones wreaks havoc on launch director Cole Davis's already difficult task. When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, the countdown truly begins. (2hr 12 min)

Friday, Aug. 16
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Sunday, Aug. 18
 3 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 22
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Lord Botetourt graduate selected for State Department Fellowship



Lurah Jurca PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURAH JURCA

The U.S. Department of State has announced the selection of Lurah Jurca, ELD Instructional coach in Prince George's County Public Schools, for a 10-month fellowship project training teachers and teaching English in Peru at the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos. Jurca is one of only 200 U.S. citizens selected for the 2024-2025 English Language Fellow Program.

Jurca graduated from Lord Botetourt High School in 2002, going on to Carson-Newman University to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications and Spanish in 2006. After completing undergraduate studies, Jurca earned a Master of Science in ESL Education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 2008. She has been a passionate educator of English learners in the U.S. public school system since 2008, working with students from all over the world in grades K-8.

The English Language Fellow Program is the premier opportunity for experienced teachers of English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) to enact meaningful and sustainable changes in the way that English is taught abroad, and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) with funding provided by the U.S. government. Through projects developed by

U.S. Embassies in more than 80 countries, Fellows work directly with local teachers, students, and educational professionals to improve the quality of English language instruction offered at prestigious universities and other academic institutions.

Since 1969, the English Language Fellow Program has sent thousands of TESOL scholars and educators abroad to promote English language learning, enhance English teaching capacity, and foster mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries through cultural exchange. On assignment, Fellows teach English, conduct teacher training, develop resources, and organize events and conferences. These projects are challenging and the teachers selected represent the best of the U.S. TESOL community. In return, the program provides professional development opportunities to help participants experience different cultures and build skills that can greatly enhance their TESOL careers back home.

English Language Fellows are counted among the more than 50,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. The Fellow Program is administered by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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Mountain Magic food vendors are needed

The Town of Buchanan recently posted a downloadable application for any food vendors who would like to set up at this year's Mountain Magic in Fall on Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

All food vendors must provide current Virginia Department of Health Inspection information. The annual event is a celebration of local bluegrass music, antiques, arts, and crafts. The application is now

available for download at <https://www.buchanan-va.gov/visitors/page/food-vendors-needed-mountain-magic-fall>.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Low Moor Shooting Range is temporarily closed

The U.S. Forest Service has temporarily closed the Low Moor Shooting Range on the James River and Warm Springs Ranger District to perform maintenance at the facility.

Apart from any inclement weather, repairs are expected to be completed in a timely manner. Following repairs, the shooting range will resume normal operating functions.

For more information, contact the James River and Warm Springs Ranger District at 540-839-2521, visit the website at www.fs.usda.gov/wgj or follow on Facebook.

- U.S. Forest Service



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Botetourt Worship Directory

ANGLICAN

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

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 Presch, 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 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 Burkhart, preschool director.

Mt. Bethel Church of the

I Do Not Understand

Read Leviticus 11:1 through 13:59

God's Law seems obscure. Reading kosher requirements or cleanliness rules is difficult. Following them must have been even more so.

"I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy" (Leviticus 11:45).

In the middle of God's requirements stands this abrupt justification. What God demanded may not appear reasonable. Purification requirements seem tedious. Differences in provisions are not explained. We seek answers and might find solace in some explanations, but questions remain. Why must relationship with God demand obedience to things not understood?

God knew about health concerns when humans still had no clue. Much of the Law was for the benefit of the body, emotions, and society even when the foundations of infectious disease were not known. But it is not understanding that assures compliance. God deserves obedience. God provided deliverance as an example that God's holy nature looked to their benefit. It still does!

Challenge for Today: Demonstrate fidelity to God even if you do not understand why.

Quicklook: Leviticus 11:44-47

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 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 Sunday at 6pm, 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.

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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.

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. Zaverio "Xavier" Banasula. 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). Worship, 9:45AM, Sunday School 10:30 AM.

OBITUARIES

Hall, Gary Wayne

Gary Wayne "GW" Hall was born October 13, 1955 in Pulaski, Va. He passed away peacefully on August 8, 2024, after a lengthy battle with lung cancer. While our hearts mourn the loss, we take comfort in knowing he is no longer in pain and suffering.

Gary was clever and filled to the brim with knowledge gained through all of his life experiences: HVAC technician, electrician, mechanic, all-around outdoorsman, motorcycle enthusiast and on and on – he could fix or build anything. We will all miss his encyclopedia of common sense fix-it remedies.

After retiring he loved to travel and discover new places and new experiences with Cyndi, his life partner. This love for travel and new adventures led them to Verbena, Alabama where he loved the country lake life of Lake Mitchell. He called it home for the past three years.

Gary leaves behind his loyal and loving partner, Cynthia Butler; his pride and joy, his sons, Brian Hall, Jason (Carmen) Hall, Joshua (Manisha) Hall; two precious sisters, Doris (Eddie) Williams, Evelyn (Jim Parks) (Dennis) Hopkins; grandchildren, Amanda Joseph, Kirsten Stevens, Brandon Hall, Willy Rutz, Madison Brill, Brian Hall, Jr.,



Jeffrey "J.R." Hall, Matthew Hall, Shane Hall, Emma Hall and Eli Hall; 11 great-grandchildren; and many loving family members.

Gary was preceded in death by, son Gary Hall, Jr.; father, Shirley Morton Hall; mother, Dorothy Lucille Hall; brother, Danny (Kathryn) Hall; granddaughter, Brianna Victoria Hall.

Thank you will never be enough for these special people in his life, Randall and Earlene Edwards, Ruth and Rogelio Guerra.

He will be remembered for his beautiful eyes and smile. He shared his heart with his friends and family. He truly loved each of them and if you knew him, you knew it. When his time came, he carried himself with dignity, strength and full of love. He will be missed dearly.

Visitation will take place at National Funeral Home & Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, Va., on Friday, August 16, 2024 from 3-5 p.m., continuing on Saturday at 12 noon. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., followed by burial.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to one of Gary's favorite charitable organizations, Youth For Tomorrow, New Life Center, 11835 Hazel Circle Drive, Bristow, Va. 20136. Attn: Love Jones.

Hodges, David Earl

David Earl Hodges, 65, of Buchanan, passed away Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer, Sr. and Earline Hodges, and great-nephew, Alexander McCormick.

He is survived by his wife of almost 32 years, Deborah Lynn Hodges; son and daughter-in-law, David and Ashley Wall; step-son, Ivan Wall; grandchildren, Adrian, Isabella, and Daniel Wall; step-granddaughter, Arianna Wall; brother, Elmer Hodges, Jr.; sisters, Patricia (PJ) McCormick, Darlene McGhee, and Diane Bane; and numerous nieces and



nephews. Visitation was held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, August 12, 2024 in Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 13, in Valley View Baptist Church with Pastor Daniel Boone officiating. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the funeral home for David's services. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Rader, Tony M., Jr.

Tony M. Rader, Jr., 58, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, formerly of Springwood, passed away on August 5, 2024 after a long battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Tony and Jan Rader; brother, Ted Rader; and stepfather, Chester Young.

Tony is survived by his wife of 23 years, Lisa; sons, Maxwell and Samuel; mother, Clara



Young; siblings, Pam Jamison, Kim Musgrove (Donald) and Paul Rader; sister-in-law, Cheryl Rader; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Services are being held on August 26, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Rogers, Audry Greer

Surrounded by her family, Audry Dean Greer Rogers, went to be with the Lord on Friday, August 9, 2024

She was born Kannapolis, N.C., September 18, 1937. After moving to Roanoke, she attended Andrew Lewis High School and graduated from Jefferson High School.

She met Carlton, her husband of 68 years, at a church revival meeting. They married and moved to Cloverdale where she and Carlton built their home and raised their children, Tony and Ginger

Audry was very creative and talented, she enjoyed gardening, flower arrangements, decorating and painting. She operated a wedding planning business that included baking wedding cakes. Hotels in the area would often call on her to make wedding cakes. Audry was also fortunate to travel to 49 states and several countries in Europe. She lived in Doha Qatar for almost a year.

She enjoyed many miles riding with Carlton on his Honda Gold Wing motorcycle and the friends she made in the Retreads motorcycle club. Audry attended Cloverdale Church of the Brethren, was the church's secretary and



very active in the women's group. After her retirement from the church, she spent her time with her hobbies, enjoyed her three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chester Lee and Ruth Wayne Greer, and granddaughter, Aja C Rogers.

Surviving are her husband, Carlton E. Rogers; son, Tony Rogers (Shelly); daughter, Ginger B. Roberts (Donnie); grandchildren, AJ Rogers (Stephanie), Brittany Bousman (Remy) and Jake Bousman (Kasey); great-grandchildren, Emilee, Aubree, and Raiden; sister, Jessie Toler (Wayne), along with numerous family and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff of Gentiva Hospice for all their care for Audry and the family.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, August 17 at 2 p.m. at Cloverdale Church of the Brethren. Moments with the family will follow the service in the fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers the family asked that you make donations to Cloverdale Church of the Brethren. Arrangements are by Oakey's East Chapel and Crematory, 540-977-3909.

Sample, Joseph Wayne

On August 4, 2024, Joseph Wayne Sample of Fincastle met his Creator.

Joe, the eldest son of Granville Wayne and Dorothy Taliferro Sample, was born on February 22, 1937. He attended Andrew Lewis High School, Milligan College, and served in the United States Army. In addition to his parents, parents-in-law and many beloved family members, Joe was preceded in death by his elder son, Kevin J. Sample; eldest grandson, Zachary R. Sample; brother-in-law, B. Edwin Garst; brother-in-law, James L. Evans; sister, Pamela S. Melton; and brother-in-law, Allen W. Melton.

Joe is survived by his wife, Norma Faye Garst Sample; son, Scott M. Sample (Laurie); daughter, Sydni Sample Murphy (Darren); daughter-in-law, Teresa P. Sample; grandsons, Connor W. Sample, Benton W. Sample and Cullen M. Sample; sisters, Ellen S. Evans and Judy S. Eynon (Lynn); and brother,

Thomas G. Sample.

Joe was a faithful, devoted husband for 63 years. He was a loving father who brought his children up in the Lord; teaching them love, honor, and respect. Joe was expressive of and thankful for God's beauty surrounding us. Joe was a long-time member of the Salem Church of Christ where he taught Sunday School and then the Botetourt Church of Christ where he served as elder and Sunday School teacher instructing his students to "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Salem Church of Christ. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Online condolences may be expressed to the Sample family by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Homecoming at New Beginnings

Homecoming is Sunday, August 18, at New Beginnings Assembly of God, beginning at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be a former pastor, Jerome Coleman. All are invited. The church is located at 1317 Narrow Passage Road, Buchanan.

Summer Bazaar at Mount Olivet

The Summer Bazaar at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 26310 Lee Hwy., Buchanan, will be held on Saturday, August 17, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., serving breakfast and lunch, with a bake sale, yard sale, and items made by the Mt. Olivet Quilters. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Summer sale at Cloverdale Thrift Store

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is having a summer sale – all clothes and shoes are half-off the original thrift price. There is an enormous selection, come check it out.

FUMC Clothes Closet dates

Fincastle United Methodist's Clothes Closet will be open on Tuesday, Aug. 20, and Saturday, Aug. 24 in the Family Life Center at 137 S. Church Street. Tuesday hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations of gently worn, clean clothing and shoes may be dropped off at that time too.

GriefShare will begin again at St. Mark's UMC

GriefShare is a small support group offering hope and encouragement for those who have lost someone they love through death. The program consists of a workbook, video and small group discussion that offers compassion, confidentiality and sharing with others who understand. It doesn't matter how recent or long ago your loss happened, you can find God's healing through this program.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville will begin the fall cycle of classes on August 22. There are 13 weeks of classes to

be held in person in the fellowship hall. There are two sessions to choose from: 10-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.

Open enrolment for any session allows for those who can't begin on August 24 to come and join when they can. Call the church office at 540-992-3030 for more information. Registrations may be made on the church website at www.stmarksmethodist.com. All are welcome.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church offers the following weekly services/opportunities for service and worship:

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. on Sundays
Worship, 11a.m. on Sundays
Youth Discipleship Group, 6 p.m. on Sundays
PHBC Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m. on Tuesdays
Choir Practice, 7 p.m. on Wednesdays
PHBC also offers the following monthly opportunities for service and worship:

Communion, 11 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month
PHBC Food Pantry Food Box Giveaway, 9-10:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month
Tuesday Morning Club (Community Service Ladies Club), 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month
Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month

In addition, the following special services are coming up:

The PHBC Women on Mission group will host guest speaker Lindsay Ward of the Blue Ridge Women's Center on August 15 at 10:30 a.m. Come and learn more about this wonderful mission opportunity.

PHBC will be hosting the Priscilla Shirer: Going Beyond Simulcast on Saturday, August 24, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration will open at 8 a.m. with light breakfast fare available. Lunch will be served and the event is free of charge. Pre-registration is required and you can register by emailing phbcsimulcast@gmail.com or by calling or

texting 540-915-8978. This is event is open to all ladies and gentlemen but seating is limited so register early.

Help St. Mark's pack meals for Rise Against Hunger

St. Mark's United Methodist will be hosting a meal packing for Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, September 7 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Since St. Mark's started working with Rise Against Hunger as of this packing on September 7, members will have packed 300,000 meals that have gone to hungry people in many countries. The church needs 100 volunteers to make this happen on September 7 and invites the community to join for this meal packing. There are jobs for all ages. If you and your family would like to help, contact susanbwagner59@gmail.com.

Back To God revival at Limestone Park

The Buchanan Area Ministerial Association will be holding a Back To God Gathering revival on Sunday evenings at Limestone Park beginning Sunday, August 18. Services will begin at 6 p.m. each evening. Bring a chair or sit in your car.

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) has captured the world's attention, but it has also captured the attention of criminal scammers. One area where AI scams are particularly dangerous is celebrity impostor scams.

For many years, criminals have impersonated celebrities online to steal from fans. Fake celebrity profiles offer fans personal connection, investment opportunities, or the chance to support favorite charities.

AI has allowed criminals to make these scams more realistic than ever with "deepfake" videos. With this technology,

criminals can create videos where it looks and sounds like the celebrity is speaking, but it is in fact completely computer generated. Criminal scammers have used this technology for anything from fake product endorsements to promotions for bogus VIP ticket sales.

Posting on a celebrity's social media account might be exciting, but it could put you at risk of this impostor scam. In whatever way you choose to enjoy your favorite celebs, do so recognizing that an opportunity to connect with them personally is likely a scam.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a

scam, you can stop a scam.

AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. Learn how to proactively spot scams or get guidance if you've been targeted. Visit aarp.org/

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joining a network of 300 TRACK Trail sites in 18 states and Washington, D.C. Collectively, these sites are working across state and agency boundaries to get kids excited about spending time in nature. Over the past decade, kids have completed more than 1.4-million adventures on TRACK Trails.

"With each of our TRACK Trails, we hope to engage children in the joys of outdoor exploration," said Jason Urroz, director of Kids in Parks. "Our ultimate goal is to help families fall in love with nature, so they can recognize the value that public lands hold for their lives and become future stewards of natural spaces like the Greenfield Recreation Park and surrounding area."

Within Virginia, the Cherry Blossom TRACK Trail is the 31st location, joining other regional locations found in Roanoke, Lexington, Buena Vista, Lynchburg, and along the Blue Ridge Parkway. This statewide network will allow families to learn about Virginia's amazing natural, cultural, and

historic resources.

"We are very excited to join the growing network of TRACK Trail locations in Virginia," said Victor Morales, director of Parks & Recreation for Botetourt County. "This new TRACK Trail will provide educational opportunities for local kids and families, and encourage families from other regions of the state to visit Botetourt County and discover what the region has to offer."

"Botetourt County greatly appreciates our partnership with Kids in Parks and the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation," said Steve Clinton, chair of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors. "We understand the importance of outdoor activities and creating lasting family memories for our community."

To learn more about TRACK Trails, visit <http://www.kidsinparks.com>

To learn more about the Cherry Blossom TRACK Trail, visit <http://www.kidsinparks.com/location/cherry-blossom-trail>

Buchanan

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(personality) to help lead this town."

Harris read a resolution appointing Lawrence to her new position. Town council then unanimously approved the resolution. Meeting attendees applauded council's decision.

In other news from Buchanan Town Council's August meeting, council member Rose Jeter thanked the volunteers who worked the Reggae by the River music festival on July 20. A

presentation by Adam Beason of the Lazy Man Dub Band was tabled by council until the September meeting due to technical difficulties.

During the citizen comment period, a couple of citizens suggested for the town to hold a candidates' forum prior to the elections this November at a "neutral site" for candidates to engage with residents sharing their experience and what they would like to see for

BCPS

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monthly report. In budget and finance, Robinson Farmer Cox Associates recently completed the FY24 School Activity Fund Audit. The budget and finance department is working through year-end processes and continued monitoring of FY24 expenditures and revenues through period thirteen.

In human resources and health services news, the human resources department hosted new teachers at Central Academy Middle School on July 29. Russ said that BCPS is happy to welcome 49 new teachers to the division.

Additionally, Russ noted that BCPS opened the first day of school Monday with zero teaching vacancies.

"That is not a common feat in a lot of divisions," Russ said. "I want to congratulate

our human resources department and our school administration. A lot of work went into the summer making sure we started the year staffed, and we did."

Russ touched on instruction, noting the annual Standards of Quality Compliance Verification Report was recently submitted to the Virginia Department of Education, BTEC welcoming more welding students this year due to the addition of the new welding booths and a new instructor, and the success of BCPS's Summer Academy, that served a total of 137 elementary students and eight middle school students.

During Russ's report on maintenance and operations, he spoke about the recent rain and the repairs of roof leaks, and various repairs at different schools.

Speaking on the leaks, Russ explained that "minor leaks" were reported at six buildings, but none required emergency repairs. The superintendent feels their buildings "are in good shape to hold the water (during serious storming). It was a concern (last week), I'm not going to lie."

BCPS Board Chair Anna Weddle asked the superintendent if the two days missed last week would be made up. Russ informed the board that, unless there is "horrendous weather" this winter, there are enough days built into the schedule where they will not need to be made up later in the year.

The next BCPS School Board meeting will be on September 12. For more information from Monday's meeting, it available for streaming at bcps.live/archives.

Attic

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Fincastle

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Smith added that Scott Surely, the town's wastewater operator with the Western Virginia Water Authority (WVWA), has developed a plan for the town on how to spend the ARPA funds by the end of the year.

"(Surely) understands the amount of money that we have," Smith said. "He has reviewed options based on the work that they do, what they know about the plant, and has come up with five items that (WVWA) are going to work with us to have completed by year's end or have commitments to have (work) performed by year end."

Smith then gave the rest of council WVWA's five items to consider when using the town's remaining ARPA funds.

Smoke testing - The

town believes it has "inflows" in the wastewater treatment system and is unsure how it is getting in. Fincastle's plant runs pretty consistent with what most localities currently have, but the mayor said that the town doesn't want to just treat rainwater or water off of roofs of houses.

"We're trying to understand where this additional water is getting into the system," Smith continued. "One of the ways (WVWA does) that, if you recall, a couple of years ago we had to come out and start the testing for an inflow and infiltration study so they could pinpoint areas where this water is getting into the system."

"They've done that and the next recommended step is to perform smoke testing... There's only one contractor in this area that does this work and the Water Authority has finally gotten him to agree that they will smoke test our system. So, that is the first

thing we're going to do."

Lead service line testing-The next activity that will take place, based on a requirement by the federal government, is to test the lines between the meters and homeowners' houses to make sure there is no lead in the pipes. The Water Authority will go through sampling a random set of homes to check for lead. The town hopes that there will not be an issue. This will only affect homeowners within the town's water system, none outside of the system.

"We can help (WVWA) pick the locations to test," Smith added. "Obviously, we have two very large water users in town like the jail and the courthouse and the various office buildings I think they would want to look at. Also, we have some homes that I think they should probably test. I'm hoping they won't run into any lead pipe, but if they do, we'll have to come up with a plan on how we will deal with that."

This mandated activity has to be completed by the end of October. The mayor shared that WVWA will use its own subcontractor to do this work on behalf of the town.

An additional pump - Recently, the town's "Well

#2" had an "electrical problem." Smith shared it was able to be fixed, but a suggestion was made to order and store an additional 40 HP pump in case of an emergency.

Water meter replacement - Years ago, the Water Authority upgraded the town's water meters. WVWA thinks they are now starting to wear out and need replacing. If the town goes through with the meter replacement, the Water Authority can install new meters that will read through a radio system. WVWA thinks that could potentially be a cost-saving effort by the town due to reading meters offsite and will work with the town to replace the "universe" of water meters over the next five years.

Extending the waterline 500 yards to the new town limits sign on Blacksburg Road - According to Smith, the most "variable" piece of WVWA's ARPA spending plan for Fincastle is extending the waterline on West Main Street to the new town limits sign on Blacksburg Road (500 yards). WVWA suggested to use the remaining ARPA funds for this project.

The mayor shared that she didn't have specific details about when and where these activities will be completed, but will bring them to council singularly for approval as

more details and specific cost estimates are available.

"I just wanted to make (council) aware (the town needs to spend the remaining ARPA funds)," Smith concluded. "This is time-sensitive and the money needs to be committed. It was a gift that we didn't expect. We held on to it, afraid that something might happen. This appears to be the prudent way to spend it."

Council discussed a cluster of signs located at Hancock and Main that are set too close together. The town said they will be contacting VDOT about perhaps resetting those signs and also contacting them to see if it can get a schedule for the potholes/repaving along Church Street.

Big Spring Park continues to await brackets for signage and new legs for the white board at the outdoor classroom.

VDOT continues to evaluate the site distance for future "No Thru Trucks" signage in town.

Town Manager Melanie McFadyen gave an update on the upcoming CDBG planning grant application submittal. A committee meets monthly to discuss the grant's "eventual" implementation. There are currently 10 buildings in Fincastle that need "facade help," according to the town. Council member Jim Reynolds stated that he

had contacted all property owners about possible façade improvements.

The fireworks celebration originally planned for July 4 will now take place on August 31 at Breckinridge Elementary School. Prior to the show, an official reveal of the Big Spring Park Nature Trail will be made by town representatives. The fireworks show is tentatively scheduled to begin around 9 p.m. August 31. The trail reveal will occur earlier that evening.

Council member Paige Ware mentioned that the town banners purchased near the end of 2023 will be going up throughout town this week.

Corbin Stone, who was scheduled to talk through the town's audit last week, was unable to attend the meeting, but will be on hand at the September meeting of Fincastle Town Council. The mayor mentioned Stone's report and the audited financial statements are now available in the Town Office.

The town is currently looking for a part-time clerk, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until noon. Anyone interested in this position may contact the Town Office at 540-473-2200.

The next meeting of Fincastle Town Council takes place Sept. 12.

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COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

Melanie Ripley, Petitioner, v. Enrique Ripley, Jr., Respondent.

The petitioner having filed a Petition before this court for a hearing and it appearing to this Court that the whereabouts of said Respondent, ENRIQUE RIPLEY, JR., are presently unknown to the Petitioner and Petitioner having therefore requested an Order directing service to be made upon said party by publication of summons as by law provided and it further appearing that Respondent cannot be found with due diligence within the State of Georgia; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that service of process be made upon ENRIQUE RIPLEY, JR. by publication as provided by law.

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Lord Botetourt, River open the golf season



Jeremy Simmons was low man for LB at last week's Metro.

The Lord Botetourt and James River golf teams opened the season at home last week as the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club played host to the annual Botetourt Metro Tournament.

Blacksburg High ran away and hid from the competition, dominating the 17-team Metro with a team score of 288. The Bruins had three scores of 73 or better on the par 71 course, including a four-under 67 by medalist Jake Albert. Auburn was second at 315 followed by Christiansburg at 318, Patrick Henry at 321 and Franklin County in fifth at 323.

Lord Botetourt tied Hidden Valley for sixth place at 324. The Cavaliers

were led by Jeremy Simmons, who shot 78. Also scoring for LB were Aiden Mitchell and Hayden Firestone at 81 each and Garrett Honts at 84.

"The Metro wasn't awful, but by no means was it our best," said LB coach Todd Smith. "We can play a lot better, and hopefully we've gotten the first tournament jitters out of the way. To come in sixth out of 17 teams is okay, but we want more than that."

James River did not field a full team but had two good individual scores as Landon Bolling and Mason Gilliland shot two-over 73 each.

A day later River traveled to the Olde Mill course in Laurel Fork for



PHOTOS BY SCOTT GARDNER

James River's Landon Bolling tees off at last week's Botetourt Metro.

a Three Rivers District match hosted by Carroll County. Gilliland overcame a three-hole trouble streak to finish with four birdies and shoot a 75, and Bolling shot a 78 on the difficult course. Floyd County was the team winner and Glenvar was second.

On Monday of this week the Knights were at Great Oaks for a district match and the host Buffaloes were first again with a 303, followed by Glenvar 343.

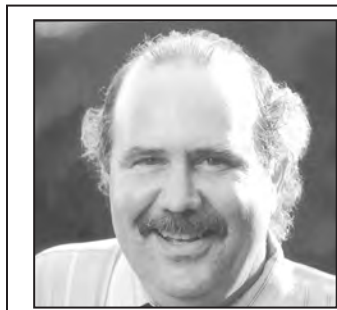
River shot a four-player total of 379 with Gilliland leading the team with 75. That was one stroke behind co-medalists Peyton Mason and Jonathan Whitlow of Floyd.

Bolling was just one stroke behind Gilliland with a 76. Also playing for River were Elizabeth Francis and Mason Francis.

River will be back in action Thursday as it's the Knights turn to host. A shotgun start will commence at 1 p.m. at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club. Next Monday the Knights are at The Homestead.

Lord Botetourt was scheduled to play at Ole Monterey in Roanoke Tuesday in the first Blue Ridge District match, hosted by William Fleming, but results were too late for publication. Next Tuesday, August 20, Franklin County will host the BRD.

A story that needs to be told



Brian Hoffman

Sports Editor

Roanoke native Jae McCadden and Salem baseball legend Billy Sample have been working on a project they hope will make it to the silver screen and touch some lives, and baseball is a part of it.

McCadden began his professional career in sports working for the National Basketball Association and National Hockey League front offices in sales. He grew up around sports, as he's the son of longtime Roanoke politician and social activist Delvis "Mac" McCadden. Mac was a professional baseball umpire, including a stint in the Carolina League, and Jae was a fixture around Salem Municipal Field, which is ironically enough now named for Sample.

Jae showed a knack for forming partnerships with companies to invest in major sports teams and in 2010 he turned his interest to financing independent films. Now living in New York City, he formed TubbyTownFilms in 2017 and has structured financing with major banks and film productions for independent films.

McCadden optioned the script, "Love For An Iron Horse," a couple of years ago. It was introduced to him by Ann Champion, a Glenvar graduate, about a decade ago.

"At that time I wasn't in a position to impact from behind the camera as I was just a film financier on smaller movies," said McCadden. "I always thought the story was relatable and could see the appeal from not only the commercial standpoint but also something that could resonate with everyone."

The story is not really about baseball, but

dreams.

"No matter how much money you have or accolades you've collected over the years, we all still have them," said Jae. "A couple of years ago while walking around New York City I was on the phone with Ann, frustrated that a major film opportunity had fallen apart, and she encouraged me to pick up 'Iron Horse' again. I remember I was on the corner of 59th and Central Park. Anyway, I went home and read it again and found it to be a message that I needed at the time. I said to myself, 'Maybe I should give Jim a buzz,' and the rest is history."

"Jim" is Jim Meredith, a longtime educator in the Lynchburg school system and a Glenvar graduate as well. He wrote the script for "Love For An Iron Horse" over 30 years ago on a typewriter, and it's visually based on his memories of growing up on the Roanoke River in Salem.

"He would ride his bike to town from Antrim Street, down Mill Lane across the low water bridge, across two sets of railroad tracks all the way to Academy Street where his paper route began," said McCadden. "In the screenplay, 12-year-old African-American boy William lives on a river which separates the Black community from the white community. This was not the case in Salem, but William's bridge becomes the passageway to uncertainty and adventure."

The river separates two cultures that have more in common than they think. William's railroad is on the main line somewhere between New York City and St. Petersburg, Fla., where the New York

Yankees have spring training.

"If you know that the great Yankees' player Lou Gehrig was known as the Iron Horse, you'll likely start to imagine the story for yourself," said McCadden. "William loves baseball but his only point of reference is what he has heard on his Aunt Rachel's radio and a few baseball cards. While on an errand to town for Aunt Rachel, William sees white boys playing baseball and he's captivated. But, in a southern town in the 1930s, the two races did not mix."

In this story, a white boy, named Charlie, befriends William but their growing friendship creates a series of racial incidents. The name of the project, still a working title, is a play off the great Lou Gehrig and the train that runs through this Virginia town.

"After executing a deal with Jim (Meredith), I assembled a team starting with Susan Michels of SWE Films," said McCadden. "She produced Spike Lee's 2020 film 'Son of the South.' She agreed that the message in this script was something the world needed at the time as well."

"We thought this story could use a little bit more of something, and what better time to add former Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Famer Billy Sample? Even though he played just a little over a year with the New York Yankees, it made sense to bring him on."

Sample, who played in the big leagues nine years with the Rangers, Yankees and Braves, has dipped his toe into the film industry as well with his "Reunion 108" several years back. Billy read Meredith's script and was eager to get involved.

"Everyone knows Mac McCadden, but actually I had met Jae in New York City when he and my oldest son, Ian, were working on a project," said Sample. "Ian has produced some small works and even wrote a script with and involving Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. of the Fifth Dimension,



Billy Sample



Jae McCadden

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which has yet to be green-lighted.

"After understanding the theme and reading the script, I think that this will be a feel-good movie, but with some hard twists and turns. I felt a tug of sentiment knowing that screenwriter Jim Meredith, a white man, had to deal with racism from whites while going to Glenvar because he has the same name as renown civil rights leader James Meredith."

Sample opened up his Major League Baseball contacts to Jae to continue to make the movie a reality. Billy will also serve as a baseball consultant for the project.

"I try to make sure that the movie is as accurate as possible to the time setting of the movie," said Sample. "The other producers are probably tired of me already, but I can't have a broadcaster from the late 1950s calling his name on the radio when it's in the late 1930s."

"I was an advisor for the Showtime movie, 'Joe Torre, Curveballs Along the Way' and I had to eat the editing mistakes. The producer, who wasn't allowed on set because he went over the budget with his actors hires, relied on me for evidently more than I could cover. At the premiere of the movie, I held my breath until the end, but just before I could exhale there was one horrible glitch because the director didn't shoot enough footage to cover the scene. This won't happen with this picture, as I'll be in close communication with the editors, if not there in person. I'll be on set

otherwise."

Meredith suggested that McCadden reach out to Leigh Anna Fry, a Salem High School and University of Virginia graduate. She had been familiar with the script for many years through her mother, the late Freda (Crosswhite) Fry, who taught both Jim and Anna at Glenvar High School and knew Billy when he was at Andrew Lewis High in the early '70s.

"Leigh Anna is currently an actor residing in Los Angeles, and is no stranger to sports nostalgia films," said McCadden. "She appeared in the 2015 film 'Coach of the Year,' based on a true story about a Richmond swim team trying to win a state championship without a pool to practice in."

Sample saw a lot of himself in the script. Growing up in Salem when segregation was still an issue, Billy had to deal with racism as an everyday fact of life. His athletic prowess made him a popular figure, starring in baseball and playing receiver on some outstanding Andrew Lewis High School football teams, but that only went so far.

"This film reminds me a bit of meeting Ronnie Galliber, who only lived a couple of short weeks away in the segregated part of downtown Salem," said Sample. "We played against each other in football, he wearing the green and white of the American League team, and me wearing the Halloween black and orange colors of the Baby Eagles."

The "Baby Eagles" were named after the

G.W. Carver High School Eagles. Carver was the school for Black children in Roanoke County and located in Salem. It still stands and is now an integrated elementary school.

"Ronnie invited me to come out for his Little League team," remembers Sample. "I wasn't getting much playing time with the neighborhood team, so I ended up playing for Dr. Pepper, coached by the tough taskmaster, Junior Epperly, where I derived some significant self-esteem from playing baseball."

McCadden is considering filming some of the scenes in the Roanoke Valley. It's still a work in progress, but he has high hopes it will become a reality in the near future.

"Since acquiring the script, the project has attracted interest from some big talent and a couple of Hollywood studios," he said. "The team looks to begin principal of photography soon."

Sample feels it has a lot to offer. While the plight of minorities is improving, there's still a long way to go.

"It seems to me just when I think racism is waning, and believe me I don't look under rocks for it, something happens to slap me back to reality," he said. "I had a couple of incidents in the last few years that had me asking, 'Really?' And the Utah women's basketball team's receiving racial taunts gave me another slap, unfortunately, in a perverse way."

"It makes this script still very relevant."

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High school teams prep for fall season

The Lord Botetourt and James River sports teams are working hard with the fall season approaching. Football and volleyball teams will stay busy in the coming week.

The LB football team will have a scrimmage Thursday at Emory & Henry, alma mater of Cavalier coach Jamie Harless, against Dobyns-Bennett High of Tennessee. The Cavaliers will scrimmage next Thursday, August 22, at Jefferson Forest before opening the season at home on Friday, August 30, against E.C. Glass. James River is at Nelson County for the Knights' first scrimmage this Friday. They will host Rockbridge County in Springwood for an August 23 scrimmage, then open at Buffalo

Gap on August 30.

The James River volleyball team participated in a preseason jamboree at Liberty High School last Saturday and was undefeated on the day, including wins over Class 5 Patrick Henry and Class 3 Cave Spring, William Byrd and Amherst. The Knights will host Rockbridge for their second scrimmage next Tuesday, then open at Lord Botetourt on August 27.

The Cavaliers are working hard under new head coach Samantha Wilkins. Their first scrimmage is today at Brookville, followed by a home scrimmage with Hidden Valley on Thursday, August 22, before hosting River in the season opener on August 27.



James River coach Tim Jennings passes to the flat at the Knights' Monday practice.



James River girls practice for the coming volleyball season after winning the Jamboree at Liberty last Saturday.



Cavaliers practice for Thursday's scrimmage at Emory & Henry.

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