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Lord Botetourt receives a NASA ‘Moon Tree’

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Lord Botetourt High School (LBHS) was recently selected to receive a NASA Moon Tree, a unique opportunity to connect with space exploration. The sweetgum tree arrived last week to coincide with the school’s celebration of “Moon Week” during the last week of October where students engaged in educational activities centered around space, science, history, and the importance of trees to the environment.

“We jumpstarted our moon festivities with Mr. Martin and our Air and Space Club,” Lord Botetourt graduate-now science teacher Caitlin Panell shared last week. “They set up telescopes the other week to view the super moon, Saturn, and a comet during the LB vs. William Byrd football game. LBHS designated the entire last week of October as Moon Week, which worked out wonderfully since it aligned with Halloween. Classes participated in a door decorating contest revolving around the Moon Tree.”

Panell applied for the tree in fall 2024 and learned the school would be receiving the tree in August.

“It is a huge honor to be selected as a location for a Moon Tree and we really wanted to celebrate,” Panell continued. “I am always looking for opportunities for students to learn in new and interesting ways and this seemed like a perfect fit for Botetourt.”

According to a NASA release from last week, its



Lord Botetourt science teacher Caitlin Panell (left) holds the school’s Moon Tree that arrived last week from NASA. The tree was then planted on campus (right).



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LBHS

Office of STEM Engagement partnered with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service to fly five species of tree seeds aboard Artemis I as part of a national STEM Engagement and Conservation Education initiative. The project builds on the legacy of the original moon trees, which were planted in the 1970s after NASA astronaut Stuart Roosa orbited the moon with tree seeds in his kit.

Roosa, the command module pilot for 1971’s Apollo 14 mission and a former USDA Forest Service smoke jumper, carried tree seeds into lunar orbit. The

Apollo 14 Moon Trees were grown into seedlings by the USDA Forest Service and eventually disseminated to national monuments and dignitaries around the world, with a large number distributed as part of the nation’s bicentennial event.

In a nod to the legacy of Apollo 14, and a celebration of the future of space exploration with NASA’s Artemis Program, a “new generation” of Moon Tree seeds traveled into lunar orbit aboard the Orion

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New brewery officially opens in Buchanan

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Cold brews and great views are now open for business in Buchanan.

A Few Old Goats Brewing (AFOG) officially cut the ribbon last Saturday on its new location. Buchanan residents, members of Botetourt County staff, Virginia Tourism, and others welcomed the town’s newest business located at 19318 Main Street.

The new brewery adds to Sycamore Development’s repurposing of the old factory that was once the Groendyk

Manufacturing Company. Factory Flats, the other development project on the property, is now a 21-unit apartment complex built from the old factory currently leasing spaces for potential residents.

Buchanan Mayor Tristan Harris shared a few words prior to cutting the ribbon. “As we stand here on this property, we are reminded of the pivotal companies that have previously filled these buildings. Just as those companies helped to build this community with hard work, dedication, and craftsmanship, so too does AFOG

See AFOG, page 8



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY

Elementary school now holding donation drive

Buchanan Elementary School is currently doing a “Blankets and Bears” donation drive through November 15 to help support the students and families at Pinnacle Elementary School in Rutherford, N.C., affected by recent flooding.

Many of these families are currently focused on their daily housing needs and the Buchanan

Elementary community wanted to do something special for the children in need. The blankets and stuffed animals collected will be delivered to Pinnacle Elementary before Thanksgiving and will be distributed to the families before Christmas.

Buchanan Elementary bus drivers will be delivering the items collected. These bus drivers were affected

by the Flood of ‘85 in Buchanan and see this as an opportunity to give back and help those in need like others did for them in 1985.

The public is invited to join the Buchanan Elementary School community in donating new blankets and new stuffed animals. Items

See Donations, page 5

Troutville Sunshine Girls host 15th Veterans Day program Nov. 11

The Troutville Sunshine Girls will host their 15th Veterans Day program and lunch on Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m. at the Troutville Town Hall.

The Sunshine Girls’ first program was held in 2009 with 12 WWII veterans in attendance. The veterans said they had never been to a program before and that’s when the Sunshine Girls decided to

make it an annual event.

“We started this 15 years ago when we met several veterans and got the idea from my sister-in-law in New York who does a program; since then, several schools started honoring veterans here and we think it’s great that the idea caught on,” Sunshine Girl Lee Henry said of the event.

Through the years, the Sunshine Girls have bonded with this group of veterans with home visits, sending birthday cards and homemade Valentines. In recent years a few of the veterans’ stories have been published in The Herald from interviews by the Sunshine Girls.

This year the Sunshine Girls have been saddened by the loss of several

veterans in the county. The group of veterans has become much smaller and seats are available for the event this year. If you know of a veteran who would like to attend the program and lunch, call 540-819-6335.

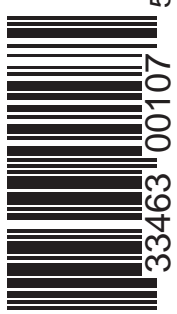
~ Fincastle Herald staff report



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Breckinridge celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Breckinridge celebrated Red Ribbon Week by focusing on healthy choices and healthy lifestyles and also remembering “Kiki” Camarena, and the history of Red Ribbon Week. A special thanks to the Botetourt Sheriff’s Department, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, the local Forest Service law enforcement and the Virginia National Guard for helping make Red Ribbon event special for Breckinridge students.

~ Submitted by Marcy Wohlford



Kinleigh Thompson, Rachel Ronk, Stella Depasquale and Adeline Tate hunker down inside a riot vehicle.



Fourth graders Wes Albright and Alex Mostovyi try out some of the tactical gear from local law enforcement.



Preschooler Scarlett Bailey enjoyed sitting inside the Forest Service’s ATV as part of the special Red Ribbon Week activity with local law enforcement.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARCY WOHLFORD



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

F.A. Wagner Agency holds ribbon-cutting

The Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for F.A. Wagner Insurance Agency in Daleville. The agency’s Principal Advisor Forest Wagner welcomed the Botetourt

community to the event held on October 25.

The agency provides home, auto, and personal possession protections, plus personal liability coverages. For more information, visit FAWagner.com or by

calling 540-966-0059.

The F.A. Wagner Insurance Agency is located at 2743 Roanoke Road in Daleville.

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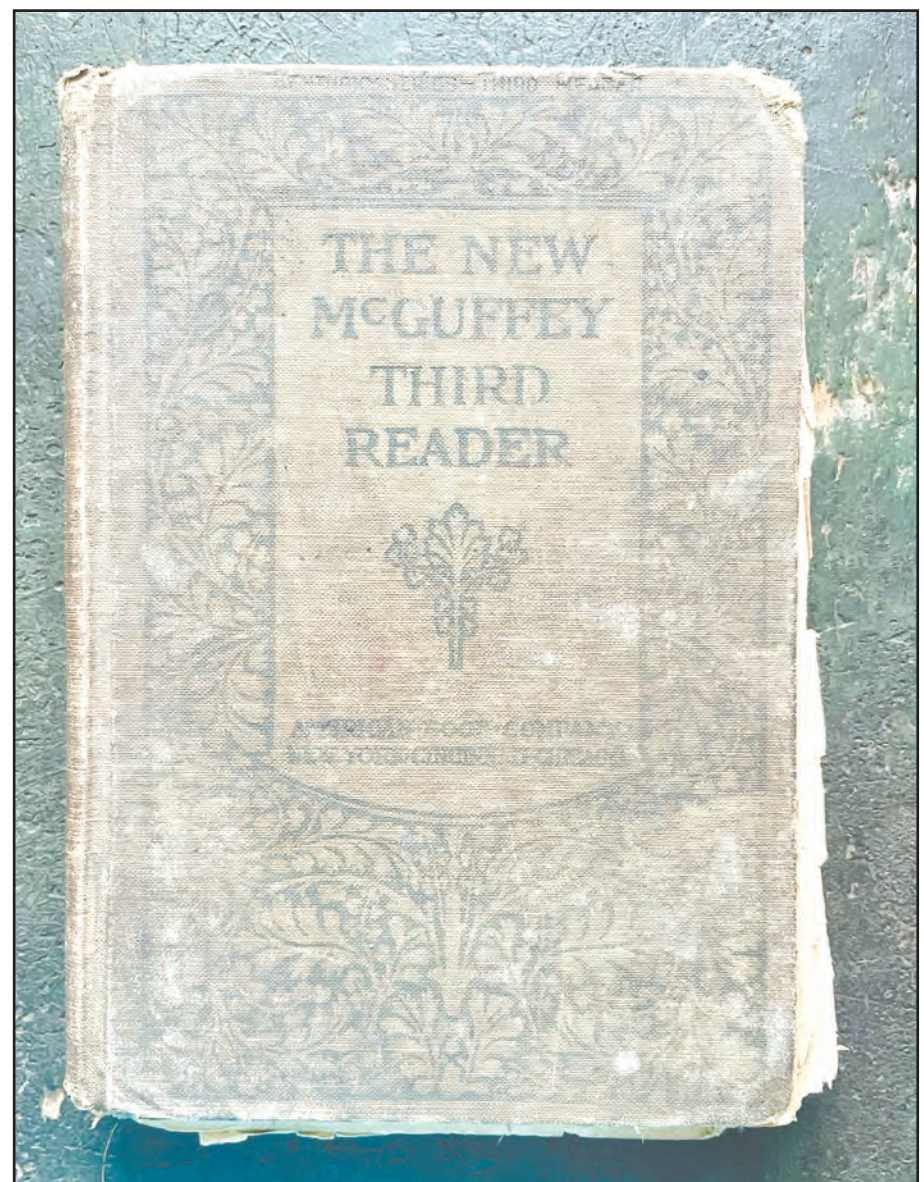


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This well-worn school book from 1901, “The New McGuffey Third Reader,” was printed by the American Book Company and sold 120 million copies of its series of McGuffey Readers between 1836 and 1960. Ed and Betty Holt recently donated this book to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture and it is displayed in the educational section upstairs along with other books and artifacts. Previously, this reader was in the collection of their aunt, Catharine Stoner Peaslee, who grew up in

Santillane. Many things have changed throughout the 120 years since this book was used for teaching students, however, some lessons remain the same: “If at first you don’t succeed, Try, try again...” page 147. Recently, all fifth grade Botetourt students and a group of homeschool students visited the Botetourt Museum to learn more about the history of their county.

~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

~ Kiwanis Club of Botetourt



Kiwanis Club President Cindy Bailey (left) with Mrs. Farrar and her Greenfield Elementary class

\$68,000

- Shirley Hood to P.J. Mundy, lot, Tinkerview Townhouse, \$0, gift deed
- Household Investments to Timothy A. Degraff, lot, Blue Ridge Heights,

\$269,950

- Anne H. Huffman to Brett Joseph Randolph, lot, 2.780 acres, \$483,500
- Joseph Roy Huffman to Robert Anderson Harris, parcels, \$0, quit claim deed
- I&S Real Properties to Christopher Burgess, two parcels, \$265,000
- James River Assets to Davis Designed LLC, lots, \$190,000
- Alexander W. Johansen to Everett H. Braden, 2 acres, \$345,000
- Jerry W. Johnson to Gregory L. Johnson, 1.964 acres, \$0, gift deed
- William M. Johnson Jr. to Christopher D. Callahan, lot, 0.508 acres,

\$614,000

- Paige Kelley to Kelley Realty, lot, Duffield Estates, \$0, gift deed
- Allen D. Kitts to Russell Corey Kitts, lot, Highland Manor, \$466,000
- Jamal M. Liftawi to Steven W. McChesney, lot, Stratford Place, \$34,000
- Fahrudin Lindov Lindov to Shingirai C. Kwaramba, lot, 1.178 acres,

Santillane, \$635,000

- Lofton Leasing to Khagendra Baniya, lot, Thornblade, \$472,000
- Mitchell Samuel Mason III to William Brown, lot, 0.931 acres, Parkview Acres, \$359,990
- Kristy L. Mattingly to Matthew Robert Koop, lots, Jamestown Subdivision, \$585,000
- Philip A. Mnich, trustee, to James Athey, lot, Hollymeade, \$675,000
- Corrina Claytor Montgomery to Shane Hall, 2.186 acres, \$212,400
- Jeffery Tyrone Necessary to Michael Eugene Thompson, lot, 2.097 acres, \$0, gift deed
- Gilbert Perkey to Robert Boyd Hundley, parcel, \$45,000
- Jeili A. Reid to Keylin Daneysi Alva Hernandez, lot, 0.3347 acres, \$319,750
- Linda Saville Roberts to NPT Virginia Parks Projects, 122.879 acres, \$355,000
- Michael Darren Roney to Michael Darren Roney, co-trustee, 8 acres, \$0, gift deed
- Gary Rookstool, trustee, to Samuel Worsley, 3 tracts, \$247,000
- SGW Properties II to Jennifer Osborne, two lots, 0.9817 acres, \$270,000
- SGW Properties II to Catherine C. Vance, 3 parcels, \$360,000
- Michael R. Shuler to Laura M. Oliver, lot, Highland Manor, \$0, gift deed
- Connie P. Snavelly to Abigail L. Rexrode, parcel, 1.036 acres, \$15,000
- Eber Sorto Lemuz to Ricardo Dominguez Rodriguez, lot, Ridgeway Acres, \$150,000
- Mary Alison Sower to Mary Alison Sower, lot, Town of Fincastle, \$0, gift deed
- Stateson Homes to Vance Barrett, lot, Daleville Town Center, \$374,730
- Stateson Homes to Justin Nichols, lot, Daleville Town Center, \$438,870
- Stateson Homes to Brandon Welch, lot, Daleville Town Center, \$341,915
- Stateson Homes to PLS Properties LLC, lot, Daleville Town Center, \$331,485
- Stateson Homes to PLS Properties LLC, lot, Daleville Town Center, \$342,295
- Stateson Homes to Terry McMahan, lot, Daleville Town Center, \$405,090
- Pamela King Stinnett to Linwood F. King, 1 acre, \$50,000
- Daryll R. Sukhbir to David Honaker, 3.594 acres, \$555,000
- Trudy C. Trammell to Aaron L. Melton, 2.60 acres, \$515,000
- Nancy J. Tucker to Mary Barbour Morris, 2 parcels, \$272,000
- Daniel Warner to Cameron W. Meador, 1.50 acres, \$279,500
- Kathleen S. Weikart to Joseph E. Schroder, lot, Santillane, \$400,000
- West Oak Properties to Zachary Durham, 0.143 acres, \$210,000
- Robert M. Wilson to Andrea W. Wilson, lot, 1.800 acres, \$0, gift deed

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Library Buzz

Holiday Closures

All library branches will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 9-Monday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. Book returns and Wi-Fi access remain open 24/7.

Notary Services

Did you know Botetourt County Libraries offer FREE notary services? Please contact a library location to schedule an appointment.

Hawks, Falcons, and Owls

Tue, Nov 12, 5:30pm, Eagle Rock
Learn about local birds of prey and their role in our ecosystem – and meet some real birds of prey! Presented by Corey Basham.

Reading with a Ranger

Fri, Nov 15, 2:30pm, Eagle Rock
Read a book with a Virginia State Park Ranger to learn about nature and make a craft to take home.

Community Cooking: Ginger Gungas

Sat, Nov 16, 10:30am-12:30pm, Wilson Warehouse in Buchanan
Celebrate the town's historic Ginger Gungas cookbook with Buchanan's Town Improvement Society. Bring your favorite Fall treat to share (optional) and taste ginger gungas (a type of gingerbread cookie) made from the original historic recipe.

Hidden Genealogy

Tue, Nov 19, 2pm, Fincastle
Learn how to research newspaper articles, census records funeral records, and other resources to find the maiden names of women in history and where

ancestors were laid to rest. Presented by Rena Worthen, Library Genealogist.

Eclectic Readers

Wed, Nov 6, 12pm, Buchanan
The Seasons series by Ali Smith
Thu, Nov 7, 6:30pm, Fincastle
Her Hidden Genius by Marie Benedict
Wed, Nov 13, 10:30am, Fincastle
The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict
Thu, Nov 21, 11am, Eagle Rock
We'll Meet Again by Mary Higgins Clark
Fri, Nov 22, 11am, Blue Ridge
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford
Discuss books and authors with fellow readers.

STEM Club

Tue, Nov 12, 4pm, Fincastle
Wed, Nov 13, 4pm, Buchanan
Mon, Nov 18, 4pm, Eagle Rock
Tue, Nov 26, 4pm, Blue Ridge
Learn the scientific method and engineering design processes with hands-on projects.
Open to children of any age, but younger children need an adult or older child to assist them.
November's project: Acids and bases.

Special Needs Storytime

Wednesdays, 6pm, Fincastle
Enjoy books, songs and tactile activities that build literacy, motor, and social skills – especially designed for children with special needs. Best for preschoolers.

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

Botetourt Chorus in Concert November 17

The Botetourt County Chorus will present a concert entitled "Giving Thanks" on Sunday, November 17, at 3 p.m. at Mill Creek Baptist Church, 11475 Lee Highway, Fincastle. The chorus is under the direction of Stephen Harris and accompanist Naomi Rock. The program will feature a selection of choral pieces including

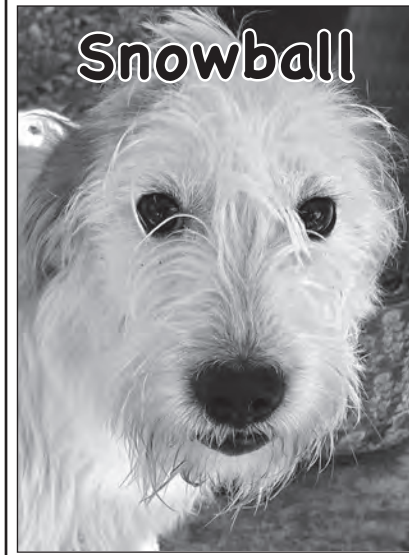
"Joyful Thanks," "Gather the People," "Great is thy Faithfulness," and lots of fun tunes including, "This Ole House."

The concert is free, but donations to help offset expenses will be accepted during the concert.

For more information, contact Faye Bolt at 540-798-4049 or Kristie Claytor at 540-556-1563.

- Botetourt Chorus

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week



Snowball, a Golden-doodle mix, came from RCACP. She is spayed, 8 months old, HW negative and up to date on vaccines. A fenced yard is required.

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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to Mr. Finn's letter

I do not understand why they are against Trump, just because they do not like him. Our country was the best the four years Trump was in office because of his policies. The only problem was the pandemic that happened, or planned. There is the January 6 problem that Mrs. Pelosi has said was her mistake, no one was armed as Mrs. Harris keeps saying even to this week, another lie.

As Mr. Finn said in his letter in response was good people on both sides, there are so many things that I could have added to my letter that would have covered several pages of The Herald.

Let's just use his own comment that there are good people on both sides. These words were used by Mr. Trump in Charlottesville, but he added except the militant members that should be condemned. If Mr. Finn was watching when this took place he would know, as I do, that the media left out the last

part just to make Trump look bad. How is this not biased in the media?

What I said in my letter are facts that anyone that pays attention would see. Mr. Finn did not say that what I was asking how the items that I had brought up were wrong.

Mr. Finn answered my questions for me and everyone else. His words that Democrats are loathsome creatures, clandestine commies, anti-religious and anti-lifers, he must have gotten his answer from what are facts the Democrats say they stand for, those were not my words!

I know the election should be over by the time this letter is printed or maybe not, but we will know what direction this country will be headed by the result.

The Democrats have said if they take the House of Representatives, they will go through with an impeachment again – sound about right?

James Wilhelm

Eagle Rock

‘Everything but the Turkey’ event aims to provide Thanksgiving meals to Botetourt families



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF PRESTIGE GYMNASTICS

Prestige Gymnastics Academy has announced its annual community initiative, "Everything but the Turkey," running through November 21. This charitable event, hosted in conjunction with Lancerlot Sports Complex, is dedicated to supporting local families in need by collecting essential Thanksgiving meal items.

As part of the event, community members are invited to contribute by either selecting grocery items from a provided list or by picking up a bag and returning it filled with all the necessary non-perishable ingredients for a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Of course, as the title explains, these items include everything EXCEPT the

turkey itself. This effort aims to ensure that every family in the community has the opportunity to enjoy a festive and fulfilling holiday meal.

"We are humbled to give back to our community," said a representative from Prestige Gymnastics Academy. "This event reflects our commitment to supporting local families and fostering a spirit of generosity and togetherness during the holiday season through our program called, "Prestige Gives Back."



Participants and supporters can visit the Prestige Gymnastics Academy table at Lancerlot Sports Complex (1110 Vineyard Road in Vinton) for more information and


to drop off their donations. For those who prefer to get involved in other ways may reach out to the owner, Kaleigh Duffy, via email at info@prestige-gymnastics.com.

"Join us in making a difference this holiday season and help spread warmth and cheer to those in need. Together, we can ensure that everyone has a memorable and joyful Thanksgiving," Duffy said.

This year's donations and "Everything but the Turkey" bags will be donated to the Botetourt County Department of Social Services for distribution.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Absence of effort
5. Preserve a dead body
11. Gratitude
14. The act of coming together again
15. Simpler
18. Visionaries
19. Large, fish-eating bird
21. Indicates near
23. Former CIA agent and critic
24. Icelandic poems
28. Pop
29. "Hammer" is one again
30. Senses of self-importance
32. Thyrotrophic hormone
33. Not around
35. Electronic data processing
36. Licenses and passports are two types
39. Snakelike fish
41. Air Force
42. Popular computers
44. Of a withered nature
46. Wings
47. Used in combination
49. Laid back
52. Jeweled headdress
56. In slow tempo
58. ___ Falls
60. Assertions made again
62. Periods of history
63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN
1. Body part
2. Mimics
3. Expel large quantities rapidly
4. Sea eagle
5. A type of subdivision
6. Variety of Chinese
7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
8. Consumed
9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL great Randy
12. Ireland
13. Palm trees with creeping roots
16. Fungal disease
17. Impressionable persons
20. Affirmative! (slang)
22. Instinctive part of the mind
25. "The First State"
26. A way to develop
27. Fraternities
29. Woman (French)
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Beer
36. Spiritual leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior's father
43. Ray-finned fishes
45. Morning
48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
50. Double curve
51. A small bundle of straw or hay
53. Got older
54. Crater on Mars
55. Humanities
57. Relating to the ears
58. "To the ___ degree"
59. Residue of a burned product
61. It cools a home

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Friday, Nov. 8
7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9
7 p.m..
Thursday, Nov. 14
7 p.m.

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Moon Tree

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LBHS

LBHS biology students taught by Panell stand with the Moon Tree.

spacecraft in 2022. The seeds travelled thousands of miles beyond the moon, spending about four weeks in space before returning to Earth.

The Artemis I Moon Trees, rooted in the legacy of the original Moon Trees flown by Roosa during Apollo 14, journeyed 270,000 miles from Earth aboard the Orion spacecraft. A diverse array of tree species, including sycamores, sweet gums, Douglas firs, loblolly pines, and giant sequoias, were flown around the surface of the moon. The first batch of seedlings will ship to almost 50 institutions across 48 contiguous U.S. states.

Some of the Lord Botetourt Moon Week door decoration concepts included: space exploration, myths and legends about the moon, Greek mythology of Artemis and Orion (names of the mission and ship the seeds went on), lunar phases, and moon references in music and pop culture. Teachers incorporated moon themes into lessons such as reading stories about moon myths in Spanish or analyzing data to see if there is a relationship between moon phases and crimes— turns out there isn't.

Through NASA's Office of STEM

Engagement (OSTEM) and NASA's Artifact Module, museums, universities, federal agencies, including NASA Field Centers, and K-12 serving organizations were invited to apply for ownership of a Moon Tree seedling. Recipient selection is underway for organizations according to a distribution schedule aligned to four planting cycles: Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, and Fall 2025.

In addition to helping get the tree to Lord Botetourt, Panell worked with school staff to help spread the word.

"I also created mini-STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) stations for teachers to bring classes to throughout the week which included tree identification, using natural materials in art, crater formation, egg drop contests, nocturnal animals, and engineering structures," Panell added. "We even had a Moon Walk dance competition during lunch. The entire school really got on board with the theme and it has inspired students to be curious and creative."

The sweet gum tree has been planted at the school and a celebration in welcoming the Moon Tree to Botetourt is planned for spring 2025.

Donations

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can be dropped off at Buchanan Elementary during school hours Monday through Friday through November 15. If you have any questions, call Buchanan

Elementary at 540-254-2084. ~ Submitted by Jennifer King

LBHS Marching Band Holiday Craft & Gift Show Nov. 9

The Lord Botetourt High School (LBHS) Marching Cavaliers will be hosting the annual Holiday Craft & Gift Show at LBHS on Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be over 75 local vendors present with a wide variety of crafts and gifts plus a concession stand. The band members will even help carry purchases to your vehicle. It is a great opportunity to get holiday shopping done while supporting the marching band and local businesses.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

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Entries being accepted for Fincastle Christmas Parade

Area clubs, organizations, churches and other groups and individuals are invited to participate in the Fincastle Christmas Parade at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Rain date is Sunday, Dec. 8.

Cash awards will be given to the best entries in traditional and religious float categories. Bands will receive an honorarium; they will not be judged. Horses and other animals will be permitted with appropriate waste collection methods.

To avoid conflicts with vehicles and children, candy can be distributed only by people walking along beside the floats

The parade will form at 1 p.m. at Breckinridge Elementary School in Fincastle, and begin at 2 p.m. Due to space limitations, only parade entries will be permitted in the parking lot at the school. Other vehicles will need to be parked along the streets in town.

Return the entry form by November 25.

Fincastle Christmas Parade Entry Form

Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Entry (Circle One): _____

Band Float Marching Unit Car Other

Return by November 25: By mail— Parade, c/o Town of Fincastle. P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, 24090; or email— anitapware@hotmail.com.



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

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

Troutville Assembly of God, 118 Conner Lane, P.O. Box 728, Troutville, VA 24175, Pastor Dennis Carroll, 540-960-1224, Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Everyone welcome.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

Colonial Baptist Church - 221 Hillcrest St., Blue Ridge, VA 24064. Phone 540-977-5683. Senior Pastor Joel A. Wegner; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships; 10:30 a.m. Worship (Nursery, Tots' & Children's Church) - broadcast on Facebook Live; One Sunday evening worship per month at 6 p.m. Wednesday schedule during the school year: 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Studies; 6:45 p.m. WOL Teens, 7 p.m. WOL Gopher Buddies & Olympians (Age 3-Grade 6), 7 p.m. MERGE (College Age). E-mail: office@cbcblueridge.org; website: www.cbcblueridge.org; On Facebook, Instagram, YouTube

Crossroads Baptist Church - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M.

Faith Baptist Church- 4258 Botetourt Rd., 4 miles N. of Fincastle; Dr. John W. Reynolds, pastor- teacher, 473-2325, jwr56fbc@yahoo.com. Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. fincastlefaith.com.

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church- 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, 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

SPREAD THE WORD

Read John 12:1 through 13:38

A large banner on the semi-trailer in the church parking lot announced, "Food Giveaway on Saturday." Sharon saw the banner as she drove by on her way to work. Just five years earlier, as a single mother of two, she had received two bags of groceries from the same church. This gift enabled her to get through a tough time after her husband deserted her. More importantly, it opened her heart to the message of Christ.

Now a growing Christian, Sharon takes time to tell others about the church's food giveaway and about the greatest gift of all: Jesus.

The crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word (John 12:17).

Those who saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead just couldn't keep quiet. They kept talking about the miracle and generating interest in those who heard. The story of how Jesus has touched one person's life has the power to touch other people's lives.

Prayer Suggestion: Jesus, help me to spread the word about You boldly today.

Quicklook: John 12:17-19

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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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daleridgechurchofchrist.net or email us at comeback2thebible@gmail.com and request to be scheduled for lesson #1 of 3 entitled "who has the Authority In Religion today". You will be contacted promptly. All studies are conducted by 2 individuals, never alone. May God Bless you in choosing this "open book Bible study.

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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

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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

Austin, Truman Frederick

Truman Frederick Austin, 83, of three daughters, Pamela Austin 501 Broken Arrow Lane, Covington, Hall (Tony Shiflett) of Covington, died on Thursday, October 31, 2024 at LewisGale Hospital – Alleghany, Low Moor.

Truman was born on June 12, 1941 in Botetourt County to the late Hiram Simmons Austin, Sr. and Delphine Barger Austin. He was a 1959 graduate of Fincastle High School, served in the United States Army (Military Police), and received his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. He was employed by Westvaco as a timekeeper for 35 years and was a member of Forest Grove Baptist Church in Eagle Rock. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed playing softball.

In addition to his parents, Truman was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Tiffany Olivia Kimberlin.

He is survived by his wife, Sally "Joann" Teaford Austin of Covington;



Carolyn Teaford Clarkson (Bruce) of Greensboro, N.C., and Sara Dell Timis of New Market; a son, Steve Austin of Covington; a sister, Betty Jo Austin Barger of Eagle Rock; two brothers, Hiram Austin, Jr. (Barbara) of Eagle Rock and Raymond Austin (Connie) of Clifton Forge; seven grandchildren, one step-granddaughter, five great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 2 p.m. in Forest Grove Baptist Church, Eagle Rock, with the Rev. Jerry Marsh officiating. Interment was in Forest Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends on Monday from 4 until 6 p.m. at Nicely Funeral Home, Clifton Forge.

The family suggests memorial tributes take the form of contributions to Boiling Spring Fire and Rescue.

Bourne, Nancy Ann

Nancy Anne Bourne, 85, of Jr. of Albuquerque, N.M.; three Troutville, died peacefully on October 25, 2024. She was a devoted daughter, sister, aunt, and friend to many.

Nancy, the eldest of five children, was born on August 26, 1939 to the late Dr. George and Dorothy Taxis Bourne in Roanoke. She graduated from Jefferson High School in 1958. She furthered her education at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg and continued at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., earning her master's degree in social work. Nancy's professional career began as a dedicated social worker at Johns Hopkins Hospital and followed at several different social work agencies.

Nancy was predeceased by her parents; sister, Edith B. Paderick; brothers, Andrew and Edwin Bourne; and nephew, Andrew Bourne.

Left to cherish Nancy's memory are her brother, George S. Bourne



George S. Bourne III (Tracy) of Richmond, Edwin Paderick (Pam) of Troutville, Brandon Bourne (Stacey) of Roanoke; two nieces, Nancy A. Parrish of Blue Ridge, and Kristin Bourne of Anguilla. The family would like to acknowledge the unwavering friendship that Karen Willis provided Nancy and the family for over 50 years.

Nancy enjoyed the arts, music, reading, visiting museums, but most of all enjoyed having dinner with family and friends at various restaurants.

A memorial donation may be made in Nancy's name to the League for Animal Protection (LAP) in Fincastle. A gathering for family and friends will be held at Kyle House in Fincastle on Saturday, November 9 from 2-5 p.m. Arrangements by Simpson Funeral Home, Peters Creek Chapel, (540) 366-0707.

Johnson, Betty Smith

Betty Ruth Smith Johnson, 87, and wife, Pearl, of Glen Wilton; sister, of Clifton Forge, was freed from Patsy Ann Smith Neil, and husband, Cecil, of Buchanan; and 17 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Edward Smith, Sr. and Nelda Keffer Smith; husband, Tucker Johnson; and brothers and sister-in-law, Louis Edward Smith, and William Garland and Frances Chittum Smith.

She is survived by her brothers, Roy Morgan Smith and wife, Kathy, of Roanoke; Cecil Edward Smith, Jr.



Betty worked for H.O. Canfield in Iron Gate for her entire work life. She always had time for her church activities, spiritual life, and family functions. She loved her family dearly and was always there for them.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider doing a good deed for your neighbor. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Meador, Wayne Edward

Wayne Edward (Shorty) Meador, 84, passed away peacefully at his home on November 1, 2024 in Grub Hollow (Blue Ridge) with his family by his side.

He was born on August 3, 1940 to the late George and Rena Meador. He was also preceded in death by sisters Dot Helms and Kathy Williamson; grandsons Leon Campbell and Jeremiah Campbell.

Wayne retired from Roanoke Electric Steel after 25 plus years of service. He had several hobbies including hunting, fishing, gardening, and mowing his grass. Most importantly he loved spending time with his family, especially his beloved wife Marion. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, best friend, hunting partner, and much more.

Wayne is survived by his beloved wife Marion of 45 years; his children, Cindy Ruff of Roanoke, Lynn Meador of Blue Ridge, Bryan Meador (Beth) of Fort Mill, S.C., and Alan Meador (Jaime) of Spring Hope, N.C.; his grandchildren, Crystal Mabry (Jeffrey), Chandler Meador, Lauren Meador, Destiny Meador, Jacob Meador, Andrew Meador and Samantha Shultis; and great-grandchildren, Savannah, Brittany, Casey and Zaira.

He is also survived by siblings, Shirley Thomas, Keith Meador, Clayton Meador (Faye), Kenny Meador (Bonnie), George A. Meador (Greta), Sue Gordon (Bruce), Ralph Meador (Robin), Jan May (Gary) and Barry Meador; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.



Wayne was always proud of his garden, and loved canning with Marion.

It was well known that nobody was leaving his house without a jar of his famous pickles, a carton of eggs or some of his very popular deer jerky. He always made sure to plant more than enough to share with his family and neighbors. He was a kind man that would give you the shirt off his back without a hesitation. He

was a great storyteller and you were always guaranteed a good laugh.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, November 6, at 10 a.m. at Oakey's East Chapel, 5188 Cloverdale Road. A graveside service will be held at Old Dominion Memorial Gardens, 7271 Cloverdale Road, immediately following the service.

The family is grateful for countless friends and colleagues who prayed for and supported Wayne throughout his life and especially during the past year as he bravely fought cancer. Thank you to Blue Ridge Cancer Care and Good Samaritan Hospice Care for their support, especially Nadia, his hospice nurse. The family would also like to thank their dear neighbors Paula and Steve Kessler for their friendship, love and support during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice Care, 4751 Cove Road, Roanoke, 24017. Arrangements by Oakey's East Chapel, 540-977-3909.

CHURCH NEWS

Eagle Rock Clothes Closet dates

The Eagle Rock Community Clothes Closet at Eagle Rock United Methodist Church, 14565 Church Street, will be open Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and Wednesday, November 6, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Women's, men's and children's clothing, as well as shoes and toys, will be available at no charge. To make donations or volunteer to help with this mission, contact Pastor Ray Sandifer at 540-525-0258.

Homecoming at Lapsleys Run November 10

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church will celebrate the annual Harvest Homecoming and 156th Church Anniversary on Sunday, November 10. The morning service will begin at 11 a.m. Brother Edgar Freeman will be the speaker. Dinner will follow.

The afternoon service will begin at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dwight Steele, Sr., who will be accompanied by the choir and congregation from Pilgrim Baptist Church of Roanoke.

Everyone is invited to attend these and regular services on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at Lapsleys Run Baptist Church, 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle.

Donations requested for Springwood Cemetery repair

Springwood Baptist Church has approved a contract of \$5,000 for stonework in the "old" cemetery. Approximately 29 marked stones will be straightened and leveled, along with reassembling many broken stones.

The church respectfully requests donations to this project. Please send donations to: Springwood Baptist Church, c/o Gary Peery, 234 Peery Lane, Buchanan, 24066. In memo of check, state Cemetery Repair.

Sale at Cloverdale Thrift Store

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store has a large selection of sweaters and jackets for the entire family. Start Christmas decorating early—the store has lots of antique and collectible ornaments available. Hours are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Community Hymn Sing at Mt. Carmel

Mt. Carmel Church, Eagle Rock, will host a Community Hymn Sing on November 17 at 6:30 p.m., with light refreshments following. All are welcome.

Service of Prayer at Fincastle Presbyterian

Fincastle Presbyterian Church will be holding a Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, and on Wednesday, December 18.

This is a special service of prayer, music, silence and scripture, and an opportunity to gather in Christian community and draw closer to God to offer prayers for individuals, the local community, the country and the world. Following the service, gather in the fellowship hall for a light supper. All are invited. The church is at 108 E. Back Street.

Special services at Andrew Chapel

The public is invited to an evening service on Sunday, November 17, at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church. The service will begin at 7 p.m., led by Pastor Morris Bennet, with Pastor Mike Anderson from Springwood Baptist Church bringing the message. The church is located at 3936 Beaver Dam Road, Buchanan.

Fall Bazaar at Ebenezer UMC

Ebenezer United Methodist Church will hold their Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 23, from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. There will be sausage gravy biscuits, yard sale items, baked goods, hot dogs, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, and barbecue. Ebenezer UMC is located at 85 Nace Road, Troutville. All are invited. ss

Springwood Baptist Thanksgiving service, meal

All are invited to the Sunday service on November 24 at Springwood Baptist Church, led by Pastor Mike Anderson, followed by a Thanksgiving potluck meal.

Bring a favorite meat, vegetable, or dessert to gather together to give thanks for God's blessings and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Retired Educators meeting Nov. 11

The Botetourt Retired Educators will meet on Monday, November 11, at Mill Creek Baptist Church, 11475 Lee Highway, Fincastle. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 11 a.m. The women of the church are preparing lunch for the group at a cost of \$15 per person. If you would like to attend and plan to eat lunch, let Susan Martin (540-473-2636 or susanmartin730@gmail.com) know by November 6.

Anyone retired from the field of education living in this area is eligible for membership. Dues (\$35) may be paid

at any meeting. Shannon Abell will present a program about changes in Medicare. Donations for the Botetourt Food Pantry will be collected. If you have questions, contact Susan Martin.

~ Botetourt Retired Educators



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Knights of Columbus Fish Fry November 8

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is November 8, 5-7 p.m., with little-to-no-wait. Eat in or take out until 7 p.m. at the Church of the Transfiguration, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle. Cost is \$12 (ages 7 and under are free) for two filets of lightly breaded flounder (or six chicken nuggets reserved for children or adults who do not want fish), crispy fries, sweet cornbread, homemade coleslaw, and choice of one dessert. A 50/50 drawing will be held. There are no advance ticket sales. Proceeds will benefit Botetourt Food Pantry, Backpack Ministry at Greenfield Elementary, Botetourt Resource Center, and other local charities. For more information, call 540-904-3126.

- *Knights of Columbus*

AFOG

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The Town of Buchanan welcomed A Few Old Goats Brewery last Saturday during the brewery's grand opening week.

embody that same spirit. This brewery also represents a place where we can come together to enjoy quality brews as well as a hub for creativity, friendship, and local pride.”

Dual husband-and-wife owners, Ken and Joyce McGraw and Curtis and Lisa Reed, opened AFOG’s Old Southwest Roanoke location in 2018 after moving to Roanoke from Cleveland, Ohio. The “neighborhood” brewery in Roanoke recently celebrated its sixth year of business.

The ownership group decided on Buchanan after a visit with Chris Vale and Brent Cochran of Sycamore Development a few years back. The McGraws and Reeds immediately jumped at the opportunity due to the town’s “natural charm” and the views from the brewery’s patio area overlooking the surrounding mountains.

Harris added, “To

the entire team at A Few Old Goats, thank you for believing in Buchanan. Your passion for brewing and commitment to community is commendable. You’re not just crafting beer; you’re building connections and enriching our town. That is what community is all about.”

AFOG offers a wide range of “classic” selections ensuring that beer-lovers will find something that they are looking for. Additionally, the brewery also offers flavors like pumpkin, cream ale, sour-fruited gose, saison, hard seltzer, and “Goatmeal” (oatmeal).

Co-owner Ken McGraw explained some of AFOG’s philosophies in giving customers what they want at a local brewery in a recent interview. “We have two philosophies about this. One is to make sure you offer something that covers multiple palates. You can go to breweries that specialize in IPAs (Indian Pale Ale), barrel-aged beer, or saisons. We do mostly classic styles and

try to get something for everybody.

“The second (philosophy) is making sure we brew two-style with our own twist. For instance, the little red (ale) has a little roasted barley in it to give it a hint of smoke (flavor). We do little things like that. Style-wise, I’m a big barrel-aged beer fan. That’s one of the things we (brew) at our (Roanoke) brewery and we’ll get that a little more involved here (in Buchanan).”

The “two-style” brewing system is a method of producing two different beers from a single brewing session. The AFOG nano-brewery constantly rotates their flavors which gives their frequent customers something new to try for their next visit.

Expect to see food trucks on the property as well. AFOG is currently looking to hold events which will include live music and other collaborative town activities on the property in the future.

“We want to help accentuate (the town),” co-owner Curtis Reed said on Saturday. “We’re looking forward to a partnership with the town and other businesses. We want to work with everybody... The people have been very welcoming.”

A Few Old Goats – Buchanan is open Mondays through Thursdays from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Fridays through Sundays from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m. For more info, visit their website at afogbrewing.com.

NOTICE

The Botetourt County governmental offices, including libraries, will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024, in observance of Veterans Day. The landfill station will remain open.

TOWN OF BUCHANAN NOTICE OF PROPOSED FRANCHISE

Please take notice that at its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter, in the Council Chambers of the Buchanan Town Hall, 19753 Main Street, Buchanan, VA, the Buchanan Town Council will hear public comments and thereafter consider an ordinance granting a franchise of up to ten (10) years for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a Cable System within the Town. The franchise was requested by Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC but under Va. Code §15.2-2101, any party may make a written bid on the franchise. Bids will be opened in an open session of the Council at the aforementioned time and place, and they must be submitted on or before November 8, 2024 to the Buchanan Town Manager. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The full text of the proposed franchise agreement is online at www.buchanan-va.gov and on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be requested by calling 540-245-1212 or emailing dstump@buchanan-va.gov.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAP

LAP holding gift basket fundraiser

The League for Animal Protection (LAP) in Fincastle is holding a fundraising raffle for two gift baskets, each valued at more than \$500. The baskets contain new gift items and lots of gift cards to area restaurants.

The drawings will be held on December 1. Tickets are \$10 each and you may purchase as many as you like. To

purchase tickets, make checks payable to League for Protection of Animals and mail to P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090. For more information, call the LAP Shelter from 8-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. at 540-473-3853.

- *LAP*

Holiday events at the Eagle Rock Library

The Eagle Rock Library is having a Tree Lighting Holiday event on Monday, December 9, from 5-7 p.m., to visit Santa, enjoy Christmas music, have

hot chocolate and cookies and get into the Christmas spirit. All are welcome.

A Holiday Craft Fair will be held at the Eagle Rock Library on Saturday,

December 14, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Amy Baker at 540-250-2660 if you are interested in being a vendor at our sale. - *Eagle Rock Library*



PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

(Top) a look inside AFOG’s new brewery located at 19318 Main Street; (next) AFOG’s large fermentation tanks; (bottom left) the spectacular view from the patio; (bottom right) co-owners McGraw and Reed (left) meet with Buchanan Supervisor Amy White, Virginia Tourism Senior Destination Development Manager Katie Conner (far right), and Buchanan Town Manager Angela Lawrence

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office reported the following arrests October 29-November 3:

- William K. McGuire, 48, of Roanoke, petit larceny, trespassing, October 29
- Michael L. Campbell, 50, of Roanoke, petit larceny, trespassing, October 29
- Ryan K. Stallings, 38, of Troutville, driving under the influence, November 1
- Jason C. Crook, 44, of Montvale, possession of Schedule drugs, obstruction of justice, November 2
- Zachary W. Hall, 31, of Roanoke, domestic assault, November 3

PUBLIC NOTICE BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m., immediately followed by closed session. The public session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live. Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. November 14, 2024 at: <https://forms.gle/9vZpPXyxZR8bgEoQ6> or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at salbert@bcps.k12.va.us.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-1427(F) 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 Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center located at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below. Information may be viewed at the County Administration Office at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

An Ordinance Establishing a Revenue Share for Battery Storage Facilities in Lieu of Taxation

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 cparker@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, November 21, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on November 26, 2024.

Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator

Martin’s Farm

818 Martins Lane
Fincastle



Fresh sausage and
fresh pork products

NOW OPEN

Wednesday
thru Friday
9:30am-5pm

Saturday 9:30am-2pm
(540) 309-6106

Stockyard Report

Monday’s sale at the
Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:
413 Head

Graded Steers

400-499 \$265.00-\$288.00
500-599 \$182.00-\$280.00
600-699 \$240.00-\$267.00
700-799 \$236.50

Graded Bulls

400-499 \$228.00-\$266.00
500-599 \$216.00-\$240.00
600-699 \$225.00-\$237.00

Graded Heifers

300-299 \$225.00-\$245.00
400-499 \$241.00
500-599 \$231.50
600-699 \$227.00
700-799 \$217.00

Kill Cows

\$57.00-\$124.00

Kill Bulls

\$137.00-\$140.00



Craft Show/
Bazaar

Christmas Bazaar
New Castle United
Methodist Church
Saturday
November 9
8am to 1 pm
364 Main Street
In New Castle
Christmas decorations,
Homemade baked goods
Crafts and much more!

Help
Wanted

Network
Automation
Engineer II,
Blacksburg, VA.
Contributes to the
installation, configuration,
administration, and support
of Virginia Tech's networks
and associated services.
The campus core consists
of a sophisticated
architecture that serves as
the highspeed backbone for
network services to meet
the operational, academic,
social, and research needs
of over 33,000 students and
8,000 faculty/staff.
Conviction check reqd.
Full job description &
apply online at
<https://jobs.vt.edu>
or mail I. Eanes
1770 Forecast Drive,
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Programmer
Analyst
Blacksburg, VA.
Responsible for leading the
creation of technology to
solve business problems
focusing on the design and
development of systems
and services ensuring high
availability and enhanced
user experience.
Master's degree in
computer science,
information technology, or a
related field + experience in
design and delivery of
comprehensive enterprise
level technology solutions.
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A. Pifer
1770 Forecast Drive,
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Wolfe
Contracting Inc.

Help Wanted
Learn Residential
Remodeling
No Experience
Necessary

Looking for a helper to learn
the trade of remodeling

Must be able to drive to the
job (up to 30 minutes)

Must be able to handle
small tasks unsupervised

If you are a chronic no show
no need to call

STATEWIDE ADS

AUCTIONS

Equipment Absolute Auction!
November 14 at 11AM! Trucks,
Trailers, Equipment, Tools,
Office Supplies and more all
offered at auction! See Woltz.
com for complete inventory
list and more information.
Auction representatives will
be onsite for previews on
10/26 and 11/9 from Noon to
3PM. 3321 Shenandoah Ave
NW, Roanoke, VA 24017. Call
Woltz & Associates, Inc., Real
Estate Brokers & Auctioneers.
(VA#321), 800-551-3588. 10%
Buyers' Premium.

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Advertise your upcoming
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this paper or Landon Clark at
Virginia Press Services 804-
521-7576, landonc@vpa.net

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Vinyl Replacement Windows
Installed! Starting at \$350
Call 804-739-8207 for More
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Windows, Siding, Roofing and
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advanced debris-blocking
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Military Discounts. Call 1-877-
614-6667

Help
Wanted

Must be able to work some
evenings

Must be able to work some
weekends

No experience start @ \$
18.00 Per Hr

If you have the need to look
at your phone constantly
(No need to call)

Must be able to show US
citizenship (birth certificate
or passport) and pass a
background check

Call Charles Wolfe (Owner)
540-293-2848

(Text will result in no
response)

Legals -
Craig County

PLEASE TAKE
NOTICE

that after thirty (30) days of
the date of publication of
this Notice, proceedings will
be commenced under the
authority of Section 58.1-
3965 et seq. of the Code of
Virginia to sell the following
parcels of land located in
the County of Craig, Virginia
for the purpose of collecting
all delinquent real estate
taxes on such property.
C. D. Abbott c/o Mary
Swingle, parcel numbers
47A-124-4 & 47A-124-5.
The owner of any property
listed may redeem it at any
time before the date of sale
by paying all accumulated
taxes, penalties, interest,
attorney fees and costs,
thereon, including the pro
rata cost of publication
hereunder. Payment must
be made in full. Partial
payment of delinquent
taxes, penalties, interest,
or costs shall not be sufficient
to redeem the property and
shall not operate to
suspend, invalidate, or
make moot any action for
judicial sale of the
subject property.
Sums due to the
County of Craig should be
made payable to
Sands Anderson PC and
mailed to
Sands Anderson PC,
Attn: Kimberly Cregger,
P.O. Box 2009,
Christiansburg, Virginia
24068.
For more information
please call 540-260-9011.

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Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF
496 Boyd Street,
Buchanan, VA
24066
Tax Map No.:
65A(9)BK164-7-10

In execution of a Deed of
Trust dated May 11, 2012,
recorded in the Clerk's
Office of the Circuit Court

Legals -
Botetourt County

for Botetourt County,
Virginia, as Instrument No.
120002089, the Substitute
Trustee will offer the above-
described property for sale
to the highest bidder at
public auction on the date
and time referenced below.

All those certain lots or
parcels of land, with
buildings thereon and
appurtenances thereunto
appertaining, lying and
being in the Town of
Buchanan, Buchanan
Magisterial District,
Botetourt County, Virginia,
and more particularly
described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning in the center of
an alley on the south side of
Boyd Street 255.1 ft. east of
Bedford Street, thence with
the south line of Boyd St.,
N. 42 E. 150 ft.; thence S.
48 E. 167.77 ft. to a 15 foot
alley; thence with the north
line of said alley S. 42 W.
150 ft. to the center of the
alley first above named;
thence N. 48 W. 167.77 ft.
to the place of Beginning.

SUBJECT to the agreement
that the alley first above
mentioned and named on
the west side of the property
hereby conveyed shall be
kept open for the
convenience of the owners
of the lots of land adjoining
the same, as more
particularly set forth in that
certain deed dated May 30,
1989, of record in the
Clerk's Office of the Circuit
Court for the County of
Botetourt, Virginia, in Deed
Book 362, page 511.

Date of Sale: November
20, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at
Botetourt County Circuit
Court, 1West Main Street,
Suite 120, Fincastle, VA
24090.

Terms: CASH: a deposit in
the form of certified funds in
the amount of \$10,000 or
10% of the sale price,
whichever is lower.
Settlement within thirty (30)
days of date of sale. Time is
of the essence.

OPTIONS:

1. All costs of conveyance,
examination of title,
recording charges, etc. will
be at cost of purchaser with
the exception of the
grantor's tax. Neither the
Substitute Trustee nor any
other party guarantees or
covenants to deliver or in
any way to obtain
possession of the premises
for any third party
purchaser.

2. The Substitute Trustee
reserves the right to reject
all bids, extend the time to
receive bids or withdraw the
property from sale at any
time. In addition, should the
Substitute Trustee be
unable, for any reason, in its
sole discretion, to convey
title, the successful bidder's
sole remedy in law or equity

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shall be the return of his
deposit. Upon refund of the
deposit, the sale shall be
void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be
announced at the time of
the sale. The Substitute
Trustee will convey the
above-described property to
the purchaser(s) by Special
Warranty deed at settlement
and makes no additional
representations or
warranties of any kind
regarding the title to said
property.

John K. Prillaman, Esq.
Substitute Trustee

For Information Contact:
John K. Prillaman, Esq.
OPN LAW
3140 Chaparral Drive
Roanoke, Virginia 24018
(540) 725-8194

Legals - City of
Salem

Objections should be
registered at
www.abc.virginia.gov or
800-552-3200.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School
Board will hold a public
hearing for comment on
the FY 2025-26 budget on
Tuesday, December 10th
The hearing will begin at
7:00 PM at the School
Administrative Office, 510
South College Avenue,
Salem.
Any citizen of Salem who
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Susan E. Young, Clerk of
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by Friday, December 6, in
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Notice is hereby given to all
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ABC NOTICE

MAA VEDAI 21 LLC.,
trading as TRIPLE S,
2635 COLONIAL AVE.,
ROANOKE, VA
24015-3833.

The above establishment is
applying to the VIRGINIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTROL (ABC)
AUTHORITY for a
CONVENIENCE
GROCERY STORE, WINE,
BEER, CONSUMED OFF
PREMISES license to sell
or manufacture alcoholic
beverages.

Haresh Chaudhari,
OWNER.

NOTE: Objections to the
issuance of this license
must be submitted to ABC
no later than 30 days from
the publishing date of the
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James River Knights look to end the 2024 football season with a win

The James River football team will be heading to Stuart Friday to wrap up the season against Three Rivers District rival Patrick County. The Knights are 1-8 after losing to Alleghany in Covington last Friday, 55-0.

This is a good chance for a win game against a Patrick County team that is 3-6 and has lost their last five games, including two by shutout. Both teams are looking for their first district victory.

“We’re really banged up, but this is a winnable game,” said River coach Tim Jennings. “We’re going to have

to be disciplined; they do a lot of stuff.”

River was no match for 9-0 Alleghany, a Class 3 school that is ranked third in Region 3C behind two other unbeaten teams. The Cougars led 42-0 at the half and eased to a win with the clock running continuously in the second half.

“Top to bottom, they were the best team we’ve played,” said Jennings. “Our kids played hard but we had some ill-timed drops, and penalties and turnovers cost us. We were able to move the ball some

but we gave them too many short fields.”

Alleghany held Gavin Binns to 42 yards rushing on 12 carries, although a 50-yard run was called back by a penalty. Sam Wilson had 30 yards on four carries and Josiah Merchant had two receptions for 50 yards. Kody Park was four for 18 passing for 69 yards.

Friday’s game will be the season finale for the Knights, who are 11th in the VHSL Region 2C rankings. Only the top eight make the playoffs and even with a win Friday, River wouldn’t gain enough points to pass three teams.



River’s Josiah Merchant goes high to catch a pass.



Jack Beheler of James River (71) tackles an Alleghany player.



Sam Wilson of the Knights looks to pick up yards.

PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY

Botetourt wins 8U Sandlot Super Bowl



The Lord Botetourt 8U players and cheerleaders pose for a photo after the team won the Sandlot Super Bowl championship Saturday.



Emory Sowers steals the ball from a Glenvar ballcarrier in sandlot action.



Andrew Eggleston of the Botetourt 8U team scores the winning touchdown in overtime at Bogle Field to win the Sandlot Super Bowl.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Botetourt Cavaliers 8U football team scored the only touchdown of the game in overtime to win the Sandlot Super Bowl championship last Saturday at Bogle Field in Roanoke County. The Cavaliers beat the Glenvar 8U team, 6-0.

This game was a defensive battle. Glenvar appeared to score on a “pick six” late in the fourth quarter but the touchdown was negated by a blocking penalty

on the return. Glenvar maintained possession but the Cavaliers kept them from scoring and it was 0-0 after regulation.

Botetourt went first in the overtime period and Andrew Eggleston scored on fourth down from the two on a sweep to the left. Glenvar went next and Botetourt’s defense got a sack, then held to clinch the win.

The Botetourt team is coached by Jim Phillips with assistants Tommy

Morgan, Jonathan Wilson, Bradley Beckner, Justin Beckner and Josh Dix. The Super Bowl tournaments include teams from Botetourt County, Roanoke County, Franklin County, and Salem.

Salem won the other two games at Bogle Saturday. In the 10U final, Salem beat Cave Spring Red, 18-6. In the 12U final, Salem beat Franklin County in three overtimes, 30-24.

Region 3D volleyball field is strong

The Lord Botetourt girls won a tough Blue Ridge District volleyball tournament last week and this week they’re in an even tougher Region 3D tournament.

The Cavaliers were scheduled to host Magna Vista in the region tournament Tuesday night. The Warriors are the sixth seed in the 10-team tournament while LB is the third seed.

Region 3D has to be the toughest region in the state in Class 3. Lord Botetourt comes into the week at 21-1 and is only the third seed. Hidden Valley, the defending state champ, is the top seed at 24-1, and Christiansburg is seeded second at 19-3, with two losses to Hidden Valley and one to LB. Christiansburg and Botetourt split two regular season matches, and that earned the Blue Demons the second seed over LB.

“Points were tight and we needed to beat Christiansburg the last time to get to second,” said LB coach Samantha Wilkins.

Tuesday’s action was too late for publication, but if LB won they would advance to the region semifinal on

Thursday. That will almost certainly be at Christiansburg, and the winner gets a spot in the state tournament. The Region 3D championship match is next Tuesday, November 12.

Botetourt breezed through the district tournament last week, defeating Franklin County in three sets in Thursday’s championship game in Daleville. Botetourt won 25-14, 25-9, and 25-16. Becca Huddleston had 12 kills and three blocks for LB while Briar Harvey had 16 digs and Skylar Morris had 33 assists, 10 digs, and four aces.

After the tournament, the All-Blue Ridge District team was announced and to the victors went the spoils. Morris was named BRD Player-of-the-Year and also named to the first team were Huddleston, Harvey, and Erica Gergely. Second team selections from LB were Alicia Holmes, Maddie Caron, and Gracelyn Clark.

Samantha Wilkins, in her first year as head coach of the Cavaliers, was the named the Blue Ridge District Coach-of-the-Year.



LB’s Samantha Wilkins, signaling in last week’s BRD championship, is the Blue Ridge District Volleyball Coach-of-the-Year.



Skylar Morris of Lord Botetourt sets one up against Franklin County last week. After the tournament Skylar was named BRD Player-of-the-Year.

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Northside upsets Botetourt in football



Cody McConnaughey (9) of LB looks for room to run against Northside.



LB's Tristan Graves (left) defends a Northside receiver.

The Northside football team gave their playoff chances a boost with an upset of Lord Botetourt in football last Friday. The Vikings shut out LB, 17-0, on Jim Hickam Field at Northside High.

It was Northside's first win over Botetourt in eight years, and only the second in the past 12 years. With the win the Vikings improved to 5-4 and moved up to fifth in the VHSL Region 3D rankings. LB fell to third behind Abingdon and Magna Vista after leading the region two weeks ago before losses to William Fleming and Northside. Botetourt is now 6-3.

"We played like we were stuck in the mud," said LB coach Jamie Harless. "Give Northside credit, they have a good team. They're better than their record shows."

Despite the shutout, Tristan Overbay still managed

to rush for over 100 yards, gaining 105 on 18 carries. Quinten Jones had 25 yards rushing and Angel Rigney had 23, both on six attempts. Rigney and Garrett Lonker were a combined four for 14 passing, including a 29 yard completion to Connor Dowdy.

"We had eight or nine plays where we were a shoestring away from breaking it," said Harless. "Nothing seemed to go our way. We had a bad game, it just happens sometimes."

The Cavaliers will try to end the regular season on a high note this Friday when they host Franklin County. The Eagles are better than their 2-7 record would indicate. They led Salem at the half and battled 7-2 William Byrd late into the game before losing in the final minute.

"They have talent all over the field," said Harless.



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY
Jackson Harless (55) battles on the line for Botetourt.

Region 2C volleyball is this week

The James River volleyball team was getting ready to open play in the Region 2C tournament as the paper went to press this week. The Knights were scheduled to play Dan River in the opening round Tuesday night.

The Knights are the third seed in the tournament behind top-seeded Gretna and second-seeded Appomattox. On Monday night, Appomattox beat Glenvar in three sets, and if River won on Tuesday they will travel to Appomattox on Thursday for a semifinal game. The championship is next Tuesday, November 12, at Roanoke College.

River played in the Three Rivers District tournament championship game against Alleghany last week and lost in four sets 25-20, 17-25, 25-21, and 25-18.

"We played well," said



PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY
Brea Anduiza of James River serves one up.

coach Linsey Firebaugh. "We were able to get a lead and hung in with them every set, but ultimately they had too

many weapons hitting to stop them from going on a run and taking the set."

The Knights come into the region at 18-8.

Region 2C cross country at Green Hill this week

The Region 2C cross country meet was getting ready to take the gun at Green Hill Park in Roanoke County Tuesday as the paper went to press. James River runners were scheduled to run in the meet.

The Three Rivers District meet was held October 29 at the Smith River Sports Complex in Martinsville and the Floyd County boys and Radford girls won team championships. The James River boys were third and the girls did not have a full team.

Quinlan Beegle of Floyd County won the boys' race with a time of 17:38 over 5,000

meters. There were 41 boys who completed the race.

River was led by Braden Jones, who finished seventh in 18:42. Aiden Bartulis was eighth overall in 18:51, and also scoring were Mark Voight in 10th place, Tristan Capo-Lopez in 13th, and Barrett Pace in 28th.

Cora Mosby of Radford was the girls' individual champ, as the Bobcats had the first four finishers. Mosby had a time of 21:14.

River's top runner was Jacey Walker, who finished 24th. Holly Weddle was 27th, Whitleigh Ronk was 28th, and Janiya Falls was 29th.

Shotwell trip has 36 golfers



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John Shotwell's annual golf trip had the biggest turnout ever this year as 36 friends and family traveled to Pinehurst for four days of golf. John has been putting this trip together for years. John is a James River High School Athletic Hall of Famer and former golf, basketball and softball coach for the Knights.

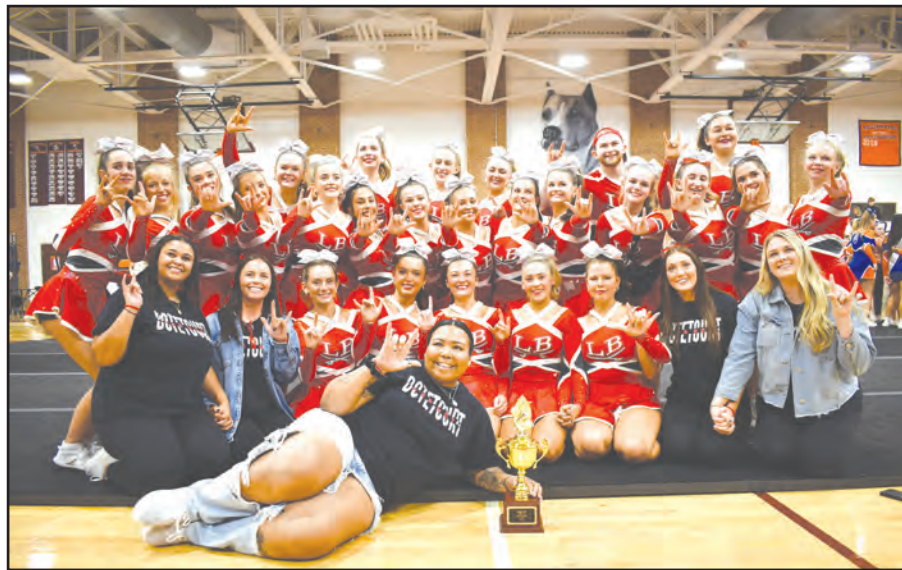


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LB cheerleaders make state

The Lord Botetourt cheerleaders finished second to Cave Spring at the Region 3D competition at William Byrd High School last Saturday. As region runner-up the Cavaliers qualified for the state championship this Saturday at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. The LB team will perform at 12:04 p.m.



Madeleine Gantzhorn of Lord Botetourt (293) is near the front as runners take off in the BRD girls' cross country meet at Greenfield.

Region 3D cross country meet is today, Duncan is Blue Ridge Runner of the Year

The Smith River Sports Complex in Martinsville will be the site of Region 3D cross country meet today, including runners from Lord Botetourt.

The Cavaliers were the host team for the Blue Ridge District meet last week at the Greenfield Recreation Complex in Daleville. Franklin County swept the team titles while the Botetourt boys were third and the girls were second.

Eric Duncan of Lord Botetourt won the boys race with a time of 16:38, finishing a minute and twenty seconds ahead of second place. Eric was named Runner of the Year and

was awarded All-District honors.

Also scoring for LB were John Moughrabi in 12th, Archer Lee in 15th, Garrett Sutton (17th), and Joel Butler (18th).

"Our boys packed well together and were all working hard for their spot," said coach Elizabeth Edmonds.

Caitlyn Roach of

Franklin County won the girls' race in 21:10. The LB girls were led by Madeleine Gantzhorn, who came in fifth place in 23:41, and Addison Purser in seventh. Both girls were named All-District runners while Ember Wiley (18th), Elizabeth Meadows (22nd), and Madeleine Moore (23rd) rounded out LB's top five scoring runners.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Garrett Sutton (left) and Joel Butler of LB come down the stretch in last week's Blue Ridge District meet.