

Botetourt County experiences flooding after weekend rains

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Buchanan saw the James River creep into town following weekend rains that began Saturday and lasted through that day and night reaching unseen levels in the last 20 years.

Botetourt County Fire & EMS personnel were set to face the challenges of the flooding following a week that saw more snow and ice come to the area. The department's Chief Jason Ferguson recently shared that emergency personnel coordinated with the county's Special

Operations Team to ensure there were water rescue personnel on standby if they were needed.

"Boats were checked and repositioned in stations for more immediate deployment," Ferguson explained. "This event was unique in that the grounds all around the county were saturated from melted snow and ice, as significant additional rains fell. Crews identified areas where water was flowing across roadways from run-off, where there are no creeks or streams, as well as creeks and streams leaving their

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOWN OF BUCHANAN

Buchanan's Town Park saw the James River rise to submerge the carnival grounds (above) and portions of Lowe Street and Parkway Drive last Sunday. The water had thankfully gone down significantly at the park by Monday morning (lower).

Fincastle Town Council appoints Saunders and Clemmons to Planning Commission

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Managing Editor

Fincastle Town Council appointed Jay Saunders and Dean Clemmons to the town's Planning Commission at Thursday night's meeting held at the Fincastle Library. Their recommendation came to council based on both

appointees' experience and qualifications with Clemmons being the town's largest property owner and Saunders involvement with the town's historic preservation. Both were unanimously appointed to the Planning Commission by Town Council.

Commission/Zoning Administrator Scott Critzer provided information to council that five, up to fifteen members are required on the town's Planning Commission. Adding Clemmons and Saunders will meet the state code's requirements for Fincastle. Critzer noted

that an ongoing challenge is having at least five members on hand for a quorum at Planning Commission meetings. He added that it's particularly difficult when the commission has to schedule public hearings because the commission is



Dean Clemmons



Jay Saunders FILE PHOTOS

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School Board recognizes student athletes, BCPS employees

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The Botetourt County School Board recognized student athletes from Lord Botetourt High School who recently were given All-State honors in different sports. The

students recognized at last Thursday's meeting were golfer Alisa Davidova, cross country runner Eric Duncan, volleyball player Skylar Morris, and football players Tristan Overbay and Gavin Walker.

School Board Blue Ridge representative Matt East motioned

to have a policy for all state championship-bound teams from Lord Botetourt and James River High Schools to have a proper send off involving the available student body prior to the championship game or encompassing tournament. The board unanimously accepted the policy.

"I'd like to congratulate all of our All-State athletes," East said. "We have tremendous VHSL-sanctioned teams, many of which are preparing to go into district tournaments right now. It is no surprise when an LB

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Lord Botetourt All-State volleyball player Skylar Morris and All-State football player Gavin Walker



Lord Botetourt All-State runner Eric Duncan



Lord Botetourt All-State golfer Alisa Davidova



Lord Botetourt All-State football player Tristan Overbay



School Board members (from left) Tim Davidick (Valley District), Chair Anna Weddle (Amsterdam), Vice Chair Matt East (Blue Ridge), Jenny Wilson (Buchanan), and Dana McCaleb (Fincastle) were recognized as a part of School Board Appreciation Month.



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BCPS Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ awards Assistant Superintendent Janet Womack with the 2025 VATLL Leadership Award.



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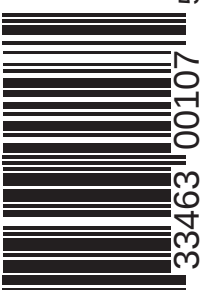
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Botetourt County History

The Brughs of Early Botetourt



by
George E. Honts III

“The Brughs of Early Botetourt” was written by the Honorable George E. Honts, III (1940-2004). It was copyrighted in 2000 and dedicated “to Maude and all the Brughs who have gone before us.” The softbound book was produced by Crofton’s Duplicating Services, Forest, for Explore Park and the “A Touch of History Series” at the Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc. The book is for sale in

the Museum Bookstore and tells the history of the Brugh family who settled in Botetourt about 1790.

They built and operated Brugh’s Tavern, which fell into disrepair as shown on the cover. Explore Park disassembled the building and reconstructed it on their property where it is used as a restaurant today.

Judge Honts practiced law from 1968 to 1983 and served as Judge, 25th Judicial Circuit of

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Virginia, from 1983 to 2004 before his death. He authored and co-authored several historical and genealogical publications.

This book gives a valuable description of how rural farm life was along the Great Valley Road during the early 1800s in Botetourt County.

~ Botetourt County
Museum of History & Culture



Jerrod Worden

PHOTO COURTESY OF VA STATE POLICE

Worden joins the ranks of Virginia State Police

Trooper Jerrod Worden, 34, of Troutville, was among the 48 Virginia State Police Troopers who graduated from the 142nd Basic Session on Friday, Feb. 7, at the VSP Academy in North Chesterfield, Va. During the 142nd Basic Session’s 30 weeks

at the VSP Academy, trooper-trainees received instruction in more than 100 different subjects over the course of hundreds of hours. Academy training includes areas such as crime scene investigation, judicial procedures, self-defense, cultural diversity, and firearms. Worden

will have a first duty assignment of Franklin County.

New troopers will report to their duty assignments on either February 18, or March 3. For their final phase of training, each trooper will

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Botetourt emergency resources respond to winter weather



Local emergency workers faced more snowy conditions in Botetourt last week.

Prior to the rainfall, Botetourt County’s Department of Fire & EMS faced a challenge last week in the face of heavy snow, ice, and rain. The department took to social media last week sharing that fire and EMS resources from all over Botetourt were busy over the course of last Tuesday. The post explained that, while the initial hours of the morning were calm, the day was certainly busy for career and volunteer personnel responding to

meet the needs of the Botetourt community during the winter weather event.

There was a total of 31 calls for service during the 24-hour period, with 15 being accidents involving motor vehicles (nine of which were on Interstate 81), 13 emergency medical calls, and four other fire-related incidents.

“While the winter weather will slowly dissipate... we will continue to ensure that additional resources are

in place to assist with gaining access, as many homes still are not easily accessible due to snow/ice conditions on driveways,” the post shared.

Additionally the county’s Emergency Management component dealt with flooding and high winds in various parts the county over the weekend created by the additional rainfall and excessive moisture already on the ground.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report



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Colleluori wins Division Spelling Bee



Division Spelling Bee Champion Savannah Colleluori (left) and runner-up Josi Whitaker

The Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) Division Spelling Bee was held earlier this month at Lord Botetourt High School.

The division winner was Savannah Colleluori from Read Mountain Middle School; the winning word was “truncate.”

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BCPS's school champion spellers



BCPS's Division Spelling Bee alternates

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Virginia Burning Law now in effect

Virginia's 4 PM Burning Law is in effect from February 15 to April 30 each year. The law prohibits open-air burning before 4 PM if the fire is within 300 feet of dry grass or woods.

What does the law prohibit?

- Open-air burning before 4 PM within 300 feet of dry grass or woods
- Burning in barrels
- Throwing cigarettes or cigars on the ground or from a vehicle

What is allowed?

- Open-air burning between 4 PM and midnight if proper precautions

are taken

- Using charcoal or gas-fired barbecue grills if proper precautions are taken
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Why is the law in place?

- To reduce the number of wildfires that occur in the spring
- To control invasive and exotic plant species
- To maintain and establish wildlife habitats
- To manage natural heritage resources



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What are the consequences of violating the law? A Class 3 misdemeanor and a fine of up to \$500. Learn more about Virginia's fire laws from the Virginia Department of Forestry.

~ Virginia Dept. of Forestry

Bingo will benefit Glebe, Lions Club

Bingo to benefit The Glebe Benevolent Fund and the Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club will be held on Saturday, March 15, at 11 a.m. The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. at The Glebe, 200 Glebe Boulevard in Daleville. All bingo prizes will be Pampered Chef and Thirty One products, with a cover-all grand prize valued over \$197.

Tickets are being sold in advance for \$40, which includes a buffet lunch, by contacting Lowell Skelton at 540-420-2427 or Diane Taylor, 540-520-7967. Due to renovations, the event will not be in the same room and seating is limited to 35 players, so get tickets before they are sold out. To park, go to the right of the main building entrance and park on the lower lot. A shuttle will be provided so residents do not lose their parking spaces.

There will be door prize drawings and a 50/50 drawing. There are 20 rounds of bingo, a door prize ticket, plus a cover-all (black out) round for the grand prize included for \$40 in advance. Additional bingo cards, cover-all cards, and door prizes tickets will be available for purchase.

Lions conduct vision screenings in county schools

Lions Clubs of Botetourt County have completed the vision screening in the elementary, middle and high schools in Botetourt County. A total of 1,283 students were screened and approximately 10% or 128 were referred to optometrists for further evaluation. The lead Lions Club in this effort was the Daleville Fincastle Lions Club. They were assisted by the Buchanan Lions Club at Buchanan Elementary and James River High School. Pictured below are the Lions that did the bulk of the screening, from left, Betty Reynolds, Vision Screening coordinator, and Lions Pat Tayloe and Eric Whalen. Other Lions who assisted with this project from the Daleville Fincastle Lions Club were Kathy Caldwell, Lowell Skelton, Teresa Fridley, Teri Walker and Denise Scothorn. Lions from the Buchanan Club who assisted were President Tim Heinlein and Jeanne Cook.

~ Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club, Lions Clubs of Botetourt County



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ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for February 11-15:

- Julia L. McIntyre, 29, of Troutville, simple assault, drunk in public, February 11
- Randy F. Hannah Jr., 41, of Roanoke, proving false ID to law

enforcement, failure to appear, February 11

- Robert A. Chittum, 41, of Rustburg, grand larceny, possession of a firearm by a felon, February 14
- Jontae L. McDougal, 39, of Roanoke, driving under the influence, February 15

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Giving Back Society awards grants to service groups

Each year, The Giving Back Society seeks to assist organizations whose goals align with its mission to provide a wide variety of information, social and supportive services for underserved and underprivileged children, youth and adults. The Giving Back Society, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, holds its most important fundraising event— an annual fashion show and brunch at Hidden Valley Country Club in support of its mission.

Grants totaling \$60,000 from the October 2024 fundraising event, which featured emcee Kianna Price-Marshall and ladies' fashions from Ponnies' Boutique, were presented to five organizations. The Intellectual Disabilities Agency and Five Points Music Sanctuary each received \$20,000. Friendship House Roanoke and Presbyterian Community Center received \$7,500 each, and Lions District 24C Charity received \$5,000. Since its inception in 2016, The Giving Back Society has awarded over \$260,000 in grants.

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Disabilities Agency has been advocating for children and adults with intellectual challenges as well as providing social, recreational, educational and transportation services. The activities offer opportunities to increase self-esteem and confidence, exercise, practice social skills and give family respite to family caregivers.

Five Points Music Sanctuary celebrates sound, embraces it and explores it. While their live events and concerts unite audiences from far and wide, they also serve as a platform to promote and support their music therapy, hearing loss advocacy and accessibility efforts.

Friendship House Roanoke serves the people of the Roanoke Valley through the ministries of mercy and empowerment in order to alleviate the effects of poverty. They also partner with local churches to provide additional assistance.

Presbyterian Community Center brings together a collation of resources throughout the Roanoke Valley, including churches, caring volunteers, professionals

and financial contributions to help needy neighbors through a wide assortment of activities. Established in 1967, Presbyterian Community Center assists families and individuals in the area.

Lions District 24C Charity is partnered with the Listen Up! Hearing Program to support the screening for hearing issues in children, ages 1 to 5.

In addition to the fashion show and brunch, the GBS raised money by working at Belk Charity Days and Party in Elmwood. Montano's International Restaurant, Hollywood's Restaurant and Chris's Coffee & Custard also held fundraising events for the Giving Back Society in support of its mission to assist underprivileged and underserved people in the community.

Like the nonprofit on Facebook under Giving Back Society StarCity, and for more details and pictures of all the ceremonies, access the Giving Back Society website at SayYesToGBS.org.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report



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Garden Club

Mon, Mar 3, 3pm, Eagle Rock
Dig into all aspects of gardening with guidance from local experts and/or hands-on projects. March's project: Hummingbirds with Master Gardener Donna Haley

Beginning Engineering

Tue, Mar 4, 4pm, Fincastle
Wed, Mar 5, 4pm, Blue Ridge
Tue, Mar 11, 4pm, Buchanan
Wed, Mar 12, 4pm, Eagle Rock
Get hands-on experience with electrical projects that focus on safety and real-world engineering skills. Presented by engineer David Sproles. No prior experience required – just curious minds! Registration required; class size limited to 8. Ages 8+.

Teen Takeover

Thu, Mar 6, 4pm, Eagle Rock
Enjoy fun crafts and activities while building social skills and forging great friendships. March's theme: Minecraft Mania—create Minecraft characters and build Minecraft creations. Minecraft books will be on display for teens to review and check out. Ages 12-17.

Who Made Those Tracks

Fri, Mar 7, 3:30pm, Blue Ridge
Explore with a Virginia State Park Ranger to learn about wildlife through reading, gaming, and tracking. Registration required; limited to 10. Call (540) 928-2900 to register. Ages 6-12.

Cozy Mystery Author

Talk with Krista Davis

Sat, Mar 8, 12pm, Blue Ridge
New York Times bestselling mystery author Krista Davis will visit with us after the newest release in her Paws & Claws mystery series. Join us as we discover how she keeps up with writing three different mystery series and how she stays inspired. Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Chapter Champions Book Club

Mon, Mar 10, 3:30pm, Blue Ridge
Kids who are just getting started with early chapter books will discuss their favorite books and complete a hands-on activity tied to the monthly theme. March's theme: adventure books!

Deciphering Codes in Death Certificates

Thu, Mar 13, 2pm, Buchanan
Tue, Apr 8, 2pm, Fincastle
Learn how to decipher codes on death certificates when researching your family history, presented by Library Genealogist Rena Worthen.

Science Fair Workshop

Thu, Mar 6, 4pm, Buchanan
Wed, Mar 12, 4pm, Fincastle
Wed, Mar 19, 4pm, Eagle Rock
Tue, Mar 25, 4pm, Blue Ridge
Join Beth Leffel in this special program to learn how to plan an experiment, collect and present data, and teach others about your ideas. Participants will conduct a science experiment during the workshop. Ages 5-18.

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Curbside services are also available! Please call upon arrival, and a staff member will bring the tests to your vehicle.

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Fincastle@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Update from the House

By Del. Terry Austin



2025 Session Update: Week 5

To the Constituents of the 37th House District:

The fifth full week of the 2025 General Assembly Session has concluded, and there are still 300 bills outstanding for the House to consider before Session adjourns on Saturday, February 22. This means long days on the floor as legislation is put into conference and differences between House and Senate bills are resolved.

The single largest item left on the docket is work on the budget bill. Though Virginia's current biennial budget continues through June 2026, new revenues are taken into account during odd-numbered years and changes, known as "budget amendments," are offered by legislators for consideration.

As one of the six House conferees – and only one of two House Republicans – appointed by the Speaker, my colleagues and I are responsible for collaborating with our Senate counterparts to create a budget that can be approved by the General Assembly and sent to the governor. It's important to recognize that, with the current majority, the final budget will not fully reflect Republican priorities. However, throughout this process, I will work to ensure the budget reflects a conservative approach to addressing the priorities of our district and region.

Some items likely to appear in the budget are good: tax relief for Virginians, \$400 rebate checks for couples filing jointly, and an extension of a higher standard deduction

for state income taxes. Republicans were hopeful that car tax relief and the elimination of taxes on tips for people in the service industry would remain, but the 51-vote majority did not see additional relief as a priority.

Nowhere was the power of 51 was more evident than last Thursday when the House voted on a bill criminalizing fentanyl distribution that leads to the death of a minor. Republicans supported a strong bill that would impose lengthy prison sentences. However, the majority voted to reduce the offense to manslaughter instead of murder. I joined my Republican colleagues in supporting the weakened bill, as it still marks progress, but we will continue advocating for harsher sentencing as this crisis continues to devastate society.

Regarding my legislation, I have three bills currently making their way through the Senate. My bills to eliminate vehicle registration decals and to increase pupil transportation options were referred to Senate Finance and Appropriations and my bill to regulate and prohibit the sale of unsafe and counterfeit lighters is currently awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.

As for my remaining legislation, I'm happy to report that it has passed out of the Senate unanimously. HB2097 expands coverage for prostate cancer screening in the Commonwealth and passed out of the Senate 40-0. HB2092 updates the Town of Buchanan's Charter

to reflect the shift to November municipal elections, and HB2644 allows the City of Lexington the flexibility to appoint five to seven members onto its EDA, rather than the currently required seven. Both passed out of the Senate 39-0.

This week we welcomed to the Capitol Rockbridge High School students Sarah Edgar and Emil Hiernan during "Virginia History Day on the Hill." Virginia History Day is a program run by the Virginia Museum of History and Culture, and is the state affiliate of National History Day, a nationwide history research project competition for students in grades 6-12. Think science fair, but for history. While attending Lylburn Downning Middle School, Sarah and Emil represented Virginia at the prestigious National History Day competition last June after advancing from the state level. Their respective projects explored VMI's admission of women, and how a court case held shortly after World War II drastically changed the aviation industry. It's always inspiring to see students passionate about our history.

It is an honor to serve you in the Virginia House of Delegates. If I can be of assistance to you, or you would like to share your position on any of my legislative priorities, please do not hesitate to contact me at DelTAustin@House. Virginia.gov or 804-698-1037.

Delegate Terry L. Austin
37th House District

Congressman Ben Cline's office holding mobile office hours in Fincastle

A member of Congressman Ben Cline's staff will hold casework staff mobile office hours

at the Fincastle Library, 11 Academy Street, Fincastle, on Tuesday, February 25, at 3 p.m.

The staff member will be available to meet with citizens to assist with problems they might have with a federal agency and hear their views on current issues before Congress.

- Offices of Congressman Ben Cline

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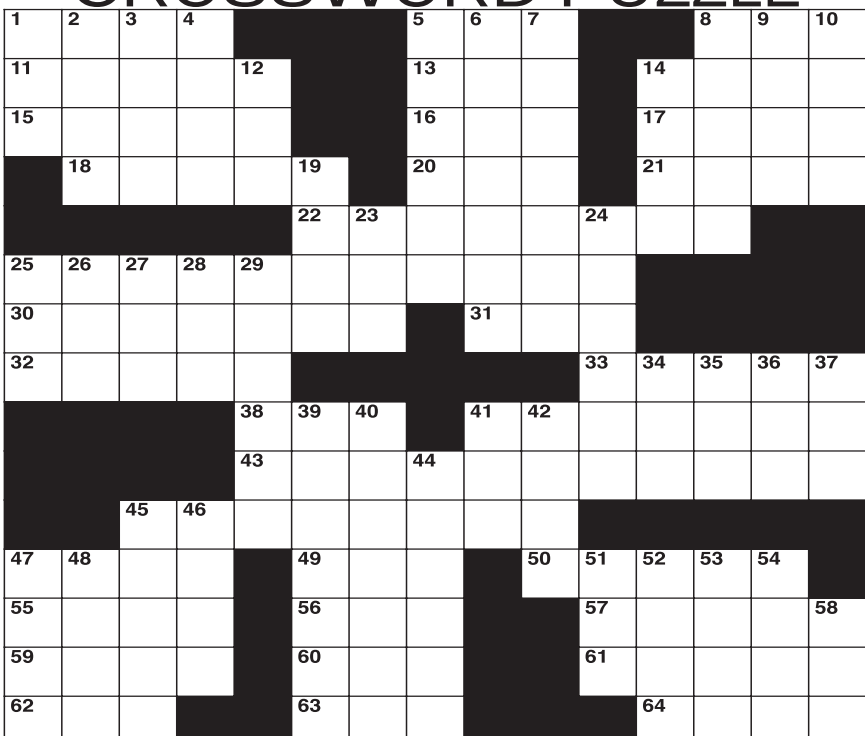
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Golf scores
- 5. Shock therapy
- 8. Ballplayer's tool
- 11. Quench one's thirst
- 13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
- 14. Every one of two or more things
- 15. Member of Muslim people
- 16. Play
- 17. Type of cheese
- 18. Type of lounge chair
- 20. ___ King Cole, musician
- 21. Fellows
- 22. North, Central and South
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Georgia rockers

CLUES DOWN

- 32. Cryptocurrency
- 33. Narrow path along a slope
- 38. Disallow
- 41. Joyousness
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Evoke emotions
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
- 50. Sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
- 63. Extremity
- 64. Post

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pacific Standard Time
- 2. Protruding ridge on nematodes
- 3. Indian king
- 4. Type of milk
- 5. One who brings home the bacon
- 6. More comprehensible
- 7. Connected with sense of touch
- 8. Red mineral
- 9. Breezed through
- 10. Therefore
- 12. Supplement with difficulty
- 14. Early kingdom of Syria
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Domesticated animal
- 26. Ribonucleic acid

- 27. Snakelike fish
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Economically-minded aircraft
- 34. When you hope to get somewhere
- 35. Tease
- 36. Actress Gretchen
- 37. Midway between northeast and east
- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Consume
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Improved something
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba___, Israeli politician
- 47. Fix
- 48. Evergreen tree genus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Major C. European river
- 54. Long, narrow strap
- 58. Male parent

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Brave the Dark

Haunted by torturous childhood memories, Nate Williams finds himself engulfed in darkness. When his drama teacher, Mr. Deen, bails him out of jail and takes him in, Nate must confront his past before it leads to his own destruction.

Friday, Feb. 21
7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb.22
7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 23
3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27
7 p.m.

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AARP Fraud Alert: Our Information is already out there

If we really want to keep ourselves – and our money – safe from fraud, we must all come to terms with one thing: our personal information is likely already out there. In a time where data breaches are increasingly common, safeguarding yourself from fraud has become more important than ever.

Here are three steps to help protect yourself from the risks associated with data breaches and other identity fraud risks:

1) Place a security freeze on your credit accounts with the three big agencies (Experian, Equifax and Transunion) so no one can open a new credit line in your name.

2) Establish online access to your financial accounts and monitor regularly (you can set up text alerts for activity on these accounts as well).

3) Use strong and unique passwords for every online account; consider using a password manager that creates complex passwords and stores them securely.

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

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

~ AARP



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Spelling

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The division runner-up was from Cloverdale Elementary School, Josi Whitaker.

School champions and alternates were:

SCHOOL CHAMPIONS:

Breckinridge Elementary, Sydney West
Buchanan Elementary, Colton Haynes
Central Academy Middle, Olivia Elmore
Cloverdale Elementary, Josi Whitaker
Colonial Elementary, Layla Beard
Eagle Rock Elementary, Alayna Johnson

Greenfield Elementary, Lilia Hoover
Read Mountain Middle, Savannah Colleluori
Troutville Elementary, Alvin Warr

ALTERNATES:

Breckinridge Elementary, Charlotte Moulton
Buchanan Elementary, Leon Richmond
Central Academy Middle, Veronica Helms
Cloverdale Elementary, Everlie Beckner
Colonial Elementary, Charlee Woody

Eagle Rock Elementary, Serena Beard (participated in the Bee)

Greenfield Elementary, Kellan Ives
Read Mountain Middle, Thomas Frederickson
Troutville Elementary, Finn Keleher

The Regional Bee will be held at Radford University in March.

~ Submitted by Michael Tetreault

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spend an additional six weeks paired with a Field Training Officer learning his or her new patrol area.

As the need for highly skilled and capable law enforcement officers increases, the department continues to

seek qualified applicants for the position of trooper. All interested applicants are encouraged to contact the Virginia

State Police Recruitment Office at www.vatrooper.com.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report



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Worship, 9:45AM, Sunday School 10:30 AM.

OBITUARIES

Davis, Nancy Lucas

Nancy Catherine Lucas Davis, 78, of Staunton, formerly of Richmond, passed away on February 11, 2025 in Aviva Baldwin Park, Staunton.

Nancy was born on April 5, 1946 in Fincastle, a daughter of the late Fred Matthew Lucas and Virginia Louise Childs Lucas. She graduated from James River High School in Buchanan, and worked for C&P Telephone (now Verizon) for 35 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Ellis Davis; and brothers and sisters, Fred L. Lucas, William W. Lucas, Margaret L. Blair, Evelyn Jane L. Opengari, Richard B. Lucas, and Peggy L.



Waldron. She is survived by brothers and sister, Robert G. Lucas of Fincastle, John David Lucas (Sandra) of Daleville, and Martha L. Hanger of Churchville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, a private burial took place in Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 18 in the chapel of Bear Funeral Home, officiated by Pastor George Etling.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at bearfuneralhome.com.

Williams, Basil Miller

BJ Williams (Basil Miller Williams) from Troutville, at the age of 63 years old, went to be with the Lord on February 9, 2025 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke.

He lost the love of his life, Kathy Hall, in 2013; they spent 11 wonderful years together.

He was born in Roanoke, the son of Basil Williams Sr. and Betty Duncan Williams of Blue Ridge. He graduated from Lord Botetourt High School in Daleville with the Class of 1979. He was an employee of AVIS Construction out of Lynchburg.

He was belonged to Colonial Baptist Church of Blue Ridge. He enjoyed racing, fishing, shooting pool, bowling, and hanging out with his friends. He also played guitar with his late cousin, Lynnwood, Jr. "Biscuit Williams." He had a wonderful sense of humor; he was straightforward and would literally do anything for anyone. If you ever needed a place to stay he would let you stay with him in his home without a second

thought. He had his faults, but everyone loved him and accepted him as he was.



He is survived by his two sisters, Joyce Kelley of Roanoke and Barbra Chewning of Georgia; and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces. Special friends Derek, Shena, Carson, and Maggie Ferguson, we do appreciate the concern and care you and family had done for him. To his neighbors on Coaling Road, thank you for always being there for him— he loved you all.

He was predeceased by his grandparents on the Williams and Duncan sides; both parents, Basil Williams Sr. and Betty Duncan Williams; and his life partner of 11 years, Kathy Hall.

The memorial service was held on February 17 at 12 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, 5731 Airport Road NW, Roanoke. If you would like to donate to a charity in his name, go to <https://www.Hopeforpaws.com>. He had a love for dogs.

Worth, Frederick Calvin

Frederick Calvin Worth, 67, of Buchanan, passed away on Thursday, February 12, 2025.

Fred work for Diversified Industries for 19 years, Firestone Paving, and James River Quarry for over 20 years running the crusher. He loved the Dallas Cowboys, tinkering with old trucks, cars, and lawnmowers. He spent many hours building a large Popsicle house, complete with furniture, and was a very good housekeeper in his own home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Lloyd and Lillian Evelyn Staton Worth; daughters, Sharon (James) Clark, and Faye

(Jim) Hawkins; and son, Donald (Barbara) Worth.

Survivors include his son, Justin Michael Worth of Pocohontas County, W.Va.; sister, Lois "Robin" Staton of Buchanan; brother, Mark (Patty) Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Monday, February 17, 2025 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home, from 1-2 p.m., with the funeral services at 2 p.m. Interment was private in Fairview Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

CHURCH NEWS

Eagle Rock Clothes Closet dates

The Eagle Rock Community Clothes Closet, located at Eagle Rock United Methodist Church, 14565 Church Street in Eagle Rock, will be open Saturday, February 22, from 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday, February 19, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The closet has women's, men's and children's clothing, shoes, and toys at no charge. There is an expanded children's section for February. Visitors are requested to use bags provided by the church and respect the bag limit.

To make donations or volunteer to help with this mission, contact Pastor Ray Sandifer at 540-525-0258.

Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. Saturday, February 22, hosted by the Presbyterian Team. Pull up to the curb and you will receive meat, bread, milk and staples. All who need food are welcome. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

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 the loss happened, it is hoped that participants can find God's healing through this program.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville will begin the spring cycle of classes on February 20. 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 February 20 to come 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.

Fincastle UMC Clothes Closet dates

Fincastle United Methodist's Clothes Closet will be open on Saturday, February 22, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and Tuesday, February 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Family Life Center at 137

S. Church Street. Donations of gently worn, clean clothing and shoes will also be accepted.

Free dinner Tuesday at Fincastle UMC

Everyone is welcome to the free Terrific Tuesdays Church and Community Dinner at Fincastle United Methodist Church's Family Life Center, located at 137 S. Church Street, on Tuesday, February 25. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m.

Fincastle Presbyterian Service of Prayer dates

Fincastle Presbyterian Church will be holding a Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, February 26, and March 26.

This special service of prayer, music, silence and scripture is an opportunity to gather in Christian community and draw closer to God and offer prayers for individuals, the community, the country and the world.

A light supper will be served in the fellowship hall after the service. All are invited. The church is located at 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal in Buchanan

Trinity United Methodist Church invites the public to its Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal on March 4. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee and juice will be served between 4 and 7 p.m. on that Tuesday. The meal is free and open to the public. "Love" offerings will be accepted.

Trinity United Methodist Church is located at 10637 Main Street in Buchanan. The meal will be served in the fellowship hall, enter off Washington Street.

Ebenezer Shrove Tuesday Supper March 2

Ebenezer United Methodist Church is having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper starting at 4 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. on March 2. Ebenezer is located at 85 Nace Road. Donations will be accepted. All are invited.

Cloverdale Thrift Store temporarily closed

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is temporarily closed due to water damage. Donations are welcome to help restock.

Flooding

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banks. Last, but certainly not least, was the almost 22-foot height reached by the James River in Buchanan."

Ferguson noted that the department uses historical flood data and institutional knowledge to know when the waters may exceed 21 feet. The weekend's flooding impacted a "handful" of locations. Despite one car ending up in a closed section of Parkway Drive, the driver was able to self-rescue and call for assistance, Ferguson added.

The Town of Buchanan took to social media on Sunday to share photos taken along Lowe Street where the water had submerged areas of Town Park and Twin River Outfitters.

Town Manager Angela Lawrence shared the town's social media Monday, "What a difference a day makes," in response to the flooding that occurred Sunday. As of Monday morning, Lawrence shared that Route 43 was still under some water at that time, but the

waters appeared to have gone back down significantly.

"A few businesses were affected," Lawrence shared when asked about the weekend flooding. "Twin Rivers Outfitters had flooding in both buildings. They are cleaning up and expect everything to be in good condition when they open in April.

"Mrs. B's Restaurant had flooding in their basement," Lawrence added. "I haven't seen it but understand they will open (this week). They have been appreciative of those in the community who helped get things to higher ground. We are still assessing all of the water and sewer facilities but so far it looks good. The water supply was not affected."

Elsewhere, Eagle Rock area had flood waters from Craig Creek first blocking Craig Creek Road at Roaring Run, then at Ball Park Road, Chief Ferguson went

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MG-TEC

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MGCC extends deadline for MG-TEC IT Academy

Mountain Gateway Community College (MGCC) in Clifton Forge has extended the application deadline for the MG-TEC IT Academy to March 15.

The MG-TEC IT Academy is a unique opportunity for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors to explore careers in information technology, including IT, cybersecurity, robotics, and more. The academy is geared to high school students who enjoy problem-solving, working with computers, or helping others with tech issues. The program allows students to earn college credit while gaining hands-on experience in the fields of technology. Students will have the chance to participate in engaging activities like flying

drones, building robots, learning ethical hacking, and developing skills to protect businesses from digital threats.

The MG-TEC IT Academy offers pathways in cybersecurity, cloud computing, and technical support, allowing students to align their education with their career goals. With the IT industry projected to grow by 11% from 2019 to 2029, this program provides students with the skills and certifications needed to jump-start their careers or continue their education in college.

Enrollment is now open, and applying takes less than five minutes. Visit www.mgcc.edu/mg-tec to apply by the extended deadline of March 15. Students

have the option to attend classes in person, via Zoom, or asynchronously, ensuring flexible learning options.

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Flood

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Images of the flooding that occurred Sunday along Lowe Street in Buchanan at Twin River Outfitters (left) and Parkway Drive (right).

on to explain. “Additionally, Craig Creek was out of its banks along 606 on the Craig County end, cutting off vehicular travel into the Oriskany area,” Ferguson said. “Thankfully, there were no emergency responses into that area of the community, otherwise water rescue assets would have been added to the regular fire and EMS resources.”

In Blue Ridge, Ferguson noted the notification of the Rainbow Forest Lake reaching a Level 2 dam status. “This is a notification set as part of the NWS coordination for dam safety, whereby once that lake reaches a certain fill level, a Level 2 dam status alerts those in the area on the

downside of the dam, that the potential for dam failure is heightened. Our office was made aware of the situation ahead of the alert and emergency management personnel were on site to evaluate the situation and actions taking place.”

When the waters were at their highest, heavy winds arrived causing “numerous responses” for fallen trees on power lines and lines down across some roadways.

The chief explained that “aside from the fire trucks and ambulances seen on the streets in Botetourt daily, there is a large amount of activity behind the scenes, participating in National Weather Service briefings,

making county officials and emergency personnel aware of predicted forecasts, public messaging, collaborative staffing increases, equipment and apparatus readiness activities, patrolling of prone areas of flooding, all in addition to responding to routine fire and emergency medical calls for service.”

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management has flood preparedness information available at www.vaemergency.gov/threats/floods. Most notably is advising to not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Just six inches of moving water can knock a person down, and one foot of moving water can sweep a vehicle away.

Council

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“locked in” to state requirements for advertising a hearing.

Critzler also added that adding these two new members on the Planning Commission will expand the number of future commission leaders, expand the resource pool, and help broaden the level of expertise and input.

A public hearing was scheduled for last Thursday’s meeting regarding text amendments to the town’s zoning ordinance. The hearing was tabled due to inclement weather canceling the meeting of the Planning Commission earlier in the week. Town Council is scheduling the public hearing for its March 13 meeting.

Town Manager Melanie McFadyen highlighted some of the town’s recent business that included an update on the town budget process that is “just getting started.”

There are new town banners that

can now be seen around town that Tracy McDonald and Henry Booze provided. Council thanked them for their efforts and discussed the possibility of adding banners along Route 220 as well.

The Dodd Building is ready to come down, according to McFadyen. Courthouse construction is now underway and commemorative events are in the works. In particular, a possible commemorative event revolving around the move of the old Breckinridge Law Offices and hotel that was formerly the home of the Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture.

Extended street closures on Roanoke Street from Main to Back Streets are expected but McFadyen didn’t have any extended dates to share and said they’ll be forthcoming.

The town has begun the process of updating the Hazard Mitigation

Plan, which is updated every five years. McFadyen shared that the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission wants more information about the plan. A survey is being developed and will soon be available for residents on the town’s website that will take about 15 minutes to complete. Paper surveys will also be available in the Town Office. This plan has to be completed by August, according to McFadyen.

McFadyen suggested to the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) to include the entire town into the “TPO Study Area” that RVTPO representative Jonathan Stanton made a presentation about the study at council’s meeting in September of last year. Mayor Mary Bess Smith said that they will vote on it at council’s March meeting.



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

New banners have been added along the streets of Fincastle.

BCPS

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BCPS

Greenfield Elementary Principal Jennifer Hawks, BCPS January Employee of the Month School Counselor Carolyn McLucas, and BCPS School Board Chair Anna Weddle

or James River goes to a state championship game... They deserve to be recognized.”

The board also recognized BCPS’s Employees of the Month for January. Greenfield Elementary School Counselor Carolyn McLucas accepted her certificate of recognition at the meeting. BCPS Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ read from

her nomination, “Ms. McLucas is a bright light at Greenfield. She has a warm smile every morning and someone students can easily lean on. She pours her heart into supporting students in the biggest ways.”

Greenfield Elementary custodian Joshua Niday, who was unable to attend the meeting, was also recognized as BCPS Employee of the Month

for January.

Additionally, members of the School Board staff received certificates of recognitions in celebration of “School Board Appreciation Month.” Russ thanked each member of the board.

“February marks the celebration of School Board Appreciation Month,” Russ shared. “The theme this year is ‘Champion for Opportunity; Advocates for Excellence.’ We recognize and honor the commitment, service, and dedication of our School Board members... I would like to personally thank you all for the job you do for

our students.”

Russ also recognized BCPS Clerks Susan Albert and Cathy Quinn and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Janet Womack as a part of School Board Appreciation Month. Womack received this year’s Virginia Teaching Learning and Leading (VATLL) Leadership Award.

“Dr. Womack was officially recognized last Friday in Richmond where I had the privilege of attending along with (BCPS Director of Technology) Leah Stevenson,” Russ shared at Thursday’s meeting. “Dr. Womack is an exceptional educator and leader, combining her dedication to excellence with a strong commitment to supporting every student helping them reach their fullest potential.”

To watch last Thursday’s meeting of the Botetourt School Board in its entirety, visit bcps.live/archives.

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A complete list of all voters whose records have been canceled pursuant to this code section is available for review at the Botetourt County Administration Office, 57 S Center Drive, Daleville; at the Clerk of the Circuit Court Office, 5 West Main Street, Fincastle; and at the Botetourt County Department of Elections & Voter Registration, 2 East Main Street, Fincastle during regular business hours. The list may also be viewed on Botetourt County’s website. Voters may view and/or update their voter registration status on the Virginia Department of Elections website (elections.virginia.gov).

Any voter who believes their record may have been canceled in error should contact the Botetourt County Department of Elections & Voter Registration, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at (540) 928- 2120 to discuss their registration. Voters who are qualified to vote in the Commonwealth of Virginia may complete a voter registration application at the above-listed office, at any DMV office or online at elections.virginia.gov to have their record reinstated.

For additional information, please contact the Botetourt County Department of Elections & Voter Registration at (540) 928-2120 or the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Elections at 800-552-9745.

Traci S. Clark
Director of Elections & General Registrar

NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Botetourt County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider and receive comment on the following:

Blue Ridge District: Kendall Erin and Kylee Ann Lucas request rezoning of 8.637 acres total from the Residential, R-1 Use District to the A-1 Use District, with possible proffered conditions. Located on Laymantown Road (State Route 658) at the Sunnydale Court (State Route 780) intersection, identified on the Tax Maps as 108A(5)BK26-5; 108A(5)BK26-4B; 108A(5)BK26-3; 108A(5)BK26-2.

Fincastle District: Wesley A. Hodges requests a Special Exception Permit for a campground, with possible conditions, in the Agricultural, A-1 Use District. This property is located at 191 Bridge Street, Eagle Rock, identified on the Tax Maps as 4A-46.

Information is in the Botetourt County Planning & Zoning Office, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, VA, and online at www.botetourtva.gov/planningcommissionagenda. Individuals may comment at the meeting in person, by email at planning@botetourtva.gov, via the online form at www.botetourtva.gov, or by mail at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083. Postal mail comment deadline is the Friday before the hearing. Website and email comments are due 9:00 a.m., day of the hearing.

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1.; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. **CL25-147**
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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1.; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. CL25-147
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE
COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs. MARGARET M. DORMAN, et al, Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as

Tax Map Parcel No.077.10-04.00-0000. An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Margaret M. Dorman and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Margaret M. Dorman, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that each of the parties appear on or before the March 5th, 2024, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land.

It is further **ORDERED**, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for two successive weeks in the *Salem Times Register*, a newspaper of general circulation in the county of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in county of Roanoke, Virginia. Entered this 3rd day of February, 2025.

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

at its regular meeting on March 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Clipp Family Trust, or assigns, contract purchaser, to rezone the property located at 2381-2383 Roanoke Blvd. (T/M# 225-2-6.1) from HBD Highway Business District with conditions to HBD Highway Business District.

2. Consider the request of ABoone Real Estate, Inc., contact purchaser, to rezone the properties located at 1906 Mill Ln. & 1400 blk Penley Blvd. (T/M#s 205-2-5 & 204-13-1) from RSF/AG Residential Single Family/Agriculture Districts & AG Agriculture Districts to RSF Residential Single Family District and for a Special Exception Permit to include

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both parcels in the Cluster Housing Overlay District.

3. Consider the request of R. Fralin Development Corp. & Simms Property, LLC, property owners, to amend rezoning Ordinance #344 and the Special Exception Permit by removing condition #4 relating to the maximum height of 1.5 stories for structures constructed on cluster lots for the properties located at 113 Parker Ln (T/M #273-3-4), 117 Parker Ln (T/M #273-3-5), 121 Parker Ln (T/M #273-3-6), 125 Parker Ln (T/M #273-3-7), 129 Parker Ln (T/M #273-3-8), 133 Parker Ln (T/M #273-3-9), 137 Parker Ln (T/M #273-3-10), 141 Parker Ln (T/M #288-3-12), 142 Parker Ln (T/M #288-3-11), 134 Parker Ln (T/M #288-3-9), 130 Parker Ln (T/M #288-3-8), 126 Parker Ln (T/M #288-3-7), 122 Parker Ln (T/M #288-3-6), 118 Parker Ln (T/M #288-3-5), 114 Parker Ln (T/M #288-3-4), and 211 Diamond Rd, (T/M #272-2-1).

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

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: Christopher J. Dorsey
Executive Secretary

Legals - Town of Vinton

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:

The petition of Winter Properties Partnership LLP, to rezone the portions of currently split-zoned properties located at 0 Highland Road, tax map numbers 060.11-04-29.00-0000 and 060.11-04-30.00-0000, from the R-2 Residential District to the M-1 Limited Industrial District.

Further information concerning this public hearing may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, during business hours, or via phone: (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of January 2025.

Anita J. McMillan
Planning and Zoning Director
Secretary, Vinton Planning Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

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Order of Publication

VIRGINIA: IN THE BOTETOURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT IN RE: SURPLUS FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 423 TINKERVUE DRIVE CLOVERDALE, VA 24077
Case No. CL25-25
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DENNIS N. MAAS

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The object of this suit is to interplead surplus funds into the Court's registry and allow potential claimants to file claims for the funds derived from the sale of real property known as 423 Tinkerview Drive, Cloverdale, the Unknown Heirs at Law of Dennis N. Maas appear in the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia to protect their interest in this matter on or before March 10, 2025, and It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in Botetourt County, Virginia. The Fincastle Herald shall send the Certificate of Publication and the bill to: BWV Law Group, LLC, c/o Kathryn H. Kellam, Esq., 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. Enter this 22nd day of January, 2025.

I ASK FOR THIS, Kathryn H. Kellam, VSB No. 82277
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Date:1/14/2025

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ABC NOTICE

Fiesta Mexican Restaurant & Taqueria LLC., trading as Taqueria Fiesta, 1465 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3215

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Bianca Limon-Perez, MEMBER.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

Request by Harley Ashe and Elizabeth Ashe to vacate approximately 260 linear feet of a

7.5-foot wide public utility easement on the north side of property located at 95 Skyline St NE, identified as Tax Parcel 502-(7)-15A; Parcel ID 018802. Information on the preceding ordinance, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director/Subdivision Agent by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1120

or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations. Written comments may be sent to the preceding address; please allow adequate mailing time.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg

Legals - Montgomery County

Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by RWW 4 LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, to rezone property located at the end of Summitridge Road and adjoining the southern side of I-81, identified as Tax Parcel 557-((A))-22 (Parcel ID 160134), consisting of approximately 17.700 acres, and within unincorporated Montgomery County adjoining the southern side of I-81, identified as Tax Parcel 093-((A))-6 (Parcel ID 130135), consisting of approximately 1.06 acres (pending Corporate Boundary Line Adjustment) from Agricultural District (A) to Single-Family Residential District (R-1). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan and lies in an area designated as Urban Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by RWW 4 LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow a planned housing development for a detached single-family subdivision of a maximum of 60 units in the proposed Single-Family Residential District (R-1) zoning district on property located at the end of Summitridge Road and adjoining the southern side of I-81, identified as Tax Parcel 557-((A))-22 (Parcel ID 160134), consisting of approximately 17.700 acres, and within unincorporated Montgomery County adjoining the southern side of I-81, identified as Tax Parcel 093-((A))-6 (Parcel ID 130135), consisting of approximately 1.06 acres (pending Corporate Boundary Line Adjustment). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan and lies in an area designated as Urban Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan.

C. Conditional Use Permit request by SHAH Development LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow a Two-Family Dwelling in the General Business District (B-3) zoning district on property located on the northwest corner of Roanoke St. and Craig St. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 527-(46)-5B; (Parcel ID 170239), and consisting of approximately 0.319 acres. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

D. Conditional Use Permit request by Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, Property Owner, to allow a Carnival from March 23, 2025 through April 8, 2025 on the property located at 782 New River Road NW, Tax Parcel 435-((A))-41, Parcel ID 007741, zoned General Business District B-3. The proposed time period includes the set-up and operation of the Carnival. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1.; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. **CL24-645**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 55 EAST MAIN STREET SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.
Commonwealth of Virginia,

Legals - Montgomery County

in re Crystal Gayle Edwards v. Eddie Keith Edwards

The object of this suit is to: Divorce
IT IS ORDERED that Eddie Keith Edwards appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before March 31, 2025 @ 9:00AM
Entered 1/28/25 by Honorable Judge Robert M.D. Turk

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1.; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. **CL24-1979**

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA a Municipal Locality of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant,

v. CREASY MORGAN, ET AL., Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 556-A-8 Account No. 013070 ALL of that one certain tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in Town of Christiansburg, Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, containing 1 acre, more or less, and bearing Tax Map Number 556-A-8, Parcel ID 013070.

And being the same real property conveyed to Creasy Morgan from James S. Childress, by deed, dated March 20, 1901, and recorded January 30, 191 1, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 59 at Page 601. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Creasy Morgan aka Lucretia Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Nora Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Marcellus Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mildred Morgan Dunnville, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Davis Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mable Morgan McMillan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Robert Davis McMillan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Alice Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; William McMillan, whose last known address is unknown; Brenda Myers, whose last known address is unknown; Tyler McMillan, whose last known address is unknown; Robert McMillan, whose last known address is unknown; William McMillan, whose last known address is unknown; Robin McMillan, whose last known address is unknown; Travis Williams, whose last known address is unknown; Christopher Jennings, whose last known address is unknown; Barbara McMillan Turner, whose last known address is 610 Stuart St,

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Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Peggy J. McMillan, whose last known address is 305 Pepper St SE, Apt C, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Gwendolyn McMillan Purcell, whose last known address is 475 Wakeman Ct, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Bonnie Sue McMillan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Logan, whose last known address is unknown; Johnathan Logan, whose last known address is 305 Pepper St SE, Apt C, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Doug McMillan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Shelbourne Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Geraldine Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Laura Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before March 17, 2025 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 5th day of February, 2025.
Honorable K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

I Ask For This: John A. rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805)
Jeffrey A Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591)
Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409)
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TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2068/RZN-24-3: An Ordinance Rezoning 1.59 ± Acres of Land at 402 Clay Street from R-5 Transitional Residential to Planned Residential Zoning. The proposed ordinance would rezone property at 402 Clay Street from Transitional Residential (R-5) to Planned Residential (PR), which would permit the construction of two 3-story multifamily buildings with up to a maximum of 72 bedrooms.

CUP-24-4: Request to Permit Lighting at a Public Park or Field at 2100 Toms Creek Road (Tax Parcel 195-A 2). The proposed Conditional Use Permit request would permit lighting at the Toms Creek Park and athletic field at 2100 Toms Creek Road.

Ordinance 2070: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code Section 5-701 of the Subdivision Ordinance Pertaining To Construction and Design of Sanitary Sewer. The revisions include the following: 1.Addition of a reference to the Town Sanitary Sewer Specifications in Section 5-701(a). 2.Addition of language in Section 5-701(b) to clarify that STEG (Septic Tank Effluent Gravity) or STEP (Septic Tank Effluent Pumping) systems must be used with a development

application for a subdivision with multiple homes and is not intended for individually developed homes. 3.Removing references in Section 5-701(b) to the outdated references of a minor and major subdivision.

Ordinance 2071: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code Section 12-309 to Lower Speed Limits on Certain Town Streets. The proposed ordinance would establish a 15-mile-per hour speed on the following roads: •Bennett Street from Jackson Street NE to Harding Avenue; •Draper Road from Country Club Drive to Airport Road; •Penn Street SE; and •Wharton Street SE.

The proposed ordinance would establish a 20-mile-per hour speed on the following roads: •Church Street SE from Clay Street SE to Jackson Street NE; •Clay Street from Draper Road SW to Prospect Street; •Draper Road from Airport Road to Jackson Street NW; •Jackson Street; •Lee Street from Draper Road SW to Prospect Street; •Main Street from Eheart Street to Prices Fork Road; •Progress Street NE; •Roanoke Street from Draper Road NW to Owens Street; and •Washington Street from Draper Road NW to Wharton Street SE. Ordinance 2062/RZN-24-2: An Ordinance Rezoning 2.80± Acres of Land at 801 North Main Street, 800 Block of Kabrich Street, 100 Block of Winston Avenue and 900 Block of Progress Street from General Commercial and R-5 Transitional Residential District to Planned Residential District Zoning. The proposed ordinance would rezone 2.80± acres of land at 801 N. Main Street, the 800 block of Kabrich Street, 100 block of Winston Avenue and the 900 block of Progress Street from General Commercial (GC) and Transitional Residential (R-5) to Planned Residential (PR). It would permit the construction of an 8-story multifamily building with commercial on the ground floor, along with townhome-style multifamily units, up to 759 bedrooms.

Ordinance 2063/ROW-24-2: An Ordinance Vacating +/- 2,000 square feet of Town-owned Alley Right-of-way between the 800-block of Kabrich Street and the 900-block of Progress Street NW.

The proposed ordinance would vacate a town-owned alley of approximately 2,000 square feet. This request is related to Ordinance 2062. CUP-24-3: Conditional Use Permit Request to Use an Alley for Non-Single-Unit Residential Dwellings between the 900-block of Kabrich Street and the 900-block of Progress Street NW. The Conditional Use permit request is related to Ordinances 2062 and 2063 and would allow use of the alley between the 900-block of Kabrich Street and the 900-block of Progress Street NW to provide access to twenty-two (22) townhomes.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).



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Public Notice

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street to receive comments on the following:

Council's intention to adopt an ordinance in regard to a Boundary Adjustment Agreement Between the County of Montgomery and the Town of Christiansburg as requested by RWW4, LLC, property owner, to incorporate property on the southern side of I-81 (approximately 1.084-acre Tax Parcel 093 – ((A)) – 6; Parcel ID 160135, more particularly shown on the plat entitled "Exhibit from Records Showing Boundary Line Adjustment of Tax Map Number 093-A-6 to be Relocated from Montgomery County to be within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Christiansburg Riner Magisterial District Montgomery County, Virginia Surveyed January 17, 2025") within the Town of Christiansburg. The property is designated as Urban Expansion on the Future Land Use Policy Map of the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the preceding boundary adjustment agreement, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Office of the Planning Director, Retta Jackson at, email: rjackson@christiansburg.org phone: (540) 382-6120 or address: 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments may be sent to the

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Legals - Craig County

AMENDED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE,

of all that certain lot, tract or parcel designated as Lot Three (3) containing 29.204 acres in the Simmonsville Magisterial District of Craig County, Virginia, designated as Tax Map Number 115-A-17C (previously incorrectly designated as Tax Map Number 114-A-17), in execution of a Deed of Trust, in the original principal amount of \$72,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 6.0% dated November 3, 2015, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF

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CRAIG as Deed Instrument Number 150000517, the undersigned appointed Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the COUNTY OF CRAIG, at the front of the Court House building for the County of Craig located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127, on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., the property with improvements to wit: 2288 Northside Road, Newport, VA 24128, containing approximately 29.204 Acres - Tax Map Number 115-A-17C; THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. TERMS OF SALE: CASH OR CHECK. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Trustee, John N. Spicer, C/O Spicer, Olin & Associates, P.C., 504 South Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060 (540) 552-0007.

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Lord Botetourt will send six wrestlers to state tournament Saturday

Lord Botetourt qualified six wrestlers for the Virginia High School League Class 3 tournament to be held at the Salem Civic Center Saturday. LB finished fourth in the Region 3D tournament at Staunton River High last weekend.

With snow anticipated for Wednesday and Thursday the state tournament has been changed from the usual two-day format to just one day, Saturday. Wrestling begins at 8 a.m. with first round action and continues through the medal rounds at 7:15 p.m. There will be short breaks at 12:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., but otherwise the wrestling will be continuous through the day.

Last Saturday in Moneta host Staunton River won Region 3D with 283 points, followed by Cave Spring with 203.5. William Byrd was third at 180.5 and Lord Botetourt was fourth among the 13 teams with 157.5.

LB had six wrestlers qualify for the state by finishing in the top four. Botetourt had no one in the championship matches but split six matches in the consolation finals. Taking thirds were Angel Rigney at 157, Preston Carter at 165 and Cooper Roberts at 175. Fourth place finishers were Jacob Spence at 126, Camden Saunders at 138, and Kevin Gergely at 150. Botetourt had four wrestlers who scored team points but failed to advance with fifth place finishes. Those wrestlers were James Dean at 120, Declan Sullivan at 132, Morgan Parr at 144, and Tyler Butler at 285.

“We wrestled well in the first round but struggled in the semifinals,” said coach Paul Craft. “We lost a few guys in the blood round but overall we bounced back and finished strong in our 3rd/4th and 5th/6th place matches. That’s just the ebb and flow of a competitive tournament.”



Cooper Roberts of LB is on his way to a region third at 175.



LB's Angel Rigney (right) finished third in the region at 157.



Preston Carter of the Cavs is on top in his third place region finish at 165.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

James River sending three swimmers to state meet Saturday



James River's Austin Myers gets started in the 100-yard backstroke at the Region 2C championship meet. His time of 1:10.02 was good for second place in the event.



James River freshman Joel Barber placed a close third in the 200-yard IM (2:26.12) at the Region 2C championship meet on Thursday.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

The Virginia High School League Class 1 and 2 swim meets will be held Sunday at the SwimRVA facility in Richmond. James River will have three swimmers competing who qualified at the Region 2 meet in Christiansburg last week.

Riley Persinger qualified in two events for the state meet. She was second in both the 200 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke in regions, swimming a personal best in the Back.

For the boys, Joel Barbour took a second in the 200 IM and the 100 Breaststroke, qualifying for the state meet. Austin Myers also qualified with a second in the 100 Backstroke. Austin, in the 200 Free, and Kingston Bean, in the 50 and 100 Free, just missed states in their other events, both placing sixth.

Also, Lydia Jones and Addison Jones dropped huge amounts of time and Kaeli Berry had a great finish in the Breaststroke.

Class 3 state swim meet moved to Sunday

The Class 3 state swim meet has been moved to this Sunday, February 22, at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. The meet was originally scheduled for Friday but moved to Sunday, along with the Class 4 meet, with an anticipated snowstorm expected to cause travel problems during the week.

Lord Botetourt will send a group of swimmers to the meet after competing in the Region 3D meet in Christiansburg last week. The meet was moved back a couple days due to snow.

“What a wonderful swim meet,” said coach Ashley Safrit. “I know there was chaos getting to this point, but it all worked out in the end. We had some amazing swims and all of the coaches are very proud of

the work put in to achieve these results.”

The LB girls finished fifth among nine teams in the meet as Cave Spring won the region championship. The Christiansburg boys won the region crown with LB finishing eighth.

Max Mizuba took two firsts for the LB boys team. He set a new school record in the 50 Free with a time of 22.57 and won the 100 Backstroke in 54.01, advancing to the state meet in both events.

For the girls, the 400 Free Relay team of Julia Misicko, Annalise Buyalos, Olivia Nicely and Hannah Mizuba took third with a state qualifying time of 3:53.11. The 200 IM team also qualified for state with a fourth place finish in

1:58.90. That consisted of Mizuba, Anna Harris, Misicko and Nicely. The 200 Free Relay team of Buyalos, Callie Shuler, Ella Shuler and Nicely was sixth.

Individually, Mizuba was third in the 50 Free and fourth in the 100 Back, state qualifying in both events. Misicko also state qualified in two events with a third in the 100 Fly and a fourth in the 500 Free with a personal best. Nicely qualified for the state with a personal best fourth in the 100 Free and Anna Harris scored points for LB with a personal best 100 Breast, finishing sixth.

Sunday's state meet in Christiansburg is scheduled to have diving in the morning and swim events in the afternoon.



Caitlin Canada drives by a Cougar defender.

River girls open region basketball at home Monday

With a 19-3 overall record the James River girls have earned a home game for their Region 2C basketball opener. The Knights will host an opponent yet to be determined at press time at 7 p.m. Monday in Springwood.

The Knights wrapped up the regular season with an exciting 53-52 win over Floyd County in Springwood on Monday of this week. This was a nail-biter throughout as Floyd led 17-16 after the first quarter but the game was tied at the half, 24-24.

Floyd opened a 40-35 lead heading into the final period and it was neck-and-neck down the stretch. River finally went ahead on two free throws, 51-49. Jalen Thompson made two free throws with 16.5 seconds remaining to give the Knights a three-point lead and Samaya Osborne rebounded a missed free throw with 2.2 seconds to go to seal the win.

Kelsi Maydian, who recently returned from an injury, scored 15 points to lead the Knights. Caitlin Canada had 14, Thompson had 13 and Audrey Benson had seven.

The win was River's fourth in a row and 13th in the past 15 games. That win, along with a 42-37 victory



PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY
Kelsi Maydian scores for James River against Alleghany Friday.

over Alleghany in Springwood last Friday, gives the Knights a final Three Rivers District record of 10-2. There is no district tournament for the Three Rivers.

Last Friday Caitlin Canada scored 23 points in the win over Alleghany to go with 11 rebounds. River outscored the Cougars 39-14 in the second half after trailing 23-13 at intermission.

“We had a slow start to the game but strong offense and defense in the second half turned the game around,” said River coach Don Eggleston.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING
Lord Botetourt's Analise Buyalos swims the butterfly in the opening leg of the 200-yard IM at the Region 3D championship meet on Saturday.

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LB boys end basketball regular season with win over Franklin County

The Lord Botetourt boys basketball team will open Region 3D play with a home game on Friday. The final bracket wasn't set at press time but the likely opponent is Bassett.

Botetourt ended the regular season Monday with an 81-63 win over Franklin County in Rocky Mount. That evened LB's Blue Ridge District record at 5-5 and lifted the Cavaliers to 10-13 overall.

"A great way to end the regular season with an extremely balanced performance," said coach Josh Aliveto. "We challenged the players before the game to play with great effort on offense and defense from the tip-off to the end and they did just that. This was a good win to head into the regional tournament."

Botetourt had five players score in double digits. Blake Lovern led the way with 19, Braydon Whorley chipped in 13, Landon Hayes had 11 and Conner Dowdy had 10. Carson Edwards recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Brady Kish also had a productive night with nine points and seven assists.

It was a nice bounce-back win over a sub-par performance last Friday, when William Byrd



Evan Klampfer of LB defends against Byrd.



LB's Blake Lovern is fouled as he goes to the hoop.

beat the Cavs, 68-51, on "Senior Night." Seniors recognized prior to the game were Edwards, Lovern, Dowdy, Whorley and Evan Klampfer.

"We had one of our worst nights shooting and

Byrd played well on the offensive end," said Aliveto. Edwards led LB with 13 points along with 15 rebounds. Hayes had 12 points and Dowdy also contributed with eight points and three assists.



Cody Park makes some room in last Friday's game at Glenvar.



Ryder Ward of James River drives the baseline against the Highlanders.

James River boys basketball season comes to an end

The James River boys saw their basketball season come to an end with a 68-37 loss at Alleghany Monday. The game was moved up two days from Wednesday with an anticipated snowstorm on the horizon.

River ended the season with a 7-19 record. The Region 2C tournament opens on Monday of next week but only the top eight teams in the region qualify and the Knights did not make it.

Alleghany is a Class 3 team that will be leaving the Three Rivers District next year, so Monday might be the last time

River sees the Cougars for some time. Jack Beheler led the Knights with 14 points and Maddox Pichay had eight.

"We were able to limit our turnovers, comparatively speaking, but defensively we couldn't get stops and that put us in a hole," said River coach Ethan Humphries. "We give credit to Alleghany, as they are a talented team."

Last Friday the Knights were at Glenvar and dropped a 63-35 decision on the Highlanders' "Senior Night." River led 11-10 after the first quarter as

the Highlanders started some seniors who usually don't see much floor time, but when the regulars hit the floor Glenvar pulled ahead 28-14 at the half.

"Our guys came ready to play and we're proud of how they handled the first quarter," said Humphries. "I thought we lost discipline and fell into their pace in the second quarter with trying to run with them, which isn't our recipe. If we do that for just a few minutes of play it really spirals on us, and next thing you know they put the game away by halftime."

Botetourt girls have first round bye in region hoops

With a 20-3 regular season record the Lord Botetourt girls will get a bye when the Region 3D basketball tournament opens Friday. The girls won't play until next Tuesday, February 25, against the winner of a first round game between the eight and nine seeded teams.

Botetourt wrapped up the regular season with two lop-sided wins the past week. Last Friday in Vinton the girls put the hammer down on host William Byrd, 71-16. Madilyn Winterton led the way with 27 points, five assists and seven steals. Maddie Caron had 24 points and seven boards and Maggie Hoover added 10 points and five assists. Botetourt shot 61 percent from the floor for the game and had 21 steals as a team.

On Monday it was "Senior Night" in Daleville and the Cavaliers came close to holding visiting Franklin County to single digits in points, winning 62-10. Senior Abby Kingery scored a career-high 22 points on nine-for-nine shooting and had seven rebounds. Senior Winterton had 17 points and six assists and Caron, also a senior, scored 13 points and had eight rebounds.

"It was a great night honoring three wonderful seniors who are leaders in our program," said coach Renee Favaro. "All three are great players, but even better people."



Maddie Caron of LB scores against William Byrd.



Madilyn Winterton of the Cavs passes the ball.

Knights have three region wrestling champions

James River High School put three wrestlers on the top step of the podium last Saturday at the Region 2C wrestling tournament at Liberty High School. The Knights finished fourth out of 10 schools despite having just eight competitors and six of the eight advanced to this Saturday's state tournament at the Salem Civic Center.

Glenvar High was the team champion as Three Rivers District teams took three of the top four spots. Chatham was second, followed by 3RD schools Patrick County and James River.

The Knights put three wrestlers in the region championship and all three walked away as champions. At 113 pounds, senior Xaiden Wynn earned his fourth consecutive Region 2C championship and now eyes his third consecutive state championship in Salem Saturday. If Xaiden wins his third state title he would be only the second person to attain such a feat in James River High School history.

At 132 pounds, senior Brayden Forbes earned his third consecutive Region 2C championship. Brayden is already a three-time Class 2 state placer and seeks his fourth state placement to close out his career.

At 144 pounds, junior Nate Stewart earned his third consecutive Region 2C title. Nate finished second in the state tournament his freshman and sophomore years and eyes another chance at a state title.

Silas Whitson earned his first trip to the state tournament by placing third at 106. At 138, Josiah Merchant earned a third place finish, qualifying him for the state tournament for the second time after missing his sophomore season due to an injury. Finally, at 190, CJ Mullins earned a third place finish to qualify for the state tournament for the first time. Mullins is only in his second season as a wrestler with one year to go.

The VHSL Class 1, 2 and 3 state tournaments will all be held Saturday instead of the usual two-day format. That was changed with a snowstorm anticipated in mid-week, causing travel problems throughout the state. Wrestling begins at 8 a.m. Saturday with medal rounds due to start at 7:15 p.m.

Also, James River female wrestler Janiya Falls will compete in the female state tournament on February 26 and 27 in Henrico after finishing third in the VHSL Female Regional Qualifier two weeks ago.



Xaiden Wynn (center) is the Region 2C champ at 113.



Brayden Forbes (center) is the Region 2C champ at 132.



Nathan Stewart (center) is the Region 2C champ at 144.