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White is new Botetourt Board of Supervisors chair

Each year during the January Board of Supervisors meeting, board members discuss leadership reorganization. On January 28, board members voted unanimously to elect Amy White as the new chair of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors. White assumes the position from Steve Clinton who served as board chair in 2024.

White, who represents the Buchanan District, has been a supervisor since 2021 and recently served as vice chair. She is currently the Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and Workforce Solutions at Virginia Western Community College, where she has been teaching for over 17 years. In addition, she was recently appointed by Governor Glenn Youngkin to the Manufacturing Development Commission and the STEM Education Advisory Board.

White's extensive academic background includes a Bachelor of Science degree from James Madison University (JMU), a Master of Science in Microbiology & Immunology from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), and a certificate in Field Epidemiology from the



New Board Chair Amy White

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has also served as an adjunct professor at Hollins University and as a Biology lecturer at JMU. She is a strong advocate for agriculture and an avid supporter of the Botetourt Farmer's Market.

"I am deeply honored to step into the role of chair of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors," said White, a generational farmer with deep roots in the county. "As someone who has lived and worked here my whole life, I'm committed to making the best decisions possible for the betterment of everyone in



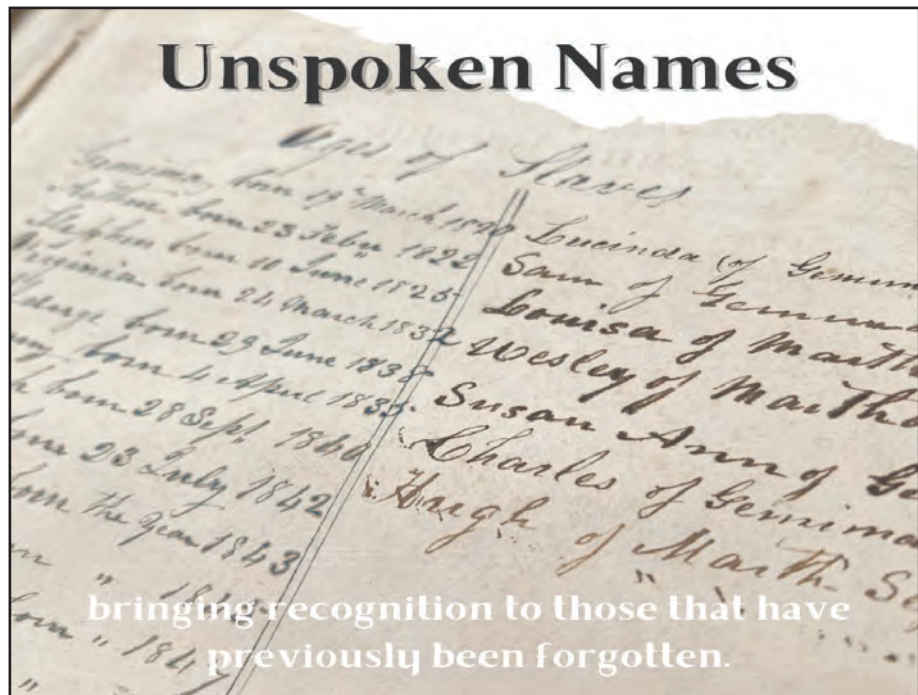
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Vice Chair Dr. Mac Scothorn

our community and future generations. All of us on the board take our responsibilities very seriously, and we will continue to work diligently together to serve our citizens. It's a privilege to work alongside my fellow board members to help shape the bright future of Botetourt County."

Dr. Mac Scothorn was unanimously voted to assume the vice chair role. Scothorn was elected to serve the Valley District and has been on the board since 2013.

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Botetourt County Historical Society unveils interactive display to honor enslaved individuals

Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc. is introducing "Unspoken Names," an interactive display designed to commemorate the lives of those who were enslaved in the county's past. The display, now on view at 26 East Main Street in Fincastle, invites visitors to engage in a powerful act of remembrance.

At the center of the display are two containers: the Unspoken container, which holds slips of paper bearing the names of enslaved individuals, and the Remembered container. Visitors are encouraged to draw a name from the Unspoken container, read it aloud,

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County students participate in All-District Bands



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS CALDWELL

All-District Bands participants included (from left): Owen Hilgers (LB, 3rd Chair Symphonic Band Percussion); Cameron Matutina (LB, 4th Chair Concert Band Alto Saxophone); Chase Britnell (JR, 1st Chair Concert Band Tuba); Cub Miller (LB, 7th Chair Symphonic Band Percussion); and Colin Mason (LB, 1st Chair Symphonic Band Percussion).

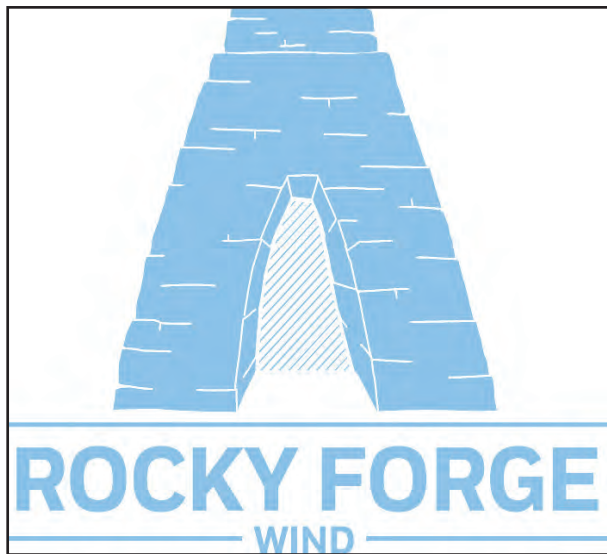
Members of the Lord Botetourt and James River Band programs participated in the 2025 Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association District VI All District Bands this past weekend.

To earn a chair in an

ensemble the students must successfully audition in December. Last December, almost 500 band members from across the district auditioned to earn a chair in one of two ensembles, the Concert Band or Symphonic Band.

Students earning a top chair in the Symphonic Band also earn All-State eligibility. LB students Owen Hilgers and Colin Mason will audition for All-State Band and Orchestra at the end of

See **Bands**, page 8



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF APEX CLEAN ENERGY

Construction of Rocky Forge Wind was scheduled to begin Monday.

Board notes: Rocky Forge Wind project construction, lease agreement approved for courthouse and EMS storage

Matt de Simone

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It was announced during last Tuesday's meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors that Apex Clean Energy will begin construction on the Rocky Forge Wind project beginning Monday of this week.

The meeting's agenda shared that both the onsite and offsite civil

plans have received approvals from the county. Additionally, the land disturbance permits have been issued and a pre-construction meeting was held to authorize commencement of clearing and grading construction.

The county's Director of Community Development Nicole

Pendleton shared that over the last month there had been a lot of "movement and information" coming into the office regarding the project. Last week, Pendleton received an update from Apex confirming construction beginning this week. She shared with the board that the office is expected to receive forthcoming building permits for the turbines themselves and

the ancillary facility.

Board Chair Amy White asked about the January 20 presidential memorandum regarding the "temporary withdrawal of all areas from offshore wind leasing" and asked for comment on the matter. Pendleton deferred to the county attorney, Mike Lockaby, on the matter. Lockaby said that "it is

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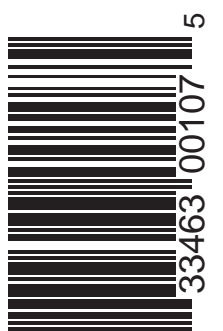
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Botetourt County History



Robert Gray of Alexandria donated this 1847-1970 coin to the Botetourt County Museum of History and Culture in 2009. It was created as a souvenir and shows the third Botetourt County Courthouse, which was destroyed by fire on December 15, 1970. A fourth courthouse was completed in 1975 but is soon to be replaced by a larger, more secure building which is scheduled to be completed around July 1, 2027. The BCHS Museum contains drawings, books, photographs and artifacts that help to tell the story of the many courthouses that have been built in Fincastle since Botetourt's founding in 1770.

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~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Bishop named to Virginia Tech Dean's List

Samantha Bishop has been acknowledged for her academic success by being named to the Dean's List for the 2024 fall semester at Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business. This achievement is given to students with a grade point average of 3.4 or higher. She is studying Finance.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report



FILE PHOTO

Building the future at Greenfield Elementary

Kindergarten students in Cynthia Ketron's class at Greenfield Elementary are hard at work celebrating the 100th Day of School with fun and creativity! These future builders put on their construction hats and got to work in a classroom that had been transformed into an exciting work zone. Students used construction-themed toys to count, stack, and create, showcasing their 100 days of learning and growth. From designing structures with blocks to problem-solving with tools, every activity reinforced their skills in a hands-on, engaging way.

~ Submitted by Carolyn McLucas



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CAROLYN MCLUCAS

Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Program: Strengthening agriculture through education and outreach

The Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Program is dedicated to supporting and promoting agriculture by educating local communities, demonstrating stewardship through outreach projects, and advocating for Farm Bureau policies.

This local committee is actively involved in various initiatives throughout the year:

- March – Ag Literacy Week: They visit classrooms in all seven elementary schools across the county, reading the annual Ag Literacy



PHOTOCOURTESY OF CANDACE MONAGHAN

Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Team members are (from left): front row, Kate Chilcott (Co-Secretary), Courtney Henderson, and Susan Shultz (Co-Secretary); back row, Candace Monaghan (President), Carol Theimer, and Julie Baker (Treasurer); not pictured: Cathy Cronise, Rhonda Ryan, and Laura Corell.

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HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Here are Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) High School Honor Rolls for the second nine-weeks period.

JAMES RIVER A HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Kylee Aaron, Breanna Anduiza, Aiden Bartulis, Kaeli Berry, Sasha Birkhead, Ethan Bryant, Caitlin Canada, Rylee Clark, Elizabeth Davis, Roselyn Dayton, Kailin Duty, Addison Jones, Adelynn Jones, SarahGrace Laughridge, Noah Longley, Konner Myers, Kody Park, Halee Puffenbarger, Isabelle Stewart, Ava Thacker, Regan VanNess, Hunter Weaver, Jordan Wilhelm, Avery Williams, Emily Woodson

JUNIORS: Hannah Albers, Nicole Baker, Kaia Binns, Sydnee Breeding, Elise Buchanan, Aiden Byrd, Regan Childs, Keira Crawford, Siera Davis, Wyatt Dickenson, Caitlyn Downey, Ella Hutchens, Rylee Jordan, Kenadi Kovar, Kelsi Maydian, Abbey Parker, Hayley Rader, Addisyn Rodgers, Madeline Rutledge, Makenna Saville, Savannah Teaford, Ryder Ward, Silas Whitson, Mia Williams

SOPHOMORES: Jeremy Albright, Khloe Austin, Olivia Ayers, Landon Bolling, Avery Carr, Emma Cecil, Conor Childs, Isaiah Coleman, Hailey DeMarco, Sydney DeMarco, Rylee Forbes, Mason Gilliland, Emily Griswold, Brooklyn Hayslett, Amiah Higginbotham-Sandidge, Jay Hipes, Gretchen Huffman, Louisa Jamison, Ayden Jennings, Selene Kelley, Cheyenne King, Paisley Kitt, Rhaya Kitt, Joran Little, Jeremiah Mays, Aydia McMaster, Brennen Monaghan, Cora Mullins, Kyleigh Napier, Samaya Osborne, Brianna Patterson, Riley Persinger, McKinley Sink, Gillian Smith, Lacey Smith, Leanna Steger, Charles Stull, Kyra Taylor, Vivian Vernon, Mark Voight, Samuel Wilson

FRESHMEN: Kennedy Agee, Katelyn Barrett, Jayden Beale, Remi Bingeman, Molly Dewhirst, Wyatt Dewhirst, Bella DiBenedetto, Kaylee Dunbar, Janiya Falls, Grace Ferguson, Spencer Fornecker, Taylor Fridley, Isabell Garrett, Pepper Henderson, Kayla Henry, Sariah Jamison, Elizabeth Johnson, Lydia Jones, Kaycee Lemon, Nolan Linthicum, Karly Mines, Owen Newcomb, Barrett Pace, Khloe Robinson, Reagan Rowland, Sonny Sharp, Paige Shotwell, Jeremy Tribble, Jacey Walker, Holly Weddle

A-B HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Taylor Albright, Isaiah Campbell, Aron Coffey, Logan Deel, Grayson Dudley, Zoe Entsminger, Avia Fochtman, Brayden Forbes, Cassidy Gauvin, Nathaniel Graff, Kambrie Hight, Courtney Hodge, Logan Joyce, Leighauna Lotts, Griffen Lucas, Savanna Martin, Hunter Mays, Dawson McAllister, JadyN Miller, Gracin Niday, Blake Orfield, Daniel Slusser, Lainey Stephenson, Lucie-Ann Waddell, Catalyne Webb

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SOPHOMORES: Logan Alls, Clayton Bia, Samuel Bolton, Tristen Brown, Adrianna Caldwell, Gracie Cash, Alexis Cassell, William Clark, Evangelyn Clonch, Hannah Curtis, Christopher Daniels, Aidan Davis, Efraim Echavarria, Lilly Falls, Brennan Firebaugh, Richard Francis, Adeline Hanna, Kaylee Harlow, Rhiannon Jensen, Braden Jones, Elizabeth Keyser, Caleb Kinion, Ashtyn Kitt, Sage Leeka, Caleb Longley, Sarah Lorman,

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FRESHMEN: Kendall Aaron, Addison Bandy, Carter Birkhead, Maggie Brewster, Gary Brunner, Nicholas Bryant, William Bryant, Kinzley Bunn, Camryn Buono, Caroline Church, Cade Cook, Riley Dulaney, Jackson Durham, Cavann Hoelzle, Autumn Holbrook, Jordyn Ives, Evan Joyce, David Kessler, Andrea Kreklow, Alexander Lakes, Owen Lawson, Brianna Lowe, Katelyn Manspile, Collin Martin, Kellan Matheny, Gabriel McCurry, KalEl Minnis, Frederick Murray, Brooklyn O'Quinn, Erica O'Quinn, Jordyn Simmons, Lighton Tate, Kolin Turner, Hailee Vassar, Madalynn Wagner, Sierra Ware, Payton White, Gracelynn Wolcott

LORD BOTETOURT A HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Natalie Alban, Kayla Atkinson, Cameron Bailey, Warren Basham, Emma Campbell, Madelyn Caron, Rayden Chrimes, Meredith Claterbaugh, Brayden Coleman, Ella Conner, Tory Cox, Sean Crane, Ethan Cunningham, Olivia Davidson, Joshua Dickerson, Danny Dominisac, Noah Donaho, Madelyn Dooley, Chase Dozier, Emily Duncan, Carson Edwards, Janey Farrar, Cameron Ferguson, Dakota Ferguson, Benjamin Ferrell, Hayden Firestone, Braelyn Folks, Abigail Foster, Campbell Franco, Joshua Frate, Sarah Frederickson, Erica Gergely, Cole Griffin, Morgan Gross, Kaylee Hale, Noah Hale, William Hall, Jackson Harless, Jillian Harris, Ryley Hoffman, Lola Hollett, Grayson Hooven, Rebecca Huddleston, Abigail Humphries, Walker Johnson, Lamya Jossirin, Evan Klampfer, Kendyll Lewis, Blake Lovern, Jacob Malue, Caden Marshall, Ava Martin, Journi Maxey, Tyler McCarren, Cody McConnaughey, Jackson Miller, Aidan Mitchell, Kirsten Mitchell, Hannah Mizuba, Skylar Morris, Maya Mougin, Kyle Nordgren, Jocelyn Osborne, Brian Palmer JR, Gracyn Poff, Oscar Ramos Cedillo, Kane Reczek, Geysy Reyes-Gomez, Chase Richmond, Nathan Robinson, Mali Ruppel, Autumn Russell, Christopher Saunders, Aaron Scher, Ena Sejtanic, Isabella Shelton, Hannah Slate, Brett Smith, Emberlea Sprouse, Avrie Stevens, Raimée Sykes, Emily Thompson, Gavin Walker, Dean Webb, Madeleine Whitacre, Claire Williams, Madilyn Winterton, Natalie Wolfe, Katherine Woodward, Azlynn Zini

JUNIORS: Alyssa Alban, Meredith Allen, Alexis Anglin, Taylor Bowling, Karleigh Brown, Alice Cahoon, Grace Corey, Lorenzo Dean, Graham Dietrich, Eric Duncan, Nickolas Edmondson, Emmanuel Elswick, Ella Fletcher, Olivia Gantzhorn, Austin Gardner, Jaxon Guilliams, Kaylee Hale, Olivia Harvey, Alicia Holmes, Ryan Hooven, Rachel Huard, Kelley Ingle, Gabriel Jones, Callie Kidd, Emily Maddox, Jonathan Malue, Cub Miller, Breely Mitchell, Emily Murry, Olivia Nicely, Griffin Osborne, Hala Othman, Soren Rosine, Robert Sanchez, Taygen Sanchez-Huerta, Emilia Sanford, Leia Simurina, Aaden Thomas, Gabriella True, Maxwell Vanover, Ashlee Walker, Morgan Wilmer, Hannah Wilson, Riley Wolford

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Youth Chess Club
Tue, Feb 18, 4pm, Buchanan
Tue, Feb 11, Feb 25, 4pm, Eagle Rock
Learn the basics of chess while expanding critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.
*Registration is required; class size limited to 10.

Kids Art Club
Fri, Feb 7, 2:30pm, Eagle Rock
Wed, Feb 12, Feb 26, 3:30pm, Fincastle
Ages 6-12. February's program: marbling paper; Book: The Stuff of Stars by Marion Dane Bauer and Ekua Holmes.

Chapter Champions Book Club
Mon, Feb 10, Feb 24, 3:30pm, Blue Ridge
Ages 7-10. 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.

True Crime Book Club
Tue, Feb 18, 6:30pm, Blue Ridge
Discuss "whodunnit" books and authors with fellow true crime enthusiasts.
February: Con Artists and Swindlers

Needlecraft
Wed, Feb 19, 1pm, Buchanan
Bring your project to work on, share your tips, and learn from others in this

informal gathering. All types of needlecrafts are welcome.

Yoga for Beginners
Mon, Feb 3, Feb 10, Feb 24, 10:30am, Buchanan
Tue, Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18, Feb 25, 10:30am, Eagle Rock
Yoga instructor Kathy Austin guides attendees through gentle yoga stretches. Mats and yoga blocks provided or bring your own. This program is offered in partnership with Botetourt County Parks & Recreation. Class size is limited, call 540-928-2900 to register.

Special Needs StoryTime
Wednesdays, 6pm, Fincastle
Preschool–Age 8. Enjoy books, songs and tactile activities that build literacy, motor, and social skills – especially designed for children with special needs. Best for preschoolers.

STEM Challenge: Robotic Hand
Ever wondered how the tendons in your hand work? Learn how by building your own working hand! Drop by Fincastle Library any time through February 14 to give it a try!

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

County Chorus to begin rehearsals, all singers welcome

The Botetourt County Chorus will begin practice on Monday, February 10, at 7 p.m. at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 85 Nace Road Troutville. The Spring concert will be held on May 4 at 3 p.m.

The chorus is under the direction of Stephen Harris and accompanied

by Naomi Rock.

Anyone who likes to sing is welcome; no auditions. If you have questions, contact Faye Bolt at 540-798-4049 or Kristie Claytor at 540-556-1563.

~ Botetourt County Chorus

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Update from the House By Del. Terry Austin



2025 Session Update: Week 3

To the Constituents of the 37th House District:

The third full week of the 2025 General Assembly Session has concluded, and the halfway point is almost here. With more than 1,200 bills introduced in the House, this has meant long days in committee and on the House floor as hundreds of bills are heard before Crossover, the point at which each chamber can only consider the other chamber's bills.

This past Sunday, the House Appropriations Committee presented its budget, amending the budget introduced by Governor Youngkin at the beginning of Session. The current makeup of the House means that many of the governor's priorities, including car tax relief, were not included in the House document. However, the budget does include a tax rebate check of \$200 for single filers and \$400 for joint filers, and the current standard deduction is made permanent. The budget is a working document, and over the next few weeks the House budget will be merged with the Senate's. As Ranking Republican on Appropriations, I will continue to urge my colleagues to consider Republican priorities where possible.

As for my bills, I am happy to report that they are progressing out of committee, to the House floor, and on to the Senate.

HB2720 seeks to address the school bus driver shortage and provide flexibility to students when it comes transportation options. Virginia school divisions collectively utilize 16,000 80-passenger yellow school buses

to transport students to and from school each day. But school bus driver employment continues to remain below pre-pandemic levels. Interrupted bus route services and instability created by driver shortages disrupt learning time and contribute to absenteeism. Additionally, since 1980, the average cost per student transported has increased by over 75 percent, attributable in part to a steady decline in ridership. My bill will allow school systems that choose to participate the ability to utilize smaller vehicles to transport students to school and extracurricular activities. HB2720 is the same as the bill I patroned last year, with a few changes: it is limited to a two-year pilot program for school divisions with total fall membership enrollment of fewer than 4,500 students.

HB2642 regulates and prohibits the sale of unsafe and counterfeit lighters in the Commonwealth, by creating definitions for lighters, unsafe lighters, and counterfeit lighters to protect children from these hazardous products. In 2017 alone, more than 300 million lighters were imported from China and other countries, and 70% of them failed to meet safety standards requiring child resistant mechanisms. HB2642 regulates the sale of lighters by defining unsafe lighters as those that fail to meet the American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM) International Standard F400-20, which specifies consumer safety standards, and defining a counterfeit lighter as any device that infringes upon the intellectual property of any United States citizen or entity protected under

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Employees salute San-Mar-Co owners on their retirement



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Thank you, to a great company! On behalf of all the employees, past and present, of San-Mar-Co, we extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Sandy and Ernie Hutchens. Your unwavering commitment to putting employees first and giving back to the

community has had an extraordinary impact on countless lives.

From the very beginning, you built San-Mar-Co on principles of generosity and compassion, rather than greed. Your donations to schools, churches, flood and fire victims, and families in need have made a significant

difference in the lives of many. Your actions have set a shining example for all of us.

The way you have treated all employees as family, providing care and support, has fostered a unique and enduring bond within the company. This sense of family and belonging remains a cornerstone of San-Mar-Co's culture to this day, and it is something we all cherish deeply.

From everyone who has ever had the privilege

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One point south of due east
4. Coagulated blood
8. Fortifying ditch
10. Devotee of Hinduism
11. Trunk of a tree
12. Bank note
13. Capital of Guam
15. Study again
16. Covered with hoarfrost
17. Opening
18. Legendary Rolling Stone
21. Stray
22. Computer storing system
23. Signal

24. Pitching statistic
25. Human being
26. Malaysian isthmus
27. The "Blonde Bombshell"
34. A gland
35. Bluish greens
36. Endangered
37. Three-dimensional
38. In a way, precipitated
39. God associated with dissolution
40. Blemished
41. Flow or leak slowly
42. Disco legends The Bee ____
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to board
2. Get down
3. Highly seasoned sausage
4. First day of month
5. Eurasian shrubs
6. The organ that bears the ovules of a flower
7. Small lake
9. Belief
10. Sunrooms
12. Metric weight unit
14. Vasopressin
15. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
17. One-time family room staple
19. Got back together

20. Anger
23. Sang merrily
24. Sea eagle
25. Military men
26. Kilo yard (abbr.)
27. Found in the sea
28. Protects from weather
29. Type of medicine
30. City along the Rhine
31. Animal disease
32. Martini ingredients
33. Get away
34. Lack of disunity
36. One-time European Commission officer

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Mufasa: The Lion King

(2024) Mufasa, a cub lost and alone, meets a sympathetic lion named Taka, the heir to a royal bloodline. The chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of a group of misfits searching for their destiny. (1 hr., 58 min.)

**Friday, Feb. 7
7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
7 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 9
3 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 13
7 p.m.**

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Snyder announces candidacy for Amsterdam seat on Botetourt County Board of Supervisors

Tim T. Snyder announced on Monday that he is a candidate for the Republican Party nomination for the Board of Supervisors member for the Amsterdam District in Botetourt County.

Snyder is a long-time resident of Botetourt County, growing up on his family’s farm in the Trinity section of Botetourt County. He has lived in the Amsterdam District for 27 years and currently serves on the County Planning Commission as the Amsterdam District representative. Prior to his service on the Planning Commission, Snyder served for 10 years as the Amsterdam District representative on the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Commission. He has served as president of the Greenfield Booster Club, and has coached Recreation League football, baseball and softball teams. Snyder also

served as assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scouts of America Troop 333 in Fincastle, and was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in 1986.

Snyder graduated from Lord Botetourt High School and attended National Business College and Virginia Western Community College before graduating from the Roanoke College Management Institute. He is currently Director of Information Technology at Virginia Lutheran Home, Inc. and is president and owner of GSS Computer Technology, providing computer equipment and technology services to businesses throughout the greater Roanoke region. Snyder has also served as a curriculum advisor for the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Roanoke Valley program.

“I look forward to meeting with as many voters and residents

of the Amsterdam District as possible to hear their interests and concerns about Botetourt County governance, and to share my thoughts and priorities for service on the Board of Supervisors,” Snyder said. “I encourage Amsterdam District residents to contact me at timsnyderboco@gmail.com.”

The Republican Primary to select the party’s supervisor candidate for the Amsterdam District of Botetourt County will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, with in-person voting taking place at Greenfield Elementary School and Lord Botetourt High School. Early voting begins on Friday, May 2, 2025, and takes place at the Voter Registrar’s Office in Fincastle through 5 p.m., Saturday, June 14, 2025.

- Botetourt County Republican Party



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Tim T. Snyder

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HB2080, which modernizes the DMV registration process by eliminating registration stickers, passed out of the House 96-1 and awaits hearing in Senate Transportation. As mentioned previously, this will save the DMV approximately \$2.3 million annually and greatly reduce the need for the currently more than 560,000 residents that spend 30 minutes a year waiting in line at DMV’s customer service centers to obtain them. After discussion with Treasurers and Commissioners of Revenue across the Commonwealth, it was determined that while the idea is sound, there are a few practical issues that need to be ironed out before this bill becomes law. As a result, I have placed an amendment that will delay enactment by one year and have the DMV to work with the Commissioners and Treasurers to ensure a

workable path forward.

HB2097 expands coverage for prostate cancer screening in the Commonwealth and passed out of the House 97-0.

HB2092 updates the Town of Buchanan’s Charter to reflect the shift to November municipal elections and the town manager’s requirements and responsibilities, while HB2644 allows the City of Lexington the flexibility to appoint 5-7 members onto its EDA, rather than the currently required seven. Both bills came at the request of the respective localities, and each passed out of the House 96-0.

This past week we welcomed to the Capitol the region’s home builders, constituents representing the Virginia Health Care Association, representatives of our district’s electric cooperatives, BARC and CBEC, and

our Treasurers and Commissioners of Revenue. As I always say, these visits are more than just friendly social calls, they are an opportunity for the office to learn of each group’s priorities and issues with legislation. It was through conversation with the Treasurers and Commissioners that I decided to amend my registration decal elimination bill so that they could work through their concerns with the DMV.

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

Leadership

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book to students. This initiative helps introduce more than 600 children to the importance of agriculture.

- **May – Eagle Rock Science Fair:** They engage with students at the fair, offering hands-on experiences and exhibits that showcase local agriculture.
- **August – County Fair**

in Buchanan: Their booth features a variety of agricultural products, educational handouts about crops and livestock, and resources on home gardening.

- **September – Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival:** They connect with visitors from near and far, sharing

knowledge about farming practices and the significance of agriculture.

During their “off” months, they continue their efforts by supporting local FFA and 4-H groups, donating fresh fruits to food pantries, and expanding their agricultural knowledge through local, district, and state

conventions.

Women interested in agriculture may attend the next meeting on Monday, February 10, at 6 p.m. at the Botetourt County Farm Bureau Office, 4450 Roanoke Road, Daleville.

- Submitted by Candace Monaghan

Honor Rolls

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Lewis, Warner Lewis, Gracie Ann Mattox, Madeline May, Callum McCoy, Layla McGavock, Neela Megow, Ian Michael, Madeleine Moore, Riley Morgan, Nicholas Morris,

Mathias Newton, Amelia Nicely, Renee Nunez Torres, Diya Patel, Gabrielle Pfeifer, Marshal Phillips, Carson Puckett, Maddlynn Roop, Adrienne Shenton, Autumn Sparks, Kylie

Sutler, Paphada Thepsimuang, Annagail Tribbett, Maddex Umer, Lucas Vargo, Alyssa Walker, Cherie Westervelt, Rylan Wilcher, Deacon Witt, Holly Wood, Nicholas Wright

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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
Crossroads Baptist Church - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, (540)761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 5:30 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 Chidren'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 Copsps Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email pmike09@outlook.com. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.: worship 11 a.m.: Wednesday night bible study will be held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Troutville Baptist Church –P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, Pastor Dr. Jeff Ritchey. Sunday School 9:45 AM; Worship 11 AM. Wednesday: Adult Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30PM; Youth & Children Activities 6:30PM.

Zion Hill Baptist Church—Intersection of Zion Hill Road and Old Fincastle Road. Pastor Donald Goforth (540) 884-2285. Sunday School -10 AM Worship 11AM. Youth Activities (grades 6-12) and Kingdom Kids (preschool-grade 5) Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Cloverdale Church of the Brethren— 4708 Read Mtn. Rd., 992-1060; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wed. (Sept.-May), Family Dinner, 6 p.m., Bible study, 6:45 p.m. Preschool, after-school care & summer day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna Burkhart, preschool director.

Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren— 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 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

WORDS OF RELIEF

Read Job 15:1 through 22:30

Justin sat in Caleb's apartment, hoping his big brother could provide some words of encouragement. An official letter from his college had arrived, announcing that Justin was on academic probation. Justin never realized those two words would cause his parents so much pain, anger, and disappointment.

Caleb was frustrated. He knew the sacrifices his parents made so that Justin could attend college. College loans, scholarships, and money did not come easy. His parents worked hard at obtaining all the financial aid they could gather. His dad picked up extra shifts at work to cover the cost of books. Now, to hear that Justin "blew it" was more than Caleb could bear. He wanted to explode, but the Holy Spirit urged him to listen. After several moments, Caleb sat down beside Justin and placed his arm around him. Caleb whispered, "Mind if I pray for you?"

Justin grinned, "Thanks, man. I sure could use it!"

But my mouth would encourage you; comfort from my lips would bring you relief (Job 16:5).

Do your words bring comfort or condemnation?

Challenge for Today: Provide comfort and encouragement to someone close to you.

Quicklook: Job 16:4-6

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 4pm, 5th Sunday Potluck luncheon, Handicap Accessible, Contact Pastor Davd at dtozar9@yahoo.com. Follow on Facebook, Sunday worship and Bible study stream live.

Troutville Church of the Brethren - 5133 Lee Hwy., 992-1571; Terry R. Johnson, Pastor; Don Obenshain, Choir Director. Sunday Morning Services: Sunday School, 10 am; Worship Service, 11 am. Sunday Night Meetings: Rainbows, 5:30 pm; Christ Seekers, 6:00 pm. Wednesday Night Meetings: Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Choir practice, 7:00 pm. Family Fellowship Time will be held each 3rd Sunday of the month. Handicap Accessible. Our email address is: Troutvillecob@hotmail.com.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dale Ridge Church of Christ - Will you "come back to the Bible", learn more and follow Him? If you live locally in this beautiful Roanoke Valley or Botetourt County area, there is a Church, you will know it's the ONE when you see the name on the end of the building that reads Church of Christ. 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW, Roanoke, VA 24019. We offer a free 3 lesson, OPEN Bible course entitled "Back to the Bible." Only available in home or where our Church meets: Sign up now on our website, 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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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 oslroanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888.
Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church— 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (in person or parking lot, tune car radio to 88.9 FM). The Rev. Chuck Miller, 540-589-7553. Facebook, <http://www.wheatlandlutheran.org>; teemwheatland@gmail.com

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Grace Bible Church of Botetourt – 148 Amsterdam Rd. (beside the south lane of 220 in Amsterdam, 1.5 miles north of LBHS). Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Pastor Jay Robinette - 855-4620.

Mt. Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock at intersection of Rt. 43 and 688; pastor, Richard Ronk; phone # (540) 884-3653; Sunday School at 10:00 A.M., Worship at 11:00 A.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Woodland Church—A Place Where You Can Grow – 45 Woodland Rd. Troutville, VA. Corner of Blacksburg/ Country Club Rds., 3.5 miles W. of Fincastle; 992-1008. Sunday School, 10AM; Worship, 11AM, Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30PM. Website: woodlandchurchbc.com. E-mail address: woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN
Buchanan Presbyterian Church – 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each

month. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org
Fincastle Presbyterian Church – 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, Supply Minister, Lori Turner, Music Director. Worship service in the Sanctuary and via Live Streaming (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastleresbyterianchurch>) at 10:30 AM. Adult Sunday School offered at 9:30 AM. Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning service. Bell choir practices after Sunday Fellowship, often providing special music in our services. For more information please email fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com or call 540.473.2042.

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church - 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Rev. Emily B. Hook, pastor, 804-516-6552. Sunday School at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Morning Worship & Praise at 11a.m. each Sunday. Communion once each quarter.

Virginia Presbyterian Church – 918 Pico Road, Buchanan, 24066. Worship 9:30 a.m. (nursery provided), Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

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

UNITED METHODIST
Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church – 3936 Beaver Dam Road, just off Springwood Road, Springwood. Rev. Morris A. Bennett. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. followed by Worship, 10 a.m.

Eagle Rock United Methodist Church – 14565 Church St., Eagle Rock, 10:15 AM; Glen Wilton UMC, Main St., Glen Wilton, 9:00 AM; Shiloh UMC, Shiloh Rd, Eagle Rock, 11:15 AM. Pastor Ray Sandifer (540) 525-0258. Mail donations for the building fund to P.O. Box 85, Eagle Rock.

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

Brickey, Cynthia A.

Cynthia A. (Cindy) Brickey, 83, of Troutville, passed away on Friday, January 24, 2025.

Cindy was born in Bedford County to Levi T. Citty and Ocie E. Overstreet. Along with her parents, Cindy was preceded in death by her loving husband, Carl W. Brickey; brother, John D. Citty; and son, Dale E. Roberts.

Cindy was a caring nurse and retired from the VA Medical Center in the Salem where she was honored to care for America's Veterans. She was a longtime member of Catawba Valley Baptist Church in Troutville.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her daughter, Cynthia R. Morrow and husband, Ronnie of Durham, N.C.; son, Barry W. Roberts and wife, Cathy of Troutville; grandsons, John M. Roberts and wife, Samantha of Eden, N.C., Colin G. Benton and fiancé, Bella Nelson of Trinity, N.C.; granddaughter, Emily E. Roberts of Stoneville, N.C.; great-granddaughter, Emery Roberts; special cousins, Susan and Steve Bandy of Salem; lifelong friends, Janet and Jon Griesenbeck of Boones Mill; and many other friends and family.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Justin Weppner and his staff for the compassionate care they provided to our loving mother. Also, the staff of Friendship North for their respectful and compassionate care. The entire staff of Friendship Salem Terrace, where Mom called home, for the compassion, love, support, and friendship they have shown our mother and our entire family. We would also like to thank Susan Bandy for her dedication she has shown in helping us care for our mother.

The family receive friends on Friday, January 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakey's East Chapel. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, February 1 at 10 a.m. at Oakey's East Chapel with interment following in Mt. Union Cemetery in Troutville. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 and Catawba Valley Baptist Church, Attention: Financial Secretary, P.O. Box 12, Catawba, 24070.



Powell, Richard Scott

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Richard Scott Powell, fondly known to all as Rich, who left us on January 17, 2025, at the age of 57.

Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on April 2, 1967, Rich and his family moved to Botetourt County in 1979, where he spent much of his life. A proud graduate of Lord Botetourt High School in 1985, Rich's career with Piedmont Airlines (now American Airlines) began in 1988, where he dedicated 37 years of his life to serving his community and his passengers.

Rich was preceded in death by his beloved father, JL Powell, and in-laws Jan and Sam Mills. He leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter, cherished by his devoted wife of 32 years, Jill Paterno; his mother, Diana Powell; his sister, Sherri; his brother, Brad; and his dear brothers-in-law, Steve (Jennifer) Paterno, Jim (Kelly) Mills, Jeff (Heather) Kenneweg, along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Those who knew Rich will forever remember him for his infectious sense of humor and his bright, light-hearted spirit. Rich had a unique gift for making people smile, often calling up family and friends with, "Hey, do you want to hear a good joke?" His laughter was truly the soundtrack of many lives, and his warmth and generosity touched all who had the privilege of knowing him. Whether it was watching his favorite sports teams, relaxing at the beach, playing poker, or sharing treasured moments with his loved ones, Rich lived life to its fullest, always prioritizing time with family and friends.

In this time of sorrow, the family extends their deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love and support. A private service will be held for immediate family. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to honor Rich's memory in a way that would bring a smile to his face: perhaps by placing a bet on FanDuel (but only if it's for the UVA Cavaliers!).

Rest in peace, Rich. You will be dearly missed, but your humor and love will live on in all of us.



Westerman, Elmer Curtis, III

Elmer Curtis "Curt" Westerman III entered his heavenly home on Saturday, January 25, 2025, just a few months shy of his 70th birthday.

Curt was born on April 2, 1955, to E.C. and Mary Ellen Westerman. He came into the world at the Old Lewis-Gale Hospital with the help of Dr. E.B. Morgan. He was named for his grandfather and his father, thus making him a III (3rd).

Curt was all boy, as he loved to play outdoors with trucks, air rifles, football and, of course, tractor rides in the fields with Ed Camden. Curt went to Breckinridge Elementary School, BI, and Lord Botetourt High School. He finished his education at Fork Union Military Academy.

The Cowpasture River held many summer adventures for Curt and his cousins. Family vacations were spent there as well as at the beach. It was on the River he found the true meaning of snipe hunting!!

Left to remember these adventures are his sister, Marcia "Sissy" Neighbors and Mack; nephew, Chad Neighbors (Cherie); and nieces, Christine Slingluff (David) and Ginni Ellen Morris (Dallas); great-niece, Amelia; and great-nephews, Isiah (fiancée Emma), Micah and Daxton; many cousins and childhood friends.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 11 a.m. at Godwin Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, hug all your family members daily as you just don't know when God will call them or you home or make a donation to your favorite charity. Rest in peace, sweet Curt.



Letter

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of working for San-Mar-Co, we want to say "Thank you, Sandy and Ernie Hutchens." Your kindness and dedication have left an enduring mark on our hearts, and we love you for it.

As you both embark on your well-deserved retirement, we wish you nothing but the best. May this new chapter of your lives be filled with joy, peace, and fulfillment. Enjoy every moment and know that you have made a lasting and positive impact on all of us.

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CHURCH NEWS

Pleasant Hill Baptist food boxes available Saturday

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will have food boxes available Saturday, February 8, from 9 till 10:30 a.m.

Pick them up at the church on Country Club Road or at the Eagle Rock Library.

Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Food Pantry, sponsored by the Buchanan Presbyterian Church, will be open February 8, from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. Volunteers from Buchanan Baptist Church will be hosts and distribute meat, bread, milk and staples at the curb to anyone who needs food. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

Fellowship meal Sunday at Fincastle Presbyterian

On Sunday, February 9, immediately following Sunday morning service (approximately 11:30 a.m.), Fincastle Presbyterian Church will be hosting a covered-dish fellowship meal in the downstairs fellowship hall. The church will be providing chicken and drinks. All are welcome to come.

Ebenezer having 'Souper' Bowl this Saturday

Ebenezer United Methodist Church will have a "Souper" Bowl on Saturday, February 8, from 2 till 4 p.m. Get soup or chili to take home for Sunday or eat in on Saturday. The soup and chili will be sold for \$5 a pint. Desserts will also be sold. Ebenezer is located at 85 Nace Road, Troutville.

Hymn sing at Mt. Carmel

Mt. Carmel Church, Eagle Rock, will host a community hymn sing on Sunday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

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 Saturdays, February 15 and 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.

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.

Valentine Tea at St. Mark's UMC

St. Mark's United Methodist in Daleville is hosting a Valentine Tea to raise funds for a Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing. Want to have high tea with your sweetie or enjoy an afternoon with your best friends? Plan to attend the Valentine Tea on Saturday, February 15, in the fellowship hall; choose a time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Boxes also will be offered to go and boxes of just scones and Devonshire cream. Register on the church website <http://www.stmarksmethodist.com>; adults, \$18, children under 12, \$10.

Linen sale at Cloverdale Thrift Store

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is having a linen sale. Everything from sheets and bedspreads to bath towels, placemats and throw pillows are all priced to sell at \$1. Donations are welcome; open Saturday 9 to 12.

Wasted Ways playing Friday at Buchanan Moose Lodge




PHOTO COURTESY OF WASTED WAYS

Members of Wasted Ways are (from left) Lewis Dudley, Noah Gilliam, Mickey Helms, and Jason Petty.

The local music group "Wasted Ways" will be playing at the Buchanan Moose Lodge this Friday, Feb. 7, from 7-10 p.m. Admission is free.

Those who are not members should see the bartender and a Moose member will sign you in. New members are wanted to join this group that does good deeds in the community.

- Buchanan Moose Lodge



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Bands

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The Lord Botetourt marching band performs.

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February at James Madison University. The students gave an outstanding performance under the direction of Doug Martin, Concert Band, and Dr. T. Andre Feagin, Symphonic Band. Each band had less than 48 hours to prepare a concert with their guest clinicians. The

students had a remarkable experience and performed exceptionally.

- Submitted by Chris Caldwell, Director of Bands – Lord Botetourt High School

Board

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The Clark building located at 5 Back Street in Fincastle recently leased additional storage space for county courthouse records and for EMS supplies.

dependent upon whether there are any outstanding federal permits needed” by Apex. “To the best of our (the county’s) knowledge there were no further permits that Apex needed from the federal government that would be held up by this executive order,” Lockaby said, adding that managing permits is

ultimately up to Apex and that he’s still continuing to analyze what the executive order will mean in practice moving forward. Changes, if any, regarding this order as it pertains to the wind project will be shared with the board.

Courthouse and EMS storage updates

Display

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and place it into the Remembered container – symbolizing the transition from historical obscurity to recognition. This activity was inspired by The American Civil War Museum in Appomattox. They have a similar display in their foyer upon entrance into the museum and the experience was so profound that it only seemed right to recognize those that have been overlooked in Botetourt’s history as well.

The names included here were taken from References to “Slave”/” Negro”/” Free” in Court Order, Common Law, Chancery, and County Court Order Books of Botetourt County: 1801 Through 1880 Chronological Listings, compiled by Robert Harshbarger, a recent Historic Greenfield Advisory Council publication, and other primary source documents. The Botetourt County Historical Society remains committed to

preserving and sharing the full history of the region, including the often-overlooked contributions and struggles of enslaved individuals. “Unspoken Names” serves as an opportunity for the community to reflect, learn, and engage in a collective act of remembrance. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10-2 and on Sundays from 2-4.

- Botetourt County Historical Society

Reorganization

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Growing up in Montana, he planned to become a petroleum engineer, but instead he set his sights on biology, becoming a well-known optometrist for Vistar Eye Center. He attended the Illinois College of Optometry and received clinical training at the Illinois Eye Institute and Great Lakes Naval Base. He completed his residency at the Veterans Administration Medical

Center in Huntington, W.Va. Scothorn has worked tirelessly as the chair of the county’s Broadband Commission and has been a driving force in helping make universal broadband coverage a reality in the county. “I’m truly excited to take on the role of vice chair for the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors,” Scothorn said. “As someone who’s had the privilege of working in this community and

raising my family here, I care deeply about seeing Botetourt County flourish. I’m looking forward to working alongside my fellow supervisors to keep moving our county forward, and I’m committed to listening to our citizens every step of the way. This is such a special place, and it’s an honor to play a part in shaping its future.” Steve Clinton, Brandon Nicely, and Walter Michael will continue to serve on the Board of Supervisors

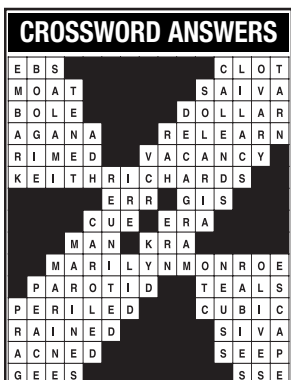


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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors: Brandon Nicely (Fincastle), Vice Chair Dr. Mac Scothorn (Valley), Chair Amy White (Buchanan), Steve Clinton (Amsterdam), and Walter Michael (Blue Ridge)

in 2025.

Additional county appointments from



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE FINCASTLE PLANNING COMMISSION AND FINCASTLE TOWN COUNCIL

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285, this shall serve as notice that the Town of Fincastle Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 11, 2025, 7:30 p.m. at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department located at 25 Vine Street in Fincastle. This hearing is for the purpose of soliciting public input on:

1. A text amendment to the Town of Fincastle Zoning Ordinance definition in order to clarify the meanings of public and community utilities. And,
2. The addition of a section (Article VI, Section 613) to the Town Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of describing the procedure for the process of appeals to a decision made by Town Council.

The Fincastle Town Council will then have a public hearing on these items on February 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fincastle Public Library located at 11 Academy Street, Fincastle.

Copies of these proposals can be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town Office during regular office hours or by contacting Scott Critzer at 540-473-3377 or the Town Manager at 540-473-2200.

Scott Critzer, Chairman,
Fincastle Planning Commission
Melanie McFadyen, Fincastle Town Manager

Tuesday’s meeting include:

- David Dearing is the county’s newest part-time Code Enforcement Officer.
- Jaime Thrasher is the new Parks and Recreation Community Recreation Coordinator, focusing on activities for all ages. She’s also a certified yoga instructor and holds many other certifications, bringing a wealth of knowledge to community programming.

- Brandon Bryner is the new Maintenance Technician. He and his wife recently relocated from Oregon to join the Botetourt County team.
- Jeff Lambert is the custodian for the Greenfield Administration building. Lambert is a local, living right here in Botetourt County.

To find out more about the supervisors, visit www.botetourtva.gov/bos. The public is also welcome to attend the supervisors’ meetings. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Botetourt Administration Center at Greenfield, 57 S. Center Drive in Daleville.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Stockyard Report

Monday’s sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

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Crawford’s big game helps Allen post 200th win

Lord Botetourt grad Jackson Crawford scored a collegiate career-high 27 points when Emory & Henry University defeated Newberry College, 78-67, in Emory on January 25. The win marked the 200th career win for Wasp coach Jimmy Allen. Crawford, a sophomore captain on the Emory & Henry team, is averaging 11.4 points and 3.9 assists per game for the Wasps, and he also leads the team in steals. Emory & Henry is at Coker University in Hartsville, S.C., Saturday.



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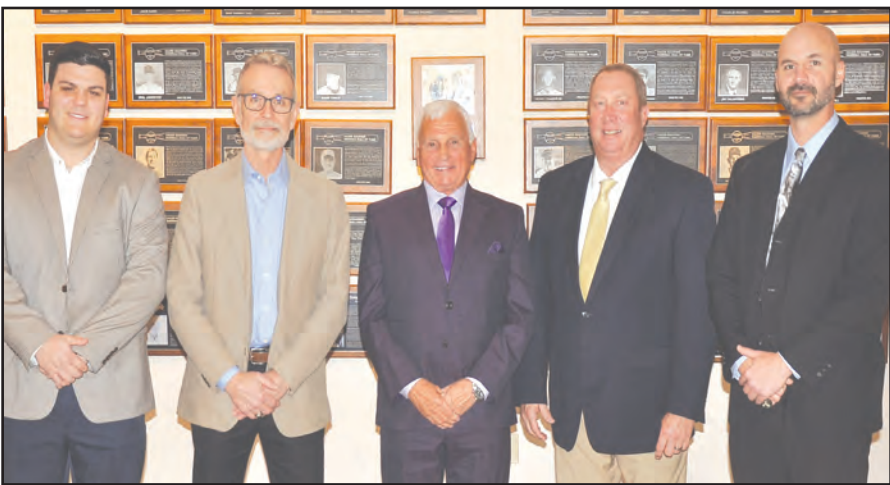


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Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame Class of ‘25

The 33rd Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame banquet was held at the Salem Civic Center Sunday night to induct five new members. Left to right are JD Mundy, Ed Culicerto, Terry Collins, F.L. Slough and Casey Hodges. Collins, a long time Major League manager who played for the 1972 Salem Pirates, was also the guest speaker. Also, Robert Anderson was honored with the Wayne LaPierre, Sr. Award for community service to baseball.

LB’s Knick is a junior on RC track team

Dylan Knick, a Roanoke College junior from Lord Botetourt, competes in the long jump at last Saturday’s Cregger Invitational in Salem.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



PHOTO BY XAIDEN WYNN

Jackson Dean of Read Mountain took first place in the 105-pound class at the VAWA Kids State Qualifier at Glenvar High School.

Radford is site for Three Rivers District wrestling Saturday

The Three Rivers District wrestling tournament will be held at Radford High School this Saturday to mark the beginning of the high school post-season. The Region 2C tournament, including James River, is scheduled for Liberty High a week later, on Saturday, February 15.

James River competed in the Eighth Annual “Big Red” tournament at Riverheads High last Saturday and finished sixth among 14 teams. Central of Wise won the tournament, followed by Massaponax. River had two champions. Xaiden Wynn improved to 33-1 on the season with a first place at 113 and Nathan Stewart

is 19-5 after winning the 144-pound class. Brayden Forbes made the final but lost to a wrestler from Wise for just his second loss of the season. Brayden is now 34-2. Also placing were Ethan Serrano with a fourth at 106, Josiah Merchant with a fourth at 138 and Silas Whitson was fifth at 106.

Middle School wrestlers compete in State Qualifier

Wrestlers from with the Botetourt Training Center who attend Read Mountain and Central Academy Middle Schools had a strong showing at the 2025 VAWA Kids State Qualifier at Glenvar High School last weekend, earning spots at states. Read Mountain had three champions, Jackson Dean at 105, Porter Kincer

at 115 and Bronson Shields at 165. Nathan Gergely was second at 96 and Brenden Reedy took a third at 84. Two Central Academy boys were runners-up, Tucker Hall at 132 and Ashton Orange at 175. Thirds were won by Treavor Puffenbarger at 150, Bryson Spence at 110 and Sam Hall, in overtime, at 132.

Track teams will compete at RC this week



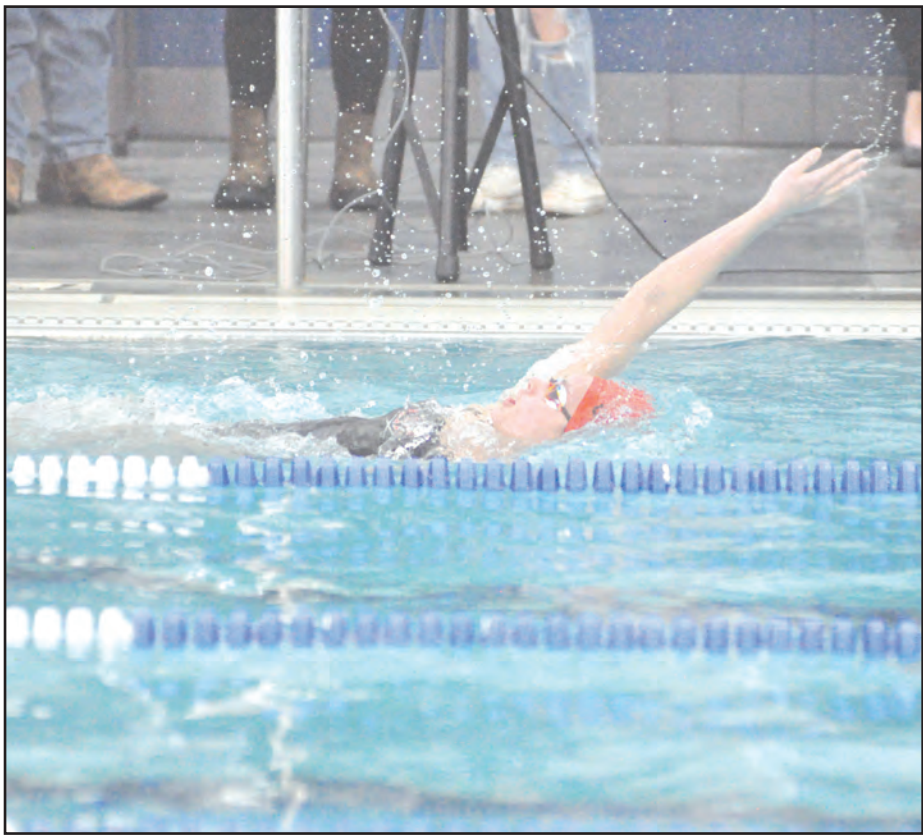
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James River’s Gavin Binns (left) is ranked second in the state in Class 2 in the 55-meter dash.

The Lord Botetourt and James River indoor track teams will be in Salem Saturday for the East Coast Elite Meet. The event will be at Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse on the campus of Roanoke College. Both county teams ran in the Bulldog Invitational at Liberty University in Lynchburg last Saturday and had some outstanding results.

For River, Gavin Binns finished sixth in the 55 dash with a personal record time of 6.64, state qualifying in the process. He’s ranked second in the state in the event in Class 2. Naveah VanBuren of River finished third in the triple jump and is now state qualified in the triple, long jump and high jump. Jaden Alston state qualified in the shot

put. For Botetourt, Eric Duncan was runner-up in the 3200, breaking the LB school record with a time of 9:21.94. Caleb Miller also broke a school record when he ran a time of 7.82 in the 55 hurdles to take sixth place. “There were a lot of personal bests at Bulldog,” said LB coach Tra Wilson.



Hannah Mizuba of LB swims the backstroke.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

LB girls take second at Blue Ridge District swim meet

The Lord Botetourt girls were second and the boys were fourth in the Blue Ridge District championship swim meet last Friday night. The William Byrd girls and Franklin County boys took team titles at the Franklin County Family YMCA. Heat winners for the LB girls included Hannah Mizuba in the 100 Backstroke, Julia Misicko in the 100 Butterfly and the 400 Free Relay team of

Analise Buyalos, Olivia Nicely, Misicko and Mizuba. For the boys, Max Mizuba was a heat winner in both the 100 Back and 200 IM. Next up for the Cavaliers is the Region 3D swim meet at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center on February 11. James River will swim in the Region 2C meet, also at the Christiansburg AC, on February 13.

LB Wrestlers

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and 27 in Henrico.

The LB boys wrestled at William Fleming last Wednesday in a quad with Franklin County, Albemarle and the host Colonels. Botetourt beat William Fleming, 48-35, Albemarle, 50-21, and Franklin County 53-27.

“Any time we can go get three wins over some 5A schools is great for our program,” said Craft. On Saturday, LB sent 10 wrestlers to Riverheads for the Eighth Annual Big Red. Botetourt took third place. “We had a couple starters out

and I think if we’re healthy we come away in first place there, but our guys wrestled great,” said Craft. The Blue Ridge District tournament is tonight at Staunton River. “The district tournament doesn’t really mean much

anymore,” said Craft. “It’s a holdover from years ago when it was just 1A, 2A, and 3A divisions in the state. At that time, everyone in the Blue Ridge District was a 2A school, so you had to place in the top four of the district tournament in order to qualify for the

region tournament. Now, it doesn’t matter if you’re 0-25 or 25-0, you’re still going to the region tournament. The district tournament is basically for bragging rights and hanging a ‘District Champion’ date on the banners hanging in the gyms.”

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Cavaliers are third in BRD boys basketball standings



The Lord Botetourt basketball team wore Salem uniforms at their game against North Cross Saturday when both teams showed up with white at the Adam Ward Classic at Salem High.



Braydon Whorley (black uniform) of Lord Botetourt is fouled as he goes to the hoop against North Cross.



Landon Hayes of LB lines up a three in Saturday's game.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Lord Botetourt boys moved into third place in the Blue Ridge District basketball standings with two district wins last week, both on the road. The Cavs beat Staunton River in Moneta and William Byrd in Vinton.

With the two wins, LB improved to 3-2 in district games, trailing only the two "big boys" of the Blue Ridge, 6-0 Northside and 5-1 William Fleming. The Cavs were scheduled to host Fleming Tuesday and Northside Friday along with a third home game

against Staunton River tonight.

Last week in Moneta, LB beat the Eagles, 62-55, behind 18 points by Blake Lovern. Brady Kish had a dozen and was seven-for-eight at the line down the stretch as LB sealed the deal. "We had to play behind for three-plus quarters," said coach Josh Aliveto. "I was proud of how we fought back in the fourth quarter to win the ball game."

On Friday in Vinton, the Cavaliers spoiled Byrd's "Senior Night" with a 65-59 win. Carson Edwards had 19

rebounds and eight assists to go with eight points. Lovern had 19, Landon Hayes had 14 and Conner Dowdy had 13.

"It was nice to be able to go into Vinton and come away with a key district and region win," said Aliveto.

The Cavaliers got on the bus to Salem about 12 hours later to play in the Adam Ward Classic against North Cross at Salem High. Unfortunately, they packed the white uniforms and North Cross showed up with their whites, as well. Host

Salem had played Friday night and weren't on the Saturday schedule, so LB donned black Salem High uniforms for the game.

For a while they appeared to be lucky, as the Cavs opened as much as a 14-point lead against a solid Raiders team. However, North Cross made a run in the fourth quarter and tied the game on a three-point shot that banked in at the buzzer. The Raiders then won in overtime with two seconds to go on a steal and a layup with the game tied, stealing

an 80-78 win.

"We were able to play solid basketball for three quarters but were unable to close out the game in the fourth," said Aliveto. "I was proud of how we handled a four-game week by going three and one for the week."

Kish hit six three-pointers and finished with 22 points against North Cross. Lovern had 15, Hayes had 12 and Edwards had a dozen points, 14 boards and six assists.

Botetourt is now 8-10 overall. Tonight is Rec Night at LB.

LB hoop girls turn the tables on Staunton River

The Lord Botetourt girls avenged one of their two season losses in basketball when they defeated Staunton River in Moneta Monday. With the win, LB improved to 17-2 overall and the Eagles are also 17-2 with the loss.

The Cavaliers were scheduled to return to the floor Tuesday to take on William Fleming, the top team in the district. Tuesday's results were too late for publication, but the Colonels went into that one 16-2 overall and 6-0 in district games.

Staunton River edged LB the first time around, 45-43, but on Monday it was all Cavaliers. Botetourt picked up the pace and raced to an impressive 52-34 win over a strong Eagles team.

"We sped them up and played hard from start to finish," said LB coach Renee Favaro. "Proud of their grit and just playing the game the right way."

Madilyn Winterton had 22 points, 11 steals and eight rebounds for a near triple-double. Maddie Caron had 17 points and eight boards and Abby Kingery scored eight and played great defense.

Monday's win was the third in six days for the Cavs. Last Wednesday, the girls hosted Class 4 E.C. Glass and took a 65-19 win. LB scored 29 points off turnovers and shot 43 percent from beyond the three-point line. Winterton scored 24 points with 11



Abby Kingery handles the ball in last week's win over Byrd.

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steals and seven assists, Caron scored 17 with eight boards and three blocks and Maggie Hoover rounded out the double-figure scoring with a dozen points.

On Friday, the girls played host to William Byrd and won 59-27 in a Blue Ridge District game. Botetourt forced 27 turnovers and committed just five. Caron led the team with 19 points and Botetourt got a career-high 11 from Jaiden Dann and nine points from Reagan Meade, who was three-for-three from distance. The girls stepped up as starter Alicia Holmes recently tore her ACL and is out for the season.

After Tuesday's game at Fleming, the Cavaliers are at Northside Friday and home to Franklin County next Tuesday.

James River girls will play basketball at Radford tonight

The James River girls will be on the road tonight to take on Radford High in a Three Rivers District basketball game.

The Knights lost for the first time in the Three Rivers when they fell to Alleghany on the road last week, 62-54. River bounced back with a win at home over Carroll County last Thursday, 39-21. River led 12-2 after one period and 28-6 at the half against Carroll, who has won just one game all season.

The Knights are now 15-2 overall and they'll get another shot at Alleghany when the Cougars come to Springwood February 14. After tonight's game at Radford, the Knights are home to Patrick County on Friday followed by a home game with Glenvar next Tuesday, February 11.

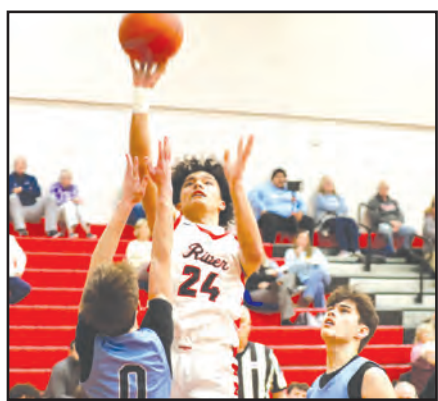


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River's Keira Crawford handles the ball.



River's Jack Beheler (50) powers his way to the basket against Alleghany.



Maddox Pichay goes high to score against the Cougars.

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Rivermen will host Radford in basketball Thursday

The James River boys will play host to Radford Thursday in a big Three Rivers District basketball game. River is looking to turn things around after dropping two district games last week.

The Knights hosted Alleghany last Wednesday and dropped a 43-26 decision. Kody Park led the team with nine points and Jack Beheler had six.

On Friday in Hillsville, River ran into another strong team and dropped

a 60-40 game to the host Cavaliers. Ryder Ward led River with 13 points and Park had a dozen.

"These last two games we faced some really good teams and statistically the games were over by halftime," said River coach Ethan Humphries. "Their combined records are 29-6 so we knew the task was going to be tall. However, we're most proud of our guys for hanging in there.

Both games we won the second half outright. We aren't blind to the dynamics that come with that, but for our guys to keep fighting regardless of the scoreboard speaks a lot to their character."

With the two losses River fell to 6-12 overall. After Thursday's home game with Radford, the Knights will be at Patrick County next Monday and at Glenvar a week from today for Three Rivers District games.



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These Lord Botetourt girls wrestled in the Zone 1 qualifier in Bristol last weekend. Left to right are Elizabeth Odell (3rd Place), Jasmin Andrade (3rd Place) and Serenity Shearer (1st place).

LB wrestlers in district tournament in Moneta tonight

Last week was a busy week for the Lord Botetourt wrestling team as Cavaliers competed in three different events, both boys and girls.

Lord Botetourt took three girls from the "Pink Team" to Virginia High School in Bristol last weekend to wrestle in the Zone 1 Qualifier. Three other LB girls missed the event due to illness.

"The qualifier is basically the region qualifier for the state tournament," said LB coach Paul Craft. "The difference is that for the guys the regions are broken down into divisions, 1A 2A 3A etc. For the girls, it's all schools across all

divisions in the region qualifier. So, our girls were wrestling 1A-5A girls from other schools in the region."

Serenity Shearer won the region at 145 pounds, rallying to win both her semifinal and final matches with pins. She is the first girl to win the region in Lord Botetourt history.

History was made by two other LB girls as well. Jasmin Andrade and Elizabeth Odell both placed third. All three of these girls will wrestle in the girls state tournament on February 26

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