

Lord Botetourt graduate wins 2025 Critical Language Scholarship for Persian

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Nina Appicello, a Lord Botetourt High School graduate, has been named a winner of the prestigious 2025 Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) for Persian/Farsi. Currently a junior at William & Mary, where she majors in International Relations, Appicello is the first student from the Botetourt area to earn the award in her chosen language. “You can choose a language that interests you, but awards are typically given to those whose language choice aligns with their professional goals,” Appicello explained. “Given my research on nuclear proliferation, studying a language critical to the Middle East made the most sense for my career. The region plays a pivotal role in global security, and events like the Iran Nuclear Deal highlight its importance. Persian (Farsi), spoken in Iran, Tajikistan, and Afghanistan, is especially

relevant in this context.” Appicello shared that International Relations feels like the perfect combination of economics, language, and political science for her. During her time at Lord Botetourt, AP courses such as AP Government and AP French, taught by passionate instructors, sparked her interest in these fields. “It wasn’t until I interned at the European Union Center in Rome that I truly understood what working in that type of government environment is like,” she said. At William & Mary, Appicello currently serves as a Student Researcher at the Global Research Institute’s NukeLab, and as the Undergraduate Representative for the Committee of International Studies Board. NukeLab is an undergraduate research lab that uses advanced social science theories and methods to address policy questions related to nuclear security, proliferation, and

deterrence. Students collaborate closely with faculty on all aspects of research, including building theories, collecting and analyzing data, and sharing findings with academic and policy communities. “At NukeLab, I’ve gained hands-on experience in nuclear security research, data analysis, and policy evaluation, all of which helped shape my CLS application,” Appicello added. “I’ve worked on research papers and explored my own interests within the lab, and I hope to have a publication on technology in diplomacy by the end of the year.” In addition, Appicello serves as a Transition Coach for incoming transfer students at William & Mary. “Being a Transition Coach is a great way to give back and strengthen our campus community,” she said. “The role requires openness and strong social skills to support transfer



PHOTO COURTESY OF NINA APPICELLO
Lord Botetourt graduate Nina Appicello recently was announced as a winner of the 2025 Critical Language Scholarship for Persian (Farsi).

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(Left photo) School Board Chair Anna Weddle, BCPS March Employee of the Month Emily Keogh, and Greenfield Elementary School Principal Jennifer Hawks; (right photo) Buchanan Elementary School Principal Catey Moretz, BCPS March Employee of the Month Tammy Ogle, and Buchanan District School Board member Jenny Wilson

School Board announces March Employees of the Month

Matt de Simone
Managing Editor

During the Botetourt County School Board’s regular meeting March 13 in Fincastle, Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ announced March’s Employees of the Month. Tammy

Ogle, the school nurse at Buchanan Elementary School, and Emily Keogh, a kindergarten teacher at Greenfield Elementary School, each received certificates of recognition for their exceptional service and contributions to Botetourt County Public Schools.

Russ read quotes for both employee’s nominations. “Tammy Ogle exemplifies the dedication of a school nurse,” Russ read. “She provides care and support to all students and while assisting custodians and

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James River High School students reflect on their visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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A group of English 10 Honors students from James River High School recently visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. on March 13. The visit left a lasting impact on the students as they experienced the gravity of the Holocaust in an immersive and emotional way. Accompanied by their teacher, Lori Wingo, the English students were able to witness firsthand the tragedies of the Holocaust and reflect on its continuing relevance in today’s world.

The museum’s exhibits were particularly moving for the students. One student described a room filled with photographs of Holocaust victims that reached from floor to ceiling. The images were not just historical documents but personal family photos of people whose lives were tragically cut short by the Holocaust. The students

could interact with the exhibit by using tablets to learn the stories behind the portraits, many of which were colorized, making the experience feel even more real.

“I think it really hit home for me because when you’re reading about something in a book, it doesn’t feel as real as when you’re standing there and seeing the faces of people who lived through these events,” student Brianna Patterson shared. “Seeing the faces of people who died in the Holocaust and learning about their lives— some of them were only children— was so moving.”

The museum’s immersive approach allowed the students to not only see evidence of the atrocities but also hear the voices of survivors. In certain exhibits, the students could listen to the survivors recount their experiences in audio or video recordings, bringing a human dimension to the historical

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Early morning shooting results in attempted murder charges

The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office is investigating an early morning shooting incident that occurred on Sunday, March 23.

At approximately 3:25 a.m., the Botetourt County 911 Emergency Communications Center received a call from a female reporting she and her boyfriend had been fired upon at a residence in the 20,000 block of Botetourt Road between Eagle Rock and Iron Gate. An ensuing investigation determined the mother and her

boyfriend responded to the home early in the morning after receiving an alarming message from her daughter claiming she was in a domestic dispute with her boyfriend. Upon arriving at the residence to pick up her daughter, she encountered a male subject restraining her daughter by the arm. The male then brandished a firearm and, as the mother attempted to intervene, fired two shots in her direction. Fortunately, no one

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Joseph Lee Bray (image taken in 2024)



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Arieanna McDorman (image taken in 2023)



FILE GRAPHIC

Botetourt County introduces ‘Let’s Go BOCO’ – Your Ultimate Guide to Outdoor Adventures

Adventure awaits in Botetourt County, and now it’s easier than ever to find your next outdoor escape. Introducing “Let’s Go BOCO,” an interactive map designed to help residents and visitors discover the best spots for hiking, fishing, biking, and exploring the great outdoors. “Adventure surrounds

Botetourt County,” says Victor Morales, Director of Parks & Recreation. “We aim to help residents locate their next outdoor recreation experience, and to fall in love with what is in their backyard!” This user-friendly tool makes planning your next adventure a breeze. Simply click on a location to get directions, see what

to bring, and learn about the outdoor experiences waiting for you. Whether you’re a seasoned explorer or just getting started, “Let’s Go BOCO” has something for everyone. Check it out now at <http://www.botetourtva.gov/letsgeboco>.

~ Botetourt Parks & Recreation



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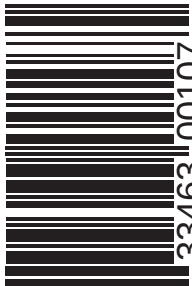
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Botetourt County History



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History reveals that jewelry boxes date back to 5000 B.C. in Egypt. They were used by men and women to protect and store their treasures. This vintage wooden box has a lid and drawer for storage and is hand painted with flowers for a feminine look. Who can resist a charming jewelry box and not want to know what's

inside? It was donated to the Botetourt Museum of History & Culture by Fincastle resident Angela Coon. She is an active historian and board member of the Botetourt County Historical Society for over 40 years.

~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Buchanan Moose Lodge special events for April

Upcoming April events at the Buchanan Moose Lodge include: Paint Night, April 3; First Friday, April 4, Wasted Ways; plus men's and women's

pool tournaments and weekend food specials.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED

COUNTY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY

Public hearings on the proposed tax levy and the proposed Fiscal Year 2025- 2026 County budget will be conducted by the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia.

There will be two hearings as follows:

1) General County Budgets, and 2) Proposed Tax Levies

The following proposed Budget Synopsis is for informational and fiscal planning purposes and does not constitute an obligation or commitment on the part of the Board of Supervisors to appropriate funds for any items or purposes, and the amounts for schools are subject to change prior to adoption and appropriation.

	Proposed FY 25 - 26
Revenues	
General Fund	
Local	\$ 82,179,169
State	13,227,066
Federal	1,364,519
Total - General Fund	96,770,754
School Fund	
Other	580,284
State	37,030,506
Federal	50,000
Self-Sustaining Fund	3,093,484
School Nutrition Fund	2,812,332
Textbook Fund	2,856,483
Capital Reserve Fund	1,255,564
School Construction Grant Fund	417,593
Total - School Fund	48,096,246
Projected Use of Unassigned Fund Balance	2,011,573
Total Revenues	\$ 146,878,573

Expenditures	
General Fund	
Operations	\$ 53,876,714
Capital Projects	3,003,725
Debt Service	9,133,902
Transfer to EDA of Botetourt County	400,000
Total - General Fund	66,414,341
School Fund	
Operations	80,464,232
Total - School Fund	80,464,232
Total Expenditures	\$ 146,878,573

Proposed Tax Rates: (Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation)

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Machinery & Tools	\$2.00	\$2.00
Mobile Homes	\$0.70	\$0.70
General Personal Property	\$2.94	\$2.94
Personal Motor Vehicles	\$2.71	\$2.71
Personal Motor Homes	\$2.71	\$2.71
Real Estate	\$0.70	\$0.70
Wind Farms	\$0.99	\$0.99

Please note that these are public hearings, and as such, the Board of Supervisors will not take action at these hearings. Any action on the proposed budgets and tax rates will take place at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Supervisors at a date, time, and place to be determined.

Gary Larrowe, County Administrator

‘Sense and Sensibility’ opens tomorrow at Attic



From left, Debbie Seitz as Mrs. Dashwood, Diane Heard as Mrs. Jennings, Elizabeth Brancati as Marianne Dashwood, and Lyle Blake Smythers as Henry Dashwood

Attic Productions invites the public to the D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, for “Jane Austen’s Sense and Sensibility,” adapted in The Book-It Style by Jennifer Lee Taylor, directed by Angela McNeil.

This June marks the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen’s birth, and this production is based on her first published work. The show runs March 27-30 and April 3-6, with Thursday and Friday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m.

“Sense and Sensibility” tells the story of the Dashwood family’s two oldest sisters, Elinor and Marianne, following them after the death of their father, when the inheritance went to an older half-brother, leaving them with nothing but linens and some china dishes. In true Jane Austen style, the audience will experience their love, heartbreak, and society’s pressures upon them. This adaptation is presented in Book-It style, where the characters will occasionally break the fourth wall and speak to the audience, narrating their thoughts or experiences.

Adult tickets are \$20, students 18 and under and groups of 10 or more are \$15 when paid in cash or



Madeline Bedrosian (center) plays a servant standing between Mrs. Dashwood and Mrs. Jennings



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

Luke Dillon as Mr. Palmer and Cassie Belcher as Charlotte Palmer

by check at the box office. Tickets may be purchased on the Attic Productions website by visiting www.atticproductions.info. For questions or assistance with purchasing tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001. Volunteers are staffing the box office for this show on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. Leave a message at other times and your call

will be returned as soon as possible

This production is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. Partial funding support comes from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

~ Attic Productions



PHOTO COURTESY OF BONNIE COX

FHS Class of ’59 has gathering

The Class of 1959 of Fincastle High School gathered at the Crooked Shoreline, Daleville, to enjoy a meal on the first full day of Spring. Members present were: front row, Angela Coon, Martha Kamm, Patsy Duffy, and Carol June Caldwell; back, Douglas Duffy, Lynwood Cox, John David Lucas, Corrine Wood, Peggy Wood and Rosalie Goad.

~ Submitted by Bonnie Cox

Botetourt County Historical Society annual meeting April 10

The Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc. (BCHS) will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, April 10, at 6 p.m. at Fincastle United Methodist Church.

The meeting will include society updates,

a special guest speaker, and an opportunity for members and the public to learn more about BCHS’s ongoing efforts to preserve and share Botetourt’s rich history. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact BCHS at 540-473-0148 or execdirectorbchs@gmail.com

~ Submitted by Lynsey Allie, Executive Director

2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

With senior graduation day just around the corner, here is a current list of 2025 scholarship opportunities still available for Botetourt County high school seniors. Deadlines are approaching. Apply now.

Applications open for Bank of Botetourt scholarship

Bank of Botetourt's ninth annual "Focused on You" Community Scholarship will provide \$2,000 in financial assistance to local students. Three scholarships will be awarded: one for \$1,000, one for \$600, and one for \$400 to support students in their pursuit of higher education. Eligible applicants include high school seniors and current college students with a GPA of 2.50 or higher who maintain an active banking relationship with Bank of Botetourt.

Applicants must submit a two-page essay addressing the topic: "How has Bank of Botetourt helped meet your family's financial needs, and what difference has the Bank made in your community?"

For full essay guidelines and additional details, visit <https://www.bankofbotetourt.com/Focused-on-You>. The submission deadline is March 31.

For questions, contact the Scholarship Committee at scholarship@bankofbotetourt.com.

Beekeepers Association offering scholarship

The Botetourt Beekeepers Association is offering a \$500 scholarship to a deserving graduating senior. This scholarship aims to inspire young individuals to explore and support the fascinating world of beekeeping in the community.

The scholarship is a \$500 monetary prize, plus a one-year complimentary membership to the Botetourt Beekeepers Association.

Current seniors attending James

River High School, Lord Botetourt High School, a private school, or an approved homeschool program during the 2024-2025 school year may apply.

Applications must be submitted via email to botetourtbeekeepersassociation@gmail.com by April 1. Applications will be available at James River High School and Lord Botetourt High School.

Botetourt Sheriff's Office offering scholarships to seniors

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office has launched of the Sheriff Student Scholarship, a new program dedicated to supporting local students in their pursuit of higher education. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one for a graduating senior at James River High School and one for a graduating senior at Lord Botetourt High School.

This scholarship is made possible thanks to the generous support from community business partners. It is designed to support students who excel academically, demonstrate leadership, and have displayed a consistent commitment to serving the community through ongoing volunteer work and active participation in local initiatives.

Who Can Apply?

- Residents of Botetourt County (proof required)
- Students attending Virginia colleges, universities, or career/technical education programs
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrated leadership and community service

What's Required?

1. Completed online application
2. An essay about your educational goals, leadership experience, and community involvement
3. High school transcripts
4. A letter of recommendation

from a non-family members

Applications are currently being accepted with a deadline to apply by April 15.

For more details, contact Andrea Mundy, Community Outreach Coordinator, at amundy@botetourtva.gov or visit the school website for the scholarship link. Certificates of Awards will be presented at each high school's Senior Awards Ceremony.

Botetourt Town and Country Women's Club offering \$1000 scholarship

The Botetourt Town and Country Women's Club will present a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving senior female applicant from James River High School or Lord Botetourt High School. The application and details are on the schools' websites. The deadline is April 15.

Chamber of Commerce awarding four scholarships

Attention Botetourt County high school seniors: 'Scholarship season' has officially begun.

This is an exciting time to explore

various scholarship opportunities to help fund your future academic endeavors. Stay informed and keep an eye out for announcements on upcoming scholarships throughout the season. Don't miss out on these valuable opportunities to support your college goals.

The Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce recently announced that it is awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from James River, Lord Botetourt, and Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC).

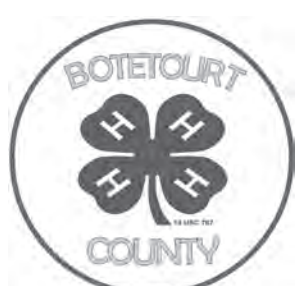
These scholarships recognize students who are dedicated to furthering their education, pursuing career goals, and making an impact in their community. Each award will be paid directly to the student's postsecondary institution at the start of the school year.

More details regarding the Chamber's scholarship opportunities can be found at botetourt.glueup.com/event/2025-scholarships-for-graduating-seniors-134858.

The deadline to apply is April 18.



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Focus on 4-H

Registration for 4-H Camp opens soon

Registration for the Botetourt County 4-H Camp will open on Monday, March 31 at 8 A.M. Brochures have been shared with the elementary and middle schools, but anyone can visit or contact the 4-H office at 540-928-3210 to pick up a hard copy.

If anyone would like to receive a brochure via e-mail, please reach out to Tyler Painter, 4-H Agent at tpaint85@vt.edu.

This year's camp is scheduled for June 16-20 at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center.

Any registrations mailed to or dropped off at the Botetourt 4-H office will not be counted as received until Monday, March 31.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE PAPPAS

Boy Scouts hold Crossover Ceremony

Botetourt County Boy Scout Troop 211 and Cub Scout Pack 211 held a Crossover Ceremony on March 11 at the Big Spring Park in Fincastle. The ceremony was performed by the Scouts of Troop 211 with the assistance of Scoutmaster Steve Baka.

The five Arrow of Light Scouts were given the history of the troop's special flags. The first flag was flown during the National Boy Scout Jamboree held at Fort A.P. Hill in July 2010 in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The second flag had

flown over the United States Capitol on February 8, 2010 for the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of BSA, at the request of U.S. Senator Mark Warner. The third flag was flown in the face of the enemy on September 11, 2009 by Navy Seal Team Ten at Camp Hardy, Iraq.

Any boy wishing to join the scouting program can contact Scoutmaster Steve Baka at 540-685-0963 or Committee Chairman Steve Pappas at 540-529-9645.

- Submitted by Steve Pappas



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN CASTLES SWCD

A new trough provides water for the cattle on Three Seeds Farm.

Mountain Castles SWCD recognizes Botetourt farmers

Mountain Castles Soil & Water Conservation District recognized Tessa and Joe Haynes with the Botetourt County Clean Water Farm Award at the winter awards banquet. The Haynes operate Three Seeds Farm, which is in the James River watershed near Buchanan.

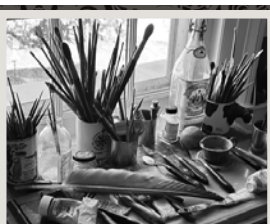
"The Haynes have excluded their cattle from all live water on the family farm and have created approximately 27 acres of forested riparian

buffer," said Dan Naff of Mountain Castles SWCD. According to Naff, streamside trees are especially effective in reducing water pollution from sediment and harmful nutrients found in animal waste. The Haynes also have plans to incorporate more rotational grazing, where cattle are moved frequently to allow the pasture to rest and regrow.

Each year, the Mountain Castles recognizes farmers

who have demonstrated a commitment to conservation through Best Management Practices such as livestock stream exclusion, rotational grazing, installing streamside buffers, and planting cover crops. More information about these and other conservation practices is available at <https://www.mountaincastles.org/>.

- Mountain Castles SWCD



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April 4 - May 4, 2025

Opening Reception: April 4, 6-8 PM

Please join us at Harris Hall of Antiques for an amazing sale from the estate of Harriet & Harold Little of Fincastle, VA. The sale will feature offerings of Harolds' early works of art and many personal items from Harriet & Harold's time living abroad.

Harold Little
(American, 1940 - 2011)

Born in Aurora, Illinois, the Fincastle, VA based painter and printmaker, Harold Little, graduated from Virginia Tech in 1963. From 1965-1967, he studied etching and painting in Florence, Italy while teaching at a private American school. Over the next 35 years, inspired by etchings and lithographs of James Abbott McNeill Whistler, Little created a remarkable, well-known body of woodcuts, etchings and paintings that documented both the history and transformation of Southwest Virginia. He was also known for incorporating figures in surreal landscapes that investigated archetypal symbolism. He continued to work from his Fincastle home up until his death in 2011. His collections are displayed in Ireland, Europe, Canada and the United States.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reminder of Republican primary in June

The Botetourt Republican Committee (BCRC) is tasked with helping Republican candidates prepare and run for public offices throughout the county. There will be a primary this year on June 17.

It is important to understand that in primary races where there is more than one Republican candidate, the

BCRC does not financially support, run advertisements, or officially endorse any Republican candidate for office until after voters have selected a candidate in the primary to run as a Republican in the General Election.

Should you desire to be a Republican candidate for office or would like additional information about the primary election, please contact me at dean4edu@gmail.com or mail your inquiry to BCRC, P.O. Box 702, Daleville, 24083. We are here to assist you.

Steve Dean
Chairman BCRC

Appicello

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students, many of whom are non-traditional both academically and emotionally. I offer one-on-one success coaching and organize events to help students integrate into campus life.”

The CLS is a highly competitive, fully funded program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, part of an effort to increase the number of Americans studying critical foreign languages.

“I feel incredibly proud to represent the Botetourt community on the other side of the world this summer, and I couldn’t have done it without the teachers from our small corner of the world who nurtured my interests,” Appicello reflected.

Each year, the CLS Program selects over 500 U.S. students to study critical languages abroad. As part of her scholarship, Appicello will spend the summer in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, for intensive language study, with the added

opportunity to pursue a career with the U.S. State Department.

CLS scholars gain language and cultural skills that enhance U.S. economic competitiveness and national security. The program provides opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to spend eight to ten weeks studying one of over a dozen critical languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu. The program features immersive language instruction and cultural enrichment experiences to accelerate language acquisition.

Appicello attributes much of her success to her time as a student in Botetourt County Public Schools.

“The teachers and extracurricular activities I was involved in, especially our Academic Team and my AP

courses, were incredibly influential in preparing me for my studies at William & Mary,” she said. “A huge thank you to the teachers at Botetourt County schools who pushed us to our limits. I credit my writing skills to Mrs. Curulla (AP Language) and Mrs. Forbish (AP Literature), my interest in government to Mr. Martin (AP Government) and Mrs. McNeill (AP U.S. History), and my passion for language to Mrs. Scott (AP French). Special thanks also to my Scholastic Bowl coaches, Mr. Godward (AP Chemistry) and Mr. Hill (History), for pushing us to reach new heights.”

Appicello still keeps in touch with many of her former teachers, noting that “the academic excellence at Botetourt County schools shapes outstanding students. Very soon, I’ll be working in government, making a difference, and representing the values of our small corner of the world.”

The Sheriff’s Post

SHERIFF MATTHEW T. WARD



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Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office expands Traffic Safety Unit

In a continued effort to enhance traffic safety and to ensure the safest possible traffic environment for the community, the Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office has expanded its Traffic Safety Unit with the addition of new personnel and traffic management equipment.

Patrol deputies in Botetourt County are responsible for responding to all calls for service while also handling traffic-related complaints. With increasing demands on law enforcement services, having designated personnel focused on traffic enforcement allows patrol deputies to concentrate on other public safety responsibilities.

Botetourt County has seen a significant increase in traffic volume due to the presence of four major roadways that serve as primary routes for both local commuters and travelers passing through the county. This growth has led to a rise in traffic-related service demands and complaints, with issues ranging from congestion and speeding to reckless driving. The Sheriff’s Office is working diligently to address these concerns by increasing patrols, enhancing enforcement strategies, and utilizing

advanced traffic management tools to mitigate safety risks.

Sheriff’s Office officials emphasize that a dedicated traffic unit helps improve response times to citizens’ concerns about speeding, reckless driving, and other traffic-related issues. These new additions will allow for more proactive enforcement, ultimately making Botetourt’s roads safer for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

“Our patrol deputies handle everything from emergency calls to community policing, in addition to traffic enforcement,” said Sheriff Matt Ward. “By expanding our Traffic Safety Unit, we can ensure that road safety remains a top priority while also allowing our patrol officers to focus on the extensive variety of calls they respond to daily.”

Residents who have concerns about traffic issues are encouraged to report them to the Sheriff’s Office. With the expansion of the traffic unit, deputies will be better equipped to address these concerns efficiently and effectively.

~ Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office

ARRESTS March 17-23, 2025

The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office reported the

following arrests March 17-23:

- Jeremy L. Vance, 34, of Roanoke, eluding, March 17
- Jack R. Milligan, 28, of Buchanan, eluding, driving under the influence, March 17
- Amanda R. Hillard, 48, of Stuarts Draft, domestic assault, March 19
- Janell T. Sowers, 49, of Troutville, domestic assault, March 19
- Justin T. Moore, 43,

of Roanoke, threaten in writing, obstruction of justice, March 19

- Jeremy W. Long, 39, of Roanoke, sell or distribute Schedule drugs, possession of paraphernalia, driving under the influence, child abuse, March 19
- Neri Jacome Chalche, 32, of Roanoke, domestic assault, March 22
- Chauncey O. Elliott, 38, of Lynchburg, possession of a firearm by a felon, March 23

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CLUES ACROSS
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5. Narcotic drug
11. Accident
14. Formal submissions
15. Popular 70s rock band
18. Discourage from doing
19. More socially elite
21. Arid
23. A way to look
24. Heroes
28. A surfer rides it
29. Potat state
30. Insect repellent
32. Cool!
33. Have already done
35. Collegiate women's fraternity
36. To the ___ degree
39. Gasteyer and de

Armas are two
41. Blood type
42. Looked over
44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
46. Species of armadillo
47. Touch softly
49. Part of your upper body
52. Large, stocky lizards
56. Lack of social or ethical standards
58. Congressman
60. Unofficial force
62. As a result of this utterance
63. A main branch of Islam
CLUES DOWN
1. Woman (French)
2. Province of Pakistan
3. This (Spanish)

4. Transportation device
5. Greater in importance or priority
6. The human foot
7. Within 8. Consumed
9. Respectful Malaysian term
10. Therefore
12. Ceased to exist
13. Type of macaroni
16. English composer
17. Wooded tract
20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
22. 36 inches
25. Take too much (abbr.)
26. Allow
27. Individually
29. Journalist Tarbell
31. Bar bill
34. Hong Kong food

stall: ___ pai dong
36. Not messy
37. Species that includes reed mace
38. Former MLB catcher Ed
40. Northern U.S. state
43. Wilt
45. Commercial
48. Bolivian river
50. Nursemaid
51. A car needs four
53. Guns (slang)
54. American state
55. Clusters of fern fronds
57. Body part
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep native to Sweden
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Library Buzz

Improving Wildlife Habitat in Your Backyard or Back 40

Sat, Mar 29, 1pm, Fincastle
Improve wildlife habitat in your backyard or land, from establishing a pollinator plot to timber stand improvement. Presented by local author Bruce Ingram.

Solar Energy & Your Home

Thu, Apr 3, 4pm, Buchanan
Sat, Apr 19, 10:30am, Blue Ridge
Learn what you need to consider before getting solar, what financial incentives there are, and how to avoid scams. Presentation and Q&A led by Channing Preston of Advanced Roofing and Solar

Birdwatching for Kids

Sat, Apr 5, 10:30am, Blue Ridge
Sat, Apr 12, 10:30am, Fincastle
Learn how to spot and identify birds with a Roanoke Valley Bird Club volunteer.

Deciphering Codes in Death Certificates

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

Eagle Rock Library 15th Anniversary Celebration

Sat, Apr 12, 10am-2pm, Eagle Rock

Celebrate the library's 15th Anniversary with us!

Tree Care 101

Sat, Apr 12, 11am, Blue Ridge
Learn preventative maintenance steps to care for your trees and prevent expenses due to damage. Presented by William Smith, the "Dancing Lumberjack" and certified arborist.

Community Café

Mon, Apr 14, 9am, Fincastle
Mon, Apr 14, 10:30am, Eagle Rock
This program provides an opportunity for seniors to mingle through coffee, conversation, and challenging/fun game!

Intro to Mahjong

Mon, Apr 14, 10:30am, Blue Ridge
Learn this popular tile-based game. Presented by Katherine Arney of Star City Mahjong.
To assist returning players and teach new players, Katherine Arney will be joining us on the second Monday of every month. Stop by to join the fun and learn about the game that is taking over social media. Registration required; call (540) 928-2900 to register.

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

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Shooting

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was struck or injured. Deputies responded quickly, ensuring there was no ongoing threat to the public. The Emergency Response Team (ERT) was deployed to assist in securing the scene due to the reports of shots fired. The investigation has identified a suspect, and detectives have been actively processing the scene and gathering additional evidence. It is believed both the suspect and victims fled prior to the arrival of deputies. At this time, it is unknown whether the daughter, Arianna D. McDorman, 32, of Clifton Forge, who is also wanted out of Alleghany County, left with the male willingly.

The suspect has been identified as Joseph Lee Bray, 34, of Eagle Rock. As a result of this incident, Bray has been charged with abduction, attempted murder (2 counts), shooting across a roadway (2 counts), possession of a firearm by a felon, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, maliciously shooting at an occupied vehicle (4 counts), domestic assault, brandishing (2 counts), and reckless handling of a firearm (2 counts). Bray has not been apprehended and his whereabouts are currently unknown. Anyone with information related to this incident or the

whereabouts of Arianna McDorman or Joseph Lee Bray is urged to contact the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office at 540-473-8631.

This information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as detectives interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed.

~ Botetourt County Sheriff's Office

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painting the school entryway. Tammy fosters strong relationships between family, staff, and healthcare providers. Her unwavering commitment keeps Buchanan Elementary running smoothly. Without Nurse Tammy, the school would not function as effectively. Her compassion and dedication are

invaluable to the community." Keogh previously taught Russ's daughter and School Board Chair Anna Weddle's daughter while she served as a fourth grade teacher. "Emily is such a pleasure to work with," Russ read. "She also has a positive attitude and has a great relationship with her students."

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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., Fincastle, VA. 24090, Pastor, Dr. John W. Reynolds, Phone; 540-473-2325, Email: jwr56fbc@yahoo.com, Church website: fincastlefaith.com, Services: 10 A.M. Bible Expositions, 11 A.M. Worship & Children’s Church, 7 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, Messages at www.youtube.com/@faithfbaptistchurch9219. We look forward to meeting you.

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 Copps Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email pmike09@outlook.com. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.: worship 11 a.m.: Wednesday night bible study will be held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren– 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies’ Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren– 2565 Buffalo Rd.,

REPUTATION

Read Psalms 3:1-8; 69:1-36

Whenever a Christian public figure sins, or any of God’s people sins, unsaved people inevitably cry, “Hypocrite! I won’t be a Christian if that’s what they’re like!” As the body of Christ, when one of us sins, we all share in the bad characterization. Because we represent Christ to the world, our good or bad reputation reflects on Him.

May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the Lord Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel (Psalm 69:6).

David had sinned before God, and was deeply repentant. David’s main concerns were not that his transgression be concealed or that his reputation be saved. One of his foremost prayers was that God’s reputation and that of God’s people would be protected from disgrace and shame. Perhaps this is one of the many reasons why David was called “a man after God’s own heart.”

Prayer for Today: Holy Spirit, please help me to remember that secret sins are not secret. Please help me to focus on giving You a good name before the world and my fellow believers.

Quicklook: Psalm 69:1–6

10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Michael Tabor, (540) 309-7595.

Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, 3732 Breckinridge Mill Rd, Fincastle, Rev. Dr. David A. Tozar - pastor, Sunday worship at 11am, preceded by coffee fellowship at 10:30, Bible Study Sunday at 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
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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 osroanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888.
Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church– 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (in person or parking lot, tune car radio to 88.9 FM). The Rev. Chuck Miller, 540-589-7553. Facebook, <http://www.wheatlandlutheran.org>; teemwheatland@gmail.com

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN
Buchanan Presbyterian Church – 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children’s nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact [\[buchananpresbyterian.org\]\(http://buchananpresbyterian.org\)
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 \[fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com\]\(mailto:fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com\) or call 540.473.2042.](mailto:www.admin@buc</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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. Service is also live streamed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@FincastleUMCMedia> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068517955699>. 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

Stevens, Norma Gibson

Norma Jean Gibson Stevens, 69, of Blue Ridge; grandchildren, Austin Fincastle, passed away on March 18, 2025. Stefon Gibson, Angel Rae Allison, Ronald Anthony Gibson, Kinnice Jordan Turner; and great-grandchildren, Michael Stefon Ray Montgomery and Gabriel Adonas Markel Jones.

She was born June 28, 1955, to the late Calvin Frazier Gibson and Oma Jane Underwood Gibson. Also preceding her in death were three brothers, Jarvey Qubert, Alma Cecil, Dallas Frazier Gibson; and two sisters, Patty Luceal Gibson Divers and Callie Thelma Gibson Bryant.

She is survived by her children, Opeal “Mikki” Gibson Gallo of Buchanan, Ronald Alexzander Gibson of Callaway, and Tammie Lee Stevens Turner of 14860 Lee Hwy., Buchanan. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.



Jennings Creek Ladies Circle selling food on Trout Heritage Day

The Ladies Friendship Circle of Jennings Creek Gospel Church will be selling breakfast and lunch, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., during the annual Trout Heritage Day Saturday, April 5.

Folks coming out to fish and anyone wishing to enjoy good food and fellowship while supporting their missions are invited.

Breakfast items will be sausage and gravy biscuits, sausage biscuits, ham biscuits, tenderloin biscuits, and homemade fried apple pies.

Lunch offerings will be hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs w/ homemade chili, chili beans, pinto beans, loaded baked potatoes (choice of toppings), cornbread, chips, and assorted desserts. Drinks will also be available: assorted canned soda, bottled water, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate.

The food will be available at the church's picnic shelter at 5486 Jennings Creek Road (Rt. 614), Buchanan. Proceeds will support the church's local missions.

For information or questions, contact Cherry Ramsey at (540) 520.5853.

~ JCGC Ladies Friendship Circle



AARP Fraud Alert: Avoiding taking a cruise to nowhere

Winter is still here and many of us would do just about anything to find some warm weather. Enter the cruise scam. Many of these trips to nowhere literally pop up online as a “free” incentive or a can't-miss deal. What they really are is an attempt to steal your information or your money.

Here are three tips avoiding a cruise scam when shopping for your spring getaway.

- Beware of starting with a search engine: Scammers buy ads and use fake websites to appear at the top of results. Consider starting your search on trusted cruise line websites instead.
- Check the source: If you receive unsolicited cruise offers, investigate the company to verify its legitimacy, ask questions and study the fine print before booking.
- Pay with a credit card: If you've done your homework and are ready to make the investment, credit cards offer the strongest and most immediate fraud protection.

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

Cookbook sale at Blue Ridge Library

A cookbook sale is being held by Friends of the Blue Ridge Library. Most of the cookbooks are donations and are in very good shape. All cookbooks for this sale are 50 cents each and will be restocked as needed. Come back often to see what is new. They are currently located on the bottom shelf of the display case, just inside the library's front door. The Blue Ridge Library is located at 28 Avery Row, Roanoke.

~ Friends of the Blue Ridge Library



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DISCLOSURE OF UNNOTICED DSS BOARD MEETING

This notice is published to keep the public fully informed of proceedings of public bodies of the County.

On Oct. 29, 2024, at 9:00 AM, three members of the DSS Board, Mr. Walter Michael, Ms. Bonnie Henderson, and Ms. Sue Sweet, met with Virginia Department of Social Services officials to receive information about how local Botetourt County Department of Social Services is funded by the Commonwealth and by Botetourt County. No votes or other actions were taken during the meeting. However, they did not provide legally required public notice. This oversight was inadvertent.

If there are further questions about the content of the meeting, please address concerns in writing to the Botetourt County Administrator at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083.

Gary Larrowe, County Administrator

CHURCH NEWS

Lenten services at Buchanan churches

The Buchanan Area Ministerial Association (BAMA) is holding a series of Lenten services. Remaining services are:

- April 1 – Lithia Baptist, noon, with Doug Mitchell from Trinity and Lithia UMC
- April 8 – Buchanan Baptist, 6 p.m., with Dave Mucha from Virginia Presbyterian

Lenten services, lunches at Fincastle UMC

Fincastle United Methodist Church invites the public to Wednesday Lenten services and lunches in the Family Life Center, 137 S. Church Street, Fincastle. These 20-minute services begin at 12:05 p.m. and will be led by area pastors. A home-cooked lunch will follow each service. The service and meal are designed to last about one hour. Take-out meals will be available.

March 26 – Pastors Tom and Naomi Powers, Daleville Church of the Brethren; Chicken Salad Croissants, Vegetable Salad, Chips, Desserts

April 2 – Jake Webb, M.Div., St. Mark's Episcopal; Potato Bar, Chili, Green Salad, Corn Bread, Desserts

March 20 – The Rev. Fr. Xavier Banasula, Church of the Transfiguration; Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips, Desserts

Menus are subject to change. If Botetourt County schools are closed because of inclement weather, the service will be canceled. Everyone is invited to these services during the season of Lent.

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 Wednesday, 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.

Cloverdale Thrift Store winter sale

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store has all purses, coats, scarves, winter clothes, and shoes half off; nothing over \$2. Donations are greatly appreciated. The store is open Saturdays, 9 to 12.

Daleville Baptist revival March 30-April 2

Kenny Grant of Savannah, Ga., will lead revival services at Daleville Baptist Church March 30-April 2. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, April 1-2. Special music will be presented at each service. All are invited.

Springwood Baptist Church April events

Springwood Baptist invites everyone to these Easter activities:

Sunday, April 13 – Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday Service at 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., breakfast to follow; worship at 10 a.m.; .no Sunday School

The church is located at 88 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan; Mike Anderson, pastor.

Tuesday Morning Club has its March meeting



PHOTO COURTESY TUESDAY MORNING CLUB

The Tuesday Morning Club met at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on March 11 with 14 members present. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order. Barbara Harris was hostess. As devotions, members shared their concerns and Barbara led in prayer. Pam Obenchain won the hostess gift, Faye Kessler had the treasurer's report, and Nancy Waddell read the minutes. Because of missed meetings, members had two projects this month – preparing 16 snack goody bags for veterans at Cave Creek and bingo game prizes for residents at the Brian Center. The April project will be a donation to the Fincastle Fire Department and food for Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and Troutville Church of Brethren for food banks. The next meeting will be April 8 at the church. Pictured are: front, Dot Hillard, Faye Kessler, Priscilla Hedrick, Rita Bruffey, Nancy Waddell, and Dorothy

Brogan; back, Cheryl Wood, Barbara Harris, Barrie Knox, Pam Obenchain, Ruby Taylor, Gale Webb, and Jill Difede.

~ Tuesday Morning Club

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Botetourt County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider and receive comment on the following:

Amsterdam District: Wildwood Park LLC requests rezoning of 29.074 acres from the Residential, R-2 and Agricultural, A-1 Use Districts to the Industrial, M-2 Use District, with possible proffered conditions. Located at 955 Lee Highway, Hollins (US Route 11) at the Bryant Road (State Route 1007) intersection, identified on the Tax Map as 107-36.

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 AM day of the hearing.

C. Nicole Pendleton, AICP, CZA, CFM
Director of Community Development

Visit

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facts. “The recordings of survivors really brought everything to life,” said student Emily Griswold. “You could hear their voices, their pain, and their hope. It made the history we learned in class feel so much more real.” For many students, the visit deepened their understanding of the Holocaust’s significance



and its devastating effects on Jewish communities and other persecuted groups. One student noted that the museum didn’t just focus on the Jewish victims, but also highlighted other marginalized groups that were affected by Nazi persecution. It emphasized the widespread impact the Holocaust had on different populations. “It showed everyone who was affected, even those we don’t always talk about in school,” Patterson said. “We saw how entire communities were devastated, and not just during the war, but also after it ended.” The experience also made the students reflect on current global issues, drawing parallels between the Holocaust

and modern-day atrocities. The emotional weight of the visit also had a profound effect on the group. “After we left the museum, it was so quiet,” student Molly McGee recalled. “No one was talking. It felt like we were all processing what we had seen and learned.” The emotional and personal connection the students felt was echoed by their teacher, who noted the lasting impact the visit would have on them. “I’ve always believed that if we don’t learn from history, we’re doomed to repeat it,” Wingo shared. “That’s why I wanted to take them here, to help them connect with history in a way that no textbook can. It’s one of the most powerful field trips I’ve

ever taken students on.” Wingo shared her thanks for the Bank of Botetourt, the Buchanan/ Fincastle community, and BCPS graduates whom she taught over the years, who helped to make this trip a reality through their generous donations. The visit also served to reinforce the importance of teaching future generations about the Holocaust, ensuring that its horrors are never forgotten. “We need to keep talking about it,” said student Vivian Vernon. “It shouldn’t have happened, and we need to make sure that something like this never happens again.” This sentiment was echoed by the group when discussing the responsibility society

has to remember the Holocaust and educate future generations. “If we don’t learn about it, it could happen again,” said Patterson. “We need to keep telling people about it, because it was so bad and so wrong.” The students’ reflections on the visit were further deepened by their previous studies, which included reading about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor who actively resisted the Nazi regime. Many students felt that learning about Bonhoeffer’s courage and martyrdom prepared them for the trip. The museum’s exhibits connected the history they studied with the real stories of resistance, such as Bonhoeffer’s attempts to stop Hitler.

In the aftermath of the visit, the students expressed their intention to revisit the museum in the future, hoping to bring their own children one day to ensure that the lessons learned from the Holocaust are passed on. The students reflected back on the trip explaining it was life-changing to see and it was something they would not ever forget. As these students continue their education, the lessons learned from the Holocaust Memorial Museum will surely stay with them. The trip was not only an opportunity to reflect on the past, but also a reminder of the importance of standing up against hatred and injustice in the world today.

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, BRENDA ANN HESLEP, ET AL., Respondents. Case No. CL25-85
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. 064-A 120 Account No. 008609
All that parcel of land containing 0.36 Acres, more or less, as shown on the plat entitled “James R. Frith 0.36 Acre Parcel Located On Rte 114”, dated October 8, 1970, prepared by William M. Largen, C.L.S., which map is of record in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Plat Book 6, Page 26; and to which map reference is made for a more particular description of the property.
And being the same real property conveyed to Charles E. Heslep from Charles E. Heslep, divorced, and Shirley F. Brusseau and Elliot Foster Brusseau, Jr., husband and by deed, dated December 18, 1987 and recorded December 21, 1987 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office in Deed Book 595 at Page 722.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 26, Deed Book 306 at Page 668, Deed Book 609 at Page 580.
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: Charles E. Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Brenda Ann Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Wendy Gibson, whose last known address is unknown; Brandon Seagraves, whose last known address is 3225 Peppers Ferry Rd, Radford, Virginia 24141; Tony Curtis Heslep aka Anthony Heslep, whose last known address is 5982 Old Route II, Lot 19, Dublin, Virginia 24084; Curtis Evans Heslep, 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 April 18, 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 10th day of March, 2025.

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Honorable K. Mike Fleenor, Jr., Judge
I Ask For This:
John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805)
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Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316; -317, 20-104
Case No. **CA25000005-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073

GILLIAN ROSE SCHNIDER
MANNEBACH and
MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER
MANNEBACH, Petitioners
v.
Commonwealth of Virginia,

The object of this suit is to:
ADOPTION OF CHILD TO BE KNOWN AS CORY ROSE IRENE RODGERS
It is ORDERED that EDWARD LEE RODGERS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 16th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM.
Entered March 17, 2025
Honorable Robert M.D. Turk
Judge

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, April 8, 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 2061(A): An Ordinance to Repeal Existing Town Code Sections 10-100 Through 10-213 Pertaining to Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations as Part of Adopting a New Consolidated Erosion and Stormwater Management Ordinance.
Ordinance 2061(B): An Ordinance to Repeal Existing Town Code Sections 18-600 through 18-629 Pertaining to Stormwater Management Regulations as Part of Adopting a New Consolidated Erosion and Stormwater Management Ordinance.
Ordinance 2061(C): An Ordinance to Amend the Town Code by Incorporating the Provisions of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality’s Model Erosion and Stormwater Management Ordinance into Town Code Chapter Ten at New Sections 10-100 through 10-130.

Ordinance 2061 (A), (B) and (C) is being adopted, as required by Code of Virginia § 62.1-44.15:27, to integrate the Town of Blacksburg’s stormwater management and erosion and sediment control requirements into a consolidated erosion and stormwater management program. The Town has elected to (i) repeal its existing stormwater

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management and erosion and sediment control requirements through Ordinance 2061 (A) and (B) and (ii) adopt the new consolidated stormwater management and erosion control requirements through Ordinance 2061 (C). The existing stormwater management and erosion and sediment control fees, previously approved by the Town Council, are carried forward in Ordinance 2061 (C).

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).

TRUSTEE’S SALE OF 1035 CHESTNUT DRIVE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 5, 2020, in the original principal amount of \$163,000.00 recorded in the Clerk’s Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2020000865. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on April 28, 2025, at 3:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN THE SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT FOURTEEN (14) ON A MAP OF CRAIG MOUNTAIN, SECTION ONE, PREPARED BY CLEMENTS AND DRAPER, CLS, DATED JANUARY 6, 1971, WHICH SAID MAP, ALONG WITH CERTIFICATE OF CRAIG MOUNTAIN, SECTION ONE SUBDIVISION, APPEARS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 77 AND DEED BOOK 311, PAGE 217. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder’s deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser’s deposit may be forfeited to

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Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee’s Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. A form copy of the Trustee’s memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-371165-1.

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316; -317, 20-104
Civil Case No. **24-7300**
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD

THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff vs
The heirs and devisees of HOWARD WALKER, deceased
PATSY WALKER WHITTAKER, deceased
The heirs and devisees of JOHNNY LEE WALKER, deceased
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Help Wanted
PleasantDale Church of the Brethren seeks a pianist to play at the 11 o'clock Sunday service. Salary negotiable. Call Pastor David Tozar, 540-580-3257 or Gary Creed, 540-537-2412.

Legals -
City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

BID DADDY'S BBQ & SWEET SHACK LLC., trading as BIG DADDY'S BBQ & SWEET SHACK, 602 W 4TH STREET, Salem ROANOKE COUNTY, VA. 24153.

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

BRENT BOWLES, OWNER

Notice is hereby
given to all
interested persons
that the City of
Salem Planning
Commission, at its
regular meeting on
April 16, 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 Gwynn Properties, LLC, contract purchaser, to rezone the property located at 220 Brand Avenue (T/M# 74-2-8) from HBD Highway Business District with conditions to HBD Highway Business District.
2. Consider the request of Riverland Oaks, LLC, property owner, to rezone the property located at 19 Carey Avenue (T/M# 83-1-11) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to RB Residential Business District with proffered conditions.

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 -
Roanoke County

Order of
Publication
NOTICE
OF PUBLIC
AUCTION
JUDICIAL SALE
FOR DELINQUENT
TAXES

Case No. CL24-837, CL25-112, CL24-585
Pursuant to the terms of the Decrees entered the 501 day of March, 2025, by the Honorable Judge Swanson of the Circuit Court for the County of Roanoke, Virginia and pursuant to Va. Code Ann. 58.1-3965, et seq. (1950), the undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale at public auction the following described properties for payment of delinquent taxes in the **Roanoke County Administrative Offices** building, located at **5204 Bernard Drive, SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24018**, on **Friday, March 28th, 2025 at 10:00 AM**

1. Joann Arcoura Craig, et al
Map No. 089.01-02-32.00-0000
Case No. CL24-837
LT 32A HOLT
CONSOLIDATION S OF
ROANOKE RIVER

2. Edward J. Kovarik
Map No. 087.10-01-65.00-0000
Case No. CL25-112
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Legals -
Roanoke County

3. Loretta Taylor, et al
Map No. 061.11-01-51.00-0000
Case No. CL24-585
LT 7 BLK 3 SEC 4 SPRING GROVE

TERMS OF SALE: All sales are subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of the County of Roanoke. The highest bidder shall deposit ten percent (10%) of the purchase price at the time of the auction. Such sum shall be held by the Special Commissioner and credited towards the purchase price following the confirmation of the sale. **All deposits must be made in the form of cash or certified funds.** The balance of the purchase price shall be deposited by the highest bidder with the Special Commissioner within fifteen (15) days of confirmation of the sale by the Court. There will be a 5% buyer's premium added to final bid to determine final purchase price. Please be advised that in order to qualify as a bidder at this auction, you may not owe delinquent taxes to the County of Roanoke. Photo ID required for registration. Properties are conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to any easements, covenants, agreements, restrictions, reservations, and any and all rights of record which may affect the property. Recording costs for deed recordation will be the responsibility of the successful bidder. Properties are offered for sale as-is, where is, and with all faults. For information: Refer to tax maps available for inspection in the Offices of the Roanoke County Commissioner of Revenue. **OWNER'S RIGHT TO REDEEM (Va. Code Ann. 58.1-3974): **Redemption rights shall expire at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27th, 2025.**** The property may be redeemed by full payment of all taxes, costs, and fees, which must be made by cash or certified funds to the Special Commissioner by that time at 3140 Chaparral Drive, Suite 200-C, Roanoke, Virginia 24018. For further information, contact the Special Commissioner or the contracted auctioneering company:

Mark D. Kidd, Esq., Special Commissioner
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Legals -
Botetourt County

Order of
Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. CL25-2
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant,
CHARLES BLAKE, ET AL., Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 53-71 Account No. 20861 All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate in the Buchanan Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, lying about three and one-half miles northeast of the Town of Buchanan, a short distance from and on the easterly side of the turnpike road, containing 11.24 acres, more or less. And being a portion of the same property conveyed to Charles Blake from F.G. Woodson, Special Commissioner, by Deed dated August 7, 1913, and recorded March 4, 1914, in the Clerk's Office of the

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Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book H, at Page 547.
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: Carolyn H. Coles, 1501 cove Road NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Faith R. Hayes, 2207 Sherman Drive NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Karen M. Penn, 3123 Courtland Road NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24012; Renata Taborn, P.O. Box 1098, Lynchburg, Virginia 24505; Rochelle W. Taborn, 2329 Winthrop Avenue SW, Apt. 45, Roanoke, Virginia 24015; Renwick K. Taborn, 3780 Stratford Park Drive SW, Apt. 1 04, Roanoke, Virginia 24018; Michael Blake, 321 W Lemon Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603; Teresa Brown, 3303 Village Drive, Avenel, New Jersey 07001; Tyrza S. Blake, 475 Ridgecrest Trail, Henderson, North Carolina 27537; Noa Burgette, P.O. Box 3572, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20791; Dematris B. Lester, 1 Branch Brook Plaza, Apt. 4T, Newark, New Jersey 07104; Tessie C. Hairston, 277 Dukes Road, Rahway, New Jersey 07065; Wanda A. Hamlin, 180 Pearsall Drive, Apt. 3H, Mount Vernon, New York 10552; Renee M. Smith, 517 Trace Lane, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046; Ray S. Blake, Jr., 20 S 8th Avenue, #3, Mount Vernon, New York 10550; David A. Blake, 11133 199th Street, Jamaica, New York 11412; Jonathan Blake, 3923 Toulouse Court, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031; Charles G. Blake, II, 521 N Stygler Road, Columbus, Ohio 43230; Lori L. Davis, I E Main Street, Apt. 514, Ashland, Ohio 44805; Robin D. Blake, 64 Villamere Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43213; Glenice M. Carlton, 2401 Cypress Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102; Jocelyn Burks, 9000 Vantage Point Drive, Apt. 709, Dallas, Texas 75243; Christopher B. Burks, 865 Hampton Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43609; Audrey B. Quinn, 1146 Norwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43607; Jacqueline Cooke, 1623 Shenandoah Road, Toledo, Ohio 43607; Wanda D. Burks, 1853 Oakwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43607; Valerie McCain, 1513 Marthal Road, Toledo, Ohio 43607; Bonita L. Biddle, 3506 Valleston Parkway, Toledo, Ohio 43607; Una B. Shelton, 1402 Harrison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43607; Hassanah Blake, 38 Saint Paul Avenue, #2, Newark, New Jersey 07106; Beth B. Corbett, 1121 Lakeview Drive, Portsmouth, Virginia 23701; Naymon E. Rice, 3501 Sheridan Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44502; Clifford W. Howe, 1605 Ekstine Drive, Portsmouth, Virginia 23701, Theresa A. Tucker, 214 34th Street NE, Washington, DC 20019; Kathy S. Belton, 5256 Ormand Road, Dayton, Ohio 45449; Robert G. Swain, III, 1402 Grayson Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Ronnie C. Swain, 4001 Maine Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Ernest D. Watts, Jr., 1085 Egret Lake Way, Melbourne, Florida 32940; Helen Q. Watts, 203 Indian Rock Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; Josephine W. Watts, 1409 Cavalier Boulevard, Portsmouth, Virginia 23701; Ruth W. Lee, 1531 Moorman Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Lola W. Manigault, 3436 Pittsfield Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Doris F. Barnett, 225 W Hudson Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45405; Mary W. Early, 231 Pocahontas Street, Glasgow, Virginia 24555; Melvin L. Watts, Jr, 13512 Pine Reach Drive, Chesterfield, Virginia 23832; Marvin L. Watts, 13624 Baycraft Terrace, Midlothian, Virginia 23112; Marjorie W. Valentine, 126 Courtside Drive, Ashland, Virginia 23005; Lucy A. Cooke, 14941 Wellwood Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20905; Mercedes H. Tyree, 7439 S Franklins Way, Quinton, Virginia 23141; James L. Hubbard,

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123 Saint Marys Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22556; Charles G. Hubbard, P.O. Box 155, Glasgow, Virginia 24555; Gregory M. Weaver, Jr., 18 Petunia Lane, Natural Bridge Station, Virginia 24578; Phillip L. Diamond, 7837 Sedge Drive, New Kent, Virginia 23124; The following Respondents are believed to be deceased: Charles Blake; Frank E. Blake; Charles O. Blake; Florence B. Hayes; Jessie B. Coleman; Elizabeth B. Seldon; Frank L. Blake; Lonnie D. Blake; Jesse E. Blake; Jesse N. Blake; Mary E. Blake; Pinkney J. Blake; William R. Blake; Flossie B. Jones; James P. Blake; Rosalie Blake; Ray S. Blake, sr.; Harry O. Blake; Ralph W. Blake; Charles H. Blake; Harry O. Blake, Jr.; Walter M. Blake; Delores Blake; Philip E. Blake; Charles A. Blake; Viola B. Burks; Jeffery L. Burks; William B. Blake; Ressie B. Watts; Aubrey R. Watts; Gladys W. Howe; Adolph B. Blake; Gretta E. Blake; Nathaniel N. Blake; Aubrey A. Watts; Walter G. Watts; Mary W. Swain; Nina B. Curry; Ernest D. Watts; Orestes K. Watts; Mary B. Watts; Melvin L. Watts, Sr.; Robert B. Watts; Geneva W. Diamond; Anna B. Payne, 1507 Hanover Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Acree Hayes, 1027 Palm Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Roy E. Hayes, 2207 Sherman Drive NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; David S. Seldon, 1019 Palm Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Priscilla Seldon, 1019 Palm Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Oscar C. Blake, 41 1 Stafford Glen Court, Stafford, Virginia 22554; Vivian T. Brown, 397 Hershberger Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24012; Rodney A. Taborn, 7262 S Barrens Road, Apt. 203, Roanoke, Virginia 24019; Charles G. Blake, 1654 Oakwood Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207; Larry L. Blake, 4090 Larry Place, Columbus, Ohio 43227; Charles H. Blake, Jr. , 93 Palmer Avenue, Springfield, Massachusetts 01108; Jennifer L. Johnson, 369 Stapleton Road, Springfield, Massachusetts 01109; Constance D. Loving, 961 Avondale Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43607; Charles O. Long, 961 Avondale Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43607; Janelle M. Burks, 7607 Exploration Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43085; Adrian W. Burks, 4128 Hill Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43607; Walter B. Blake, 5040 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45415; Hubert M. Blake, 1527 Grandin Road SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24015; Nettie B. Parr, 1513 Marthal Road, Toledo, Ohio 43607; Cora R. Blake, 1402 Harrison Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey 07203; Jay E. Blake, 1729 Mercer Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; Stanley A. Howe, 1121 Lakeview Drive, Portsmouth, Virginia 23701; Charlie R. Watts, 279 Indian Rock Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; Cynthia B. Watts, 4483 Ben Street NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017; David B. Watts, 140 Anchor Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23702; Patrick M. Proctor, 3035 S 8950 W, Magna, Utah 84044; Robert S. Diamond, 5644 Forge Road, Glasgow, Virginia 24555; and Dorine Weaver, 4218 Kildare Drive, Greensboro, North Carolina 27405; The following respondents are those whose last known addresses are unknown: Devon Nicholson; Beverly Coleman; Timothy Blake; Donald Blake; George Blake; Susan Howe; Kim Blake aka Kym Irby; Joshua Lemar; Walter Howe; Lewis Terry; 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 May 1, 2025 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to

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protect their interests in this cause.
Entered on the 12th day of March, 2025.

I Ask For This:

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF 249 RAINBOW
FOREST DRIVE,
BLUE RIDGE, VA
24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 26, 2021, in the original principal amount of \$310,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 210002895. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on April 28, 2025, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BLUE RIDGE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 1, IN BLOCK 1, SECTION 2, SHOWN ON "MAP OF SECTION 2 OAK WOOD", MADE BY T. P. PARKER & SON, ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS, AND OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 192. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-364124-1.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF 1412 Narrow
Passage Road,
Buchanan, VA
24066

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$260,988.00 dated June 24, 2022 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on June 24, 2022 as Instrument Number: 220002472, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090 on May 2, 2025 at 4:30 PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: All that certain tract or parcel of land with improvements thereon located and appurtenances thereunto appertaining, situated in Botetourt County, Virginia, on the North side of Highway No. 43 (Narrow Passage Road, formerly Springwood Road) and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit; BEGINNING at a stake in the North line of Highway No. 43 (Narrow Passage Road, formerly Springwood Road), corner to the tract sold to Thomas Molony (see Deed Book No. 97, page 48, in the following name Clerk's Office), and thence with the latter, North 9° West 1382.5 feet to a stake in the outside line; thence with the same, North 49° East 150 feet to a stake in said line; thence a new line South 9° East 1470 feet to a stake in the line of said Road or Highway No. 43, and with the same South 79° 58' West 122 feet to the point of BEGINNING, and containing 4 acres of land, more or less. LESS AND EXCEPT 1.40 acres which William Owen Breedlove and his wife, Dolly Kelly Breedlove, sold to the Commonwealth of Virginia for Highway No. 81 — a description of which land so sold off and which is reserved and excepted from this conveyance will be found in Deed Book 139 at page 481 and Deed Book 149 at page 491, to which Deed Books and pages in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, reference is here and now made for a description of the land so sold to the Commonwealth of Virginia and which land is reserved and excepted and excluded from this Deed and Conveyance. Thus, the land hereby conveyed by this Deed contains approximately 2.60 acres, more or less; Tax ID: 22174. TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 24-011096) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com The Vendor auction.com will be used in conjunction with this sale. Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.



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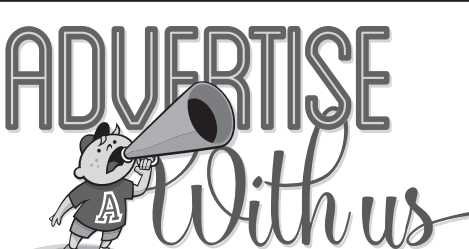
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on April 14, 2025 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors' intention to act on the following Ordinance:

A request by **Fotheringay, LLC** (Agent: Balzer and Associates) for an amendment to the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan to change the policy map designation of approximately 633.72 acres of property, located off Route 11/460 (Roanoke Road) between Crozier Road and Graham Street, from Resource Stewardship to Village Expansion. The request would further designate 307.72 acres of the total 633.72 acres in Village Expansion as Open Space, with the remaining 326 acres designated as Medium-Density Residential, within the Elliston Lafayette Village. The Medium-Density Residential policy designation permits single-family housing at a density of no greater than five dwelling units per acre. The property is further identified as Tax Map Numbers 072-A 2, 54.343 acres (Parcel ID: 023523); 072-1 56, 37.824 acres (Parcel ID: 013681); 059-3 58, 15.3 acres (Parcel ID: 013682); 059-3 57, 59, 60.7 acres (Parcel ID: 013683); 072-1

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60, 73(1)6, 304.4 acres (Parcel ID: 013684) 072-A 4A, 0.04 acres (Parcel ID: 180205) and a 162.15 acre portion of Tax Map 072-A-4, 188.1 acres, (Parcel ID: 013680).

Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplicatinns>.

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A request by **Carriage Road, LLC** to rezone 1.571 total acres from Agricultural (A1) to Traditional Neighborhood Development Infill (TND-I), to allow a mixed-use development. The proposed mixed-use development will mainly consist of a community center, coffee shop, and soccer practice facility. The property is located at 1708 & 1714 Carriage Road,

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Riner, at the intersection of Carriage Road (State Route 704) and Five Points Road (State Route 671). The property is further identified as Tax Maps 119-A A 8, 9 (Parcel IDs: 070635, 070611), 1.571 acres, zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, and is further designated as Mixed Use in the Prices Fork Village Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplicatio>ns.

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(SUP) to allow a Short-Term Tourist Rental within an existing single-family dwelling and attached accessory dwelling on property located at 1480 and 1482 Clay Street, approximately 0.07 miles from the end of state maintenance, 0.22 miles east of the intersection of Cedar Orchard Drive (State Route 1237). The property is further identified as Tax Parcel 041-A 63G (Parcel ID: 032846), 1.082 acres, zoned Residential (R-2) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at montva.com/pc.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on April 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following request: A request by **Stateson Homes** (Agent: Balzer and Associates) for a Special Use Permit to allow increased height in the PUD-RES zoning district on property owned by Fotheringay, LLC. The requested Special Use Permit would allow maximum height of 40 feet for single-family detached units and villa units and a maximum height of 45 feet for single-family attached (townhouse) lots. The property is currently located in an area designated as Resource Stewardship in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at montva.com/pc.

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Unit Development-Residential (PUD-RES), with proffered conditions. The proposed request would rezone a 32.52 acre portion of 53.343 acres of Tax Map 072-A 02 (Parcel ID 013682); a 35.531 acre portion of 37.824 acres of Tax Map 059-3 57, 59 (Parcel ID 013683); a 122.03 acre portion of 304.40 acres of Tax Map 072-1 60, 73(1)6 (Parcel ID 013684); and a 10.58 acre portion of 188.10 acres of Tax Map 072-A 4 (Parcel ID 013680). The requested rezoning would facilitate the development of a mixed residential development consisting of up to 409 residential units, at a density of 1.5 units per acre. The proposed development would consist of a mixture of single-family detached and single-family attached (townhouse and villas) residential units. AND A request by **Stateson Homes** (Agent: Balzer and Associates) for a Special Use Permit to allow increased height in the PUD-RES zoning district on property owned by Fotheringay, LLC. The requested Special Use Permit would allow maximum height of 40 feet for single-family detached units and villa units and a maximum height of 45 feet for single-family attached (townhouse) lots. The property is currently located in an area designated as Resource Stewardship in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at montva.com/pc.

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A request by Shah Development LLC for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Contractor's storage yard. It is proposed that an existing structure on the site will be used for storage as will on-site outdoor storage. The site is located at the western terminus of Planagan Drive, Christiansburg (F060), and is located approximately 1.2 miles west of Riner Road (St. Rt. 8). The property is further identified as Tax Map 106- A 7C1 (Parcel ID: 290036), 18.784 acres, zoned Agricultural (A-1) in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Resource Stewardship in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

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River softball girls complete sweep of Parry McCluer



Sydnee Breeding fields the ball for River.

The James River girls completed a first week sweep of Parry McCluer in softball with a 15-5 win in Buena Vista Friday. The Knights had beaten the Blues earlier in the week in Springwood, 15-2, to open the season.

The Knights got first inning doubles from Caitlyn Downey, Sydnee Breeding and Ella Hutchens and a single from Keira

Crawford to grab a 3-0 lead. In the third inning, River used six hits and a walk to score seven more runs to stretch their lead to 10-0. The frame was highlighted by another double from Downey and a triple by Hutchens.

Trailing 13-0 in the fifth, the Blues set the table with a walk, a hit batter and infield hit for a Logan Vest, base-clearing, triple to get on the board. They scored

two additional runs on an error and a ground out. The Knights got two runs in the sixth and closed out the win.

Makenna Saville pitched five scoreless innings to gain her second win of the season, both against the Blues. Saville struck out three and walked one while allowing only two hits.

“We had a really steady pitching performance

from Makenna Saville and outstanding defense,” said River coach Steve Austin. “We turned three double plays which stymied their offense.”

Downey and Breeding had three hits apiece for James River. Hutchens Crawford and Paige Shotwell had two hits. Downey, Breeding, Hutchens, Crawford, and Shotwell had two RBIs each.

River is off for spring break this week, returning with a home game against Waynesboro on Monday. They’re at Northside a week from today.

“We’re pleased to get off to a solid start but we have a lot of work to do,” said Austin. “We have to continue to figure out our line up and depth as we enter a challenging part of our schedule after break.”



Makenna Saville pitches for the Knights.



River's Caitlyn Downey slides safely into second.



LB's Janey Farrar controls the ball.



Katherine Woodward of LB dribbles through Blacksburg defenders.

Cavalier girls split first two soccer games

The Lord Botetourt soccer girls went 1-1 to open the spring season last week. The Cavaliers lost to Blacksburg at home, 1-0, then bounced back to beat Patrick Henry, also in Daleville, 3-0.

“Tight game with Blacksburg,” said LB

coach Giuseppe D’Arpa. “Much better showing for the Lady Cavs against PH.”

Bria Harvey scored twice for the Cavaliers in the win over Patrick Henry while Ella Fletcher scored the other. Cailey Petrauskas had two assists and Katherine

Woodward had one.

The girls are off for spring break this week, returning with their first two road games against New River Valley teams. They’re at Blacksburg next Tuesday, April 1, then head to Christiansburg a day later.

LB boys are unscored upon after two soccer games

The Lord Botetourt boys soccer team is 2-0 after posting their second straight shutout to open the season. The Cavaliers defeated Abingdon, 6-0, at Emory & Henry University last Friday in their final game before spring break.

LB peppered the Falcons’ goal with 36 shots. Isaac Alderman connected for two goals while Isiah Lankford,

Jeremy Simmons, Kalob Daniels and Dean Webb had one each. JB Cook and Garrett Honts split time in the LB goal to record the shutout, the second straight after beating Heritage, 1-0, in the season opener.

The Cavaliers will be back on the pitch a week from today, on April 2, when they host Christiansburg in Daleville.

Girls drop tennis opener to Blacksburg

The Lord Botetourt girls opened the tennis season with an 8-1 loss to traditional state power Blacksburg at Hollins University last week. Freshmen Alyssa Walker and Gwyneth Farrar secured the only win at third doubles.

“I’m proud of how our ladies carried themselves and fought even while down,” said coach Sam Belcher. “They served well and played aggressively at the net.”

Belcher returns for his second season as the girls’ coach. The Cavaliers are off for spring break this week but return the trip to Blacksburg next Tuesday.

“My wife and I are excited to return to coaching the girls varsity tennis team this season,” said Belcher. “Last year we had

incredible success winning the district, being runner-up in the region, and ultimately losing in the quarterfinals of the state tournament. The best part about last year though was watching these teenage girls grow into being the people they were made to be.

“We care about the wins and losses but we care far more about helping these girls grow and develop into amazing human beings. Our hopes for this year are to maintain the team culture we set last year and get some wins too.”

The boys tennis team will return from spring break with a match at Magna Vista next Tuesday, April 2.

River boys drop two soccer games

After opening the season with a rout of Floyd County the James River boys dropped their next two soccer games. The Knights lost to Auburn, 5-1, and Waynesboro, 8-1.

The Auburn game was in Riner and the host Eagles got out to an early lead and River never recovered.

“We came out very flat the first six minutes and allowed four unassisted goals,” said coach Jared Whiting. “It’s like we weren’t there to play. Once we finally got going we played well, holding off any more goals in the first half.”

Angel Morales scored River’s goal on a near post shot.

On Friday in Waynesboro the Little Giants came up big.

“This was a tough, tough game for us,” said Whiting. “It was a fast-paced game against a team with very good ball control.”

River trailed just 2-0 at intermission but the Giants continued to add on in the second half.

“As the goals continued to drop for them in the second half we lost our shape and were a bit overwhelmed,” said Whiting. “We play them next after spring break at home and hope to give them a totally different look. The bigger schools are a challenge for us, but we are looking to give them a run for their money.”

Now 1-2, the Knights will look to get even when they host Waynesboro Monday.



Ben Wilson goes high over a Floyd opponent for James River.



Ben Whitt (3) works the ball for the Knights.

River girls open soccer season 2-1

The James River girls got the soccer season off to a fast start with two wins in their first three games last week. River beat Auburn, 3-1, and Bath County, 8-0, before dropping a 3-0 decision to Waynesboro.

The girls opened the season at Riner against the 2024 Class 1 state champion Eagles and took it to the home team in an exciting match.

Sophia Martin opened the scoring for the Knights three minutes into the match, assisted by fellow sophomore Rhaya Kitt. The majority of the first half was played end to end and with less than two minutes left in the half, Kitt finished with an assist from freshman

Jordyn Simmons to take the team into the break with a 2-0 lead.

The second half was more of the same. James River had some strong offense, but the Auburn defense prevented quality chances. Kitt made a brilliant run through traffic to finish unassisted at the midpoint of the half for a 3-0 lead and the Eagles tallied a late goal for the final score. Kylee Aaron had nine saves for River.

Last Thursday at Bath the Knights kept the ball rolling with an 8-0 win. Kitt had three goals and an assist, Martin had two goals and an assist and Ayden Jennings had two goals and two assists, including a score on a

long free kick. Haley Rader had one goal and Jordyn Simmons had an assist and Aaron had to make just one save for the shutout.

On Friday at home Waynesboro visited and took the 3-0 win. The Little Giants were up 2-0 at the half and added a second half goal. Aaron kept the Knights close with 16 saves in the goal but River never could find the back of the net on the other end.

River is off for spring break this week, returning next Monday when the girls return the trip to Waynesboro. Then, a night later, they play a back-to-back at Nelson County.

Central's Emmah McAmis is Class 2 Girls Player of the Year; River's Caitlin Canada named to the All-State second team

The Virginia High School League has announced its 2025 Class 2 All-State girls basketball team and James River senior Caitlin Canada has been named to the second team. Central (Wise) senior guard Emmah McAmis is the Class 2 Player of the Year, and Central (Wise) head coach Robin Dotson is the Class 2 Coach of the Year. Central is the team that eliminated James River in the state quarterfinal.

A four-time All-State first-teamer and the Class 2 POY for the third straight season, the 5'7" McAmis averaged 27.9 points (838), 7 .0 rebounds (210), 4.1 assists (122), and 3.7 steals (112) per game. In the state finals against John Marshall, she scored 26 points, had 11 rebounds, and four assists

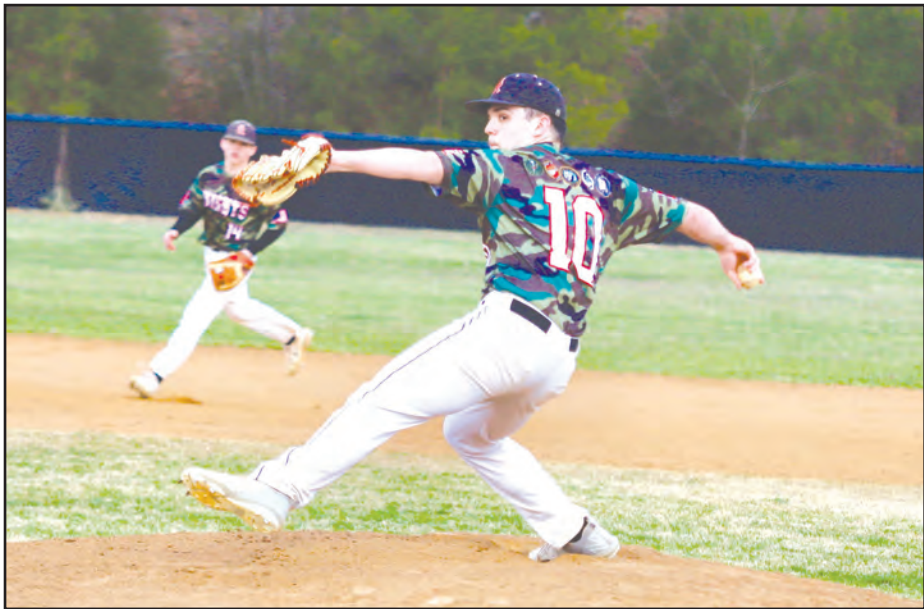


PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Caitlin Canada of James River is a second team All-State selection in Class 2 basketball.

in leading the Warriors to their second straight state title. The East Tennessee State signee scored 3,041 points in four seasons with a 24.7 ppg over 123

games.

Central head coach Robin Dotson led the Warriors to a 28-3 record and the school's seventh eighth championship.



River's Ben Lawson pitches against Parry McCluer in a no-hit effort.

River baseball team is undefeated heading into the break, two combine to pitch no-hitter against Parry McCluer

The James River baseball team opened the spring season with three wins in the first week of play, heading into spring break with a 3-0 record. The Knights swept a home and away with Parry McCluer around a win over Bath County.

The Knights beat Parry McCluer in Springwood on opening day, 17-1, then traveled to Bath County and Buena Vista for back-to-back road games to close out the first week of play. They won both, taking a 9-6 win over Bath and shutting out Parry McCluer, 10-0.

"Bath really gave us a run for our money," said River coach Chance Henry. "They came out with a lot of energy and played clean baseball the whole time."

Evan Joyce had a big three-run home run early to get the Knights started. His older brother, Logan Joyce, came in to pitch after Evan started on the mound and settled things down after a rough second inning.

"We don't win this game without Logan throwing four quality innings and giving our offense a chance to get something going," said Henry.

Evan Byers came up with a huge bases

loaded single in the fourth that tied the game at the time.

"This was a really gutsy win for us against a scrappy team in tough conditions," said Henry. "We didn't play our best defensively but our pitching held us together and we were able to break it open later in the game."

On Friday at Parry McCluer, Cam Saunders threw three and two-thirds innings of no-hit ball in the win over the Blues. Cam picked up the save a day prior against Bath.

"He's turned into a game changer on the mound for us," said Henry of Saunders.

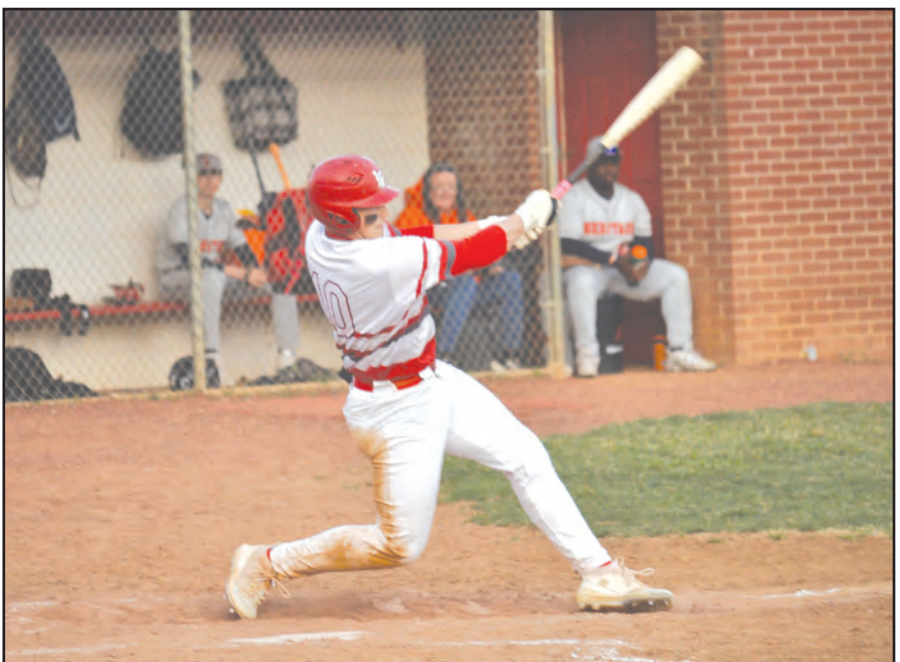
Ben Lawson finished the game with another inning and a third of no-hit ball for a combined no hitter.

Next week the Knights return from break with home games against Waynesboro and Lord Botetourt on March 31 and April 2.

"We face some pretty solid teams in Waynesboro, Lord Botetourt and Floyd coming out of spring break but if we keep throwing strikes and having good at bats I feel great about our chances," said Henry.



PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY
Hunter Weaver of James River bats while Logan Joyce breaks for second.



Lord Botetourt's Noah Donaho follows through on his grand slam home run in Monday's win over Heritage.

Big inning leads Cavaliers to win over Heritage

Lord Botetourt scored 10 runs in the bottom of the third inning to break the game wide open and defeat Heritage in baseball Monday. The Cavs took a slaughter-rule 11-1 win in Daleville.

Noah Donaho's grand slam was the big hit in the inning. The senior shortstop took a 1-2 pitch deep over the left field screen with two outs and the bases full for his third homer in two games. Isaac Nichols and Emory Lonker each had two hits and two RBIs for LB.

Logan Wingler picked up the win, pitching three innings and giving up three hits. Cameron Bailey and Brady Kish each pitched a scoreless inning and had two strikeouts each to close out the win.

With the victory the Cavaliers are 2-1 after a week and a day of regular season play. They opened the season with a 5-4 loss to Blacksburg. Wingler also started



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Noah is greeted by the teammates he followed across the plate in LB's 11-1 win.

that one and pitched the first five innings, yielding three earned runs. Jairdan Pennix relieved and took the loss as the host Bruins walked it off with one out in the bottom of the seventh.

Donaho went 2-for-2 with a walk while Garrett Lonker, Nichols and Pennix each had a hit and Lonker had three RBIs.

In last Thursday's home opener the Cavs beat Hidden Valley, 7-5. Kobe Hairston earned the win, going four innings and scattering seven hits. Chase Peck pitched two innings and Garrett

Lonker picked up a save when he struck out the side in the top of the seventh.

Offensively, Donaho was 2-for-3 with two home runs and three runs batted in. After three games Noah is 6-for-7 at the plate with three homers. Garrett Lonker was 3-for-4 and Pennix and Nichols had two hits each.

The Cavaliers return to action next Tuesday, April 1, when Blacksburg returns the trip. Then, a day later, they play an intra-county rivalry game at James River.

LB softball team splits first two games



Lord Botetourt's Callie Shuler slides safely into home.



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY
Autumn Russell rips a hit for LB against Blacksburg.

The Lord Botetourt softball team is 1-1 after the first week of the season. The girls defeated Blacksburg at home in their opener, 5-3, but lost to Hidden Valley in Roanoke County Thursday, 12-3.

Against Blacksburg, Autumn Russell was 2-for-3 and Maya Mougin drove in two runs. Seven different players had hits for LB while Phoenix Humphries and Olivia Pierce split time on the mound for the opening day win.

At Hidden Valley, Abby Perkey had a fourth inning home run and drove in three but it wasn't enough in a loss to the Titans.

"This season is going to look completely different for us, but in a fantastic way," said coach Megan Cook, who will miss some early games after having a baby. "While we did lose a good portion of our team last year, we have seen a large amount of talent and potential in our young players that have moved up and our senior leadership is phenomenal. We can't wait to see what these girls are capable of."

The Cavaliers are off this week for spring break, returning with a home game against Cave Spring next Monday and a return trip to Blacksburg on Tuesday.