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Local volunteers go above and beyond for Fincastle shelter animals

Matt de Simone
Managing Editor

When a winter storm threatened the League for Animal Protection in late January, the shelter's safety depended not on equipment, but on people willing to step in at a moment's notice.

As freezing temperatures and icy conditions approached, shelter officials learned that the facility's backup generator had failed — a discovery that raised immediate concerns for the dogs and cats in their care.

"We realized the generator wasn't working the very day the storm was arriving," said Pat Shaver, who has served as shelter director for 30 years. "If we had lost electricity, we wouldn't have had heat or water, and that would have been disastrous for the animals."

Although the shelter never lost power, the lack of a functioning generator

prompted an urgent call for help. Within hours, volunteers responded.

Volunteer Laken Vail offered to take all eight cats into her family's guesthouse, located near her home.

"We don't use the guesthouse very often, and when I saw Pat's plea, it just felt like the perfect little spot for them," Vail said. "I called her and said, 'Let's do it.'"

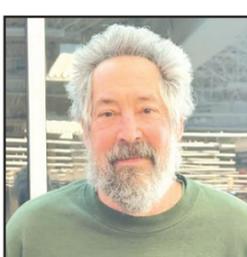
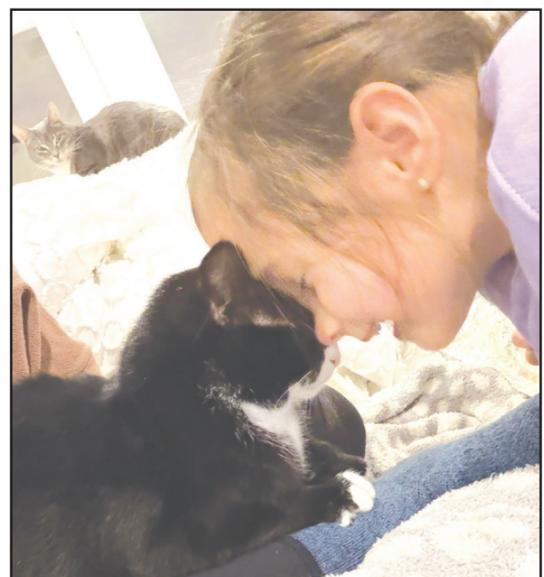
Vail said caring for the cats during the storm became a family effort. Her children, Mila, 6, and Banks, 4, helped feed the cats, clean litter boxes and spend time with them while roads remained icy.

"It gave us something meaningful to do while being snowed in," Vail said. "Getting to know their personalities outside of the shelter environment was really special."

At the shelter, volunteer



The Vail children, Banks (left) and Mila, playing with cats from the shelter who stayed with the family during the storm.



Barry Kuhlik

Barry Kuhlik stayed behind to care for the dogs that could not be placed in foster homes. What was expected to be a short stay stretched into five days as weather conditions lingered.

"I had an inkling it might be longer," Kuhlik said. "With



Laken Vail

the roads freezing, I wasn't convinced other volunteers would even be able to get out of their driveways."

Kuhlik packed enough supplies to remain on site and provided round-the-clock care for the dogs.

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John and Katie Varney leaving with Wally after adopting him.



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The county Board of Supervisors approved a performance agreement tied to a proposed major retail development last week.

Board of Supervisors approve confidential retail deal, elect new leadership at January meeting

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In a surprise move during its January meeting, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a performance agreement tied to a proposed major retail development, an item added to the agenda as a walk-on without advance public notice.

County Administrator Gary Larowe presented the agreement, describing it as a preliminary step to allow a developer to seek financing for a "confidential" national destination retailer proposed for the Gateway Crossing area near the Interstate 81 Exit 150 interchange. The retailer's identity has not been disclosed, citing competitive and contractual considerations.

Larowe emphasized that the board's action does not guarantee the project will be built.

"Approval today is limited to allowing the developer to seek appropriate financing," Larowe said. "This does not mean that anything will happen with the project."

The performance agreement establishes a partnership between Botetourt County, the county's Economic Development Authority and Gateway Circle Properties. Under the agreement, the county would reimburse certain verified infrastructure and development costs using a portion of new tax revenue generated by the project over time.

Economic Development Director

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Buchanan Theatre to close for long-awaited renovations



FILE PHOTO

The Buchanan Theatre will close after this Saturday for improvements.

The Buchanan Theatre will close following this Saturday's final screenings as the historic venue begins a long-anticipated renovation project aimed at improving accessibility, comfort and long-term efficiency while preserving the theater's beloved character.

The project is being funded largely through grants from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, awarded two years ago. Theater officials said the

timeline was extended as architects, engineers and contractors were secured and detailed plans finalized for the complex renovation of the aging building.

Once construction begins, the theater will undergo what organizers describe as a rebuilding "from the inside out."

Planned improvements include the addition of ADA-compliant, multi-stall restroom facilities, wider aisles and accessible emergency exits designed to improve

safety and comfort for all patrons. A more spacious and efficient snack bar will also be constructed, allowing staff to serve more customers and offer a broader selection of food items. The theater's original popcorn machine will be relocated but remain a central feature of the new concession area.

One of the most significant upgrades will be the complete reconstruction of the

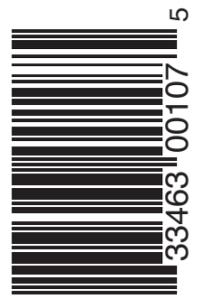
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This Virginia 250 Passport is available at the Botetourt Museum of History & Culture in Fincastle. It contains pictures, descriptions and websites of 63 museums and sites throughout Virginia, including the Botetourt Museum.

The Passport can be used to "chronicle your adventure and receive special discounts along the way." It is good until December 31, 2026, and promotes Virginia's outsized role in America's founding. Inside there is information on how to receive "Sweepstakes" cash awards.

In 2020, the Virginia General Assembly established the VA250 Commission to oversee and foster statewide partnerships from 2023-2031. The Honorable Terry L. Austin is chair of the VA American Revolution 250 Commemoration. For

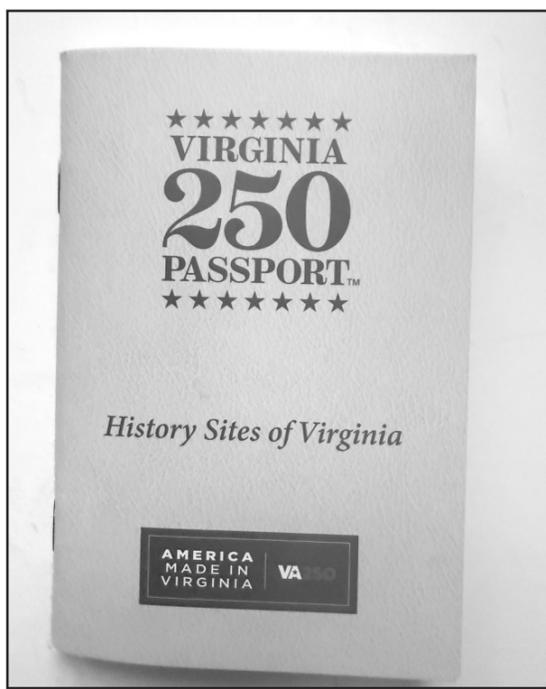


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~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Community invited to shape future of Greenfield Recreation Park

Botetourt County Parks and Recreation has unveiled the first two conceptual designs for the Greenfield Recreation Park Master Plan, marking an important early step in a long-term vision for one of the county's most beloved outdoor spaces.

The concepts, released last week, are the result of community survey feedback gathered over recent months. According to Parks and Recreation officials, resident input played a central role in shaping the preliminary layouts, amenities, and overall direction of the proposed park improvements.

"We've heard you," the department shared in a recent social media announcement, emphasizing that the designs reflect what community members said they want to see at Greenfield Recreation Park.

The two concepts offer different approaches to organizing park features and amenities, giving residents a chance to compare ideas and



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consider what best fits the community's needs. While specific elements may evolve, the designs are intended to spark conversation and gather focused feedback rather than present a finished plan.

Parks and Recreation

officials stress that these concepts are not final drafts. Instead, they are working documents that will continue to be refined through public discussion and additional input.

Residents are

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DAR - Our Patriot Ancestors

In recognition of the upcoming 250th celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the DAR America 250! Committee of the Botetourt County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is placing a spotlight on members' Patriot ancestors who helped the country achieve American Independence. Jonathan Prather is a Patriot ancestor of DAR member Carolyn Wiley.

Preliminary research indicates the Prather immigrants arrived in Maryland from England around 1634. They eventually made their way to Virginia where Jonathan Prather, fifth generation in Colonial America, was born sometime in 1758 to Jonathan and Catherine Reece Prather of Bedford County.

Several years following his return to civilian life, Jonathan was married to Sarah Moseley (daughter of Edward) by Nathaniel Shrewsbury in Bedford County on Oct. 14, 1786. He continued to perform his civic duty by serving numerous times as a juror for the Bedford County Court. The search for a will naming heirs of Jonathan and Sarah has been challenging. Early census records give few clues but do list Jonathan with a Bedford County household of 11 inhabitants in 1810, consisting of five males and four females aged 25 or younger. The family was in Franklin County by 1820 with only five members who included two females and one male under the age of 25.

On Sept. 5, 1825, Jonathan, "aged



FILE GRAPHIC

Sixty Seven years," appeared before the Franklin County, Va., court and presented his pension statement. It revealed that he volunteered under the service of Captain Robert Adams in the regiment of Colonel Charles Lynch and subsequently participated in guarding the lead mines near Fort Chiswell, Wythe County, "from the Indians and Tories." He then served a six-month tour with Lt. Nathaniel Rice at New London, Bedford County (now Campbell County) and marched to Richmond by way of Prince Edward County. In Richmond he was assigned guard duty over the magazine and public stores until he was discharged from the continental service "the Spring after Cornwallis surrendered."

Jonathan was not a wealthy man, as reflected in his pension application: "All

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Elves and the Shoemaker appearing in "Tales from the Brothers Grimm," written by Doug Goheen.

New play opens at Attic Productions Thursday

Attic Productions invites the public to the D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, to the youth ensemble production of "Tales from the Brothers Grimm," written by Doug Goheen.

Due to the recent weather events, the new show dates are February 5-8 and 12-15 with Thursday and Friday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m. Anyone who has purchased tickets for the original weekend may exchange their seats for another showing by contacting the box office.

Join the Attic players as they bring five stories to life with action, dance, song and puppetry. Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm narrate five of their famous tales:

- The Bremen Town Musicians: Four aging animals leave their respective farms and decide to become musicians in Bremen Town.

- The Elves and the Shoemaker: A struggling shoemaker and his wife are magically helped at night by elves who craft beautiful shoes.

- The Fisherman and His Wife: A fisherman catches a talking flounder who claims to be an enchanted princess.

- The Golden Goose: Simpleton goes out to chop firewood for his family and offers his lunch to a passing stranger. In return, the woman gives him a golden goose.

- Hans in Luck: After seven years of hard work, Hans is paid a large lump of gold. In a single day, he manages to make



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

Nolan Crockett as Hans

several bad trades until he is eventually left with nothing.

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

Attic will be accepting pet food donations to benefit local animal shelters, and those attending the play may be lucky enough to meet a canine ambassador from the RVSPCA at one of the performances.

This production is presented by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Ill.

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*Report from the House - Week 3
Del. Terry Austin*

Week three of the General Assembly session has concluded and, with more than 2,600 bills introduced, several major policy debates are now taking shape. The House majority has introduced legislation that increases taxes, limits law enforcement's abilities to effectively perform its duties, exposes companies to liability for the actions of their customers, allows one political party to redraw congressional political boundaries, and questions continued state support for the oldest public senior military college in the United States.

Even as the cost of living remains at the forefront of Virginians' concerns, the majority has advanced legislation that expands sales taxes to services that

are currently tax-free, establishes new income tax brackets, and increases taxes on businesses and investment income. While these proposals are often framed as improving "affordability," they will increase costs for many Virginia families and employers.

Other legislation limits Virginia's cooperation with federal law enforcement agencies and exposes firearm manufacturers and sellers to lawsuits for crimes committed by third parties. Congress enacted the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act specifically to prevent this type of litigation, which previously targeted other lawful industries. Additional bills restrict cooperation between local and federal

law enforcement authorities, including some that penalize officers for assisting with federal operations. Ensuring that dangerous criminals are removed from our communities is essential to public safety. In the end, these bills are more likely to invite costly lawsuits instead of improving public safety.

In the coming days, the governor is expected to sign legislation significantly altering Virginia's congressional redistricting process. Despite successful ongoing legal challenges, the majority is moving forward against the will of the two-thirds of Virginians who voted to do away with political gerrymandering. Voters will ultimately have the final say, and I encourage you to stay engaged and continue to plan for an upcoming election on April 21. Information on voting options, including permanent absentee status, is available through the Virginia Department of Elections. Please take the time to educate yourself, your family and your friends on the detrimental effect this would have for

our region and rural Virginia.

HB 1377 creates a task force to examine whether the Virginia Military Institute should remain a state-supported institution. I continue to work with the bill patron and VMI to find common ground and have emphasized VMI's long-standing role in producing countless military and civilian leaders over its 187-year history. The cadets who have been visiting Richmond to advocate for the institution make a powerful impression with their professional demeanor and strong character. The outpouring of support for VMI that my office and the General Assembly have received from alumni, parents, and citizens across the commonwealth and country is as heartening as it is unsurprising. I will continue to do everything I can to ensure that VMI is strengthened during this time of increased scrutiny.

My own legislation is progressing through the committee process:

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Botetourt County middle schools released the following honor rolls for the second nine-weeks:

CENTRAL ACADEMY

A HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Athena Bergman, Mazi Elmore, Hannah Ferguson, Brett Henry, Noah Horne, Wyatt Manbeck, Gavin Price, Samuel Reynolds, Chase Schoch, Kinley Scott, Macy Weddle, Angela Williams

SEVENTH GRADE: Harper Beckner, Cole Belcher, Ruby Boblett, Lindsey Branch, Liam Camper, Lucy Dubbe', Rilee Erickson, Bryson Garner, Jaden Herrig, Grace Kang, Noah Koon, Wren Manbeck, Sadie May, Maci Silva, Brantley Smith, Abigail Topkin, Adalyn Whitney, Ellymae Windsor, Bodhi Woodson

SIXTH GRADE: Josee Armentrout, Blake Belcher, Dalilah Bridgen, Cayden Carpenter, Bailey Carroll, Berkley Carroll, John Cruise, Lennox Duty, Elizabeth Earnest, Imelda Graham, Lillian Halsey, Easton Hayes, Colton Haynes, Esther Hipes, Kellan Ives, Charlotte Lee, Tucker Lisle, Jace Newman, Cullen Prill, Elias Reynolds, Camryn Sartorius, Aida Simmons, Parker Tate, Avery Wertz

A-B HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Landon Anderson, Haley Bailey, Cole Bandy, Ashlyn Bankert, Lillian Cress, Sophie Dewhirst, Lillian Dooley, Blaine Dooley, Ridley Engstrom, Camdyn Flint, Avery Garcia, Aubrey Ginapp, Raegan Hickey, Allie Johnson, Emma Marshall, Ethan Martin, Garland Miller, Jasmine Montgomery, Evan Mundy, Colt Norris, Tristan Rae, Camden Reynolds, Braelyn Scott, Bayleigh Sieger, Thomas Taylor, Haylee Thompson, Melynda Turman, Reagan Walker, Pyper White, Ryan Wiley

SEVENTH GRADE: Lily Alls, Harley Armentrout, Jamie Arthus, Kyle Asbury, Charles Burnette, Ava Burton, Layah Combs, Carson Cook, Rylee Dancausse, Bear Delseni, Tyler Gilmer, Autumn Ginapp, Tanner Goyer, Samuel Hall, Anna Henry, Jayden Howson, Kaylen Hull, Baylee

Hylton, Sedley Jeter, Bentley Keyser, Kirra Kitt, Jackson Lowe, Donovan Mahon, Madison Mathews, Logan Moyers, Brooklyn Persinger, Adalyn Persinger, Barry Short, Johanna Sink, Ronan Snyder, Luke Sprinkle, Rosalie Stull, Matthew Tate, Maddox Taylor, Jocelyn Theimer, Micah Tingler, Kinsley Tolley, Adelyn Tribble, Roy Trivellin, Natalee Vassar, Nora Wilburn, Jaden Willis, Piper Woods

SIXTH GRADE: Elowen Anderson, Shajeania Aronson, Kasey Ayers, Charles Ayers, Serena Beard, Lawson Beavers, Burton Bigoney, Kenslie Blevins, Eli Boggs, Adam Bryant, Brynna Bryant, Elise Cason, Jonathan Clemons, Sadie Davidson, Dennon Dudding, Amelia Duff, Meirco Elmore, Easton Firebaugh, Jaxson Flannagan, Olivia Graves, Peyton Hightower, Grayson Houseman, Makayla Howson, Madeleine Huddleston, Alayna Johnson, Jenna Jones, Avery Kelly, Teagan Kern, Kennedy King, Henry Kinion, Levi LaPrade, Rosalee Lash, Rielely Lisle, Novah Long, Sullivan Louque-Parrish, Logan McVey, Zhanna Minnis, Katelyn Moore, Aleksii Mostovyi, Charlotte Moulton, Amelia Neighbors, Jake Nichols-Santos, Kylee Payne, Leatt Preston, Emerson Race, Reece Saunders, Ethan Schermer, Brielle Stover, Hayana Thompson, Eli Walker, Colton West, Sydney West, Kinsley Whitson

READ MOUNTAIN

A HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Annaleigh Aldridge, Michael Aliveto, Karson Anderson, John Bracey, Colleen Burton, Gabriella DeHaven, Josiah Dunker, Gabrielle Elmore, Selin Etcioглу, Thomas Frederickson, Nathan Gergely, Dorian Granados Armas, Berkley Gray, Alyssa Griffin, Millie Haniewich, William Hedrick, Ian Huddleston, Isaiah Irons, Brock Lough, Everly Lucas, Dylan Pham, Alisha Poudel, Cayden Ray, Rebecca Stakor, Lukas Stowers, Emily Taylor, Addison Thompson, Malachi Tribble, Allison Vess, Cameron Vess, Isaac Williams, Olivia Wolfe, Levi Young, Toby Zhu

SEVENTH GRADE: Yalda Atayi,

Eileigh Beckner, Molly Bogen, Emma Bond, David Bowling, Cody Carwile, Savannah Colleluori, Andrew Collins, Levi Crockett, Charlotte Curulla, Braeden Daniels, Kalin Williams, Robin Haburn, Bryson Harless, Gwenna Hartvigsen, Benjamin Henderson, Jackson Kish, Kyra Lake, Jalen Lin, Alex Mattarocchia, Nicholas Meyer, Abigail Muse, Ember Persing, Trevor Rock, Scharlotte Rock, Aubree Rogers, John Shuler, Shannon Simmons, Caleb Slaughter, Shannon Trout, Mason Weeks, Leona Wilhoit, Nate Wilson, Kaylee Wittensoldner, April Wood, Addisyn Yetter

SIXTH GRADE: Harrison Akers, Averi Alderman, Cameron Allison, Nova Bailey, Adam Barbour, Layla Beard, Everlie Beckner, William Booth, Rylan Borba, Riley Boyd, Stephanie Brown, Braeden Brown, Evelyn Brummer, Natalie Buehring, Reese Cecil, Yitong Chen, Jacob Clark, Aurora Cook, Mason Dalglish, Riley Dallos, Mia Davidson, Jake Delp, Kannon Dively, Cooper Dooley, Joshua Dunker, Everley Duns-Spiteri, Levi Frederickson, Prescott Gallacher, Scarlett Hickman, Wesley Hilgers, Jaxon Hodges, Lilia Hoover, Reese Huffman, Scarlett Hunt, Olivia Karabin, Olivia Kirby, Nikolas Klaus, Landon Knick, Kennedy Kourim, Parker Lough, Logan Maddox, Emma Markham, London Merchant, Evelyn Milko, Claire Miller, Brooklyn Morgan, Carter Morris, Sawyer Mulford, Luke Mullins, Jordan Murray, Mason Nichols, Charlotte Noble, Alyona Parrish, Afton Patrick, Katelyn Pierce, Maelie Pritt, Sophia Reiner, Madelynn Roberts, Jack Roginski, Benjamin Saville, Bria Scharf, Mason Smith, Roman Spencer, Grayson Starks, Raelyn Steinruck, Myra Strickler, Link Thacker, Swayze Thompson, Denver Thompson, Cora Tolbert, Isaiah Tribble, Robert Triplett, Brady Tyler, Carley Vaughn, Katelynn Wagner, Maci Walls, Josi Whitaker, Roman Wilhoit, Isabelle Williams, Emma Willmott, Charlotte Woody,

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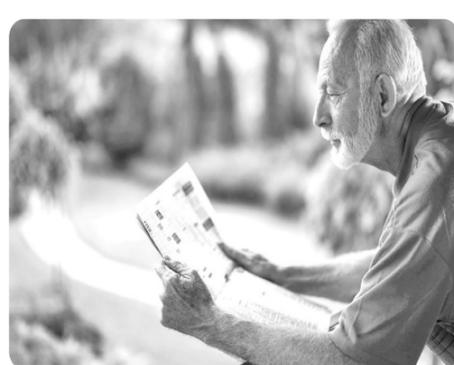
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"Love" offerings will be accepted

Quilters make fidget quilts for stress relief



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Kathy Wickham displays a fidget quilt made by a member of the Blue Ridge Quilters. These quilts are helpful for children and adults who can "fidget" with them to relieve stress. The makers use color, contrast, and

variety to appeal to the eyes and different textures and shapes to appeal to touch. This one will go to someone in hospice care. The group will meet next on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church,

9068 Cloverdale Road. President Debby Sowers will demonstrate ways of making and using half-square triangles, and members will "show and tell" quilts they have made.

- Blue Ridge Quilters



PHOTO COURTESY OF VFBF

VFBF President Scott Sink presents five-year service pin to Jeannie Dudding.

Dudding receives Farm Bureau five-year service award

Jeannie L. Dudding was recognized on Jan. 28 for five years of service on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation board of directors. VFBF President Scott Sink presented an award to Dudding at the board meeting in Richmond.

As the District 4 director, Dudding, a Craig County cattlemaster, represents Farm Bureau producer members in Alleghany, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, Henry, Patrick and Roanoke counties.

Dudding previously served as a Virginia Cooperative Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Giles County. She is now the agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Giles High School. She is an immediate past president of the Craig County Farm Bureau and has served on that organization's board for the past 19 years. She also chairs the VFBF Equine

Advisory Committee.

Additionally, Dudding has been involved with the Craig County Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee and served as its chair for two years. In 2013 she won the VFBF Young Farmers Discussion Meet, and in 2015 she was named Farm Woman of the Year by the VFBF Women's Leadership Committee.

She holds a master's degree in career and technical education from Virginia Tech and bachelor's degrees in animal science and education from the University of Connecticut.

Dudding and her husband, Jason, have an Angus cow-calf operation. Their two children, Layton and Evie, are active in 4-H and FFA with their own livestock projects.

- Virginia Farm Bureau

Support Friends of the Eagle Rock Library during 'Mindful Mondays'

The Friends of the Eagle Rock Library, a group dedicated to supporting the Eagle Rock branch of the Botetourt County Libraries, will be the focus of Town Center Tap House's "Mindful Mondays" initiative on Monday, Feb. 9. Under this weekly program, 10% of all

food sales - including non-alcoholic beverages and to-go orders - will be donated to a local nonprofit that supports the community.

Through fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy, the Friends have helped the Eagle Rock branch add new furniture, special book collections, cafes, and

more. They also sponsor events such as author talks and Summer Learning Challenge performers.

Community members are encouraged to dine out, enjoy a good meal, and contribute to a great cause. To learn more or get involved, contact Beth at bethraps@raisingclarity.com.

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Letter

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Letter congratulating new Supervisors

I would like to congratulate the two newest supervisors to the county board, Ms. Rottman of Buchanan and Mr. Snyder of Amsterdam. Also, Mr. Michael of Blue Ridge and Mr. Nicely of Fincastle are relatively new members of the board.

I want to remind our supervisors they represent the citizens of Botetourt County, not the county administration or the county Economic Development Authority.

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Botetourt Worship Directory

ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstvetremblay@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/@faithbaptistchurch9219. 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 Children's Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

Mill Creek Baptist Church—11475 Lee Hwy., Fincastle, 992-3474. Danny Quirin, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday night activities begin at 6pm: Bible study, children and youth activities, choir and handbell rehearsals follow. office@millcreekbc.com

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church—4930 Country Club Road (corner of Country Club & Haymakertown Roads), 540-992-5556. Pastor Danny Barham. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Worship can also be viewed online at the PHBC Facebook page or on Youtube (PHBCtube). Other activities and schedules can be found at www.phbcweb.com.

Springwood Baptist Church - 88 Cops Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email pmike09@outlook.com. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.: worship 11 a.m.: Wednesday night bible study will be held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Troutville Baptist Church—P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, Rev. Carol Johnston. Sunday School 10:00AM; Worship 11AM. Wednesday: Adult Prayer & Bible Study, 6:15PM; 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.-

WORDS OF RELIEF

Read Job 15:1 through 22:30

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

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

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

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

Do your words bring comfort or condemnation?

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

Quicklook: Job 16:4-6

May), Family Dinner, 6 p.m., Bible study, 6:45 p.m. Preschool, after-school care & summer day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna Burkhart, preschool director.

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

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren— 2565 Buffalo Rd., 10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10 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.

ECKANKAR

Eckankar, The Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses

on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. We offer a Spiritual Event on the 2nd. Sunday of each month. The program may be a Light and Sound Service, a Spiritual video and discussion, or other topics and techniques to help Raise Your Spiritual IQ. The Roanoke ECK Center is located at 1420 3rd. St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. For more information visit www.eck-va.org or call 540-353-5365. People of all faiths are welcome.

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 osloanoke.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. Choir rehearsal at 9:00 am. Sunday School at 10:00 am. Worship at 11:00 am. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org

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

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

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

Fincastle United Methodist Church - Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. In person services Sunday, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, 136 S. Church St., Fincastle. 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. We have one service on Sundays at 10:00am, with Sunday School for children, youth, and adults following at 11:00am. Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00pm, unless there is a special monthly mission event. Frogs and Tadpoles Children's Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, September through April, from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

Trinity United Methodist Church - 19637 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Doug Mitchell, 254-2475 (O). Worship, 9:45AM, Sunday School 10:30 AM.

OBITUARIES

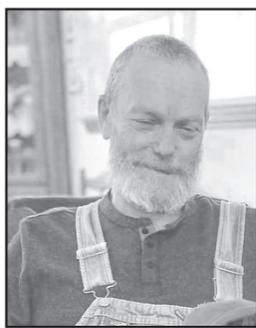
Dudding, Freddie Jay

Freddie Jay Dudding, affectionately known as "Jay," passed away on Jan. 18, 2026, in Blue Ridge. He was born on Dec. 11, 1962, in Roanoke.

Jay spent many years working as a truck driver, a career that reflected his independence and love of the open road. Outside of work, he found joy in kayaking, motorcycle riding, and bird watching, appreciating both adventure and the quiet beauty of nature. Jay was a member of Villamont Presbyterian Church, where he found fellowship and spiritual comfort.

He was preceded in death by his father, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Dudding; his mother, Mildred

Fralin; and his stepfather, Golden Fralin.



Those left to cherish his memory include his brother, Jack Dudding (Donna); sister, Jill Bird (Mike); nephew, Corey Austin, and great-nephew, Gunner Bastrom; niece, Cristen Austin, and great-nephew, Eli Doss; niece, Alecia Carwile (Clyde), and great-nieces and great-nephew, Cassidey Chevy, and Cody; niece, Nikki Dudding (Ricky Weeks), and great-nephew, Camden Dudding; along with numerous friends and loved ones who will miss him dearly.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date to be announced.

Wheeler, David Thomas

David Thomas "Tommy" Wheeler, 78, passed away peacefully in the early morning of Jan. 13, 2026.

A lifelong lover of racing, Tommy approached life with energy, adventure, and heart. Now, the checkered flag has waved – he has finished his race.

Born and raised in Buchanan, Tommy was a steadfast husband, devoted father, and adoring grandfather. He was known by many as the go-to mechanic – the one who could diagnose and fix just about anything with an engine. If it had wheels, chances are Tommy had tinkered with it, raced it, or was already figuring out how to make it run better. His mechanical aptitude was remarkable, but it was his curiosity and determination that truly set him apart.

Tommy loved the outdoors and lived life at full throttle. He found joy in tending his garden, hiking, trips to the beach, and giving back through litter pick-up efforts. Known for his mischievous sense of humor and signature sneaky grin, those closest to him caught fleeting glimpses of it even as his health declined.

He was preceded in death by Howard and Danie Wheeler; sister,

Martha Snuffer; brothers, Lynwood Wheeler, Curtis Wheeler, and Mike Wheeler; and brothers-in-law, Punk Broughman and Dickie Montgomery.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Vicky Wheeler; daughter, Amy Wheeler of Winchester; son-in-law, David Loughran; and grandson, Keegan, who will forever carry his spirit forward. He



is also survived by his brother, Bob (Carla) Wheeler of Salem, Ore.; brother-in-law, John (Carolyn) Montgomery of Salem; sisters-in-law, Sylvia (Willard) Flora, Phyllis (Warren) Wertz of Roanoke, Kay Broughman of Buchanan, and Joyce Montgomery of Buena Vista; and numerous nieces and nephews. Special friends include Billy and Becky Booze, Phyllis and Randy Kingery, and Hedda and Ken St. Clair.

Those wishing to make a contribution, please consider the American Stroke Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, Texas 75284-0692 or Virginia Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 328, Buchanan, 24066.

A celebration of life service will be private. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourfth.com.

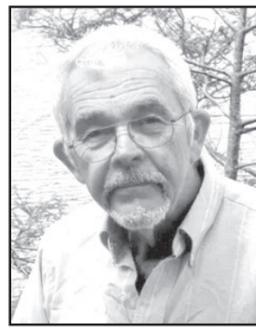
Fleshman, Jimmy Wayne

November 4, 1946 – January 29, 2026

Jimmy Wayne Fleshman, 79, of Roanoke, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026. He was the son of the late Leo and Margaret Fleshman.

Jimmy was the owner/operator/mechanic of Fleshman Service Center.

He is survived by his wife, Donna A. Fleshman;



daughter, Sherrye Fleshman; and granddaughters, Karlie Burks and Kaitlan Burks.

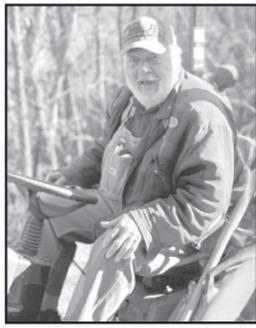
A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 2, 2026, at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens Mausoleum with the Rev. T.G. Ayers officiating. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements were by Oakey's North Chapel,

Harris, John Henry

John Henry "Johnny" Harris, 82, of Troutville, passed away on January 25, 2026, at his home.

Johnny was born in Botetourt County to the late Samuel Bedford Harris and Nannie Holdren Harris Keith. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Warren M. Goad; and half-brothers, Raymond, Alfred, and Harrison Harris. He graduated from Lord Botetourt High School and retired from Botetourt County Public Works as the Manager of the Botetourt County Landfill. Johnny also enjoyed hunting, vintage car shows, NASCAR and his family.

Survivors include his sister, Nancy Harris Goad; niece, Angela and Charles J. "Buddy," "Charlie" Italiano; nephew, Craig E. Goad; great-nephews and -nieces, Jacob and Kristie Delp, Samuel and Taylor Delp, Emily Holbrook and family, Aydin Italiano; great-great-nephews



and -nieces, Jake, Kinsey and Keagan Delp, and Chamberlyn Delp; also half-nephews, Bobby and Juanita Harris, Jerry and Cindy Harris; special friends and neighbors, the Ross Family.

Funeral services for Johnny will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2026 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home, 14920 Lee Highway, Buchanan with Pastor Danny Barham officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of the service and after the service in the Botetourt Event Center. Johnny will be laid to rest beside his parents in Daleville Cemetery as the weather permits. Memorial donations can be made in John's name to Lord Botetourt High School / Future Farmers of America Chapter, 1435 Roanoke Road, Daleville, 24083. Those wishing to send a condolence may do so at www.botetourfth.com or 540-254-3000.

Wood, Jason Emerson

Jason Emerson Wood, 45, of Fincastle, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Jan. 24, 2026.

He was born on July 17, 1980, to Pamela Susan Lynch and Larry Roope. Jason grew up in Botetourt County under the loving care of his maternal grandparents, Evelyn Ransome Wood and Matthew Emerson Wood.

He was a 1999 graduate of Lord Botetourt High School, where he played saxophone in the marching band during his freshman and sophomore years. He was also an active member of the FFA from grades 10-12 and volunteered with Fincastle Rescue.

Jason was preceded in death by his grandmother, Evelyn Ransome Wood; aunt, Cheryl R. Arnold; stepbrother, Michael E. Kiser; and cousin, Chasity D. Scaggs.

He is survived by his children: daughter, Lianne Jeanne Harney-Wood (Kenny); sons, Austin Emerson Wood and Samuel Matthew Wood; stepson, Alex Robertson; and fiancé, Bobbie J. Robertson. He is also survived by his mother, Pamela Susan Kiser (Larry) of Louisburg, N.C.; grandfather, Matthew Emerson Wood of Troutville; sisters, Jessica LeeAnn Wood of Troutville, Misty D. Kiser (Zack) of Floyd, Va.; and Shonna E. Kiser of Louisburg, N.C.

He leaves behind nieces and nephews, NiKayla D. Reedy, Preston M. Wood, Destiny S.

Kiser, and Wyatt E. Kiser; aunts, Jennifer L. Cupp (Robert) of Fincastle and Paula L. Brooks (Robert) of Spring Hope, N.C.; numerous cousins, including two he was especially close to, Derek E. Cupp (Devin) and Dale S. Cupp (Anastasia); and many friends he considered family.

Jason loved spending time with his family and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and anything related to the outdoors. Even when struggling himself, he was known for giving his last dollar or the shirt off his back to help someone in need. His sense of humor was one of his greatest gifts—he loved to be silly, was often the clown in the room, and truly enjoyed life.

A man of faith, Jason was working to start a Botetourt County chapter of Celebrate Recovery and was scheduled to begin classes to become a counselor for the Department of Justice.

A service will be held Friday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Troutville. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. A private burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Botetourt Food Pantry in Fincastle or to the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Food Ministry.

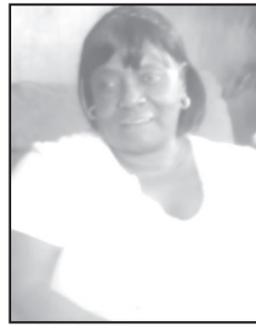


Knewasser, Elizabeth Johnson

Elizabeth "Liz" Johnson Knewasser, 76, of Roanoke, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026.

Liz was preceded in death by her parents, Daisy Johnson Washington and Garrett Johnson, Sr.; husband, Kim Knewasser; sisters, Shirley Terry and Lucille Johnson; brothers, James Glover, Billy Glover, Davie Johnson, and Freddie Johnson; and her son, David "Horn" Johnson.

Those left to carry her memory are her son, Kenneth Johnson, and daughter, Daisy (Leo) Lopez; her grandchildren, Shane Young, Shayla Mello, Marcus Johnson, Jordan Johnson, and Bryce Lopez; and great-grandchildren, Ka'Marion, Wyatt, Azyla, Marleigh, Juelz, and De'izmani who filled her



heart with joy; sisters, Susie (Al) Berkley, Daisy (Lewis) Rose, and Linda Ellis; brothers, Garrett (Beverly) Johnson, Michael (Ruby) Johnson, Clint (Lelia) Johnson, Kevin Johnson, and Jamie (Carrie) Washington; sister-in-law, Mary Johnson; her companion, Heyward Fisher, and a multitude of nieces and nephews who adore her and will forever cherish her presence in their lives.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Febr. 3, 2026, at 2 p.m. in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home, with Elder Donald Williams officiating. The family received friends an hour before the service. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourfth.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Mt. Carmel hymn sing Feb. 8

Mt. Carmel Church, Eagle Rock, will host a hymn sing on Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

Community dinner at Buchanan Presbyterians

B u c h a n a n Presbyterian Church is inviting the community to dinner on the first Wednesday of each month. Come for food and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan. There is no charge; however, any donations will be used for the Food Bank.

Eagle Rock Clothes Closet February dates

The Eagle Rock Community Clothes Closet at 14565 Church Street, Eagle Rock, will be open on Saturdays, Feb. 7 and Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It has clothing for men, women, and children, as

well as shoes, household items and toys, all at no charge. Bags are provided and patrons are asked to honor the bag limit.

Clothing donations should be made in bags, using the donation box outside the church. For larger donations or to volunteer to help with this community-wide mission, contact Ray Sandifer at 540-525-0258.

Pleasant Hill food box distribution Feb. 14

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will have food boxes available Feb. 14 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the church or at the Eagle Rock Library. If weather is not suitable, contact the church to arrange pick up at a later date.

Shrove Tuesday meal at Trinity UMC

Trinity United Methodist Church invites the public to an "All-You-Can-Eat" Shrove Tuesday

pancake meal on Feb. 17. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee and juice will be served between 4 and 7 p.m. on that Tuesday.

The meal is free and open to the public. "Love" offerings will be accepted.

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

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14920 Lee Highway	14777 Church Street
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Locally owned & operated by I. Ray & Bobbi Sloan	

Post 240 Notes

Weather permitting, Post 240 will conduct its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the VFW building at the corner of Rt. 220 and Country Club Road, Daleville. Social hour and a light dinner are scheduled from 6 p.m. until

7 p.m. The business meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m.

All active members and non-member veterans are encouraged to join the Post for this event.

- Post 240 Executive Committee

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Trustee's Sale 187 SPRING HOLLOW RD, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175 (Parcel ID: 11123)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 1/5/2024, in the original principal amount of \$264,926.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Botetourt County, Virginia on 1/8/2024, as Instrument No. 240000041, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on 3/4/2026 at 2:00 PM, Front of building of the Circuit Court Building For Botetourt County, 1 West Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090, the property designated as 187 SPRING HOLLOW RD, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

Located in the County of Botetourt, Commonwealth of Virginia: Lot 15, Block 2, according to Map No. 2 Subdivision, Portion of Property of S. E. Wilkinson and G. W. Wills, made by C. B. Malcolm & Son, S.C.E., dated November 21, 1951, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 3, page 184, and being further described as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of Lot 14 and Lot 15 at an iron pipe in the edge of Spring Hollow Road; thence along the property line of Lots 14 and 15, N. 30° 22' W. 203.14 feet to an iron stake in the property line of Lots 2 and 3; thence N. 58° 44' E. 100.01 feet to an iron stake in the property line of Lots 15 and 16; thence S. 30° 22' E. 204.71 feet along the property line of Lots 15 and 16 to an iron stake in Spring Hollow Road; thence S. 59° 38' W. 100 feet along Spring Hollow Road to the point of Beginning; and BEING the same property conveyed to the Grantor herein by Deed dated January 4, 2024, recorded contemporaneously with this Deed of Trust.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$26,492.60 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Vylla Solutions - Virginia, LLC, 283 Constitution Drive, Suite 102, Office B, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, File No. 25-37622, Tel: 888-313-1969

TRUSTEE SALE OF 1131 2nd Street, Blue Ridge, VA 24064

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated November 30, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$148,265.00, recorded as Inst. 200004619, assigned as Inst. 200000435, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt on February 24, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., the property located at the above address and described as Lot 5, Block 7, Section 5, Blue Ridge Heights, County of Botetourt. TERMS: CASH. PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE. A deposit of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid

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amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", no person checks accepted. Balance due within 15 days from date of sale VIA BANKWIRE ONLY. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, reservations and conditions, if any, of record, as well as inchoate liens and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at dolanreid.com/foreclosuresales. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. For Information Contact: DolanReid PLLC and G. Benny Moore, Substitute Trustee(s) 12610 Patrick Henry Dr., Ste. D, Newport News, VA 23602; (757) 320-0255, ext. 220 or ext. 260

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1449 LAKERIDGE CIRCLE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 4, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$175,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 060000421. 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 March 19, 2026, at 10:30 AM, 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, WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING LYING AND BEING THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEING LOT 17, BLOCK 5, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C.B. MALCOLM AND SON, S.C.E.'S, DATED AUGUST 15, 1960 OF RECORD IN TILE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 102. 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

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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.bwvsales.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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-372477-1.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1302 LAYMANTOWN ROAD, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$303,750.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 220000407. 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 3, 2026, at 10:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO APPERTAINING, LYING AND BEING IN BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: PARCEL 1: BEING LOT 4, BLOCK 24, ACCORDING TO MAP NO. 3 OF BLOCKS 11-24, RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C. B. MALCOLM & SON, SCE, DATED JUNE 29, 1962, CONSISTING OF SHEETS 1 THROUGH 5 RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 143. PARCEL 2: LOT NO. 5, BLOCK 24, ACCORDING TO MAP NO. 3 OF BLOCKS 11-24, RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C. B. MALCOLM & SON, SCE'S, DATED JUNE 29, 1962, CONSISTING OF SHEETS 1 THROUGH 5, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 143. 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

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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.bwvsales.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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-380025-1.

Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.-317,20-104 Case No. CL25000427-00 CITY OF SALEM 2 EAST CALHOUN ST SALEM VA 24153 MICHAEL EUGENE MORAN v. AMBER NICHOLE MORAN, The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE It is ORDERED that AMBER NICHOLE MORAN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before April 15, 2026 Entered January 9, 2026 Stacy L. Owen Deputy Clerk

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 11505 Countyline Road, Bent Mountain, VA 24059 Tax Map No. 117.00-01-91.01-0000

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated February 7, 2011, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Roanoke, Virginia, as Instrument No. 201101629, the Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on February 18, 2026 at 9:00am, at the Roanoke County Circuit Court, 305 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

That certain lot or parcel of land with all appurtenances thereto, being a parcel of land containing 0.655 acres more or less lying and being in the west side of Virginia Secondary Route No. 644, fully shown on a map attached to and made a part of the certain deed recorded in Deed Book 1217 at page 926 of the records of the Circuit Court Clerk of Roanoke County, prepared by Buford Lumsden & Associates, Engineers & Surveyors, dated February 20, 1985, the description being incorporated herein by reference.

Date of Sale: February 18, 2026 at 9:00am at 305 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

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

OPTIONS:

- All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third-party purchaser.
- The Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the

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property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

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

John K. Prillaman, Esq. Trustee
For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN Law, PLLC 3140 Chaparral Drive, #200-C Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

TANGLED WISDOM LLC, trading as TANGLED WISDOM, 4287 & 4289 North Fork Road, Elliston, Montgomery Co. VA 24087.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Farm Winery license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7:15 pm or as soon thereafter, at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to receive citizen comments on the proposed Ordinances Temporarily changing the A-3, E-3 and F-3 Precinct Polling Place from Squires Student Center located at 290 College Avenue, Blacksburg, Virginia, to Johnston Student Center located at 920 W. Campus Drive, Blacksburg, Virginia, for the June 16, 2026 Primary Election Only.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Angela M. Hill County Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by LZM-BAM, LLC, Applicant and Property Owner, for an amendment to proffers on property located at 2886 Roanoke Street, identified as Tax Parcel 011-((1))-24A (Parcel ID 011123), consisting of approximately 0.968 acres. The property is zoned General Business District (B-3) with proffers, and the request is to amend the proffers accepted with the 2001 rezoning action. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, Property Owner, to allow operation of a Carnival from March 26, 2026 through April 5, 2026 on the

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property located at 782 New River Road NW, Tax Parcel 435 - ((A)) - 41, Parcel ID 007741, zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, by phone at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE

VYY WOODMUJI, INC., trading as FUJIYA RAMEN 103 3RD AVENUE, RADFORD, VA 24141-4703.

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

YUJIE YANG, OWNER

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- **HB 785** addresses a shortage, especially in rural areas, of qualified instructors for dual enrollment and career and technical education courses, at a time when demand for high-paying construction workers, electricians, and other professional trades continues to increase. The bill restores a three-year licensure pathway for accredited college faculty to teach these courses in high schools. Its provisions were incorporated into HB 332, which often happens when the majority has a similar bill, and ensures the intent of this policy moves forward. This is a positive step forward that ensures students pursuing professional certifications in high-demand fields are not limited by a shortage of qualified industry instructors.
- **HB 786** grants local school boards the authority to regulate the sale of energy drinks in high schools.

While federal standards allow certain caffeinated beverages, Virginia law does not clearly give state or local officials authority over these products. This bill fills that gap and allows decisions to be made locally. It reported from the House Education Committee 20-1.

- **HB 788** helps public-safety tow and recovery operators obtain necessary contact information after clearing accidents at law enforcement's request. These operators clear wrecks, reopen lanes, and restore traffic flow. Yet after performing this essential service, they often can't obtain basic contact information to charge for their work, especially when dealing with out-of-state drivers. This bill ensures operators can recover costs instead of absorbing losses while providing a public benefit. It reported from House Transportation unanimously.
- **HB 791** modernizes Virginia's charitable raffle laws by allowing electronic payments and electronic drawings at large-scale sporting events. The bill updates an outdated paper-based system, improving security, transparency, and efficiency while reducing administrative costs. It is narrowly limited to professional sports,

NCAA-sanctioned events, and NASCAR, does not expand gambling, and does not affect small or local charitable raffles. It reported from House General Laws 20-1.

- **HB 1138**, based on recommendations from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, updates wage standards for the Virginia Jobs Investment Program and Virginia Investment Performance Grants. It ties incentives to the prevailing average wage in each locality, modernizing outdated thresholds while maintaining flexibility for distressed areas. JLARC data shows these changes strengthen accountability and attract higher wage jobs without reducing Virginia's competitiveness with other states. It reported unanimously from Appropriations.

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

- Del. Terry Austin

Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

85 Head	
Head Cows	\$650.00-2,350.00
Bottle Calves	\$475.00-1,200.00
Graded Steers	
300-399	\$415.00
500-599	\$398.00
600-699	\$399.00
700-799	\$360.00-379.00
800-899	\$330.00-350.00
900-999	\$335.00
Graded Bulls	
400-499	\$300.00
Graded Heifers	
300-399	\$332.00
500-599	\$319.00
700-799	\$252.00
Kill Cows	\$12.00-162.00
Kill Bulls	\$161.50

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"Being with them 24/7 was actually kind of nice," he said. "You really get to know their personalities. A couple of dogs that were usually standoffish really

started to open up." Kuhlík said the dogs handled the storm well and eagerly played outside in the snow before returning indoors to warm up. "They loved it," he said. "They'd play for 15 or 20

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encouraged to review the designs and complete a short online survey to share their thoughts. Feedback can also be submitted through direct messages to the department's social media channels, where staff say they will be actively monitoring questions and comments.

"This is very much a collaborative process," officials noted. "The goal is to shape the future of Greenfield Recreation

Park together with the people who use and love it."

The survey is available online and takes only a few minutes to complete. Residents of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to participate, ensuring the final master plan reflects a broad range of voices.

As the planning process continues, Parks and Recreation plans to provide updates and additional opportunities

for public involvement. For now, officials hope residents will take time to review the concepts and help guide the next chapter of Greenfield Recreation Park.

For more information, visit the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation social media pages. To access the survey, visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/QdStOIX>.

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Board

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Kyle Rosner said the agreement uses a "synthetic" tax increment financing structure. Unlike traditional TIFs, the county would not issue debt, guarantee loans or advance public funds. Payments would only occur after the retailer opens and begins generating tax revenue.

"This is a self-funding development," Rosner said. "We are essentially using the project's future success to fund its present needs."

Staff estimates project-related development could generate about \$175 million in new local tax revenue over 20 years, based on analyses from the developer, the Roanoke Regional Partnership and the county's financial advisors. The agreement would apply only to incremental taxes that do not currently exist, such as sales, meals and personal property taxes.

County Attorney Mike Lockaby outlined multiple safeguards, including strict third-party audits of eligible costs, performance requirements and a cap of \$69 million on reimbursable expenses. He stressed there is no financial recourse against the county.

"The county is not borrowing money and is not guaranteeing any debt," Lockaby said.

Attorney Neil Keese, representing Gateway Circle Properties, called the proposal a "once in a lifetime opportunity" and highlighted what he described as significant potential tax revenue compared with the site's current contribution of roughly \$19,000 annually.

"This is money that will not exist if the performance agreement is

not approved and the project is not completed," Keese said.

Before the vote, newly elected Board Chair Mac Scothorn asked Lockaby to summarize exactly what action the board was taking, underscoring that additional approvals would be required before construction could occur.

Buchanan District Supervisor Linda Rottman said she had discussed the proposal with residents in her district and found broad support.

"Overall, the overwhelming opinion of the people in my district who I spoke with was to approve the project," Rottman said.

The board approved the performance agreement unanimously. During public comment, some speakers criticized the lack of advance notice and confidentiality surrounding the item, referring to it as "Google 2.0" in comparison to past high-profile development discussions.

In other business, the board elected its leadership for 2026. Supervisors unanimously selected Mac Scothorn of the Valley District as chair. Brandon Nicely of the Fincastle District was elected vice chair by a 3-2 vote.

Public comments earlier in the meeting also included suggestions that the board consider rescheduling its meeting start times to better align with surrounding localities, some of which begin meetings between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

County officials said additional details about the proposed retail project will be released once financing and contractual conditions allow.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Botetourt County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Monday, February 9, 2026, 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: David Martin requests rezoning from the Forest Conservation (FC) Use District to the Agricultural, A-1 Use District, on a 9.05-acre parcel with possible proffered conditions. This parcel is located at 37 Dancing Tree Lane and Reservoir Road (State Route 648), identified on the Tax Map as 100-85.

Information is in the Botetourt County Planning & Zoning Office, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, VA, and online at www.botetourtva.gov/planning-commissionagenda. 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.

Please note that if Botetourt County Administration offices are closed all day on the public hearing date due to inclement weather, the Planning Commission will hear this request on February 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM with the Board of Supervisors.

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



PUBLIC HEARINGS TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VA

The Town of Buchanan will be holding two public hearings on Monday, February 9, at 7:00 PM in Town Hall (19753 Main Street).

The first hearing is a joint public hearing between the Planning Commission and Town Council for a proposed zoning text amendment to allow "Public uses" in Commercial districts by issuance of a special use permit, and the second is a regular public hearing for an amendment to the FY26 budget.

Anyone interested in speaking to these items are encouraged to attend and make a statement to the Council. Information regarding these hearings is available upon request at Town Hall and will be posted with the meeting agenda on the Town website.

said. "What started as a scary situation turned into something really positive."

Several of the cats temporarily housed by Vail were also adopted. Vail's parents adopted two cats, and her family is hoping to adopt another.

"I think being in a home helped people really see who they were," Vail said. "I'm hoping it made it easier for them to find permanent homes."

The League for Animal Protection relies on approximately 64 volunteers, many of whom serve weekly or monthly. Shaver said the response during the storm demonstrated the strength of the Fincastle and Botetourt County community.

"To have Wally adopted after being here that long was incredible," Shaver

"This really shows what kind of people we have here," Shaver said. "Everyone just stepped up."

The shelter is now seeking donations to replace the failed generator, with estimates ranging from \$8,000 to \$12,000. Shaver said having reliable backup power is essential for future emergencies.

Adults interested in volunteering or donating can email LAPinformation@aol.com. Donations toward the generator may be made via Venmo at @Pat-Shaver-2 or by check mailed to P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090. "Who else was going to do it?" Kuhlík said. "These animals needed help, and that's why we're there."

PUBLIC NOTICE BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting of the School Board on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m., immediately followed by closed meeting. The School Board reconvenes to an open public meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia, with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live.

Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. February 12, 2026 at: <https://forms.gle/9vZoPXyZR8bgEoQ6> or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at salbert@bcps.k12.va.us.

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Hokies host big ACC games at Cassell Coliseum

All the high school games were postponed but the Virginia Tech men and women managed to get their games in despite ice due to freezing temperatures in the New River Valley. The Hokie men entertained Duke in a big ACC game on Saturday afternoon and dropped a 72-58 decision to the Blue Devils. Here, Virginia Tech guard Ben Hammond scores on a tough shot over Duke's Cayden Boozer as the Hokies rallied at the end of the first half. Tech would trail by only six points in the second half, but would miss on several key opportunities late in the game and went down to defeat. On Sunday the Tech women hosted Virginia and came away with a 76-64 win in a big intra-state battle. Here, Tech's Samyha Suffren slips by Virginia defender Jillian Brown for a key basket late in the Hokie victory.



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Two Valentine events at the Wilson Warehouse in Buchanan



FILE PHOTO

The Town Improvement Society in Buchanan is having two Valentine-themed events at the Wilson Warehouse.

The first is Saturday, Feb. 7, from 4-6:30 p.m. for "Choc Till You Drop," a huge chocolate buffet and silent auction. "Valentine's Day Take-Out Dinners" will be available on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 3-6 p.m. These unique activities help raise needed funds for maintenance and preservation of the 1834 Wilson Warehouse, one of the few remaining 19th century commercial buildings in Botetourt County.

"Choc Till You Drop" features an all-you-can-eat buffet of chocolate

desserts and candies; all homemade. Wine by the glass will be available for purchase. A silent auction will feature an assortment of items from event tickets, to jewelry and even practical household items. The auction concludes at 6 p.m. Admission is \$10 and can be paid at the door or purchased online at <https://bit.ly/choctillyoudrop>. Advance tickets are also available at Southern Girls Mercantile, 19812 Main Street, Buchanan, open daily except Wednesdays.

"Valentine's Day Take-Out Dinners" are a homemade three-course meal to order ahead and pick up at the Wilson Warehouse from 3-6 p.m. on Valentine's Day.

Reheating instructions will be provided. There is a choice of two first courses, four entrees and four desserts. Orders must be placed by Feb. 10 – the complete menu and online ordering are available at <https://bit.ly/btisvday>. Phone orders also are accepted at 540-817-5772. Dinner for two is \$75, dinner for one is \$37.50.

The Wilson Warehouse is located at 421 Lowe Street in Buchanan. Information on both events, including the take-out dinner menu, is available at wilsonwarehouse.org.

- Town Improvement Society



FILE GRAPHIC

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors voted last week to extend the county's real estate reassessment cycle from four years to five, a move officials say will allow property values to better reflect longer-term market changes.

Under the new schedule, reassessment preparations will begin in 2027, and updated property values will take effect on Jan. 1, 2029. Previously, the next reassessment would have started in early 2026, with new values effective Jan. 1, 2028.

The decision follows provisions in the Code of Virginia § 58.1-3252, which allows counties with populations of 50,000 or less to conduct reassessments every five or six years instead of the standard four. Botetourt County, which currently conducts reassessments on a four-year cycle, completed its most recent countywide review in 2024.

County officials said the change gives staff more time to plan and execute the reassessment while capturing a broader range of market activity. "Extending the cycle allows property values to account for a longer stretch of market changes," a county spokesperson said. "As a result, shifts in home values may be more noticeable when reassessments occur."

Reassessments involve nearly two years of work and require coordination between county staff and contracted appraisal firms. Longer intervals between reassessments can lead to larger changes in property values at the time of review, potentially impacting taxes for residents.

Board members weighed factors including market equity, administrative burden, taxpayer impact, and revenue stability before approving the extension. Officials emphasized that while a five-year cycle may result in larger valuation shifts, it also reduces the frequency of adjustments to the county's tax base.

The board's vote ensures staff can begin planning and procurement activities on the revised timeline, aiming for a smooth transition to the new reassessment schedule.

Additionally, the Board

Board Report: County extends real estate reassessment cycle to five years, supervisors vote to abolish Highway Safety Commission

unanimously voted at the Jan. meeting to abolish the county's Highway Safety Commission, concluding that the long-standing body no longer serves an active role in county government.

The decision followed a public hearing on a proposed ordinance amendment to the Botetourt County Code of 1985 that repeals Sections 2-76 through 2-78, which established and governed the commission. No opposition was voiced during the public hearing.

County officials said the Highway Safety Commission, while active in past decades, has not met in several years because many of its responsibilities have shifted to other agencies.

"Many of the functions that had historically been carried out by the commission are now performed by the Virginia Department of Transportation, the county Department of Community Development, and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Transportation Planning Organization," staff noted in materials provided to the board.

Under county code, the commission was required to meet at least four times a year and carry out duties assigned by the Board of Supervisors. However, staff reported that the lack of business for the commission to conduct made continued operation unnecessary.

Following the public hearing, the board adopted a resolution amending the county code to formally repeal the ordinance creating the Highway Safety Commission. Supervisors found that abolishing the commission was advisable and in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare.

The adopted ordinance specifies that Chapter 2, Article V of the county code will be reserved for future use and clarifies that no former ordinances are revived by the repeal. The action also does not limit the board's authority to create or appoint future committees or commissions to advise on transportation matters if the need arises.

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Botetourt County Chorus to begin rehearsals Feb. 9

The Botetourt County Chorus will begin practice on Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 85 Nace Road, Troutville. There will be two concerts: April 19 at Troutville Baptist Church, 5520 Lee Highway, Troutville, and April 26 at Buchanan Baptist Church, 19730 Main Street, Buchanan.

The chorus is directed by Stephen Harris and accompanied by Lillian Cook. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome; there are no auditions. For more information, contact Faye Bolt at 540-798-4049 or Kristie Claytor at 540-556-1563.

- Botetourt County Chorus

Theatre

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stage, which officials say is currently in critical condition. The rebuilt stage will be elevated and expanded in depth to better accommodate live performances and larger entertainment options. Behind the theater, a new addition will include a dedicated staging room for performers, private dressing rooms, a restroom, and a small kitchen. Plans also call for a "green room" that could be used for overnight accommodations or meeting space.

The new addition is designed as a multi-purpose area that can support live entertainment while also providing rentable space for community events such as meetings, parties and gatherings. Officials noted the construction will also resolve long-standing water runoff

issues that have affected the theater for decades.

Inside the main auditorium, renovations will include added insulation, repairs to damaged walls, updated wall coverings, new lighting and improved access. These updates are intended to make the space more versatile, suitable not only for movie screenings but also for live performances, meetings and social events. The entire building will receive modern, energy-efficient HVAC systems designed to reduce noise and improve overall comfort.

While many of the updates will not be visible to the public, theater officials said they are essential to address structural concerns, electrical upgrades and local building code compliance. Despite the extensive work

planned, the exterior of the building will remain largely unchanged. The antique ticket booth, front doors, neon marquee and brick façade will be preserved to maintain the nostalgic appearance the Buchanan Theatre is known for.

All contract labor for the project has been secured locally, with Botetourt County tradesmen — many from Buchanan — selected through competitive bidding. Organizers said using local contractors has helped keep the project financially on track while investing in the community.

In addition to state grants, funding is being provided by the theater's nonprofit organization, Standing Room Only, along with contributions from local businesses. Theater

officials credited Delegate Terry Austin for assisting in securing state funding for the project. Standing Room Only plans to host a fundraising drive later this year to cover items not included in the construction plan, such as stage lighting, sound systems, curtains and technical equipment needed to support expanded live entertainment offerings.

Because of the age of the building and the scope of the work, a firm completion date has not been set. Officials said they hope to resume showing movies in several months and will share updates on construction progress and reopening plans on the theater's Facebook page and website, buchanantheatre.com.

As a thank-you to the community for its continued

support, the Buchanan Theatre will host free movie showings on Friday, Feb. 6, and Saturday, Feb. 7, with drinks and candy available at half price. The featured farewell film will be the 1963 comedy classic "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," rated G and known for its all-star ensemble cast.

Theater officials also announced that memberships paid for the 2026 season will be honored for the 2027 season, ensuring members do not lose benefits during the closure.

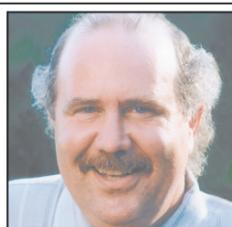
Community members are encouraged to attend the final screenings and follow the theater online for news as renovations move forward.

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The Lord Botetourt wrestlers are scheduled to compete in the Region 3D tournament at Staunton River High this weekend. Here, Bronson Shields competes in a recent 175-pound bout.



PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY

The James River girls are scheduled to play home basketball games against Patrick County Thursday and Radford Friday. Here, Keira Crawford lines up a shot.

Weather plays havoc with high school sports

All high school sports were shut down last week due to the winter snowstorm the weekend of Jan. 21 and the ensuing freezing temperatures to follow. James River and Lord Botetourt were scheduled to play basketball games Tuesday but results were too late for publication. Most of the events from last week have been rescheduled and the following are still on as of press time, beginning with Wednesday, Feb. 4.

For Lord Botetourt, the wrestling team is scheduled to host Salem today, Wednesday, at 6 p.m. for a dual match in the auxiliary gym. A girls' basketball game with Liberty has been cancelled. On Thursday the LB swim team will compete in the Blue Ridge District meet in Franklin County.

On Friday both basketball teams are scheduled to play William Fleming. The girls are home for a jayvee-varsity doubleheader beginning at 5:30 p.m., and likewise for the boys

in Roanoke with the jayvees beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday the boys' varsity basketball team is at Salem High to meet Cave Spring in the Adam Ward Classic at 10 a.m. The LB "Red" wrestling team will compete in the Region 3D tournament at Staunton River, beginning at 10 a.m. The girls "Pink" team will wrestle in the Zone 4 Qualifier at Franklin County High beginning at 8:30 a.m., and that will continue Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

As of press time LB has nothing scheduled for Monday but basketball is on the agenda for Tuesday, Feb. 10. The boys have a jayvee-varsity doubleheader at Northside, beginning at 5:30 p.m., and the girls will host Northside at LB and it's "varsity only" beginning at 6 p.m.

At James River nothing is scheduled for today, Wednesday, but the girls' basketball team is scheduled to host Patrick County in a Three Rivers District game Thursday. The

jayvees will play at 5:30 p.m. with the varsity to follow.

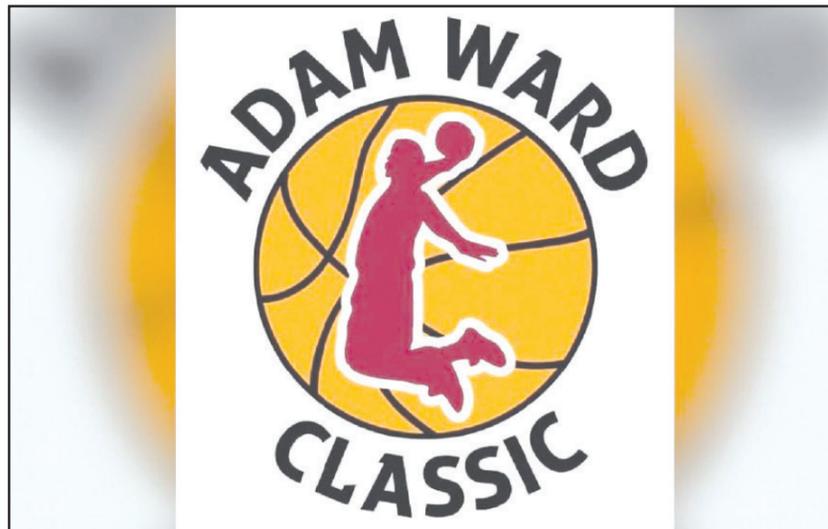
On Friday the girls are in action again with a home doubleheader against Radford, and the boys are at Radford for a 6 p.m. varsity only game.

On Saturday the River swimmers will be in action at the Hargrave Military Academy pool.

Next Monday, Feb. 9, the River girls' varsity basketball team will host Northside in a 7 p.m. scheduled non-district game. On Tuesday the girls will be at Floyd County for a Three Rivers District doubleheader, with the jayvees opening at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity to follow. The River boys are home to host Floyd in a varsity-only event scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday. The boys are at Patrick County the following night, Feb. 11, for a varsity-only game with the Cougars.

Obviously, events and times are subject to change due to the weather but that's how it looks as of press deadlines.

Lord Botetourt will play in Adam Ward Classic Saturday



FILE GRAPHIC

Once again the Lord Botetourt boys' basketball team is scheduled to play in the annual Adam Ward Classic. Salem High will be the site for three games Friday night and six games Saturday, including LB against Cave Spring at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Since 2016, Salem High School, the Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association, and the City of Salem have joined forces to honor the memory of Adam Ward by hosting a basketball classic in his honor. Adam was tragically killed on August 26, 2015, while working as a photojournalist for WDBJ7. The 2007 Salem High School alumnus, who graduated from Virginia Tech in 2011, played football at Salem High School and was an avid fan and supporter of all types of athletic events his entire life.

"Adam Ward personified the true meaning of a student-athlete," said Grant Smythers, Salem High School teacher and tournament co-founder. "He was a huge sports fan, who loved high school basketball, and the Adam Ward Basketball Classic will highlight some of the best teams in the state of Virginia each season."

The event is being sponsored by various businesses and organizations throughout the Roanoke Valley. The majority of the proceeds from the event will go to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund that is administered by the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association. To date, the Adam Ward Classic has contributed over \$130,000 to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Adam Ward Classic Committee will be making donations to the Make A Wish Foundation and the Special Olympics in Adam's honor.

"The money generated from this event will provide scholarship opportunities for high school students who were deemed Adam-like during their high school careers," said Smythers. "Salem High

School is honored to host such a worthy event for such a special young man."

The Salem Parks and Recreation Department, under the leadership of John Shaner, has served as the title sponsor for the event each season. In addition, the Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association, which has a track record for supporting charitable causes, has been instrumental in making the event a success each year.

"This is a great way to honor Adam Ward's memory, as well as all of the others who have been touched and affected by his passing, and I think Adam would be pleased we are doing this through the game of basketball," Commissioner Jerry Spangler said.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 5:00 pm Salem vs. Glenvar jayvee boys
- 6:30 pm Salem vs. Staunton River varsity girls
- 8:15 pm Salem vs. Glenvar varsity boys

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- (all varsity boys unless otherwise noted)
- 10 am Cave Spring vs. Lord Botetourt
 - 11:45 am Floyd County vs. Parry McCluer
 - 1:30 pm George Wythe vs. Radford
 - 3:15 pm William Fleming vs. Woodgrove (Girls)
 - 5:00 pm John Handley vs. Varina
 - 6:45 pm Northside vs. PH
 - 8:30 pm North Cross vs. William Fleming

Admission is \$10 for all day and ages 5 and under are free. VHSL and school-issued passes will not be honored for this event.



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