



Buchanan honors Memorial Day

Matt de Simone
Managing Editor

Community members gathered Monday for the 79th Memorial Day Ceremony in Buchanan, honoring the sacrifices of military service members from Botetourt County and across the nation.

Because of rainy weather, the annual observance was moved from Fairview Cemetery to Solomon's Mission on Lowe Street. The ceremony was hosted by American Legion Post 93 Commander Charlie Alphin and included patriotic music, prayers, remarks from local veterans, and a keynote address by Col. Keith Gibson, executive director of the Virginia Military Institute Museum System.

The event opened with the posting of the colors by the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department, followed by an invocation from Post 93 Chaplain

Roy Hensley and the Pledge of Allegiance. The national anthem and special music was performed by local musician David Austin.

Alphin introduced Gibson, noting the two share a longtime connection through VMI. Gibson graduated from the institute in 1977, one class ahead of Alphin.

Gibson told attendees he and his wife were honored to participate in the observance and reflected on his own upbringing along the James River, drawing connections between the river communities of Virginia and generations of military service.

"Communities, large and small, all along the banks of the James, responded," Gibson said, speaking about Americans who answered the nation's call to military service through wars and

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The Town of Buchanan held its 79th Memorial Day ceremony at Solomon's Mission this past Monday.



American Legion Post 93 Commander Charlie Alphin and guest speaker Col. Keith Gibson.



Gibson speaks with community members at the conclusion of the ceremony.



Botetourt County Public Schools' Class of 2026 graduated last week. Here, a view from the stands as students from James River High School (left) and Lord Botetourt High School (right) prepare to walk across the stage to receive their diplomas.



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE



BCPS Superintendent Dr. Janet Womack speaks during the James River graduation ceremony in Springwood.

PHOTOS BY LEIGH DOWNEY

Botetourt County seniors celebrate graduation ceremonies

More than 300 seniors from James River High School and Lord Botetourt High School received their diplomas during graduation ceremonies held last Monday and Tuesday for Botetourt County Public Schools.

James River High School held its commencement ceremony at the school's football stadium in Springwood last Tuesday, where graduates crossed the stage in front of family members, friends, faculty members, and community supporters gathered to celebrate the Class of 2026.

Lord Botetourt High School conducted its graduation ceremony at the Salem Civic Center last Monday evening,

continuing a longstanding tradition for the school's commencement exercises.

The ceremonies marked the culmination of the students' high school careers and recognized the accomplishments of graduates as they prepare to pursue college, military service, workforce opportunities, and other future endeavors.

School officials, teachers, administrators, and family members gathered at both events to honor the graduates and commemorate the conclusion of the academic year.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

'What's it like to be...?'

Botetourt County Historical Society
Executive Director Lynsey Allie

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For Lynsey Allie, no two days at the Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture are ever quite the same.

One day might involve planning a major exhibit, meeting with community partners or organizing oral history interviews. Another could mean

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BCHS Executive Director Lynsey Allie

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FILE PHOTO

'Colton's Fight Against Cancer' fundraiser June 6

A Bingo fundraiser to benefit "Colton's Fight Against Cancer" will be held on Saturday, June 6, at Bellacino's, 1176 Roanoke Road in Daleville.

Colton, 11 years old, was diagnosed with AKL+ anaplastic large cell lymphoma in October 2025, which was recently upgraded Stage 3 as several additional nodules were found on his body. He has been in Roanoke Memorial undergoing treatment since April 1 and has a long fight ahead. His parents are Taylor Jesse-Taylor and

Brad Taylor of Troutville.

The doors will open at 11 for food purchase. Bingo prizes will be a variety of Pampered Chef, Thirty One products and many other donated prizes. Tickets include 10 games of Bingo, a door prize ticket, and a cover-all ticket. There will be door prize drawings, raffle, 50/50 drawing, and a bake sale.

There is a 65-person seating limit so reserve tickets by June 1. Tickets are

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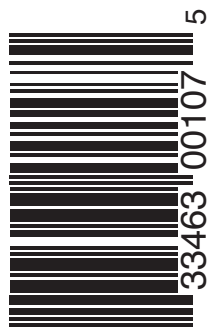
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Botetourt County History



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Although John Jara (no middle name) was not killed during his 25 years of service in both the US Navy and US Army during WWII, Korea and Vietnam, he is being remembered today. His bronze burial plaque was donated to the Botetourt County Historical Society in 2024 by his stepdaughter, Diana Dooley Simmons and Dennis Craft. According to Jana's obituary in The Roanoke Times (August 16, 2000), he died suddenly on August 14, 2000, at age 72. Rader's Chapel in Daleville held his memorial service. He lived on Mountain Pass Road in Troutville with his wife, Evelyn Dooley Jara, who survived him.

Park Crematorium so this burial marker was not used. The S 2 stands for being in the Navy's food service. The S SGT stands for the Army ranking of a Staff Sergeant who typically leads a squad of soldiers and is responsible for their daily training, development and mission readiness. Advancement to the S SG rank is highly competitive and requires recommendation from a commander.

Rena Worthen and the staff at the Botetourt Museum of History & Culture, where it is located, helped to research this unusual Botetourt artifact.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

He was buried in Sherwood Memorial

Self-defense class held at JRHS



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANN LAYMAN

A self-defense class was held recently at James River High School in support of the Help Save the Next Girl Club. Pictured are Karate instructor Doug Bleacher (left) with his students and the participating James River girls and boys.

- Submitted by Ann Layman

Binns, Gurley are awarded scholarships from Women's Club

The Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club awarded two scholarships this spring at the county high schools.

A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded on May 12 to Kaia Binns (left) at James River High School. She plans to

attend Bridgewater College and major in Health and Exercise Science to become a physical therapist. Club Co-President Nancy Womack presented the scholarship.

A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded on May 15

to Alexis Gurley (right) at Lord Botetourt High School. She plans to attend Roanoke College to major in Elementary ESL. Co-President Diane Taylor presented the scholarship.

- Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club



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Buchanan opens registration for 2026 Fourth of July Parade



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF TOWN OF BUCHANAN

The Town of Buchanan is inviting community members, businesses and organizations to begin preparing for one of the area's most anticipated summer traditions as registration officially opens for the 2026 Fourth of July Parade.

Town officials are encouraging a wide range of participants to take part in the annual Independence Day celebration, including local businesses, civic groups, churches, nonprofits, float builders, classic car owners and community organizations. Residents interested in joining the parade individually are also welcome to register.

Held each year in downtown Buchanan, the Fourth of July Parade draws visitors from across

the region and serves as a centerpiece of the town's holiday festivities. Organizers say they hope to make the 2026 parade the largest and most spirited event yet.

Participants are encouraged to begin planning float designs, organizing crews and preparing patriotic displays in red, white and blue ahead of the celebration. Classic vehicles, decorated trailers, marching groups and themed entries have long been a hallmark of the parade, which is known for its strong community participation and small-town atmosphere.

Town officials said the parade is an opportunity for residents and organizations to come together in

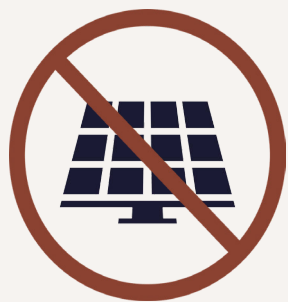
celebration of the nation's independence while showcasing local pride and community spirit.

Registration forms are now available through the Town of Buchanan's website at Town of Buchanan Parade Registration Form.

Officials are also encouraging residents to share information about the event with friends, family members and local organizations to help increase participation ahead of the holiday weekend.

Additional details regarding parade lineup times, routes and event schedules are expected to be announced closer to July 4.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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watering flowers outside the museum, borrowing her husband's truck to haul artifacts or answering a flood of emails behind a computer screen.

As the executive director of the Botetourt County Historical Society, Allie wears just about every hat imaginable.

"I'm the only full-time person that's here," Allie explained. "We have a couple part-time folks, but it's a lot and it kind of varies. Obviously, it ranges from just making sure the doors are open and welcoming visitors that come in to working on an exhibit or meeting with another partner about an upcoming event."

That variety is part of what keeps her passionate about the job.

Allie, who earned a bachelor's degree in history from Roanoke College and a master's degree in archival studies from Clayton State University, said her interest in history stretches back to childhood.

"Even in high school, history was always my favorite class," she recalled. "I just love history and making sure that history stays around, that people don't forget about these things for generations to come."

Before coming to Botetourt County about five years ago, Allie spent seven years at the Historical Society of Western Virginia in Roanoke. Since arriving in Fincastle, she has helped expand programming and community outreach while working to preserve the county's stories, artifacts and heritage.

She especially enjoys finding creative ways to connect history with the community.

Among her favorite projects are events like the Harvesting History Dinner, which partnered with the Botetourt County Farm Bureau Women's Committee for a farm-to-table event highlighting local agricultural history. She also pointed to Paint Fincastle, an annual event returning next month where artists paint throughout town while showcasing the community's historic architecture.

"I always think that's super fun, coming up with new ideas and different ways that we can highlight history," Allie remarked.

Still, much of the work happens quietly behind the scenes.

"People probably think I'm constantly digging through archives or mounting exhibits," she noted with a laugh. "But I am very often chained to my computer. I'm a slave to the inbox."

Preserving history, she said, is far more complicated than simply placing old artifacts on shelves.

"It takes a lot of time and it takes a lot of money," Allie emphasized. "Archival boxes and archival enclosures for stuff are not cheap. It costs a lot of money to properly house all this stuff and take care of it the way it should be done."

Like many nonprofits, the Historical Society also faces manpower challenges. Volunteers are invaluable, but much of the work is physically demanding and time-consuming.

Allie credited the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office's inmate work crew with helping move large artifacts, maintain the grounds and assist with exhibit preparation.

"Without them, I would be in serious trouble," she admitted. "We wouldn't have been able to do this exhibit."

Despite the challenges,



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Allie in the office with board member Catherine Cronise and museum docent Meredith Bowman-Shelton

the rewards make the effort worthwhile.

For Allie, one of the best moments comes when visitors discover something new about Botetourt County's past.

"Seeing people come in and say, 'Oh wow, I didn't know this about Botetourt,' that's always great," she said. "When I first started working here, I heard a lot of people say, 'I didn't even know Botetourt had a museum.' I feel like I hear that less now."

She also enjoys seeing community members donate artifacts and share family stories connected to the county's history.

"It's super awesome to see things come in and hear how they connect to Botetourt's history," she added.

For Allie, local history matters because it helps people understand where they live and how their community connects to larger historical events.

"Botetourt County has been around since before the United States was even founded," she pointed out. "We've got a lot of history. We have little connections here and there to very large world events."

Part of her mission is ensuring younger generations become excited about that history, too.

The Historical Society frequently visits classrooms with hands-on artifacts students can touch and examine. Interactive programs tend to leave the biggest impressions, especially when food is involved.

Allie laughed while describing a butter-churning activity tied to frontier history.

"The kids go nuts," she said. "Anything active or interactive, they just eat it up."

Some stories uncovered through her work have stayed with her personally.

One involves Norvel Lee, the Olympic gold medal-winning boxer from Botetourt County whose story has gained renewed attention in recent years. The museum even houses his boxing gloves.

Another centers on John Wyatt, a Revolutionary War spy who worked for Col. William Preston. Allie became so fascinated by the story that she helped inspire a theatrical production through Attic Productions called "The Most Horrid Conspiracy," which is playing May 28-31. Tickets are now available through the Attic box office.

"My mind was so blown by that story," she recalled. "I thought, more people need to know this."

Looking ahead, Allie and the Historical Society are preparing several major projects, including a large agricultural history exhibit expected to open this summer. The exhibit will feature artifacts and oral histories from local farmers.

The organization is also continuing its "History After Dark" series, Haunted History Tours and a growing list of community events throughout the year.

Ultimately, Allie hopes the Historical Society

continues reaching new audiences and helping residents connect with the county's past.

"Our mission is to educate kids and adults alike about Botetourt's history," she explained. "I'd love to expand and do even more events to bring in different demographics that maybe wouldn't otherwise come to the museum."

As for her favorite piece of Botetourt County history, Allie said she remains fascinated by the county's original size.

The original Botetourt County once stretched westward into parts of present-day Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois.

"I graduated from Lord Botetourt and lived here a long time and never really knew that until I started working here," she said. "I always think that's a very interesting fact."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



FILE PHOTO

Donations needed for Fincastle fireworks

There's just over a month before the Fourth of July fireworks display at Breckinridge Elementary School in Fincastle will be held. This year's fireworks will be held on Sunday, July 5 instead of July 4. The fireworks display will cost \$10,000 this year because we had to hire a professional fireworks company – the same company, Master Display, as we had last year. Donations will be needed. We appreciated all who donated to the wonderful event in the Town of Fincastle last year.

Our Fourth of July fireworks display

has been enjoyed by many people in Botetourt and other counties. Let your friends, co-workers, and families know about the Fincastle fireworks display on July 5. Come and have an enjoyable time together with family and friends.

Donations may be taken to the Fincastle Town Office, sent to Town of Fincastle, P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, 24090, or call the Town Office at 540-473-2200 to use a debit or credit card to make a donation.

Let's make the 2026 Fincastle Fourth of July fireworks display the best show of the year.

Paige Ware
Fourth of July Fireworks Committee

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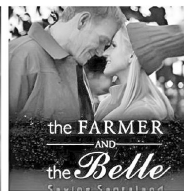
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Greenfield Elementary's 'Field Day' marks the close of another school year

Greenfield Elementary School students wrapped up the school year with a day full of outdoor games, water activities, and sweet treats during the school's annual Field Day celebration.

The event, organized with the help of teachers, staff members, and numerous parent volunteers, featured a variety of traditional Field Day favorites including egg-and-spoon relays, tug-of-war competitions, hula hoop races, and several water-themed games designed to help students cool off during the festivities.

According to teacher Carolyn McLucas, students from multiple grade levels participated in relay races and team activities throughout the day. Kindergarten and third grade students took part in a wet sponge relay race, while second grade students competed in a "pass the water jug over your head" relay that left plenty of participants soaked and smiling.

Preschool students also enjoyed water activities, including time splashing and playing in a small pool set up for the younger children.

School administrators Jennifer Hawks and Kristy Martin joined in the celebration by serving ice cream to students during the event. The ice cream was donated by Freedom First Credit Union, helping provide a cool treat for students after an active day outdoors.

These photos also show first grade students in bright yellow shirts enjoying their ice cream while fourth grade students proudly wore tie-dyed T-shirts they created especially for Field Day activities.

McLucas said the event reflected the spirit of a traditional school Field Day, bringing students together for friendly competition, teamwork and fun as the academic year came to a close.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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Local musician David Austin performed during Monday's Memorial Day ceremony in Buchanan.



Solomon's Mission held is annual community luncheon following the ceremony.

conflicts over the past 250 years.

Throughout his address, Gibson focused on the stories of veterans and fallen service members connected to Buchanan and Botetourt County. He spoke at length about Lawrence Guy Barger, a Buchanan native and World War I bugler who died during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in France in 1918 at age 22.

Gibson recounted how Barger served with Company F, 318th Infantry, 80th Division, known as the Blue Ridge Division. He described the difficult battlefield conditions during the offensive and the efforts later made to return Barger's remains home to Buchanan.

"Taps" echoed across the waters of the James," Gibson said, describing Barger's return and burial in his hometown in 1921.

Gibson said Barger's story represents many others from the community who served and sacrificed during wartime.

"I've gone into some detail relating the story of young Lawrence Barger not necessarily because it's unique, but rather because it is representative of the stories and sacrifices that have played out so many times in your community here in Buchanan, in Botetourt County," Gibson remarked.

He also remembered several other veterans and service members with local ties, including Eva Virginia Ageon, a nurse who died during World War II after contracting hepatitis linked to a contaminated yellow fever vaccine; Leonard Haymaker, who received the Distinguished Service

Cross during World War II; Lt. John Hill, who was awarded the Silver Star in Vietnam; and Marine Sgt. Michael Lalush, who died in Iraq in 2003.

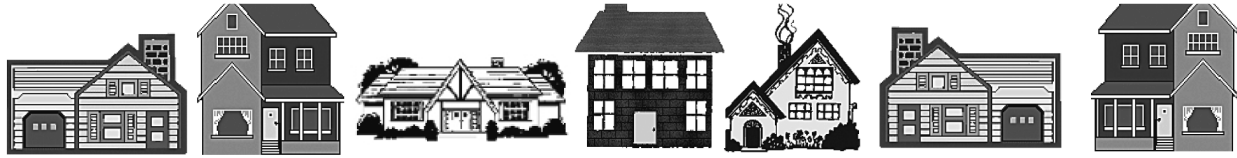
During the address, Gibson praised Buchanan residents for maintaining strong traditions of remembrance and honoring veterans through local memorial efforts.

"I'm confident that your efforts to remember the fallen are not surpassed by any community of your size in the nation," Gibson said. Near the conclusion of his remarks, Gibson referenced the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields," quoting the line, "To you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high."

"All over our country, at this very time, in small, proud communities like Buchanan, neighbors gathered today to acknowledge our unpayable debt to those who stepped forward and accepted the enormous weight and responsibility of that torch," Gibson said.

The ceremony concluded with a benediction from Hensley, the retiring of the colors by the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department, and the playing of "Taps" by Lori Wingo.

Before dismissing the crowd, Alphin thanked the many volunteers, musicians, veterans, and organizations that helped organize the observance and support Fairview Cemetery. He also encouraged attendees to remain for the community luncheon held at Solomon's Mission following the ceremony.



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ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.
Troutville Assembly of God, 118 Conner Lane, P.O. Box 728, Troutville, VA 24175, Pastor Dennis Carroll, 540-960-1224, Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Everyone welcome.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST
Crossroads Baptist Church - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, (540) 510-0927 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 5:30 P.M.
Faith Baptist Church- 4258 Botetourt Rd., Fincastle, VA. 24090, Pastor, Dr. John W. Reynolds, Phone; 540-473-2325, Email: jwr56fbc@yahoo.com, Church website: fincastlefaith.com, Services: 10 A.M. Bible Expositions, 11 A.M. Worship & Children's Church, 7 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, Messages at www.youtube.com/@faithfbaptistchurch9219. We look forward to meeting you.
Lapsleys Run Baptist Church- 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. 540-556-3504. Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00a.m.
New Hope Baptist Church- 2315 Blue Ridge Blvd. (US 460), 977-6610, Pastor David McNeill; Sunday School, 9:45AM; Worship, 10:45AM, 7PM; Wed., Bible Study 7PM; Kings Kids, 7PM; Daycare and Preschool, Mon-Fri. 6:30AM-6PM.
Valley View Baptist Church- 17471 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Daniel Boone, 254-2760 (church), 254-2570 (H). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM, Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM; Wednesday: Prayer and Youth Ministries, 7 PM, Word Of Life youth ministry for 4 year olds-12th grade Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST
Bonsack Baptist Church - 4845 Cloverdale Rd. (Alt. 220) Dr. Chris Cadenhead, 977-5701, Sunday School, 8:30a.m. and 11a.m.; Worship 9:45a.m.; Wed. Bible study, 6 p.m.
Buchanan Baptist Church - 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site - buchananbaptist.com; Phone - 254-2253, Minister of Music - Stephen Harris
Daleville Baptist Church- Corner of Valley Rd. and Orchard Dr., 992-1570;

Senior Pastor Wes Belcher; Sunday School 9:15 AM, Worship 10:30 AM; Wednesday: Prayer & Bible Study - 6:30 PM, Youth - 6:30 PM
Fincastle Baptist Church- Located at 7330 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, Rt. 220, 1 mile south of Fincastle, 540-473-2861; www.fincastlebaptist.org; Sr. Pastor Kevin B. Cummings. Sunday Mornings, we offer a dual Bible Study/Worship Service at both 9:00 am and 10:45 am. On Wednesday evenings, we offer events for the entire family: Kids Club (3 years-5th grade) 6:15-7:30 pm; Middle School Ignite (Grades 6-8) 6:15-7:15 pm; Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm; Ignite High School Group (Grades 9-12) 7:45-8:45 pm; and childcare (birth-36 months).

Forest Grove Baptist Church- 693 Mt. Moriah Rd. (Rt. 681), Eagle Rock, Rev. Jerry Marsh, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:35 a.m., Wed., Bible Study 7 p.m.
Glade Creek Baptist Church - 3148 Webster Road, Blue Ridge, Virginia 24064. Pastor Steve McChesney. Phone 540-977-1686 or 540-798-7462. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m., to include Children's Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

Mill Creek Baptist Church -11475 Lee Hwy., Fincastle, 992-3474. Danny Quirin, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday night activities begin at 6pm: Bible study, children and youth activities, choir and handbell rehearsals follow. office@millcreekbc.com
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church- 4930 Country Club Road (corner of Country Club & Haymakertown Roads), 540-992-5556. Pastor Danny Barham. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Worship can also be viewed online at the PHBC Facebook page or on Youtube (PHBCtube). Other activities and schedules can be found at www.phbcweb.com.

Springwood Baptist Church - 88 Copps Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email pmike09@outlook.com. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday night bible study will be held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Troutville Baptist Church -P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, 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.-

Finding Strength in God
 Lead 1 Samuel 27:1 through 31:1

David was greatly distressed because the men were talking about killing him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sorrowful daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God (1 Samuel 30:6).

David and his men, just arriving home from battle, discovered that the enemy had kidnapped their families. His men were distraught, and they wanted someone to blame. David, their leader, was the obvious scapegoat, and they discussed taking revenge on him.

David, grieved at his own family's disappearance, now faced by trials and accusations from his friends. Here, at an extremely low point, David did what always works. He turned to God and found strength in Him.

Exactly how David found strength in God is displayed throughout his psalms. David remembered God's promises, and more so, he reminded himself of who God is: his Rock of refuge; his compassionate, gentle Father; his faithful Provider; his all-wise Teacher, and so much more. As David turned to God, he gained the strength to rally his men on his rescue mission.

Prayer for Today: Father, please help me turn to You for strength in all things.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 30: 3-8, 18-1

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 Burkhardt, 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 osroanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888.
Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church- 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (in person or parking lot, tune car radio to 88.9 FM). The Rev. Chuck Miller, 540-589-7553. Facebook, <http://www.wheatlandlutheran.org>; teemwheatland@gmail.com

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Grace Bible Church of Botetourt - 148 Amsterdam Rd. (beside the south lane of 220 in Amsterdam, 1.5 miles north of LBHS). Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Pastor Jay Robinette - 855-4620.
Mt. Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock at intersection of Rt. 43 and 688; pastor, Richard Ronk; phone # (540) 884-3653; Sunday School at 10:00 A.M., Worship at 11:00 A.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Woodland Church - We Present Christ - 45 Woodland Rd. Troutville, VA. Corner of Blacksburg/ Country Club Rds., 3.5 miles W. of Fincastle; 992-1008. Pastor: Caleb Lythgoe. 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 [\[buchananpresbyterian.org\]\(http://buchananpresbyterian.org\)
Fincastle Presbyterian Church - 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, Supply Minister, Lori Turner, Music Director. Worship service in the Sanctuary and via Live Streaming \(<https://www.facebook.com/fincastlepresbyterianchurch>\) 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 \[fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com\]\(mailto:fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com\) or call 540.473.2042.](mailto:www.admin@b</p>
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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

Hayes, Barbara Larch

Barbara Ellen Larch Hayes, 93, of Buchanan, passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2026 in Newport, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James John Larch and Elvira Julia Lester Larch; husband, Harold William Hayes Jr.; sons, James Harold Hayes and Robert Martin Hayes; sisters, Jacqueline Grimes, Patricia Ann Camper, and Mary Joan Hoppe.

Barbara loved flowers of all types, walking, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Dickie Sprinkle of Buchanan; sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Clare Hayes of Mercersburg, Pa., Randall and Donna Hayes of Harkers Island, N.C.; sister, James Julia



Harris of Buchanan; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A graveside service was held Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Mill Creek Cemetery. The family would like to thank Crystal Bluff Skill Care in Morehead City, N.C. and Crystal Coast Hospice House in Newport, N.C. for their care of Barbara. Those wishing to make

a contribution, please consider Crystal Coast Hospice House, P.O. Box 640, Newport, NC 28570 or online at crystalcoasthospicehouse.org/donatenow.

Arrangements were by the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

County's new tax payment portal is now live online



FILE PHOTO

Botetourt County residents are being urged to review and update their tax payment information following the county's transition to a new tax management system now in place through the Treasurer's Office.

County officials announced Monday that all taxpayers have been assigned new account numbers as part of the system conversion, which also includes a new online taxpayer portal at tax.botetourtva.gov.

Officials said residents who use recurring payments through banks or other online payment services should immediately review and update their stored account information, including new account numbers and the county's updated mailing address,

to avoid delays or processing issues.

The new online portal allows taxpayers to create secure personal accounts, view multiple tax accounts registered under the same name, review balances and payment history, manage billing preferences and grant account access to authorized users.

The Treasurer's Office (www.botetourtva.gov/367/Treasurers-Office) has also updated its mailing address for all tax payments and correspondence. Payments should now be mailed to Botetourt County Treasurer, P.O. Box 587, Daleville, VA 24083.

County officials said residents who use online bill-pay services through their banks or other automatic payment platforms should update

the mailing address information as soon as possible.

The new system also offers paperless billing options. Taxpayers who enroll in e-billing will receive email notifications when new bills become available online. Officials noted that paper bills may no longer be mailed to residents who opt into the service, and users will be responsible for logging in to review their bills.

The Treasurer's Office said staff members are available to assist residents with portal registration, account updates, billing questions and other concerns related to the new system.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



FILE PHOTO

Resource Center receives grant supporting older adults in Botetourt County

The Botetourt Resource Center, Inc. has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Mary Louise Home Fund - American Funds - of the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia. The center's 2026 project, entitled "Championing Seniors: Helping them Navigate Barriers to Aging Well in a Challenging World," focuses on programs and services that support the needs of the elderly living in Botetourt County.

This includes assistance with fuel and utility

costs, dental costs, small home repairs, recreation and socialization opportunities, as well as helping to meet other essential needs to ensure independence, survival and overall quality of life.

The BRC is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission for over 25 years has been to provide the residents of Botetourt County with information, advocacy and referral to needed human resources and programs to assist them in healthy and independent living. All

of the BRC's services and programs are available at no cost to all residents of Botetourt County.

For more information about any of the services or programs, call 540-254-1468, visit the office at 33 Bedford Street in downtown Buchanan, or e-mail the Director Melissa Lucas at mlucasbr@yahoo.com. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- Submitted by Melissa Lucas

CHURCH NEWS

Fish Fry at Mill Creek May 30

The Standing Rock Mission Team of Mill Creek Baptist Church will hold its Spring Fish Fry on Saturday, May 30, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Tickets are \$15 and the meal will consist of two pieces of white fish, parsley potatoes, slaw, and hushpuppies, eat in or carry out. There will also be homemade desserts for sale at an additional price. Tickets may be reserved by calling 540-797-2304.

Special service at Mt. Olivet UMC

"Honoring Our Past and Looking to Our Future" is the theme when Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, Buchanan, holds a worship service in the Mount Olivet Cemetery (Roaring Run) on Sunday, June 7, at 11 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will be at church following the service. Chairs will be provided, but unsure how many will be attend, so please bring a chair if you can.

All are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship. Inform family and friends who may have loved ones buried there. Melanie Franklin is the pastor, 540-521-2154 or 540-798-8192.

Fincastle Clothes Closet open dates

Fincastle United Methodist's Clothes Closet will be open Tuesdays, June 6, 16, and 23, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,

and Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Family Life Center at 137 S. Church Street. Donations of gently worn, clean clothing and shoes also will be accepted. Call the church office at 540-473-3001 to arrange to bring donations during office hours, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday.

Cloverdale Thrift Store has summer items

The Thrift Store at Cloverdale Church of the Brethren has shorts and more shorts!

It also has capris and summer dresses. Donations are welcome. The Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturdays.

Cedar Bluff Baptist VBS

Cedar Bluff Baptist Church is holding Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, June 14-17. The theme is "Junkyard Redemption." Cedar Bluff is located at 24822 Lee Highway, Buchanan.

Woodland Church Installation Service June 7

Everyone is invited to Woodland Church's Installation Service for Pastor Caleb Lythgoe. The service will be held Sunday, June 7, at 2 p.m. at Woodland Church, 45 Woodland Road, at the intersection of Blacksburg and Country Club Roads.

Tuesday Morning Club observes anniversary



PHOTO COURTESY OF TUESDAY MORNING CLUB

Attending the May meeting were (from left) front, Carolyn Bayne, Faye Kessler, Nancy Waddell, Dorothy Brogan, Cheryl Wood, Faye Harris, and Barbara Harris; back, Sheryl Meador, Ruby Taylor, Anne Christensen, Jill Difede, Pam Obenchain, Priscilla Hedrick, and Barrie Knox.

In March a local Virginia Home Demonstration Club turned 63 years old; later, the clubs were under the Virginia Extension Homemaker Council. As this club dissolved, some of the women continued to meet as the Tuesday Morning Club.

The club met again on May 12 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with 14 members present. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order. Gale Webb was hostess and Ruby Taylor had devotions. Dorothy Brogan won the hostess gift. Nancy Waddell read minutes and Faye

Kessler gave treasurer's report. The May project was a donation to the American Cancer Society and to Blue Ridge Women's Center. The June project will be a donation to Ronald McDonald House. Game prizes were won by Priscilla Hedrick and Dorothy Brogan.

The members play games, talk, and have fun, but they also do a project every month that benefits the communities. The next meeting is June 9 at the church.

- Submitted by Nancy Waddell



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN CASTLES SWCD

Associate Director Tara Williamson awards Georgia Miller the SWCD scholarship during the James River Senior Awards Assembly.

Miller receives SWCD scholarship

Georgia Miller, a 2026 graduate of James River High School, received the \$2,000 Harold Entsminger Honorary Scholarship from Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District.

Miller is pursuing a degree in outdoor recreation from Montreat College in Black Mountain, N.C. She will also be a member of the women's wrestling team.

- Mountain Castles SWCD

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Marketplace



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Yard Sale

Big Yard Sale
Saturday May 30th
8 am to 3 pm
211 Mt. Moriah Rd
Eagle Rock, VA
Something for everyone!

Storage Auction

LEGAL NOTICE
A public auction will be held on Wednesday June 3, 2026 at 10 a.m. at Grand Storage of Vinton 1119 Vinyard Rd, Vinton, VA 24179, to sell personal property in the following units: Jeremy Thompson Unit C20

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of DSB PROPERTIES LLC, a special owner, for a special exception permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 213 Rutledge Circle (Tax Map #59-2-3.2).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Legals - Botetourt County

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 June 25, 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

Legals - Botetourt County

of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, 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.aldridgepите.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.aldridgepите.com. VA-372477-1.

Legals - Montgomery County

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Code Amendment request by Maggie Smith, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, "Zoning," Section 42-336 - Permitted uses, to allow for "Day care center, adult" as a permitted use in the General Business (B3) Zoning District. B. Code Amendment request by Maggie Smith, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, "Zoning," Section 42-336 - Permitted uses, to allow for "Day care center, adult" as a conditionally permitted use in the General Business (B-3) Zoning District. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317, 20-104 Case No. **CL26000843-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANBURG, VA 24073 ASHLYN KING, CAMDEN ZEKE DILLOW v. Commonwealth of Virginia, The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR It is ORDERED that CHANDLER DILLOW appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before July 22, 2026 @ 9:00 AM. Entered May 18, 2026 Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

Legals - Montgomery County

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Rezoning request by Madison Apartment Homes LLC and Madison Apartment Homes II LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, for an amendment to proffers on Tax Parcel 434 - ((A)) - 8A (Parcel ID 110779) and 434 - ((A)) - 8B (Parcel ID 310087), consisting of approximately 7.950 acres, located at the intersection of Peppers Ferry Road, New Village Drive, and Bozeman Trail. The property is zoned Multi-Family Residential (R-3) with proffers, and the request is to amend the proffers accepted with the 2020 rezoning action. The applicant has proffered new conditions after the initial public hearing for this request. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact 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.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

Request by Foresight Design Services, Applicant, and Free Clinic of the NRV, Inc., Property Owner, to vacate a five-foot-wide by approximately 800-foot-long portion of a 15-foot-wide public utility easement on property located at 130, 135, and 145 Akers Farm Road NE, identified as Tax Parcel 466 - ((22)) - 4; Parcel ID 100286. Information on the preceding ordinance, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations. Written comments may be sent to the preceding address; please allow adequate mailing time.

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2676 DRY VALLEY ROAD, RADFORD, VA 24141.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 25, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$60,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2003010550. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on July 30, 2026, at 11:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT UN-NUMBERED PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.731 ACRE DESIGNATED AS RETAINED BY OLLIE BAIN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PLAT FOR KYLE E. DAVIS AND SHARON B. DAVIS OF AN UN-NUMBERED 1.0005 AC. LOT NEAR BAINS CHAPEL IN RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA", PREPARED BY NEAL H. WIRT, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 5, 1997, DESIGNATED PLAT NO. 97-505. A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 991, PAGE 410, AND TO WHICH LATREFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, 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.aldridgepите.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.aldridgepите.com. VA-378698-2.

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4366 BRADSHAW RD, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 19, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$127,645.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160003643. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on July 30, 2026, at 11:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: PARCEL 1: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.063 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT FOR DAVID E. VANDER VLIET OF AN UN-NUMBERED 1.063 AC. LOT NEAR ROUTE 622 MT. TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" PREPARED BY NEAL H. WIRT, L. S., DATED 5 NOVEMBER 1992, DESIGNATED AS PLAT NO. 92-688, WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 766, PAGE 561. PARCEL 2: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 5.153 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED, "SURVEY FOR DAVID E. & ALTHEA L. VAN DER VLIET OF A 5.153 ACRE PARCEL SITUATE IN. THE MT. TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA", PREPARED BY JACK G. BESS, C.L.S., DATED JULY 24, 1995, DESIGNATED AS N.B. W-9 0-95648, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONATGOMERY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 886, PAGE 759. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, 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.aldridgepите.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.aldridgepите.com. VA-372257-1.

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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, June 8, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the Board of Supervisors Boardroom in the Montgomery County Government Center, located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments on the Board of Supervisors intent to dedicate a variable width permanent drainage easement and a variable width temporary construction easement to VDOT and to vacate an existing twenty foot (20') waterline easement and convey a new variable width waterline easement to the Montgomery County Public Service Authority (PSA) all located adjacent to Route 8, Riner Road in the Riner Magisterial District, on a portion of property owned by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery County, Virginia, identified as Tax Parcel No. 119-A 37A for the Route 8, Riner Road Widening Project shown more particularly on photocopy of Sheet Nos. 3, 3RW, 4 and 4RW, showing outlined in Green, the Permanent Drainage Easement, showing outlined in Orange, the Temporary Construction Easement, showing outlined in Blue the new variable width waterline easement and showing outlined in Yellow the existing twenty foot (20') waterline easement to be vacated.

A copy of the Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement Map can be seen in the County Administration Office, Suite 2 located at the Montgomery County Government Center or on the County's webpage: www.montgomerycountyva.gov

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Botetourt competing in Region 3D tennis this week

Lord Botetourt had teams competing in both the Region 3D boys' and girls' tennis tournaments as the paper went to press this week. Both were in team competition Tuesday.

The boys defeated Bassett on Tuesday. The Cavaliers will advance to a Saturday match at Cave Spring, with the time still to be determined.

The LB girls' tennis team was rained out of a Monday match at Hollins University against William Byrd. That match was rescheduled for Tuesday at the Sun Tennis Center on Starkey Road in Roanoke.

The girls are the second seed in the region. If the Cavaliers won Tuesday they're scheduled to host the region

semifinal next Monday, June 1, at Hollins University against the winner of a first round match between Bassett and



Lord Botetourt number one Reagan Meade hits a return.

PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Magna Vista. Also, Region 3D singles and doubles are being held in Abingdon on Thursday and Friday of this week.

LB soccer teams open Region 3D tournaments Thursday



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Maggie Hoover pushes the ball up the field for the LB soccer team.

The Lord Botetourt girls will be at home and the boys will be in Pulaski County Thursday when the Region 3D soccer tournaments open.

The girls will host Blue Ridge District rival William Byrd at 6 p.m. in Daleville. It will be the third meeting of the season between the two with Byrd winning the first two, 5-1 and 5-3. However, the 10-8 Cavaliers are higher seeded than the 10-9 Terriers so LB gets to host the game on Thursday.

The LB boys are 8-7-3 as they

head to Dublin Thursday to take on Pulaski County. The Cavaliers are primed for the post-season.

"The focus now shifts to regional play and continuing to improve in handling the physical style of play that many postseason teams bring," said coach Tim Wright.

Both the LB girls and boys lost Blue Ridge District tournament semifinals games last week. The boys lost to Franklin County at home, 2-0, and the girls lost to Franklin County in Rocky Mount, 3-1.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Botetourt County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Monday, June 8, 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: Fralin & Waldron, Inc. requests a Special Exception Permit for Large Format Retail Sales (grocery store) with possible conditions and a Special Exception Permit for a Drive-Thru Pharmacy with possible conditions, in the Traditional Neighborhood District. This 5.8890-acre parcel is located on Glebe Road (State Route 675); Broad Street (State Route 1193) and Charter Avenue, and is adjacent to 195 Town Center Street (State Route 1189), and identified on the Tax Maps as Section 88-33C.

Amsterdam District: William S. Emory (OneEnergy Renewables, Veronia Solar VA, LLC, OneEnergy Development, LLC) requests a Commission Permit in accordance with 15.2-2232 of the Virginia State Code and a Special Exception Permit for a utility-scale solar energy facility, with possible conditions, in the Agricultural, A-1 Use District. This 20.69-acre parcel is located on Catawba Road (Route 779), approximately 2.6 miles from the Roanoke Road (US 220) intersection with Catawba Road (Route 779), and identified on the Tax Maps as Section 87(1)1.

NOTICE OF DECISION BOTETOURT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

On March 9, 2026, the Botetourt County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the following item in the Fincastle District: Erryn M. & Virginia A. Barkett (Roanoke Road Solar 1, LLC, c/o New Leaf Energy Inc., lessee) request a Commission Permit in accordance with 15.2-2232 of the Virginia State Code and a Special Exception Permit for a utility-scale solar energy facility, with possible conditions, in the Agricultural, A-1 Use District. This 53.40-acre parcel is located on Roanoke Road (US Route 220), adjacent to 6457 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, and identified on the Tax Maps as Section 73-157. The public hearing was closed, and the Planning Commission will render a decision on June 8, 2026.

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

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

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as championship host dating back to 1996. The Moyer Complex underwent a more than \$20 million renovation after hosting the 2022 Division III event. Salem and the ODAC as co-host are ready to crown the Division III champion for a 15th time.

Play in Salem begins on Thursday, May 28, and continues through Wednesday, June 3. Two four-team pods will make up group play before getting to the final best-of-3 series for the walnut & bronze prize.

Virginia Wesleyan is in a pod with Rowan, Linfield and Redlands. The Marlins will open on Thursday at 11 am against Rowan.

The other pod includes Trine, Belhaven, Simpson and Mount Union. They'll play the evening games on Thursday to open the tournament.

The schedule for the competing teams begins on Wednesday with practice at the Moyer Complex and the championship banquet. All eight teams will play once each

on Thursday and Friday with the latter day featuring elimination and winner's bracket games. Elimination games are solely on the menu for Saturday with Sunday determining the two squads that will play for the NCAA trophy.

Following a day of rest on Monday, game one of the final best-of-3 championship series will be played on Tuesday. Wednesday will feature at least one outing with a chance for two if the "if necessary" contest is needed.

Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard: 158 Head

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Lawrence Companies holds blood drive

Lawrence Companies held a blood drive in April.

Employees who gave the gift of life were Chip Lawrence, Tammy Swader, Delana Spence, Jim Williams, Anna Muncy, Shanda Tomblin, Tim St.Clair, Ashley Dillon and Michelle Wusocki.

Visitors who donated were Butch Benson, Barry Holland, Cindy Holland, Lois James, Leland Ayers, John Reed,

Jeff Mundy, Dale Bare, Tim Jones, Judy Burnette and Kevin Cahoon.

Winners in the prize drawing were Shanda Tomblin, a paid sick day, and Tammy Swader, a \$15 Kroger gift card. First-time donor Michelle Wusocki also received a paid sick day.

- Lawrence Companies

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Contest, held in April, drew 69 student participants from more than 120 invited students. Painter said Botetourt students later earned 10 blue ribbons and four trophies at the regional competition in Floyd

County. As part of the presentation, Ferguson spoke briefly about his experience participating in 4-H before demonstrating his award-winning biscuit-making presentation.

"This 4-H program has been a great experience for me," Ferguson told the board. "I believe my classmates and I have learned a lot, and I truly enjoyed participating in it."

Painter praised Ferguson's public speaking

abilities and described the presentation as one of the best he has seen during his 14 years working with 4-H members.

"I'm not kidding - this is in the top two or three presentations that I've seen in my 14-year career," Painter said.

The presentation concluded with Ferguson beginning his demonstration on baking biscuits using self-rising flour, shredded butter, and buttermilk while board members watched from the audience.

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The Town of Buchanan Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, at 7:00 PM in Town Hall (19753 Main Street) to consider a report of Section 208(b)(u) - Data Processing of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

In accordance with Section 601-4 of the Town Code, the Planning Commission reviewed this matter at its May 18 regular meeting, with a recommendation to approve.

Persons interested in speaking to this item are encouraged to attend and make a statement to the Commission.

Information regarding this hearing is available upon request at Town Hall and will be posted with the meeting agenda on the Town website.

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LB girls will open region play at Staunton River Thursday

The Lord Botetourt girls will be in Moneta Thursday to open the Region 3D softball tournament against Staunton River. The first pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m.

This will be LB's third game against the Eagles, a Blue Ridge District rival. Botetourt beat Staunton River in Moneta, 3-1, but lost to the Eagles in Daleville, 10-3.

The Cavaliers come into the tournament at 11-11 after losing a close one to Franklin County in the Blue Ridge

District tournament semifinal game in Rocky Mount. The Eagles walked off the Cavaliers, scoring on the last play of the game to take a 9-8 win.

"It went back and forth a few times throughout the game," said LB coach Megan Cook. "Unfortunately we could not hold on to the lead to finish out the game."

Callie Kidd and Abby Perkey had home runs for LB while Kidd, Perkey and Olivia Pierce had two hits each and Gracie Sargent stole two bases.



Bailey Hutchens of LB fires across the diamond for an out.

PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

River Knights open region girls' soccer tournament tonight in Springwood

The James River girls' soccer team will host Patrick County tonight, Wednesday, in the first round of the Region 2C tournament. The game kicks off at 6 p.m. in Springwood.

The Knights are the eighth seed in the 16-team tournament. The winner of tonight's game will advance to a quarterfinal game on Friday in Nelson County against the top-seeded Governors.

River comes into the tournament with a 9-8 overall record. The girls dropped their final game of the regular season at Carroll County last week, 1-0, under rainy conditions.

"An exciting game with a high quality of play was little consolation to the visitors as they rushed off the field in a



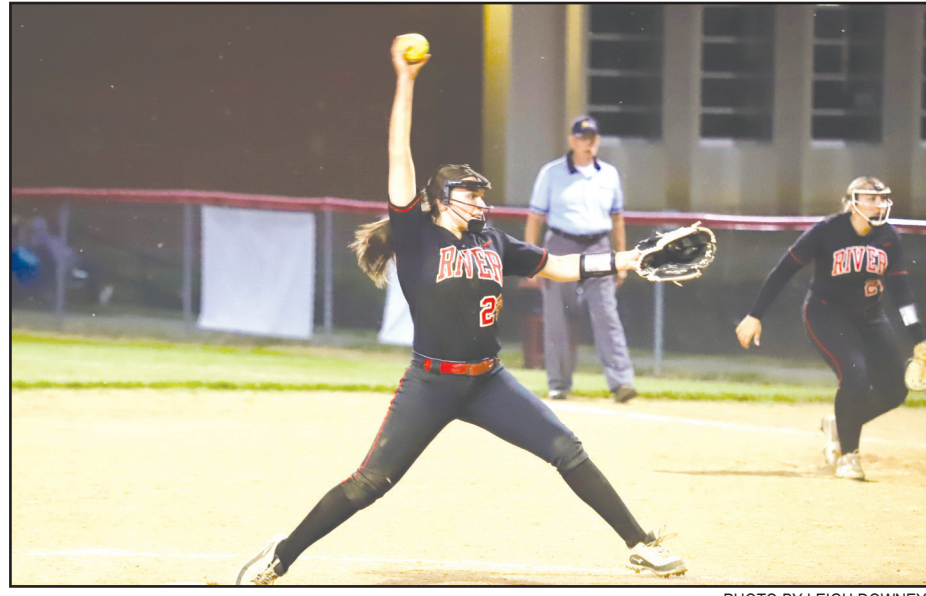
Sophia Martin handles the ball for the River girls' soccer team.

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downpour to make the long, wet trek home," said River coach Bill Smith.

The James River boys played host to Carroll County last week and dropped a 3-2 decision in their last home game. The boys also played at Floyd last Friday and fell 8-0 to end their season with a 1-16-1 record, failing to make the eight-team Region 2C tournament.

James River softball team is fifth seed for Region 2C tournament



Laken Robinson pitches for James River.

PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY

The James River softball team was one out away from earning a home game for this week's Region 2C tournament. However, host Carroll County rallied to stun the Knights with a 9-8 walk-off win in Hillsville, spoiling River's chances to open the region at home.

The region tournament begins on Thursday of this week and the Knights are the fifth seed. They'll head to Ringgold to take on fourth seeded Dan River. The Wildcats passed River in the rankings when the Knights

lost to Carroll, giving Dan River the home game this week.

Last week at Carroll County the Knights led 8-6 in the bottom of the seventh with two outs and no one on base. After two walks, only the second and third free passes issued by a Knight pitcher in the game, Carroll's Addie Greene followed with clutch triple to the right center gap to tie the score. After an intentional walk, Greene scored on a wild pitch to stun the visitors for a 9-8 win.

Keira Crawford and Karly Mines led the Knights with two hits each. Caitlyn Downey, Crawford and Kaylee Harlow had two RBIs each while Crawford and Laken Robinson scored two runs.

With the tough loss James River slid to 14-7. Thursday's winner will advance to the Region 2C semifinals on June 2 against the winner of a first round game between Appomattox and Glenvar. The semifinals and final, on June 4, will be played at the Botetourt Sports Complex.

James River girls upset top-seeded Appomattox in tennis at Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech will be the site of the Region 2C tennis tournaments for boys and girls this week. Action began Tuesday with James River upsetting top-seeded Appomattox in the girls' tournament, 5-4.

James River advances to the team semifinals today, Wednesday, against Glenvar. The Highlanders opened with a win over Nelson County on Tuesday.

Today will also have doubles quarterfinals with singles quarterfinals

to be played on Thursday. Girls' doubles semifinals and finals are scheduled for Friday morning, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Knights had their last regular season match, against Martinsville, rained out last week.

Region track meets are this week

Lord Botetourt and James River track teams will be competing in region meets this week. Christiansburg High will host the Region 3D meet on Thursday, including LB, while James River will be at the Region 2C meet on Friday at Radford High School.

The Class 2 Three Rivers District did not hold a district meet this year but the Class 3 Blue Ridge District held a meet at Staunton River High last Wednesday, May 20. Franklin County High swept both the boys and girls team titles while the Lord Botetourt boys tied William Byrd for second and the girls were sixth. The LB boys had three district

champions. Eric Duncan won the 1600 meters in 4:32.10, Caleb Miller won the 110 hurdles in 14.74 and Joel Butler cleared nine feet to win the pole vault. Aman Boston was third in the 110 hurdles, Preston Vaughn was fourth in the 1600 and the LB 4x800 relay team took a second.

For the girls, Karleigh Brown cleared nine feet to win the pole vault while teammates Lois Frederickson and Natalie Mullins both cleared seven feet to tie for sixth place. Morgan Wilmer was fourth in the 100 dash and Ratie Jensen took sixth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Baseball

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more energy we had."

Saunders started on the mound and allowed just two hits over five and a third innings while striking out six. Levi Peck came on after a rain delay and pitched the final two and two-thirds innings of hitless ball, allowing just one baserunner on a walk. Levi struck out four and picked up the win when Saunders sent one out of the yard in the top of the eighth inning.

"Cam continued his hot streak on the mound and was fantastic," said Henry. "He would've went longer if not for

a 45-minute rain delay. Levi did a great job of pounding the zone and keeping their hitters off balance."

River won the game with just four hits, two by Jeremiah Mays and one each by Merit Hammons and Saunders.

"It's a broken record but pitching and defense is our strong suit," said Henry. "It's how we win. We threw the ball great, and while we didn't play perfect defense we made all the plays we needed to in the big moments."

The Knights have had a week off to get

ready for the region tournament. Thursday's winner advances to a game on Monday, June 1, against the winner of a first round game between top-seeded Appomattox and eighth seeded Liberty.

"We have a lot of momentum heading into our region game and hopefully we win it and do something that hasn't been done at James River in over a decade—win a playoff game," said Henry. "Sometimes teams get hot late and it can last. Hopefully that's us this year."



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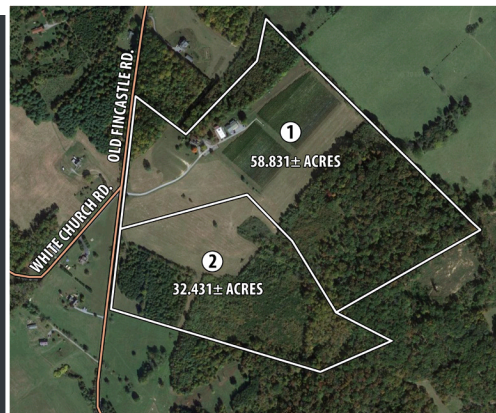
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LOT 1 - 58± ACRES W/ IMPROVEMENTS
Turnkey vineyard property featuring 6 acres of established vines, a tasting room, fully operational winery, and on-site residence. Proven event venue with **immediate income, plus room to expand into cabins or boutique lodging** to create a destination experience.

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Adjoining 32± acre tract offering an **ideal opportunity for vineyard expansion, a private estate, or added lodging**. Its proximity to the existing winery and event venue supports future growth, added revenue streams, or potential subdivision.

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James River swimmers are recognized by state legislature

Buchanan's Terry Austin, who represents the 37th District in the Virginia House of Delegates, introduced a House Resolution commending the girls on the James River High School 200 medley relay team, as well as coach Kit Williams, for being the first state champions in James River High School history in swimming. "It was such an honor for the girls and myself to be recognized by our state legislature for our first place finish in states," said Williams. "We really appreciate it." Left to right are Riley Persinger, Kim Van Auken, Sarah Lorman, Lydia Jones, coach Williams and Delegate Austin.



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Division III softball championship begins in Salem this week

The James I. Moyer Complex in Salem will be the site of the NCAA Division III softball tournament this week. The eight team tournament begins with four games on Thursday scheduled for 11 am, 1:30 pm, 4 pm and 6:30 pm. This year's field includes Old Dominion Athletic Conference champion Virginia Wesleyan, who comes to Salem undefeated after winning their Super Region tournament. The Marlins are 50-0 as they



return to Salem for the national tournament. Virginia Wesleyan will be gunning for a fourth national championship after posting a 15-0 win in five innings over Case Western Reserve University to sweep their super regional matchup in Virginia Beach last weekend. The Marlins return to the site of their last national title in 2021. The James I. Moyer Sports Complex is no stranger to hosting ODAC teams given that the facility has served the conference

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Cavaliers will open Region 3D baseball Thursday at Abingdon



LB centerfielder Brady Kish squeezes the ball for an out. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Lord Botetourt boys will have a tough opening game when the Region 3D baseball tournament opens Thursday. The Cavaliers are the eighth seed in the eight-team tournament and they'll travel to Abingdon to take on the top-seeded Falcons. "They are 19-2 and have had another great year," said LB coach Todd Smith. "We'll need to play one of our better games if we want to advance. Hopefully we can get the bats going again and play solid defense and see what happens." The Cavs are an even 11-11 after falling to Franklin County, 7-2, in the semifinal round of the Blue Ridge District tournament last week. Garrett Lonker, Swisher Cook and Jackson Crenshaw split time on the mound for LB while Beau Lonker drove in both Cavalier runs. "We had a couple chances to score some runs but couldn't get that clutch hit that was needed," said Smith.

James River will host Dan River to open Region 2C baseball tournament



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Easton Medley (left) catches for the Knights in last week's win. Levi Peck (right) pitched the last two innings to pick up the win over Carroll County for James River last week.

It will be a battle of Rivers on Thursday when fourth seeded James River plays host to fifth seeded Dan River in the first round of the Region 2C baseball tournament. Game time is 6 p.m. in Springwood. The Knights are 13-10 after ending the regular season with a big win over Carroll County in Hillsville last week. Cam Saunders had a memorable day, pitching five and a third shutout innings and hitting an eighth inning home run as River took a 1-0 extra-innings win. "What a finish to a good season!" said River coach Chance Henry. "We haven't even been close to beating Carroll County in four years and to do it on their Senior Night was even sweeter. The boys were pumped for this one. The rain made it weird and the later it got the

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