



Botetourt County, Google launch new website dedicated to data center project

Botetourt County and Google have launched a new website intended to provide information about the proposed Google Data Center project in Botetourt County.

The website, botetourtcountydatacenter.com, is designed to serve as a central source of information for residents, business owners, community organizations, and others interested in learning more about the project.

According to information posted on the site, visitors can access project updates, frequently asked questions, news releases, community engagement information, and other project-related resources. The website also includes information about upcoming opportunities for public involvement and provides a way for residents to submit questions.

A message on the website states that Botetourt County and Google are committed to sharing information about the proposed project and



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maintaining open communication with the community throughout the planning process.

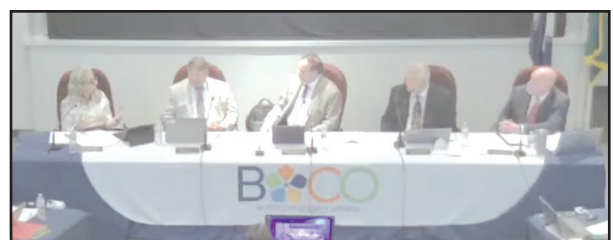
The site features background information about data centers, details related to the proposed project, and answers to commonly asked questions. Visitors can also sign up to receive updates as new information becomes available.

County officials and Google representatives have said the website is intended to help community members access project information in a single location and stay informed about future developments.

The website is now available and will be updated as additional information, announcements, and resources are released.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Supervisors table budget vote after another school funding debate



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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors held its monthly meeting in Daleville last week.

Matt de Simone
Managing Editor

Following weeks of public debate, including a public hearing earlier this month that drew extensive comment from residents on both sides of the issue, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors voted last Tuesday night to postpone approval of the county's proposed fiscal year 2026-27 budget until after a June 11 meeting with the county auditor and school officials.

The decision came after another lengthy discussion among board members and residents during the board's May 26 meeting.

Despite sharp disagreements over the proposed school budget, supervisors ultimately reached consensus to table the vote in what several members described as an effort to gather additional financial information before formally adopting the budget.

The proposed \$159 million budget includes no tax increases and reflects an anticipated 8% increase in revenues and expenditures over the current fiscal year, according to county administration. The proposal also includes more than \$35.1 million in direct local funding for Botetourt County Public Schools, part of a total recommended school budget of \$88.5 million—a roughly 10% increase over the current year.

Board Chairman Mac Scothorn thanked the budget subcommittee and fellow supervisors for what he described as "countless hours" spent reviewing the budget and working through proposed adjustments.

"This is a complicated process at best," Scothorn said during the meeting.

The debate centered largely on whether the county should immediately approve the proposed school funding increase or first seek additional clarification regarding school spending, reserves and expenditures.

Amsterdam District Supervisor Tim Snyder said he supported moving forward with the budget, citing conversations with the county auditor and what he viewed as the school system's willingness to reduce its original request.

"The schools originally asked for roughly \$14.5 million," Snyder said. "The fact that they are willing to operate with only an additional \$2.8 million, I think that stands out to me."

Snyder also emphasized what he called the county's obligation to support education.

"There were three founding principles of why I think I ran for this role: education, fire and life safety, and our sheriff's department," he said. "And I feel as though I am supporting all of those things."

Buchanan District Supervisor Linda Rottman argued the board should wait until after the June 11 auditor meeting before voting on the budget.

"I think it's the responsible thing to do," Rottman said. "We need actual numbers. We need to know what it is that we're approving."

Rottman raised concerns about discrepancies between school budget requests, annual expenditure reports and reserve balances, saying she believed more review was needed before approving additional local funding.

The discussion led to procedural confusion after competing motions were introduced including one to table the budget vote and another to approve the budget immediately. Following guidance from county counsel and additional discussion, Scothorn changed his vote and joined the majority in supporting a motion to reconsider and table the matter until after the June 11 meeting.

Rottman thanked Scothorn for reconsidering his position, and the board ultimately voted unanimously to delay the budget vote.

County Finance Director Katie Davis clarified during the meeting that supervisors would still need to formally adopt a budget appropriation resolution later in June and noted that quarterly appropriations for schools could provide additional flexibility while state budget figures remain uncertain.

School Superintendent Dr. Janet Womack also addressed the board, explaining that the school division had already reduced portions of its original request, primarily in insurance, maintenance and staffing lines.

"If we change those numbers, it will have to be presented to our School Board for approval as well," Womack said.

The county later issued a social media statement explaining the decision to postpone the vote. According to the statement, the June 11 meeting will include several supervisors, two School Board members, Superintendent Womack, finance staff and the county auditor "to

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

Botetourt County Director of Economic Development Kyle Rosner



Kyle Rosner FILE PHOTO

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On any given day, Kyle Rosner may be touring a manufacturing facility, meeting with business leaders, coordinating with state officials, or helping solve problems for local employers.

As Botetourt County's Director of Economic Development, Rosner spends much of his time behind the scenes working to support businesses, strengthen the county's tax base, and create opportunities for future growth. Much of that work happens out of public view until a major project captures public attention.

"The short of it is, we support businesses," Rosner said.

Since taking over the position last November, Rosner has spent much of his time visiting local companies, learning about their operations, and identifying challenges that could affect their success.

"What makes my job fun is it's different every day," he added.

Those challenges range from workforce shortages and rising energy costs to supply chain concerns and tariffs. Rosner said one of the most valuable aspects of his role is helping businesses connect with resources and partners who can help address those issues.

With the county's major industrial parks largely filled, he believes supporting existing businesses may be the most important economic development strategy moving forward.

"Greenfield is now filled essentially," Rosner said. "The wins that we can deliver in expanding the tax base and

improving employment opportunities for the community come through supporting our existing businesses."

Rosner's path into economic development began through broadband expansion efforts. Before joining Botetourt County, he worked in state government, private industry, and the federal government, helping expand Internet access to underserved rural communities.

At its core, economic development is about creating conditions that encourage private investment and strengthen communities, Rosner said. "Whether that means attracting private investment to Botetourt or helping facilitate private investment, the fundamentals are essentially the same."

One of the biggest surprises after arriving in Botetourt County was the pace and flexibility of local government. Coming from the federal government, Rosner expected a slower process. Instead, he found a lean operation where new ideas can move quickly.

"If you have a good idea and can get support, you can run with things," Rosner explained. "I enjoy that kind of autonomy."

Rosner believes one of the biggest misconceptions about economic development is that residents often assume county officials recruit every new business, hotel, restaurant, or apartment complex that appears in the Daleville area.

In reality, most commercial projects are driven by private developers investing their own money because they see market opportunities, he said.

"I think a lot of people see the

development that's happening on 220 in the Daleville area," Rosner said. "[Some residents] think the county is incentivizing cutting taxes for developments, or that the county went out and attracted Wawa to build a gas station, or we went out and attracted Hampton Inn to build a hotel. We didn't."

Instead, he views his department's primary mission as diversifying the county's tax base.

"Everybody wants lower taxes," Rosner said. "The way to accommodate that is to diversify tax revenues and make sure the regular citizen isn't paying for everything."

Balancing growth while preserving Botetourt County's character is another key aspect of the job.

Rosner pointed to the county's comprehensive plan, zoning policies, and utility infrastructure as the primary tools that guide development.

Approximately 80 to 85 percent of the county remains zoned agricultural, according to Rosner, and utility limitations naturally restrict where large-scale growth can occur.

"There's some growing pains, whether it's traffic and those kinds of things," Rosner said. "But it's been a lot of smart growth."

He noted that Greenfield and East Park Commerce Center were developed decades ago with the specific goal of concentrating industrial development in designated areas while preserving much of the county's rural landscape.

Looking ahead, Rosner sees several advantages that make Botetourt

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Conviction Coffee owner Hogan Lambeth welcomed customers to the newly opened coffee shop in Fincastle last weekend.

Conviction Coffee opens in Fincastle

Conviction Coffee has opened in the Town of Fincastle, bringing a new coffee shop to the historic Old Botetourt County Jail.

Business owner Hogan Lambeth began serving customers over the weekend, offering coffee, pastries, and a gathering space in

one of Fincastle's most recognizable historic buildings.

According to information shared by the business, Conviction Coffee sources its coffee beans from Gladheart Coffee Roasters in Roanoke.

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Botetourt County History

May is the National Historic Preservation Month, but it is every day at the Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc.'s Botetourt Museum of History & Culture in Fincastle. This "Farm Master" single use milk pasteurizer is now on display and will be part of an agricultural exhibition. It was manufactured by Sears, Roebuck and Co. with its pledge of "superior quality." The tabletop machine is stainless steel and easy to clean. It had 60 cycles at 300 watts and used 110-120 volts AC.

This artifact was donated in 2023 by Kate Loope. It was found on the Williamson dairy barn property located at the corner of Wheatland Road and Route 11.

Home milk pasteurizers are still being sold and used today.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture



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UDC members to dedicate Iron Cross



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Members of Fincastle Chapter 797, United Daughters of the Confederacy, met in April. Plans were made for an Iron Cross dedication in June and a military service award in August. More programs are being planned by the chapter to honor veterans for their service. The chapter's objectives are patriotic, memorial, educational, benevolent and historical.

- Fincastle UDC

The James River & Kanawha Canal – its history and impact on Buchanan

Steve Davis, historian of the Wilson Warehouse, will present a history of the James River & Kanawha Canal that was chartered in 1785, reached Buchanan in 1851, and closed in 1881. It will be held Thursday, June 11, 6-7:30 p.m., at the Wilson Warehouse, 421 Lowe Street in Buchanan.

Davis's visual presentation will cover the impact of the canal on Buchanan, the construction methods, types of boats, cargo, route of the canal, and remnants of the canal that may be seen today.

The presentation will take place at the historic Wilson Warehouse that was

Buchanan's center of canal shipment activity. Those attending will be able to view actual canal-related documents, ledger books, and more of the John S. Wilson Company.

Tours of the warehouse will be conducted after the presentation, including the 1839 freight hoist system that is still intact today.

The presentation has been arranged by the Botetourt County Libraries. Admission is free. For more information, call the Buchanan Library at 540-928-3005.

- Buchanan Town Improvement Society

Breckinridge Elementary holds annual fifth grade promotion ceremony, Jennifer Coon Award recipients announced

Breckinridge Elementary School held its fifth grade promotion ceremony last month, recognizing members of the school's Class of 2026.

During the ceremony, Principal Wyatt Turner congratulated students and encouraged them to remember the Breckinridge traits of belief, encouragement, achievement, respect, and success as they prepare to enter middle school.

The program included a reading by fifth grader Luis Morales-Tomas, whose D.A.R.E. essay was selected as the best among the Class of 2026. Morales-Tomas shared his essay with those in attendance, describing what he learned through the D.A.R.E. program this year.

The ceremony also included the presentation of the Jennifer Coon Award. This year's recipients were Addison Sprinkle and Will Ronk.

The award is presented annually in memory of former Breckinridge student Jennifer Coon and recognizes two students who have demonstrated exemplary character throughout their elementary school years.

Mary Beth Huwe presented this year's awards. Huwe was herself a recipient of the Jennifer Coon Award as a fifth grade student at Breckinridge.

The ceremony marked the completion of elementary school for members of the Class of 2026.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



Addison Sprinkle and Will Ronk received the Jennifer Coon Award during Breckinridge Elementary School's fifth grade promotion ceremony last month.



Luis Morales-Tomas reads his D.A.R.E. essay during Breckinridge Elementary School's fifth grade promotion ceremony last month. His essay was selected as the best among members of the Class of 2026.



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Fifth grader Paul Turman processes into Breckinridge Elementary School's fifth grade promotion ceremony last month.



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Marjorie Lugar celebrates birthday

Marjorie Lugar enjoyed her 92nd birthday luncheon with some old friends at Tizzones. Marge worked at Brugh's Store many years ago and shared fond memories with the group. From left are Debra Craft Tabor (her daughter), Marjorie Lugar, James Tabor, Donald Caldwell, Lois Caldwell Crawford, and Fran Brugh.

- Submitted by James Tabor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The price of power

Have solar and wind power increased electricity costs in Virginia? Absolutely! In the last five years, Virginia's electricity rates have increased 47.6% according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The average yearly increase is about 14.5%. Why are electricity bills so much higher when solar industrial projects that are supposed to lower rates are booming all over Virginia? Economists from the University of Chicago pinpointed a primary reason. Their study shows that in states which had mandated strict renewable energy goals, electricity prices increased 11% on average, a cost for consumers of approximately \$30 billion annually.

Unfortunately, Virginia is one of the states with mandated solar/wind goals. The Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA) passed in July 2020 by the Northam (D) administration on a party line vote requires the state to have a 100% carbon-free grid by 2045 for Dominion Power and by 2050 for Appalachian Power. Virginia is rapidly retiring its oil and coal-firing power plants in order to have two-thirds of its electricity produced by solar and wind by 2035. Today, solar and wind produce 7% of the state's power. Heavy penalties will fall on the power companies if they do not fully comply. Former Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) tried unsuccessfully to repeal the VCEA in order to take a more measured approach. Now state lawmakers are becoming nervous about meeting their own deadlines because solar facilities are not living up to their promise.

Dominion Power's recent filings with the Virginia State Corporation Commission reveal that its largest utility solar projects have failed to meet the modest goals promised when these projects were permitted. Some have produced electricity less than 20% of the time. Considering the inherent inefficiency of solar panels, which convert 20 to 22% of the sun's energy to electricity while losing the remainder to heat and reflection, these are disturbing results. Disturbing results or not, out-of-state solar companies have pounced on Virginia and continue to try to capture any bit of available land, largely arable farmland or forest, on which to build their solar projects. They are here because they know that Virginia needs more power to fuel the state's over 600 data centers.

Data centers are another primary reason for expensive electricity. Virginia currently houses 35% of the world's data centers— 70% of the world's Internet traffic flows daily through Virginia. Why are there so many data centers in Virginia? Data centers are sales tax exempt in Virginia, and many localities also have offered reduced business and property tax incentives. Information on Botetourt County's agreements with Google for its data center has not been made public. Power hog data centers consume 25% of all Virginia's power production now— and this will only increase as they expand into southwestern Virginia. Not only do data centers consume power, they need special infrastructure— 120-foot-high transmission lines— expensive equipment paid for by the power companies.

A third reason why solar is bringing higher energy costs for the Virginia ratepayer lies in the inability of renewable energy to meet energy targets. Renewables (solar/wind) are by nature unreliable, intermittent, diffuse, and limited by weather. Solar panels do not produce energy at night— 50% of the time— or when it is cloudy; wind turbines do not turn when there is no wind. To compensate for their intermittency, power companies must build back-up systems (industrial battery storage systems, gas-fired plants, etc.) to keep the grid working. Building and maintaining back-up systems in addition to solar systems means paying for two power systems instead of just one. In addition, each solar or wind facility must have industrial battery storage to minimize intermittent surges and drops in power and their own transmission lines which may extend for long distances and may be widely scattered over a county. All of these gas or nuclear power plants and infrastructure are paid for by the power companies who pass it on to the ratepayers. So, renewable energy's promise of lower electricity rates for Virginia's customers is not panning out. It may never pan out.

Barbara Hollisworth, Visiting Fellow at the Thomas Jefferson Institute, warns: "Local officials who are thinking about

special use permits to allow more solar facilities to be built on agricultural land in their jurisdictions owe it to their constituents to tally up all the potential costs— especially the loss of irreplaceable farmland— as well as the benefits before signing off on this supposedly 'free' form of energy production."

Should the citizens of Botetourt County willingly give up our farmland, our historic places, our wildlife and our rural way of life for solar's false promises of lower rates? Or is the cost too high?

C. L. Bandy
Fincastle

Letter reports supervisor's actions at May meeting

The May Board of Supervisors (BoS) meeting continued to highlight the inept actions of the occupant of the Buchanan District seat, which is never surprising and has generally become expected.

The third item on the agenda was a rezoning request upon which no action was taken at the April public hearing due to her lack of familiarity with Roberts Rules of Order, although she has had no problem lecturing the chairman about them. Mr. Michael made a motion to deny the request, which the Disgruntled Californian (DC) immediately seconded. In discussion, Mr. Michael spoke of how hard the BoS had worked in developing the new comprehensive plan and she thought they should stick with that (in other words, "no changes for any reason").

The DC vehemently agreed with Mr. Michael about the whole purpose of developing the new comprehensive plan and she and Mr. Michael voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Nicely and Mr. Snyder voted against the motion, making it a tie vote. The DC then asked, "Doesn't it fail for lack of a majority?" With her vast knowledge of Roberts Rules of Order, she should not have had to ask that question. The answer to her question was that the negative motion to deny (which probably should not have been made in the first place) did fail and, since no further action was taken thereon at the April public hearing on this matter, it remained undecided and had to be put on the agenda for the May BoS meeting for a vote to either approve or deny.

And then, when it came up at the May meeting and the unique situation which occurred at the April public hearing was explained to the BoS by staff, the DC said, "I was kind of wondering about that after we (cackling) after we all adjourned I was thinking, I was thinking at the time maybe something else should have happened." She then went on to reveal something totally and completely different from what she said when she seconded the motion to deny and voted to deny the request. What a surprise! She said she was concerned that this would set some kind of precedent that would come back to bite us, but she had consulted with the county attorney and no longer had this concern. Wow!

Couldn't it just as well be that she knew she could flex a little muscle for her team and show them how wise they were to elect her, since there were only four BoS members present at the April public hearing and she knew there would be a tie vote, but her lack of knowledge of the rules of order was readily apparent to everyone but her disciples and she wanted to attempt to cover that up? Or, was she concerned that at the May meeting there would be five BoS members present and this matter would be approved, at worst, on a 3-2 vote? Either way, it seems doubtful she even knows why she did what she did.

Item #3 was the Consent Agenda. When it was announced and a motion was made and seconded to approve it, the DC basically called for a "time out" and everyone sat in silence while she shuffled through some papers and looked on her computer and said, "I am just trying to see what all of the items are on the Consent Agenda." And then, after shuffling through a pile of papers she finally found whatever she was seeking (it appeared she had never looked at it before), said "Thank you" and then asked, "Can we do a noise ordinance request by consent?" When the answer was "yes," it then went on to a unanimous vote of approval. Why does everyone have to wait for the DC to take her first glance of the Consent Agenda during

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Looking Back: 1776 - Botetourt County and Beyond

May 1776 – The Point of No Return

United Colonies

On May 4, Rhode Island became the first colony to formally declare independence, deleting all mention of King George from its governing documents. This was followed on May 15 by the Virginia Convention instructing its delegation to introduce a motion declaring the colonies free and independent states. On that same day, Congress passed a resolution advising the colonies to establish new provincial governments "under the authority of the People."

Remnants of the American forces in Canada were defeated on May 6, and a chaotic retreat to Fort Ticonderoga ensued as thousands of British and Hessian reinforcements under the command of General John Burgoyne reached the St. Lawrence. As news of King George's treaties with seven German principalities to provide tens of thousands of mercenary troops to the British reached the colonies, popular support for separation from Britain was galvanized. On May 20, a delegation from Georgia reached Congress, making it the 13th colony to join.

General Howe continued to strengthen the British Army in Nova Scotia in preparation for further invasions of the colonies. The British were also inciting Native American nations to take up arms against the colonists. They were sending supplies and munitions to the Overhill Cherokees from the British colony of West Florida.

Virginia

On May 6, the House of Burgesses met for the final time. Those present failed to make a quorum and chose to dissolve the body. The final entry by the Clerk in the minutes read FINIS, followed by an ornate scroll design to prevent future additions.

On the same day, the Fifth and final Virginia Convention convened, taking the place of the House of Burgesses. Of the 126 authorized delegates, 88 remained from the Fourth Convention. In addition to being the first representative body of a colony to authorize the introduction of a bill in Congress declaring the colonies "free and independent states," the convention established a committee on May

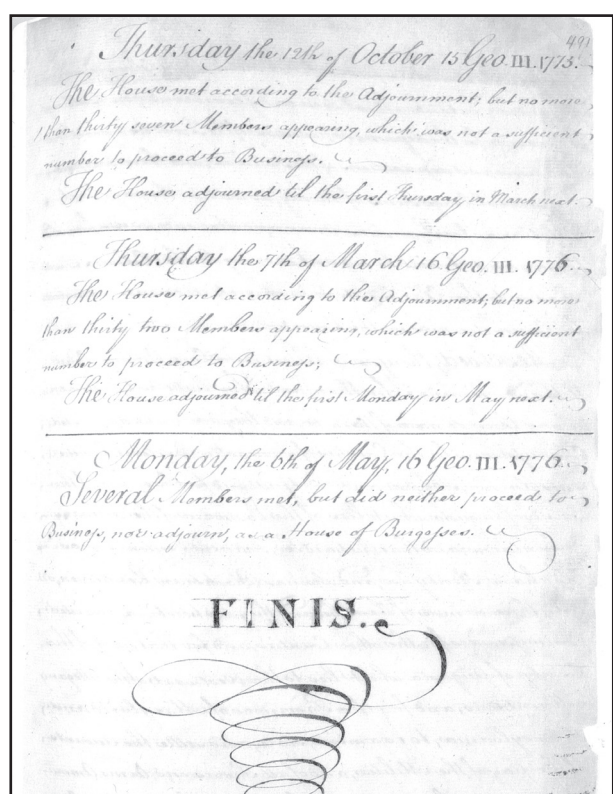


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15 to draft a Declaration of Rights and a plan for a permanent government, which became the first Virginia Constitution.

The principal author of these documents was George Mason. Also of note, John Bowyer of Botetourt, who served in the House of Burgesses and all five conventions, was a member of this committee. Thomas Jefferson would later borrow heavily from this Declaration for the document he would present to Congress a few weeks later.

Botetourt

In Botetourt County during May, there were extensive military preparations underway, with militia drills taking place and supplies being gathered. Rumors of Native raids along the frontier had the effect of raising anxiety among residents.

On May 14, John Mill recorded a deed for 82 acres on Craig's Creek purchased from the estate of James Patton through William Thompson and William Preston, executors.

On that same day, the

County Court met with William Fleming, Andrew Woods, Richard May, and William McClenahan, Gentlemen Justices, presiding. There was a particularly heavy docket, which included the probating of two wills, those of James Campbell and John McFarran; appointing Col. George Skillern to replace Col. Andrew Lewis in arbitrating disputes between Israel Christian and John Neely; and appointing several surveyors of roads in different locations, including John and Samuel Robinson, Robert Caldwell, James Warren, and Joseph Carroll. Francis Smith took the oath of sheriff for the county. Additionally, Isaac Taylor, Jr. and Alexander Caldwell were appointed as constables. Several other civil matters were adjudicated.

A grand jury was convened, and several indictments were returned. Those findings will be discussed in June.

-Submitted by Ed Holt
Botetourt Preservation Partnership

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JUNE 13th 6:35 PM Dinos After Dark
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Yoga for Beginners

Thu, June 4, 6:30 PM, Blue Ridge
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Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases: Everything You Need and Want to Know

Wed, June 10, 2 PM, Buchanan
 Learn which tick species are in this area and when they are active in this part of Virginia. Educate yourself on Lyme disease and other recent tick-borne diseases in SWVA, how to protect yourself from tick bites, and what to do if you get one. Presented by Hollins professor and researcher Elizabeth Gleim.

Pete the Cat, Presented by Mill Mountain Theatre

Wed, June 10, 6 PM, Blue Ridge
 Enjoy this performance by Mill Mountain Theatre. For Pete the Cat, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up. So, the minute the groovy blue cat meets The Biddles, he gets the whole family rocking. That is, except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet Earth.

But when Jimmy draws a blank in art class during the last week of school, it turns out Pete is the perfect pal to help him out. Together, they set out on a mission to help Jimmy conquer second grade art, and along the way, they both learn a little something new about inspiration. Join Jimmy and Pete on an adventure of friendship, all the way to Paris and back in a VW Bus!

Level Up & Load Up on Pizza

Fri, June 5, 2:30 PM, Fincastle
 Teens are invited to hang out, play board games and yard games, listen to music, and enjoy pizza and drinks with friends. Best for ages 12-18.

Integrated Approach to Managing Insects

Sat, June 6, 12 PM, Buchanan
 Learn how to manage insects in your yard and garden using an integrated approach. Correctly identify common pests, understand their life cycles, and use environmentally responsible strategies to prevent and control damage. Presented by Master Gardener Tonya Harper.

Living with Black Bears

Mon, June 8, 6 PM, Eagle Rock
 Learn about black bears, practical methods to prevent human-bear conflict situations, and what to do if you meet one. Presented by Audrey Clark, Virginia Master Naturalist.

Baby-Sitters Club Book Club

Tues, June 9, 4 PM, Blue Ridge

Learn more about Botetourt Libraries at bocolibraries.info

Longbeards holding Women in the Outdoors event

The Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be hosting a Women in the Outdoors event on June 27. It will be held at 485 Juniper Valley Lane, Troutville.
 Stations being offered are archery, .22 rifle, .22 pistol, shotgun and AR-15 rifle. Lunch will be served for

all attending. Registration starts at 8:15 and the event starts at 9. Cost for the event is \$35 per person and includes a one year membership in the NWTf.
 To register, go to events.nwtf.org. Any questions, call Richard Pauley at 540-254-2564.

- Botetourt Longbeards

American Legion Post 240 to hold June meeting in Daleville

American Legion Post 240 will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, June 4, at the VFW building located at the corner of U.S. Route 220 and Country Club Road in Daleville.
 A social hour and light supper will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. prior to the meeting.
 The meeting will feature Gene Malinovski, district commander of

the American Legion, who will administer the swearing-in ceremony for the Post 240 Board of Directors for the 2026-27 fiscal year.
 According to the post, the board will remain unchanged from the previous year. Officers include Dennis Craft, post commander; Don Carr, first vice commander; Pam Lightfoot, second vice commander; Ken

Bagnasco, adjutant; John DiPasquale, finance officer; and Marvin Moore, chaplain.
 All remaining positions will be appointed by the commander at a later date.
 All members and nonmember military veterans are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting.
 - Submitted by Post 240 Executive Committee

Rosner

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County attractive to businesses, including a quality school division, low taxes, access to higher education institutions, and a strong regional workforce.

"It's really an amazing place," he said of Botetourt County. "Businesses have certainty when they do business here."

Still, challenges remain. One of the largest is the lack of shovel-ready industrial sites.

"We're out of sites, essentially," Rosner said. "That's a challenge across the whole Roanoke Valley."

Workforce shortages and housing availability also continue to affect employers throughout the region. Rosner said he hopes future economic development efforts continue to create high-paying jobs and diverse career pathways for local residents.

He pointed to careers such as welding, where graduates from Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC) can move directly into the workforce and build long-term careers with opportunities for advancement.

In recent years, economic development has become one of the most visible and debated topics in Botetourt County, particularly as discussions surrounding the proposed Google Data Center and several solar projects have generated strong public opinions.

Rosner said navigating controversial issues requires discipline and a commitment to factual information.

"I stick to the facts," he said. "It's the most important thing you can do, especially when you're in a role like mine."

He explained that his office is not involved in proposed solar projects because they do not involve county-owned property or economic development incentives. The proposed Google Data Center is different because the land involved is owned by the Botetourt County Economic Development Authority.

When evaluating projects, economic development officials consider factors such as tax revenue, transportation impacts, public services, and overall return on investment before presenting information to the Board of Supervisors, according to Rosner.

"Our job is to give all the facts to the board," he said. "Then it's up to the board to make the decision."

Rosner acknowledged that many residents have concerns about traffic, environmental impacts, and changes to the community. At the same time, he pointed to the potential economic benefits supporters see in projects like the proposed Google facility.

According to county estimates, a single data center building could generate approximately \$10 million annually in local revenue.

"That is 10 times higher than the current biggest taxpayer in the county," Rosner pointed out.

He cited communities such as Mecklenburg County and Louisa County as examples of localities that have used data center revenue over the years to fund schools, improve services, and reduce tax burdens. Despite the controversy surrounding some projects, Rosner said his experience interacting with residents has generally been positive.

"There's always going to be disagreements," he said. "But we have to do it agreeably."

For Rosner, the most rewarding part of the job comes when projects reach completion and produce tangible benefits for businesses and residents.

"Anytime we can help a business succeed or help them expand, it has a multiplier effect," Rosner said. "You want a thriving business environment in your locality. If you don't have that, you're missing a big piece of success."

ARRESTS

May 26-May 31, 2026

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests May 26-31:

- Esteban Dario Murillo Rojas, 38, of Moneta, driving under the influence, driving after forfeiture of license, May 26
- Jennifer M. Bursey, 42, of Troutville, trespassing, May 28
- Emily B. Wood, 56, of Fincastle, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, May 28
- Isreal N. Munoz-Munoz, 19, of Roanoke, carnal knowledge of child, false identity to law enforcement officer, May 31

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Cicada

Cicada is a beautiful dilute Torti. She is a little shy but very sweet. She's 1 year old, up to date on vaccines, and spayed. We think she would do fine in a house with other cats.



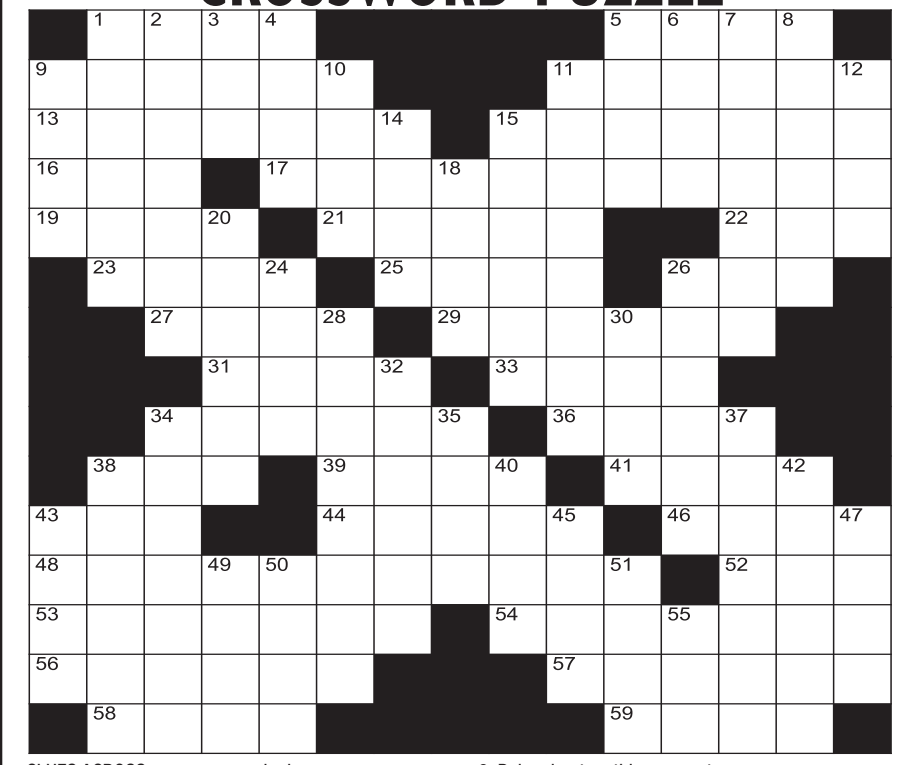
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 - Deteriorate with age
 - A way to save for retirement
 - The Big Apple
 - Intestinal pouches
 - City in New Hampshire
 - Giving a bad impression
 - Samsung laptops
 - Without (French)
 - Scientist's tool (abbr.)
 - System of one more computers
 - Captures
 - Authentic
 - Female mammal's nipple
 - Pandemonium
 - Satisfy
 - Arrived extinct
 - Shipborne radar (abbr.)
 - Network of nerves
 - Monetary unit
 - Showed old TV show
 - They help you hear
 - One who eliminates
 - Congress' investigative arm
 - Parties
 - Most supernatural
 - Takes illegally
 - Breathes while asleep
 - Sea eagles
 - German surname
 - Belonging to a thing
 - Former Packers fullback
 - Contemptible person
 - One billionth of a second (abbr.)
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 - Final section of the large intestine
 - Invests in little enterprises
 - Look for
 - Unbeliefs
 - Susan and Tom are two
 - Female sheep
 - A poet writes it
 - Affirmatives
 - "Full House" actress Barber
 - Traveled rapidly
 - Long upholstered seat
 - Set wages
 - Peter Gabriel song
 - Sides of a jacket
 - More beautiful
 - Actress Kate
 - Furniture with open shelves
 - Indicate
 - The cost of a room
 - Gets rid of something
 - Impudence
 - No No No
 - Drunkards
 - Middle eastern country
 - High energy lasers (abbr.)
 - Primary component of ribosomes
 - An informal debt instrument
- CLUES DOWN**
- Looks at for a long time
 - Solution for diseases

Coffee

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Pastries are supplied by Breadcraft Bakery, and plants displayed throughout the shop were provided by True Vine Houseplants in Fincastle.

The coffee shop is hosting an official kickoff event this week, where visitors will have an opportunity to sample beverages and learn more about the business.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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the meeting? She could have asked that question before the meeting and would have received the same answer, but she defeats the whole purpose of having a Consent Agenda. Thankfully, the other four supervisors do their job and look at the Consent Agenda before the meeting.

Action on the FY27 General Budget was tabled until after a meeting with the auditor on June 11. This was done after the BoS was advised that the schools could not sign teacher contracts until after budget approval and that might cause problems. Attendees at that meeting are to include the DC. There is little hope she will be able to understand anything the auditor says since she is the numbers person who is not very good at math. Nevertheless, as usual she will ask many questions, the answers to which will most likely be obvious to all the others in attendance. It is too bad that it is not a public meeting as many would pay the price of admission to watch that sideshow!

Kudos to our Fire/EMS workers who worked so diligently to increase our ISO Fire Rating by 22 points! I am sure all who complained about spending tax money for these excellent services will not, maybe for the first time, complain when their insurance premiums do not increase and may even be reduced by this accomplishment!

When some of the chronic complainers started on their second round of complaints in the General Citizen Comment Period, I departed. I later learned that I missed something flying out of the cuckoo's nest and, the next time I go shopping, I need to be on the lookout for the digital price tags in stores with little cameras on them where they can see how much money you make and the prices will go up and the prices will go down! Can't wait for that!

*Bob Patterson
Fincastle (Buchanan District)*

Solar projects more damaging than data centers

There's another issue percolating in Botetourt even as the data center debate rolls on. I would argue that this one has the potential to do even more damage to what's left of the county's esteemed heritage and rural landscape. Like Google, this threat

originates outside of the county. Unlike Google though, it is a more pervasive threat that hides behind good intentions. This threat comes from the spread of solar power projects that now have the support of our General Assembly and our newly elected governor. And as if that's not worrisome enough, there is a July 1, 2026 deadline looming for those who take this threat seriously.

On May 26, County Attorney Mike Lockaby made clear the state's newly declared preference for solar installations over rural farmland in his legislative update. This preference resides in SB 443 and HB 711. There is also SB347, which is a companion bill to HB711.

Taken together, their intent is to grease the skids for the approval of community-scale and utility-scale solar projects in ways that override local ordinances designed to preserve rural farmland. That's not all. Under this new legislation, localities that deny solar projects must explain to the state of Virginia why an industrial, commercial- or utility-scale project was refused along with all documentation relevant to the refusal.

Supporters call this an overdue "modernization" of what they contend were "overly restrictive" local ordinances. The obvious takeaway is that while local governments—those governments that are closest to the people they govern—have been overruled by the heavy hand of special interests now controlling the Virginia legislature and governor's office. In their minds, rural counties and their residents must step up and "embrace the warmth of the collective," in a way that would make New York City's new socialist Mayor Zohran Mamdani giddy with excitement.

Botetourt County is not New York City. Botetourt County is not Richmond, either. As with all rural communities, ours is as unique as the traditions and the people who built it. For most of us, living here is a deliberate vote in favor of a rural lifestyle that is already rapidly disappearing. For years, the urbanization of the southern part of the county came with a pledge to protect its rural northern end. Where is that pledge now as companies like New Leaf Energy and OneEnergy are pushing to industrialize Botetourt's remaining farmland? The permitting of Rocky Forge Wind in a Forest Conservation

District should have been a warning of what county planners and our Board of Supervisors are capable of. If we are to retain anything of Botetourt County's rural character, we're going to have to push back. Leaving to an Orwellian "collective" the power to determine who wins and who loses is antithetical to core American values.

Having said all of this, what of the "pursuit of happiness" argument where our property rights grant all property owners the right to do as they please with their private property? If this argument applied in its absolute form, then what is the purpose of zoning at all? Isn't the entire rationale for zoning predicated on an informed attempt to define "appropriate use" in ways that promote "neighborly" communities? Surely we don't accept that some property owners have more rights than others, do we? Will the installation of a utility-scale or community-scale solar project nearby or next door have an impact on my lifestyle and the value of my property? How about environmental concerns due to runoff and panel leakage over time?

Time is short. Our county administration and Board of Supervisors still have room to mitigate some of the damage done by SB443, HB 711 and SB347. Call them. Write them. Educate yourselves. This issue is not about a "sustainable" future; it's about politics, the money that comes from political connections, and we're paying the price.

*Bill Van Velzer
Fincastle District*

DAR: Our Patriot Ancestor

Major John Reed

Major John Reed (Reid) is a Revolutionary War ancestor of Jennifer Dieudonné of Eagle Rock. He was born on April 16, 1748 at Dagger's Spring, Augusta (now Botetourt) County. In January 1779 he

enlisted and was appointed Ensign with the Illinois Regiment under Colonel John Montgomery in Washington County along the banks of the Holston River in the southwestern portion of Virginia near the Tennessee border. He served in the Illinois Regiment from January 9, 1779 to January 5, 1781. His service included his

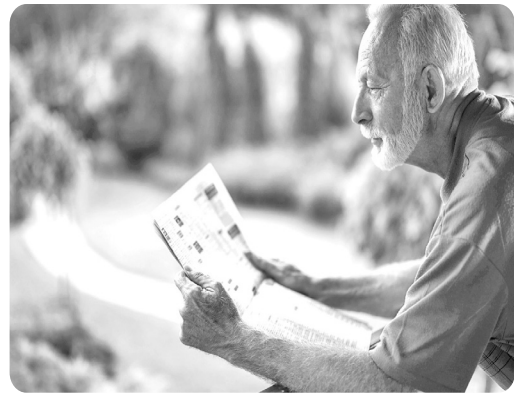
role as Adjutant and then as Quartermaster.

On October 7, 1780, Reed fought under Colonel William Campbell at the Battle of Kings Mountain in North Carolina. The Battle of Kings Mountain pitted South Carolina Loyalists under the command of British Major

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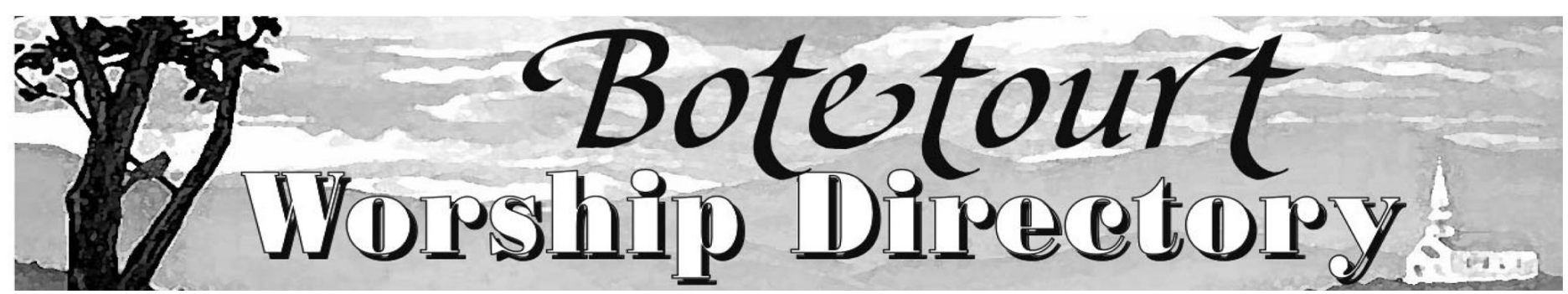
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ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.
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.
Springswood Baptist Church - 88 Copp's 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.

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Cloverdale Church of the Brethren- 4708 Read Mtn. Rd., 992-1060; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wed. (Sept.-

May), Family Dinner, 6 p.m., Bible study, 6:45 p.m. Preschool, after-school care & summer day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna Burkhart, preschool director.
Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.
Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren- 2565 Buffalo Rd., 10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10 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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

Cress, Jacob Francis

November 22, 1944 - May 19, 2026
 Jake Cress died on May 19, 2026 and was born in 1944. He lived to be 81 years old. He wanted his obituary to include that he was a wood artist who tried to put a bit of magic in his work and used his warped sense of humor to make people think differently.

Of course, there are other things we need to say, right?

Jake was raised in Norton, lived in Fincastle, and loved being a Virginian. He was a veteran of the United States Navy Submarine Service, was an actor with stage and film credits, and was known for a number of reasons, including walking around Fincastle with a parrot on his shoulder, his love of Shakespeare, and his homemade spaghetti. He was a cabinetmaker of world renown, whose carving and traditional finishes set him apart, and his work is housed worldwide from the Smithsonian to Yale's permanent collection, selling from his workshop in Fincastle to the auction houses of New York.

He follows his beloved wife of 45 years and partner in all things, Phebe Fullerton Cress, and leaves behind an unexpected but wholly treasured second love, Nancy Ellen Archer. We should all be so lucky.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen Okopinski Cress and Francis Aloysius Cress, and is survived by his brother, Joe Cress (Margaret Lynne Cress); son, Mosby Cress (Melissa Cason Cress); and his grandchildren, Jacob, Caroline, and Lilly Cress; as well as a gaggle of stepdaughters (Lynn McDowell, Adrian Blevins, and Shelly Blevins-Stanley), and their partners (Jim McDowell, Cedric Bryant, and Andy Stanley), and their children and grandchildren (Zoe Spellman, Joseph McDowell, Weston Church, Ben Church, August Rudy, Madison Weidinger, Cameron Stanley); and great-grandchildren (Phebe Spellman, Sadie Spellman, Brystol Church, and Gigi Weidinger).

We are all eternally grateful for the great care and support provided by his amazing hospice nurse Sarah Dogan.

Jake wanted to leave us with this toast: "May you live as long as you like and be happy and healthy on the day you die."

A celebration of his life will be held in Fincastle later this year. Contributions in his memory can be made to the hospice organization of your choice.

Martin, Algie Edward

Algie Edward Martin, of Floyd, passed away on May 26, 2026.

Born on July 23, 1933, in Roanoke, he lived a full and faithful life marked by devotion to his family, hard work, and a love for country living and wood-crafting.

He graduated from the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics. He remained a Hokie fan all his days.

Algie shared 66 years of marriage with his devoted wife, Sue. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1957 to 1960 (1st Lieutenant; Rifle and Pistol Team shooting champion). After his military service, he built a career with Nationwide Insurance, serving as a claims adjuster and agent from 1961 until his retirement in 1999. He was diligent in his business, but he couldn't wait to get home to his garden!

He found much joy in woodworking, beekeeping, vegetable gardening, target shooting, hunting, camping, history (especially Civil War and WWII), genealogy, running in the Senior Olympics until he was 75, and his Bible. Whether working with his hands, tending the garden, or enjoying time outdoors, Algie brought patience, skill, and endless determination to all he did.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sue; his grateful sons, Daniel (Lauren) Martin and Tim (Nancy)

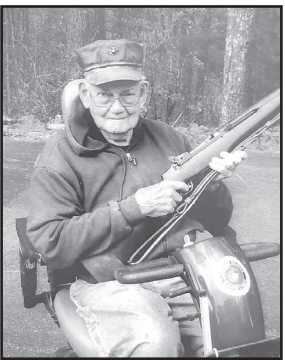
Martin; daughter, Julie (Tanner) Owen; grandchildren, Rachel (Nic)

Waters, Erica Martin, and Hannah Martin, Danielle (Aaron) Kees, Kathryn Martin, Noah (Jennifer) Martin, Levi Martin, Jesse (Moriah) Owen, Wyatt Owen; great-grandchildren, Judah, Micah, and David Kees, Silas Owen, and Adelia Martin; sisters-in-law, Joyce Martin and Jo Flora; nieces, Sharon Fitzgerald and Leslie (Bob) Schmidt; nephews, Kevin (Liz) Martin, Rodney (Cheli) Martin, and David (Joy) Flora; and many other much loved extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Noah and Elva Martin; his brother, Donald Martin; and his sister, Geneva (Jack) Fitzgerald.

The family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many caregivers who supported Dad, and Mom as well, throughout his long battle with ALS, with special thanks to those who cared for him in his final days: Beverly Easterling, Paul Duffy, Michelle Thomas, Angie Turman, and Heather Johnson. We are also deeply grateful for the excellent care provided by the Veterans Administration and Good Samaritan Hospice.

A graveside service was held on May 29 at 1 p.m. at Huffville Cemetery, Pilot, with the Rev. Thomas Mann officiating. Gardner Funeral Home served the family.



Powell, Barbara Miller

Barbara Ann Miller Powell, 91, of Salem, passed away May 29, 2026.

Born September 2, 1934, she was known for her strong Christian faith, love for her family and friends, and her beautiful smile. Barbara graduated from Effinger High School in 1953, married, and raised her family in Buchanan. She was a member of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church for many years.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Ethel Miller; twin brothers, Matthew and Melvin Miller; brother, Clarence Miller, Jr.; and one sister, Irene Johnston.

Also preceding her in death were her husband, T.R. "Jiggs" Powell; two sons, Roger (Eddie) Powell, W.C. Powell; and daughter, Brenda Powell, all of Buchanan.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Virginia Brasher of Blacksburg and

Tracy Goodwin of Roanoke; son-in-law, Jeff Goodwin; grandchildren,

Whitney Goodwin, Caleb Goodwin, Kasey Parker (John), and Alison Thomasson (Alex); two great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Jacob Thomasson. Also left to mourn her loss are numerous nieces and nephews and a large host of friends.

A viewing will be held from 1-1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. in Roaring Run Cemetery in Botetourt County with the Rev. Doris Hedrick officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Good Samaritan Hospice in Barbara's honor. Online condolences may be sent at www.botetourtth.com or by calling 540-254-3000.



CHURCH NEWS

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.

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.

Pleasant Hill food distribution June 13

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will hold its monthly Food Box Ministry distribution on Saturday, June 13.

Anyone who is in need of food may stop by one of the two pick-up locations from 9- 10:30 a.m.: Pleasant

Hill Baptist Church, 4930 Country Club Road, Troutville (at the corner of Haymakertown and Country Club Roads) or the Eagle Rock Library, 55 Eagle's Nest Drive, Eagle Rock.

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.

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Patrick Ferguson against an American Patriot Militia of Virginia frontiersmen under Colonel Campbell. Campbell's forces gathered at the border of Virginia and North Carolina to inhibit Ferguson's advance south. Pursued by Patriot forces to near the South Carolina border, Ferguson positioned his Loyalist forces in defense of a rocky, treeless ridge named Kings Mountain. The Patriots charged the hillside multiple times demonstrating lethal marksmanship. Ferguson refused to surrender "to a band of banditti" (a group of outlaws) and led a suicidal charge down the mountain. The Patriot forces, exhibiting superior marksmanship, slaughtered the Loyalist forces, including Ferguson. The Battle of Kings Mountain was a crucial Patriot victory and a turning point in the Southern Campaign that forced British General Cornwallis to retreat.

On March 15, 1781, Reed next fought with the Virginia militia at the Battle of Guilford Court House (near Greensboro, N.C.), a battle in which Patriot Major General Nathanael Greene

executed a defense-in-depth strategy to exhaust General Cornwallis's troops by organizing his forces into three lines. The second line of Greene's forces was the Virginia militia. After hours of fierce fighting, Greene was forced to withdraw the Patriot troops, resulting in a victory for Cornwallis. However, this Loyalist victory came at too great a cost, with Cornwallis's remaining forces left in no condition to pursue Greene further south. As a result, Cornwallis shifted his operations north to Virginia. This was a decision that led to the ultimate victory of the Patriot forces at the Battle of Yorktown with Cornwallis's surrender on October 19, 1781.

John Reed ended his Patriot military service as a Major and settled in North Carolina. He married Keziah Simpson on 22 March 22, 1784 in Caswell County, N.C., and had six children. He died June 23, 1826 in Caswell County and left behind a small collection of letters that are housed at the University of North Carolina in its special collections.

- Botetourt Chapter DAR

Budget from page 1

further review and better understand the school system's financial reports and budget information."

The debate drew strong opinions from residents on both sides of the issue during the public comment period.

Several speakers urged the board to support school funding and criticized what they viewed as growing distrust of teachers and public education.

One Amsterdam District resident defended the schools and called for greater transparency from all sides.

"We must support our schools," the woman told supervisors. "You cannot say that you support teachers... and then not support teachers now."

She also pushed back against claims that school finances lacked oversight, telling the board that both the schools and county are independently audited each year.

Other residents voiced support for delaying the budget vote and conducting additional financial review before approving more funding.

A retired resident cited concerns about taxpayers

on fixed incomes and questioned whether the school division should seek additional revenue sources before asking for more county funding.

"We need to demand more," the resident said. "The School Board must find another way to live within their means."

Several speakers referenced concerns about reserve balances, maintenance spending and prior funding allocated for repairs at Lord Botetourt High School.

Another resident called for an independent review of school finances before additional increases are approved.

"The issue is not whether the schools deserve support," one woman said. "Strong schools are essential to every community. The issue is whether the public... has been provided with sufficiently transparent and verifiable financial reporting."

Others criticized what they viewed as excessive county spending and urged supervisors to exercise greater fiscal restraint.

An educator told

supervisors the county was facing a "leadership crisis" caused by long-term financial decisions and debt obligations. "We support the students. We support the schools," he said. "But you've put us in a spot where we can't support them financially."

Under Virginia law, local governing bodies are required to approve a budget and set tax rates before the start of the new fiscal year on July 1.

Section 15.2-2503 of the Code of Virginia states that local governments "shall approve the budget and fix a tax rate for the budget year no later than the date on which the fiscal year begins."

County counsel told the supervisors during the meeting that while state law allows the board to delay adoption until later in June, school officials also face deadlines related to teacher contracts and appropriations.

Supervisors are expected to revisit the budget after the June 11 auditor meeting during a future special meeting in June.

Track from page 10

meters. Preston Vaughn took third in the 3,200 and qualified for the state meet. Daniel Estep was fourth in the 400 and Joel Butler tied the school record in the pole, clearing

11'6" to take third. In the relays Botetourt had two runner-up finishes. The 4x800 team of Archer Lee, Vaughn, Duncan and Thorne was second and the 4x400 team of Graves, Estep, Miller and

Moughrabi also took a second and qualified for states.

In the girls' meet Morgan Wilmer took second in both the 100 and 200 meters, qualifying for state in both. Karleigh Brown had

a personal best in the pole vault, clearing 9'6", and the 4x100 team of Analise Buyalos, Khyler Hambrick-Brown, Janai Compton and Wilmer qualified for the state meet with a fourth place finish in 51.89.

Tennis from page 11

players in singles and doubles last week but they did not advance. Reagan Meade lost to Cave Spring's number one. Meade and

Kennedy Dorsey won their first doubles match against William Byrd, 6-3, 6-3, but lost a close one to Abingdon in the

semifinals. The LB duo won the first set, 6-4, lost the second, 6-1, then lost the third set in a tie-breaker.

Serving With Compassion

Botetourt
Funeral Home
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14920 Lee Highway	14777 Church Street
Karen C. Young Funeral Director	
<i>Locally owned & operated by I. Ray & Bobbi Sloan</i>	



Yard Sale

Morgan's Chapel Church Yard Sale
Saturday, June 6th
8am to 2pm

There will also be a bake sale which will include hotdogs with homemade chili.

6540 New River Rd, Radford
(Behind old C & L Campers)
RAIN OR SHINE

Legals - Botetourt County

ENTER this 27th day of May, 2026.
Hon. Joel R. Branscom, Judge

I ask for this:
Scott A. Butler (VSB # 34544)
Rhodes, Butler & Dellinger, PC
318 Washington Avenue
Roanoke, Virginia 24016
(540) 342-0888
(540) 342-4664 (fax)

Legals - Montgomery County

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 22, 2026, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter at the Montgomery County Government Center, 2nd floor Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, to receive public comment on a Proposed Ordinance Enacted Pursuant To Section 62.1-44.15:27, Of The 1950 Code Of Virginia, as amended, Amending Chapter 8 Entitled Planning And Development Of The Code Of The County Of Montgomery, Virginia Article III Erosion And Stormwater Management Section 8-87 in Order to Increase the Fee Schedule for Permit Issuance (Table 1), for the Modification or Transfer of Registration for the General Permit for Discharge of Stormwater from Construction Activities (Table 2) and Permit Maintenance Fees (Table 3).

Legals - Montgomery County

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Legals - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1800(B), the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as is practical, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

STATEWIDE ADS

- June 30 at 11 AM. 6.247± acres of wilderness spanning Fayette and Raleigh Counties will be sold in 19 tracts, offering opportunities for investors, outdoor enthusiasts, wilderness retreat and recreation. Auction and Previews Held at Tamarack Conference Center, Beckley, WV. Previews: June 13 and 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Visit Woltz.com for details or call Woltz & Associates, Inc., Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers. Jim Woltz, Broker (WVAL #1000), 800-551-3588. 5% Buyer's Premium.

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Legals - City of Salem

LEGAL NOTICE

Our client is proposing to construct three (3) 70-foot monopole communication towers in Salem County, VA. Tower #71096 will be located at railroad mile post 262.10, approximately ½-mile west of the intersection of Blue Ridge Dr. and Peters Creek Rd. in Roanoke, VA 24018; tower #71098 will be located at railroad mile post 262.40, approximately 0.36-mile northeast of the intersection of Apperson Dr. and Cook Dr. in Roanoke, VA 24018; and tower #71100 will be located at railroad mile post 262.70, approximately ¼-mile north of the intersection of Apperson Dr. and Cook Dr. in Roanoke, VA 24018. WSP USA, Inc., on behalf of our client, invites comments from any interested party regarding specific location information and/or the potential effects of the towers on historic properties. Comments may be sent to Kaylee.Swords@wsp.com. Comments must be received 30 days following published date.

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

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, CHRISTIANSBURG, 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

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 VLIEET 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, DESIGNED 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 VLIEET 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

Legals - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1800(B), the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practical, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning the renewal of a lease to Cargill Incorporated for three (3) parcels lying on the west side of 11th Street near its intersection with Booker Avenue, which are identified as Roanoke County Tax Map Nos. 60.14-2-24, 60.14-2-25 and 60.14-2-26 and five (5) parcels lying on Walnut Avenue (also known as Railroad Avenue) near its intersection with 11th Street, which are identified as Roanoke County Tax Map Nos. 60.14-2-1, 60.14-2-2, 60.14-2-3, 60.14-2-4 and 60.14-2-5, all of which are located in the Town of Vinton, Virginia. The lease shall commence on July 1, 2026, ("Commencement Date") and terminate on June 30, 2027. The lease shall renew itself automatically on each anniversary of the Commencement Date, on the same terms and conditions for no more than four additional one-year renewal terms.

Legals - Botetourt County

ABC NOTICE

WAWA INC., trading as WAWA #6626, 49 Glebe Road, Daleville, Botetourt County, VA 24083

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

John M Poplawski
Vice President

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.

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 LATREFERENCED IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten

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Sports

Cavaliers will run in state Class 3 track meet this weekend

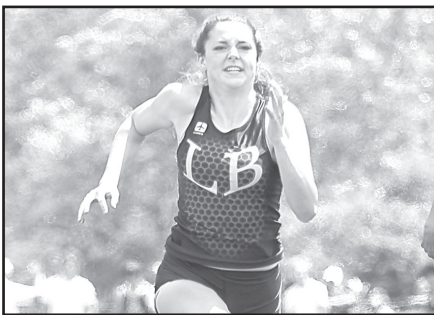


PHOTO BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY
Morgan Wilmer was fourth in both the 100 and 200 in Region 3D.

Liberty University will be the site of the Virginia High School League Class 3 and 4 state track meets this week. Events will be held on Friday and Saturday with Lord Botetourt sending 15 athletes to the Class 3 meet.

The Cavaliers competed in the Region 3D meet at Christiansburg High School last week and had some great performances. The boys finished in second place as a team and Triston Graves was named Region 3D Runner of the Year. Triston won the 300 hurdles with a school record time of 39.20 and he also won the 110 high hurdles in 14.54.

Ethan Thorne won the 1,600 in 4:21.63. Caleb Miller was second in both the 110 and 300 hurdles, Eric Duncan was second in the 1,600 and John Moughrabi took a second in the 400

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Class 2 state track meet is at James Madison University this week

James River will send a strong representation to the Virginia High School League State Class 1 & 2 track meets this weekend at James Madison University in Harrisonburg. The meet will be held on Friday and Saturday with River athletes competing in the Class 2 meet.

The Knights competed in the Region 2C meet at Radford High School last Friday and had some strong performances. Denver Rinehart won the long jump with a leap of 15'11" and also was second in the 100 and third in the 200. Rinehart also ran on the winning 4x100 relay team with Mirai Burton, Maddie Davidson and Vivian Vernon, winning with a time of 51.72.

Davidson took a second in the 800-meter run. Burton was seventh in the 100 and eighth in the 200 and Maren Pauley was seventh in the 1,600.

In the field events Samaya Osborne was fourth in the discus and fifth in the shot put while Janiya Falls was sixth in the discus and Brianna Petty was seventh in the shot. Kendall Childs was fifth in the long jump and sixth in the triple.

In the boys' meet Jack Beheler won the discus with a toss of 164' 7.5". Ashton Orange was second in the shot put and third in the discus.

Ryder Ward placed third in the triple jump and fifth in the high jump. Braden Jones was second in the 800 and Gavin Binns took sixth in the 100.

Softball from page 11

River left two runners on in the third inning but did not score. In the bottom of the third, Kenley Cunfiff's deep fly was dropped to begin the inning and she ultimately scored on a single by Stoyler that was mishandled in the outfield. So, after three full innings the Knight were clinging to a one-run lead, 5-4.

In the fourth for the visitors, Hutchens singled for her third hit of the game, then Crawford walked. Robinson executed a perfect sacrifice bunt to move the runners to second and third but a soft infield liner and a strikeout stalled the rally.

In the Dan River fourth, Hughes worked a base on balls and Campbell Barts put down a sacrifice bunt. Saville threw to Downey to retire Barts at first. Downey's throw to Breeding at third easily beat Hughes who was trying to pick up the extra base. Hughes then took a circuitous route towards home and outflanked Breeding and dove into the backside of third base.

An appeal for being out of the baseline was denied and Hughes later scored the tying run on a two out Cundiff single.

Neither team scored in the fifth or sixth, though the Knights got three singles in the fifth. In the top of the seventh, James River went three up and three down for the only time in the game. So, they knew going into the bottom of the seventh that they had to keep Dan River scoreless to keep their hopes alive.

After a line out by Stoler for the first out, Taylor Barts doubled to left field. Taylor Pritchett popped up to the pitcher for the second out. Hughes then hit a hard shot to shortstop where Breeding had to go to the ground to keep it in the infield, and she could not get off an accurate throw to third base from the ground. Campbell Barts then hit a shot up the middle that Downey laid out for to stop but similarly could not get off a good throw to second

base from the ground to get the third out. Taylor Barts scored on the infield hit to win the game.

James River out-hit Dan River 11-to-9, and left 12 runners on base—10 after the first inning. Hutchens had four hits to lead the Knights and Breeding and Kreklow had two hits. Saville pitched only her fourth complete game of the year, scattering nine hits, striking out two and walking four. Two of the six runs were earned.

James River's season ended with a record of 14-8, but with losses in five their last seven games all by one run. Dan River improved their record to 15-7, and advanced to play Appomattox in the regional semifinals.

"I'm extremely appreciative of this team and their fight to the end," said Austin. "We haven't won our share of all these close games but it is not because of effort. Our seniors have been great, and they have helped bring the younger players along."

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LB's Donaho receives All-Region baseball honors after big freshman season at Roanoke College

Freshmen Michael Hetzel and Noah Donaho of the Roanoke College baseball team have received All-Region honors. Hetzel earned Third Team All-Region 6 honors from D3baseball.com while Donaho took home ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Division III Region VI All-Region Third Team laurels. Both Maroons were one of just five freshmen in their respective organization's region to take home the honor.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
LB grad Noah Donaho earned All-Region baseball honors as a freshman on the Roanoke College team.

Hetzel adds the award to the Second Team All-ODAC selection he earned earlier this month. Donaho, a Lord Botetourt graduate, combined with Hetzel to help power Roanoke's offense this year. The third baseman started in 39 games for Roanoke and put together a .364 batting average, 1.012 OPS, 55 hits, 42 RBIs, and 37 runs. Donaho also hit eight long balls, placing him seventh in the ODAC and tied him for fourth in single season homers in RC's record book. He adds the All-Region honor to his Third Team All-ODAC nod.

Stockyard Report

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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, via the online form at www.botetourtva.gov, or by mail at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083. Postal mail comment deadline is the Friday before the hearing. Website and email comments are due 9:00 AM, day of the hearing.

C. Nicole Pendleton, AICP, CZA, CFM
Director of Elections & General Registrar

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT VIRGINIA
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PUBLIC NOTICE for August 4, 2026
Republican Primary Election

In-Person Early Voting Begins: Thursday, June 18, 2026 **Ends:** Saturday, August 1, 2026 @ 5pm
All qualified, registered voters are eligible to vote early during this time

Location: Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office, 2 East Main Street, Fincastle (corner of Roanoke & Main Streets)

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday Hours:
Sunday, July 19, 2026 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, July 25, 2026 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sunday, July 26, 2026 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, August 1, 2026 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (Final day of early voting)

Deadline to register or update registration:
Friday, July 24, 2026
5:00 pm for in-person registrations;
11:59 pm for online registrations

Deadline to request a Vote By Mail ballot:
Friday, July 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm
NOTE: Vote By Mail ballot is the same ballot used for Early Voting and at polling locations on Election Day. If you receive a Vote By Mail ballot and wish to vote in-person during Early Voting or on Election Day, you must bring the Vote By Mail package to surrender.

Vote By Mail Drop Locations:

- Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office, 2 East Main Street, Fincastle (corner of Roanoke & Main Streets)
Dropbox slot for marked Vote By Mail ballots located in vestibule of office entrance
- Voters may personally deliver their marked ballot to the Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office during regular business hours. (Hand-delivered ballots can only be accepted from voter ballot issued to. All others must go in drop box or need to be mailed.)
- All polling locations on Election Day, Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 6:00 am – 7:00 pm

Offices on ballot:
Candidates running for Republican Party nomination for United States Senate seat to be on November 3, 2026 General Election ballot.

Traci S. Clark
Director of Elections & General Registrar
Botetourt County, Virginia

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, June 11, 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. June 11, 2026 at:
<https://forms.gle/9vZoPXyxZR8bgEoQ6>
or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at salbert@bcps.k12.va.us.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TROUTVILLE will, pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, conduct a public hearing in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Troutville, Virginia, at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026, to consider the proposed municipal budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Proposed Revenue and Expenditures for Town are 192,600.00
Proposed Revenue and Expenditures for Utilities are 332,650.00

Any citizen, taxpayer, or interested person shall have the right to attend and state his or her views orally or in writing on the budget. A copy of the entire proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Town Hall during regular business hours or on our website: <https://townoftroutville-va.gov/index.php>.

PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BUCHANAN

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 repeal 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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Knights' softball season ends with another one-run loss



Makenna Saville of James River pitches against Dan River.



River's Sydnee Breeding connects in last week's Region game.

The James River girls went on the road last Friday evening to Ringgold to face Dan River in the first round of Group 2, Region C softball playoff action. The Wildcats fought back from an early deficit to win, 6-5, in walk-off fashion.

For the Knights, it was Déjà Vu – another game where they led early, saw their lead being chipped away and could not get a timely hit to continue to score.

"We came ready to play, we played extremely hard, and we never quit," said coach Steve Austin. "Obviously, we left too many runners on base and that had been a big issue in this stretch of one-run losses. We had plenty of chances to score more runs but it just didn't happen. That's softball."

Caitlyn Downey and Sydnee Breeding took advantage of early Wildcat pitcher wildness to earn walks to start the game, then Ella Hutchens singled to left field scoring Downey. After a fielder's choice, and another walk to Laken Robinson, Sierra Ware delivered a two-run single to left field, scoring Hutchens and Keira Crawford. Robinson scored on a Karly Mines sacrifice fly. Ware scored on a two out single by Andi Kreklow to put the Knights ahead, 5-0, after their initial at bat. River sent 10 batters to the plate in the first inning and things looked very promising.

Knight pitcher Makenna Saville issued one walk in the opening frame but retired the Wildcats without any additional incidents.

In what became a big turning point in the game, the Knights began the top of the second inning the way they started the first. Breeding and Hutchens hit crisp singles to start the inning when Crawford crushed a low liner to short that was caught just above the dirt, doubling off Breeding. After a Robinson infield hit, Ware lined to second leading the Knights to wonder how big that inning would have been had Crawford's liner gone through?

Dan River, buoyed with enthusiasm after escaping more trouble in the top of the second inning, saw Anna Campbell walk to lead off the bottom of the inning. Taylor Barts' bunt seemed to meander into foul territory but was ruled to have nipped Robinson's glove before rolling beyond the line. After a successful sacrifice bunt, and an infield fly, Riley Hughes muscled a hump-back liner just into shallow left field, scoring two runs. Lead-off hitter Campbell Barts then doubled to left scoring Hughes, cutting the Wildcat deficit to 5-3 after two innings.

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PHOTOS BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Taylor Jones fires a shot on goal, then celebrates with teammates after it finds the net for a goal against William Byrd.

William Byrd ends LB girls' soccer season

The Lord Botetourt girls saw their soccer season come to an end with a loss to William Byrd in the quarterfinal round of the Region 3D tournament. The Cavaliers fell 6-4 in Daleville.

It was the third loss of the season to the Blue Ridge District rival Terriers, and this was the closest of the three. Taylor Jones scored two

goals for LB, Kendall Nixon had a goal and an assist and Maggie Hoover scored. With the loss LB ended the season at 10-9.

"We basically started the season with just a handful of returning players," said coach Giuseppe D'Arpa. "Even though the season was up and down, there were signs of great things to come for LB."

Botetourt girls are in state Class 3 tennis tournament

The Lord Botetourt girls clinched a spot in the state Class 3 tennis tournament with a 5-0 win over Bassett Monday. The Cavaliers were scheduled to play in the region final at Abingdon on Tuesday.

The state tournament begins on Friday of this week. If the Cavaliers won at Abingdon Tuesday they would host Friday's match at Hollins University at a time to be determined. If Abingdon won Tuesday the Cavaliers will play on the road Friday.



PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Gwenyth Farrar returns a shot in the regional at Sun Tennis last week.

The Cavaliers also had

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Cavaliers will play for region soccer championship Thursday

The Lord Botetourt boys' soccer team has gotten hot at the right time. The Cavaliers have won four of their last five games, have qualified for the Class 3 state tournament and will play for the Region 3D championship on Thursday at Christiansburg at 7 p.m.

The Cavaliers opened the regional at Pulaski County and took a 2-1 win. Freshman Cooper Pastrikos showcased his technical ability by breaking down multiple defenders and capitalizing on a scoring opportunity near the top of the box to put the Cavaliers on the board. Sophomore Jonah Dunker later delivered the game-winning goal early in the second half off an assist from sophomore Gus Feeny.

The semifinal match proved to be the Cavaliers' longest and most demanding contest of the season, extending through four overtime periods. After building an early 3-1 advantage, the Cavaliers saw regulation end in a thrilling 4-4 draw.

In the final golden overtime period, Dunker once again delivered the decisive goal off a perfectly played through ball from sophomore Braylen Wolford to secure the Region Championship berth.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Jonah Dunker (15) scored the winning goal to put LB in the state soccer tournament.

Sophomore Luke Peery led the offensive effort with two goals and an assist, while sophomores Cole Cecil and Jackson Taylor each added goals of their own.

That win clinched a spot in next week's state tournament. If the Cavaliers win Thursday they would host a state quarterfinal game, and if they don't win they still be in the tournament but play on the road. LB is now 10-7-3.

"What has made this regional run especially exciting is not only the victories and what they mean for the program, but also the balance of contributions throughout the squad," said coach Tim Wright. "The Cavaliers have had five different goal scorers during Region play so far, and all five are underclassmen, a testament to their maturity in difficult moments and a promising sign for the future of the program."



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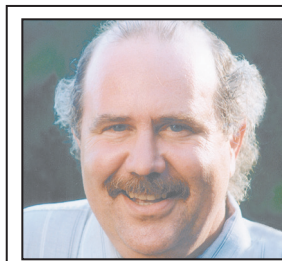
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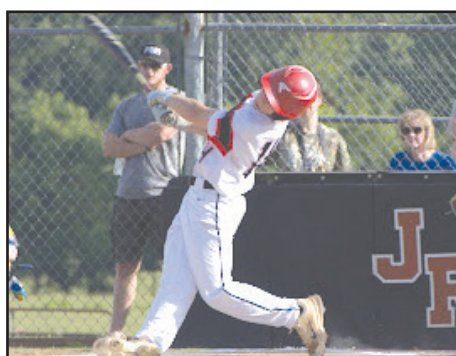
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Knights' baseball loses to Dan River to end season


River shortstop Evan Joyce (left photo) fires to first. Jeremiah Mays (right photo) takes a big cut against Dan River.

The James River baseball team saw their season come to an end with a 3-0 loss to visiting Dan River in Springwood last Friday. The game was close all the way, with the Knights trailing just 1-0 after five innings.

"We just couldn't really help ourselves in this one," said coach Chance Henry. "Cam (Saunders) did a great job on the mound and again Levi (Peck) did well to come in and pound the zone at the end. But you can't win when you don't score."

The Knights had some good opportunities to score through the middle part of the game but couldn't push a run across.

"We had a few balls hit really well but right at guys, and they made every play they were given," said Henry. "It was impressive to see. Once you get to regions teams don't usually beat themselves and credit to Dan River, they did a great job on defense and did enough to scratch across a couple."

Saunders struck out eight and allowed

just one earned run over six innings. The Knights had just four hits, two by Ben Lawson.

"This loss hurt more than others just because we are a good enough team to make a run," said Henry. "We have the energy and everyone was ready to go, we just couldn't pull thru."

River finished the season with a 13-11 record.

"It was a fun year, probably one of my most enjoyable," said Henry. "Our team really came together and we had guys pulling for each other. I think this year we had three different sophomores and seven different freshmen play in varsity games for us, which bodes well for our future."

"Lastly, a huge thank you to our three seniors, Colt Cook, Ben Lawson and Maddox Woodyard. They are exemplary people and have made us a better program than when they entered it. It has been a pleasure to coach them but even more so to get to know them as young men."


Olivia Pierce of LB hit the 300 strikeout mark as a sophomore.

The Lord Botetourt softball team grabbed an early lead but Staunton River rallied for a 4-3 win in last week's Region 3D quarterfinal game in Moneta. The loss ended the Cavaliers' season at 11-12.

This one could have gone either way. Lord Botetourt outhit the Eagles, 7-4, with Callie Kidd, Olivia Pierce and Phoenix Humphries collecting two hits each.

"We were just not able to hang on when

we needed to most," said coach Megan Cook. "Walks and defensive miscues wound up costing us defensively."

Pierce pitched for the Cavs and allowed just two earned runs and four hits. She picked up her 300th career strikeout in the game and Olivia is just a sophomore.

"I'm sad for this team and I am especially sad for our group of seniors that wanted this win so badly and to continue

playing with one another," said Cook. "However, I am also so thankful and blessed to have shared so many incredible memories with this group of young ladies this season. We had an extremely tough schedule and not once did they back down or give up. They showed grit, fight, passion, heart, and most importantly class. As a coach, that is all you could ask for from your team. I am immensely proud."

LB softball team falls to Staunton River in region quarterfinal

River girls' tennis upsets top-seeded Appomattox

The James River girls had their best win in the two years of the tennis program when they upset top-seeded Appomattox in the first round of the Region 2C tournament last week. The Knights pulled out a 5-4 win at Virginia Tech.

"They were not only the top seed, they were undefeated," said River coach Brian White. "It was a great day for our young program."

The girls advanced to the second round where they lost to a strong Glenvar team, but again it was a battle to the end. The Highlanders pulled out a 5-4 win at Tech.

River also had girls in the singles and doubles tournaments. Leanna Steger lost in the first round to the number one from Appomattox and Leanna and Bella DiBenedetto lost to Glenvar's doubles, 7-5, 6-0.

LB baseball season ends with loss to top-seeded Abingdon

The Lord Botetourt baseball team fell to top-seeded Abingdon in the first round of the Region 3D tournament. The host Falcons shut out the Cavaliers, 8-0.

Walks hurt the Cavs, who outhit Abingdon 6-5. However, three LB pitchers combined to walk 10 batters. Starter Garrett Lonker allowed just one hit over three innings but walked

six and gave up four earned runs. Swisher Cook and Brady Kish finished up.

The loss ended the season at 11-12 for LB, the first losing season in 10 years. That didn't sit well with coach Todd Smith.

"I'm disappointed in our season and in myself," said Smith. "We started

three freshmen, but that's no excuse. We're used to being better than this. It's not what we do."

LB will lose just two seniors, Lonker and Kish.

"We're only losing two, but they're two good ones," said Smith. "Our jayvee team was 12-8 and we're looking to be better next year."



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