



Buchanan Town Council met Monday night for its August meeting at Town Hall.

FILE PHOTO

Buchanan council establishes Main Street Committee, marks post office anniversary

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Buchanan Town Council recognized the 50th anniversary of the town's post office Monday and formally established a Main Street Committee as the town continues efforts to promote downtown revitalization and economic development.

Mayor Sue Way read a proclamation commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Buchanan Post Office, which was established in its current location in 1976.

According to the proclamation, the H.L. Williams family agreed that year to lease a small portion of its property to the federal government for the establishment of a new U.S. Postal Service office.

The Buchanan Post Office has

remained at the location for 50 years.

The proclamation recognized the post office's role in the town beyond simply delivering mail, noting its connection to communication, commerce, public safety and the community.

Way also reflected on the post office's role as a gathering place for residents.

She recalled the community bulletin board outside the building and the conversations that frequently take place there.

"It's a meeting place for us," Way said. "I mean, it's a community place."

The proclamation formally designated Aug. 10, 2026, as the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Buchanan Post Office.

Council also approved the

formation of a Main Street Committee as part of Buchanan's participation in the Virginia Main Street program.

Town Manager Tim Mack explained that the committee will help the town advance through the state program, potentially increasing the town's profile and access to resources for downtown improvements.

The committee will serve in an advisory capacity to Town Council and make recommendations while providing reports on milestones and progress.

Four members were presented for appointment: John Mays of Twin River Outfitters, Adam McBryde of Buchanan Theatre/Standing Room Only, June Morris of James

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Catherine Watts reflects on a century of life

Matt de Simone

Managing Editor

For nearly a century, Catherine Watts has called Buchanan home.

She grew up spending Saturdays at the Buchanan Theatre before crossing the street to the drug store for a nickel Coke with friends. She graduated from Buchanan High School, built a decades-long career, devoted more than 75 years to her church, volunteered throughout her community, and raised a family rooted in the values of faith, honesty and hard work.

On Aug. 17, Watts will celebrate her 100th birthday, surrounded by the community that has been the backdrop of nearly every chapter of her life.

"I've had a good life," Watts said. "God has been good to me. He blessed me with family, many friends, and good health."

Born Aug. 17, 1926, Watts has spent nearly all of her life in the Buchanan area, leaving only briefly to attend National Business College in Roanoke and for a period living in neighboring Rockbridge County. She has lived in her current home for more than 40 years and still lives independently, driving herself and managing her own affairs.

Throughout her life, faith has remained her foundation.

A member of Trinity United Methodist Church in



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Catherine Watts turns 100 years old this Monday. Here, she stands outside her home in Buchanan with her grandson, John.

Buchanan for more than 75 years, Watts has served on numerous committees over the decades and continues to serve on the church's Administrative Council and Financial Committee while also singing in the choir.

"My parents taught me to be honest and go to church," she said. "I've carried that with me all my life."

Those values extended beyond Sunday mornings.

Over the years, Watts has served as a director with the Fairview Cemetery Association, volunteered with the Buchanan Town Improvement Society, participated with Standing Room Only (Buchanan Theatre) and served on Buchanan's Board of Zoning Appeals, quietly giving back to the town she loves.

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GRAPHIC COURTESY OF TOWN OF BUCHANAN

Reggae by the River returns to Buchanan this Saturday

Buchanan will once again be filled with the sounds of reggae this weekend as Reggae by the River returns Saturday for an evening of live music, food, vendors and fun along the James River.

The event, which was not held last year, is returning to Buchanan with a lineup featuring Sky High Reggae, Lazy Man Dub Band and other talented reggae artists.

Organizers said the event is designed to bring the community together for a night of live entertainment in

a scenic setting along the river.

In addition to live music, attendees will be able to enjoy food and drinks from local vendors, browse vendor offerings and take in the atmosphere of one of Buchanan's popular summer events.

General admission tickets are \$20, available now through Saturday. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite.com and at the gate.

Reggae by the River will take place along the

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Emergency responders attend training for Botetourt County Fire & EMS' new prehospital whole blood program.

Botetourt Fire & EMS to launch prehospital whole blood program

Botetourt County Fire & EMS is preparing to launch a prehospital whole blood program that officials say will make the department one of only an estimated 1-2% of EMS

agencies nationwide to carry low-titer O-positive whole blood for emergency treatment before patients reach a hospital.

The program is expected to begin after

the department receives its initial supply of whole blood in the coming days. Once operational, specially trained EMS

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Xfinity high-speed internet now available in Buchanan

Xfinity high-speed internet service is now available to more than 750 homes and businesses in Buchanan following the completion of a Comcast network expansion project.

The project brings multi-gigabit, symmetrical internet service to the town, giving residents and businesses another

option for high-speed connectivity.

As a new connectivity provider in Buchanan, Xfinity will offer internet, mobile, entertainment and smart-home services. Residents can sign up for service through Xfinity, while businesses can

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Xfinity can now connect more than 750 homes and businesses in Buchanan through its new network.

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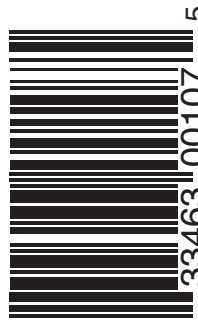
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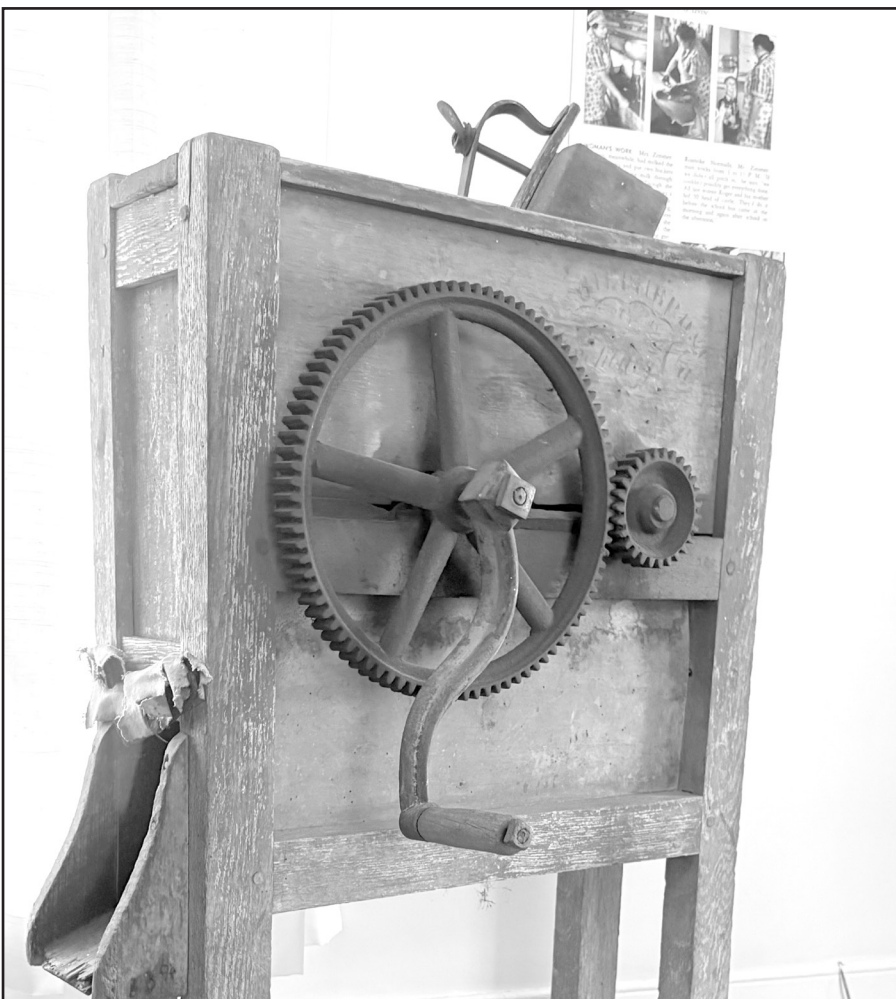


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Though this wood and metal tool looks cumbersome today, it was a big improvement in processing corn at the time. It allowed farmers to hand-crank and strip the kernels from the corncob more easily than by hand alone. This allowed larger quantities of corn to be processed during the harvest season. Manufactured in Lynchburg, it is on loan from the Wickline family and on display at the Botetourt Museum of History & Culture as part of the “Home Grown: Botetourt’s Agricultural History” exhibit.

The history of corn goes back thousands of years. Early explorers

brought corn from the Americans across the ocean, spreading it through Europe, Africa and Asia. Through selective breeding the kernels were made bigger and easier to digest.

In Botetourt corn is an important crop for food, livestock feed and seeds.

Today corn is one of summer’s favorite fresh foods. Learning where our food comes from is becoming increasingly important especially with this summer’s food-borne illnesses.

~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Tizzone UnWined in Daleville was recently recognized for its wine program with 2026 Award of Excellence.

Daleville’s Tizzone UnWined earns second Wine Spectator Award

Tizzone UnWined has been recognized for its wine program with a 2026 Wine Spectator Restaurant Award.

The Daleville restaurant received the Award of Excellence, one of three levels of recognition presented through Wine Spectator’s annual Restaurant Awards. The awards recognize restaurants around the world for outstanding wine programs.

According to Wine Spectator, 4,012 restaurants received a Restaurant Award this year, including 2,083 Award of Excellence recipients.

The Award of Excellence recognizes restaurants whose wine lists feature at least 75 selections and offer a well-chosen assortment of quality producers.

For Tizzone UnWined, the honor marks the restaurant’s second Wine

Spectator Award.

“We are honored to receive our second Wine Spectator Award, which is such a reflection of the incredible atmosphere we have created here, rather than just the list itself,” said Brandon Linthicum, sommelier and food and manager. “Our selections reflect our staff, our guests, our incredible Cartel Wine Club, our hands-on experience

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT TCWC

Pictured (from left) with a few of the soft pillows are Mary Wingate, club member; Christina Parks, Carilion Children’s Hematology/Oncology representative; and Terri Morrison, club member.

Botetourt Town & Country Women’s Club donates handmade pillows to pediatric cancer patients

Botetourt Town & Country Women’s Club members recently completed a community service project by creating hand-tied, washable fleece pillows for children receiving treatment at Carilion’s Pediatric Hematology-Oncology facility.

Each soft, colorful pillow was carefully handcrafted by club members “to provide comfort and

encouragement to young patients during their cancer treatments. Our members wanted to do something that would bring a smile and a little extra comfort to children facing difficult medical challenges,” said a club representative. “We hope these handmade pillows remind each child that our community is thinking of them and cheering them on.”

The representative

said the club is committed to improving the lives of others through volunteer service and community outreach, and that projects like this reflect the club’s dedication to supporting local families and making a positive difference throughout the Botetourt area.

~ Botetourt Town & Country Women’s Club

Free movie in Buchanan Town Park

The Buchanan Lions Club Present Movies in the Park

Fri, August 29, 2026
at sunset (8:30pm)

Buchanan Town Park
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The Sheep Detectives

Bring your own
lawn chairs,
blankets and
bug spray.

FILE PHOTO

The Buchanan Lions Club will present “The Sheep Detectives” free to the public on August 29 at sunset (8:30 p.m.) at the Buchanan Town Park. With renovations at the historic Buchanan Theatre underway, the Lions will show G-rated movies numerous times over the next year.

With funding help from the Buchanan Library, the Buchanan Lions, Friends of the Buchanan Library and the Town Improvement Society, the Lions will present the movies with the coordinated help of the Botetourt Parks and Recreation and the Buchanan Theatre. These organizations

will supply popcorn, sodas and homemade baked goods.

The Lions suggest bringing folding chairs, a blanket, and bug spray and turn off all cell phones or leave them locked in cars. Parking is free. Arrive early for best seats. All families and children are encouraged to enjoy Buchanan’s fun family event evening (weather permitting).

The Lions will also be polling the audience at the food tables for the next G-rated showing in September.

~ Submitted by Tim Heinlein

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Looking Back: 1776 - Botetourt County and Beyond

August, 1776 – Organizing the former colonies into independent republics

UNITED STATES

On August 2, 1776 at the State House in Philadelphia, delegates assembled to execute the engrossed parchment manuscript of the Declaration of Independence. By affixing their signatures, 56 men formally pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to the united cause in an atmosphere of quiet solemnity and apprehension.

August 10-12 found Carolina troops under the command of Andrew Pickens and David Williamson defeat Cherokee war parties which had been supplied and incited by the British near the Tugaloo River, burning a Cherokee village near Tamassee, S.C.

On August 22, British General William Howe landed at Gravesend Bay on Long Island, launching the largest European amphibious expedition of the century. Five days later, on August 27, British forces outflanked the Continental Army through the unguarded Jamaica Pass. A tragic rout was averted only by the heroic stand of the “Maryland 400,” who repeatedly charged superior enemy forces, sacrificing over two-thirds of their rank to buy four crucial hours for their retreating comrades to regroup.

With his army pinned against the East River, General George Washington executed a miraculous night escape on August 29 and 30. Facilitated by Massachusetts mariners and hidden by a provident fog over the water, 9,000 Continentals crossed safely to Manhattan without losing a single man during the evacuation.

VIRGINIA

Across the Old Dominion, August marked the total collapse of royal authority and the rapid consolidation of independent state power.

Governor Patrick Henry, with the help of George Wythe, who was recalled from the Continental Congress, began to review all of the laws in place to revise them appropriately for the governance of Virginia as an independent Commonwealth. From the capital in Williamsburg, Governor Patrick Henry and the newly established Council of State governed without monarchical sway.

A momentous sigh of relief was lifted on August 7, when Lord Dunmore– Virginia’s final royal governor– officially abandoned the Chesapeake Bay. Having been driven from his stronghold at Gwynn’s Island in July, Dunmore disbanded his fleet, sending Loyalists and escaped slaves southward to St. Augustine and north to Nova Scotia while he joined British forces in New York.

Concurrently, public assemblies swept through every county seat. Express riders carried copies of the Declaration of Independence across the countryside, where local courts, citizens and militia gathered to hear the document read aloud.

Partnering with neighboring states, Virginia officers led by Colonel William Christian, who had given up his commission in the Continental Army and returned to Virginia, prepared a synchronized offensive to protect the western borders from frontier attacks.

BOTETOURT

Upon Virginia’s frontier, Botetourt County stood as the vital crossroads. On August 13, the County Court convened at Fincastle. Justices of the Peace William Fleming, John Bowyer, Benjamin Estill, Phillip Love, William McKee, Richard May, William Madison and Adam Smyth took the loyalty oath to the Commonwealth, as did all county officials, most

notably John May, Clerk, and George Skillern, Sheriff. Among the items which came before them was the will of Andrew Ralston and several matters dealing with roads and appointments of other local officials including magistrates and road superintendents.

Beyond civil governance, Botetourt was a hive of intense military preparation. Under the leadership of Colonel William Christian, who was chosen to represent the district in the newly formed Virginia Senate, but didn’t take his seat in the senate due to his military command, the county organized companies of militia and gathered essential war material.

Throughout the month, Botetourt militiamen gathered flour, cattle, and packhorses to supply the upcoming Overhill Cherokee campaign, while others deployed to fortify vulnerable outposts along the Greenbriar, Clinch, and Kanawha rivers. By month’s end, Botetourt had firmly established itself as both a steadfast bastion of American self-rule and the shield of Virginia’s western settlements.

~ Submitted by Ed Holt, Botetourt Preservation Partnership



FILE GRAPHIC

Lawrence Companies holds blood drive

Donors at Lawrence Companies’ recent blood drive were employees Kimberly Rose, Chip Lawrence, Delana Spence, Shanda Tomblin, Ashley Dillon, Tammy Swader, Dryra Hodges, Morgan Lawrence and

Anna Muncy. Visitors giving the gift of life were Barry Holland, Cindy Holland, and Madilyn Rodgers.

The winner of the prize drawing was Delana Spence, who won a \$20 Walmart gift card. There

was one first-time donor, Kimberly Rose, who received a paid sick day. The Red Cross provided two tickets to Six Flags and the winner was Morgan Lawrence.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

Reggae

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James River in Buchanan. Organizers encourage residents and visitors to come out and enjoy an evening of music and community.

For more information and ticket

details, visit the event’s official social media pages.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

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Worship Directory

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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 Chidren’s Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Troutville Baptist Church –P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, Rev. Carol Johnston. Sunday School 10:00AM; Worship 11AM. Wednesday: Adult Prayer & Bible Study, 6:15PM; Youth & Children Activities 6:30PM.

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Cloverdale Church of the Brethren— 4708 Read Mtn. Rd., 992-1060; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wed. (Sept.-May), Family Dinner, 6 p.m., Bible study, 6:45 p.m.

I Do Not Understand

Read Leviticus 11:1 through 13:59

God’s Law seems obscure. Reading kosher requirements or cleanliness rules is difficult. Following them must have been even more so.

“I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy” (Leviticus 11:45).

In the middle of God’s requirements stands this abrupt justification. What God demanded may not appear reasonable. Purification requirements seem tedious. Differences in provisions are not explained. We seek answers and might find solace in some explanations, but questions remain. Why must relationship with God demand obedience to things not understood?

God knew about health concerns when humans still had no clue. Much of the Law was for the benefit of the body, emotions, and society even when the foundations of infectious disease were not known. But it is not understanding that assures compliance. God deserves obedience. God provided deliverance as an example that God’s holy nature looked to their benefit. It still does!

Challenge for Today: Demonstrate fidelity to God even if you do not understand why.

Quicklook: Leviticus 11:44–47

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: Family Fellowship Sept-May. Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:00 pm Sept-May. Choir practice, 7:00 pm. Praise Band Family Practice Thursdays 7p.m. Family Fellowship Time will be held each 3rd Sunday of the month. Our email address is: troutvillecob@hotmail.com and website is troutvillecob.org.

ECKANKAR
Eckankar, The Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more

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

EPISCOPAL
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church – 111 S. Roanoke St., Fincastle. P.O. Box 277 Fincastle, VA 24090. The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector. 473-2370. Worship in the sanctuary and by Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00am, with Adult Education on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:50am. Evening Prayer is Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm by Zoom. Brown Bag Bible Study on Thursdays at 12 noon in the Ministry Center and by Zoom. Links for Zoom can be found on our website, www.stmarksfincastle.org.

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) – 9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at osloanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888.

Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church— 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (in person or parking lot, tune car radio to 88.9 FM). Interim Pastor: Phyllis Diamond. Facebook, <http://www.wheatlandlutheran.org>; teemwheatland@gmail.com

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

Mt. Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock at intersection of Rt. 43 and 688; pastor, Richard Ronk; phone # (540) 884-3653; Sunday School at 10:00 A.M., Worship at 11:00 A.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Woodland Church – We Present Christ – 45 Woodland Rd. Troutville, VA. Corner of Blacksburg/ Country Club Rds., 3.5 miles W. of Fincastle. 540-632-1515. Pastor: Caleb Lythgoe. Sunday School, 10AM; Worship, 11AM, Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30PM. Website: woodlandchurchbc.com. E-mail address: woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN
Buchanan Presbyterian Church – 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor. Choir rehearsal at 9:00 am. Sunday School at 10:00 am. Worship at 11:00 am. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org
Fincastle Presbyterian

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fincastle United Methodist Church – Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. In person services Sunday, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, 136 S. Church St., Fincastle. Service is also live streamed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@FincastleUMCMedia> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068517955699>. Reverend Scott A. Robertson-Gouge, office, 540-473-3001. Office hours: Tues., Wed., & Thurs.: 9a.m.-2p.m. 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. Greg Knopff, (540) 471-3747, (O) 540-254-2475. Worship, 9:45AM, Sunday School 10:30 AM.

OBITUARIES

Gray, Joyce Ann

10/15/1949 – 8/2/2026

Joyce Ann Gray, born Joyce Ann Bishop, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at the age of 76.

Born on October 15, 1949, Joyce lived a life rooted in faith, hard work, and love for her family. She loved Jesus with all her heart and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend.

Joyce spent many years working at Ingersoll Rand and Atlas Copco before retiring. Never one to sit still, she began a second career at Edward Jones, where she worked for nine years before retiring in March 2024. She was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in June 2025 and faced her journey with remarkable strength and unwavering faith.

She was preceded in death by her previous husband, Daniel Davison; parents, Ira and Helen Bishop; brothers, Edward (Lucille) Bishop, Nelson (Audrey) Bishop, Howard (Marie) Bishop, Billy (Christine) Bishop, and Millard (Ruby) Bishop; and brother-in-law, Robert Arthur.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Danny Gray; her children, Carole (Keith) St.Clair, Sherry (Brian) Callahan, and Joseph (Karey) Hall;

grandchildren, Hannah (Connor) Knaust, Kirsten Callahan, Rebekah (Kody) Weeks, Kayla (Jake) Chalupnik, Josiah (Samantha) St.Clair, Jeremiah (Anna) St.Clair, Kelsey Hall, Allyson Hall, Brayden Hall, and Katelyn Hall; great-grandchildren, Hunter Chalupnik, Karley Chalupnik, Asher Weeks, Alexia Chalupnik, Russell Weeks, and Rozlyn Weeks; sisters, Katherine (Winston) Hall and Frances Arthur; brothers, Sherman (Juanita) Bishop and David (Louellen) Bishop; sister-in-law, Jill Bishop; and many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Joyce will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her incredible work ethic, and the love she shared with everyone who was blessed to know her.

A visitation was held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at Oakey's East Chapel. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, at Oakey's East Chapel with the Rev. Chris Walker officiating. Burial followed in Old Dominion Memorial Gardens. Condolences may be shared with her family by visiting www.Oakeys.com.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” – Matthew 25:23



Provost, Elizabeth Mattox

Elizabeth “Liz” Ramelle Mattox Provost, 75, of Buchanan, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest Carson Mattox, Jr. and Nelna Hester Mattox.

Elizabeth graduated from Gretna High School and Radford College. She taught at Madison, Eagle Rock, and Buchanan Elementary Schools for over 28 years. She was also influential with the children with the 4-H Lamb Shows and the Fincastle Fall 5K Run. She attended nursing school and was a 40-plus-year member of the Buchanan Rescue Squad serving as Cardiac Tech and as Treasurer. She was also member of the Buchanan Presbyterian Church and served with the Buchanan Food Pantry. After the Flood of '85, Liz and Charles were instrumental in the Town of Buchanan's Luminaries during Christmas Eve celebrating the comeback of the town after the flood.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, L. Charles Provost; sister, Sue Mattox of Hurt; brother, E. C. “Skip”

Mattox, Auburn, Maine; in-laws, Katie Loope, Jane and Andy Huff, and Preston Wickline, all of Buchanan; nieces and nephews, Candace and Patrick Monaghan, Kristi and Wayne Porter, Bradley Wickline and Tyler Walke, Brent and Kendra Loope, Lacey and Matthew Brown, Troy Huff, Sarah and Ricky Ryder; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family received friends from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 9, 2026, at the Buchanan Presbyterian Church, 19559 Main Street, Buchanan. A memorial service celebrating Elizabeth's life followed on Monday, August 10, at 10 a.m. also at the church, with Pastor Donna Hopkins Britt officiating. Inurnment followed in Fairview Cemetery, Buchanan.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Elizabeth's honor to the Buchanan Food Pantry, P.O. Box 517, Buchanan, 24066.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.botetourtffh.com or by calling 540-254-3000.



Rader, Martha Seibel

Martha Louise “Lou” Seibel Rader passed away peacefully at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital on August 5, 2026, at the age of 93. She was born in Harrisonburg, Va., on January 19, 1933, to John George Seibel and Sylvia Nadine Harrington Seibel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Kenneth “Corky” Rader; daughter, Sylvia Lynne Rader Alger; son-in-law, Calvin Bruce Alger; as well as her siblings, Sybil King (Jerry), John Seibel (Hallie), George Seibel, Ginny Keith (Eddie); and brother-in-law, Lewis Hoback.

She is survived by her daughter, Cindy Rader Durham, and son-in-law, Al; sister, Betsy Seibel Hoback; and sister-in-law, Cookie Seibel; her grandchildren Katie Clark (Daniel), Erin Durham, Morganne Durham, Trey Alger (Taelor), C.B. Alger (Cheyenne), and Amanda Alger; great-grandchildren, Thomas Clark, Amani Taylor, Mila Gonzales, Stella Alger, and Jaden Armstrong.

Lou's life was marked by education, faith, service, and devotion to her family and community.

Lou graduated from William Byrd High School and Longwood College, then earned master's degrees from Radford University and the University of Virginia. She began her career as a science and home economics teacher at the former Stonewall Jackson Junior High School, later served as the school's guidance counselor, and went on to become Supervisor of Guidance for Roanoke City Schools.

Lou was a lifelong and active member of Fincastle United Methodist Church, where she served in many capacities, including singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, serving as a youth leader,

going on mission trips, and leading countless committees and projects.

After retirement, Lou and her husband enjoyed traveling across the country. They also devoted themselves to serving others through community service with Habitat for Humanity, Toys for Tots, The Least of These Ministry, and RAM House, to name a few. Lou's passion for service was especially

evident in her involvement with Ruritan National and the local Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club, where she served as club president until her passing. She also served the larger organization as a Ruritan National Director, was active with the Ruritan National Foundation, and served as a former First Lady of the organization. Lou successfully engaged Ruritan clubs across the nation to take an active part in the development of the National D-Day Memorial and remained active with the Memorial until her death.

Visitation will be held at Oakey's East Chapel on Friday, August 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. A celebration of her life will be held at Bonsack United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 15, at 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to Bonsack United Methodist Memorial Fund, 4493 Bonsack Road, Roanoke, 24012; Ruritan National Foundation General Fund, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, Va. 24084; or National D-Day Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 77, Bedford, Va. 24523.

Lou will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her. Condolences may be shared with her family by visiting www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements are by Oakey's East Chapel, 540-977-3909.



CHURCH NEWS

Spaghetti Supper at Ebenezer UMC

Ebenezer United Methodist Church will have a Spaghetti Supper on August 15 from 4 till 6 p.m. There will be spaghetti, garlic bread and salad. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Ebenezer is located at 85 Nace Road, Troutville.

Trinity UMC Baby Pantry open August 22

Those in need of diapers and baby formula may come to the Baby Pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church, 19637 Main Street, Buchanan, from 9 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of the month. The Baby Pantry will be open this month on August 22. Enter on Washington Street side of the building.

Eagle Rock Clothes Closet date

The Eagle Rock Community Clothes Closet at Eagle Rock United Methodist Church is open Saturday, August 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. It offers men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes along with toys and household items. Bags will be provided and patrons are asked to honor the bag limit posted.

Fincastle Clothes Closet August dates

Fincastle United Methodist's Clothes Closet will be open on Saturday, August

15, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, August 18, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Saturday, August 29, 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.

GriefShare beginning August 20

GriefShare is a small support group offering hope and encouragement for those who have lost someone they love through death. St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville will begin the 13-week fall session of classes on August 20 and end on November 12, meeting every Thursday. There are two sessions to choose from: 10-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.

This group can be joined at any point in the fall cycle.

During this program, participants will view a 30-minute video filled with helpful guidance, discuss grief-related issues, and gain personal recovery tips through a workbook. The videos are available on the GriefShare website to watch following a scheduled session, should a participant miss a session or want to review a video. It is a secured link for each local site, so the link will become available after registration is completed. This support group is completely free.

Call the church office at 540-992-3030 or Courtney at 540-598-8373 for information and registration. All are welcome to participate.

James River High School Class of 1966 plans 60-year reunion

The James River High School Class of 1966 will celebrate its 60-year class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Organizers are asking classmates who have not yet responded to complete and return their reunion forms as soon as possible. Those who did not receive a mailing or need additional information are encouraged to contact reunion organizer Linda Henninger.

Henninger is also seeking updated contact information for several

classmates whose reunion notices were returned because of incorrect addresses. Anyone with information on Jackie Haymaker Key, Dreama Tolley Wykle, Dwight McDilda, Alice Selby Horton or Delores Hagar is asked to get in touch.

For more information, contact Henninger at -540-589-0958 or by email at lhenninger1@verizon.net.

- Submitted by Linda Henninger

VFW Post 1841 announces new veterans assistance program

Veterans in the Botetourt County area will soon have a new resource for questions about benefits and assistance with filing claims.

VFW Post 1841 in Daleville has announced that a representative from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services will be available on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VFW building at the intersection of U.S. 220 and Country Club Road.

The representative will answer questions about veterans benefits and assist veterans with first-filing claims for benefits.

The service is open to



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all veterans, regardless of whether they are members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or American Legion. There is no charge for the assistance, and appointments are not required.

Veterans will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The program will begin

Thursday, Aug. 20.

For more information, contact VFW Post 1841 Commander Paul Johnson by email at Cmd@vfw1841.org.

- Submitted by Paul Johnson

Longbeards annual banquet September 17

The Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is holding its annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, Sept. 17. Again this year the event will be held at the Barn at Back Creek, 528 Back Creek Lane, Buchanan.

Tickets may be purchased from any Longbeards member or online by accessing events.nwtf.org. Questions can be directed to Richard Pauley (540-254-2564) or Ed McCoy (540-339-0622).

- Botetourt Longbeards

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MAIN STREET CLASSIFIEDS

The Fincastle Herald

The Vinton Messenger

The New Castle Record

Salem Times-Register

News Messenger

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Help Wanted

Fincastle United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Adult Choir Director

to join our worship team, lead our adult choir effectively and joyfully, and improve and encourage the musical capabilities of our musicians. Responsibilities include selecting music for the choir, leading weekly choir rehearsal (September – June), conducting the choir and congregation for Sunday morning and special services, planning and coordinating special music for summer services, and serving as coordinator/advisor for related musical groups. Qualifications:

- Experience directing church choirs.
- Formal education and background in music or music education.
- Ability to collaborate with, teach, and inspire volunteer musicians in an affirming manner.

Compensation:

- Choir Director: \$11,000 - \$13,000

Please reply to office@fincastleumc.org or call (540) 473-3001

Fincastle United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Piano and/or Organist

Accompanist to join our worship team and help lead our congregation in meaningful, spirit-filled worship. Responsibilities include playing music for Sunday morning and special services, practicing with and accompanying the choir and other musicians, selecting music, and maintaining our instruments in good working order. Qualifications:

- Proficiency with piano and/or organ
- Ability to sight-read music
- Ability to work collaboratively with clergy, choir, and other musicians
- Strong sense of musicality and sensitivity to worship flow

Compensation:

- Pianist: \$5,000 - \$7,000
- Organist: \$12,000 - \$16,000

Please reply to office@fincastleumc.org or call (540) 473-3001

Storage Auction

STORAGE AUCTION

Salem Storage
736 Roanoke Street
Salem, Va. 24153
August 20, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Salem Storage will conduct a public sale of merchandise to collect liens from the following delinquent building.

Owner: Linda Devincenzi
Units 29, 103
Cash Only

We reserve the right to refuse bids.

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Commissioner's Sale

Pursuant to the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. Chapter 38A and the Secretary's Foreclosure Commissioner designation, a COMMISSIONER'S SALE of 360 Maple Ridge Lane, Fincastle, VA 24090 (Short Legal Description: TAX ID 27569) will occur at public auction outside the main entrance to the building of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County Circuit Court, VA located at 1 W Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on August 21, 2026 at 1:00 PM, pursuant to a default of a note secured by a deed of trust executed by Cary W. Obenshain and Patricia Y. Obenshain recorded 4/24/2012, in the Circuit Court for Botetourt County Circuit Court, VA, Instrument Number 120001707, and the Assignment in favor of the Secretary of HUD recorded 10/31/2019, in the Circuit Court for Botetourt County Circuit Court, VA Instrument Number 190004095. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. TERMS OF SALE can be reviewed by the recorded notice of default on file with the Botetourt County Circuit Court Circuit Court, for which all terms are incorporated herein into this notice. A 10% deposit

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payable to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is immediately required for winning bidder in certified funds. Third party certified checks will not be accepted. Full Terms of Sale and opening bids are listed at <http://www.virginialawoffice.com/hud>. Anderson Law, 2492 N. Landing Rd, #104, Va Beach, VA 23456.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316; -317, 20-104
Case No. W240000024
BOTETOURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE VA 24090

ESTATE OF RUBY ANN HALL PERDUE, DECEASED

The object of this suit is to: CREDITORS AND ALL OTHERS SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ESTATE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION It appearing that the report of the account of Bria Lashae Stephens, Administrator of the Estate of Ruby Ann Hall Perdue, deceased, and of the debts and demands against her estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office of this Court, and that six (6) months have elapsed since the qualification of the administrator, on motion of Bria Lashae Stephens, Administrator, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the creditors of and all others interested in the estate do show cause, if they can, on the 6th day of October, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, 1 W. Main Street #120, Fincastle, Virginia, 24090, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Ruby Ann Hall =Perdue, deceased, to pay all the unpaid taxes and levies thereon and all debts and demands reported by the Commissioner of Accounts that are approved and remain unsatisfied, and then to make payment and delivery of the remaining estate, if any, to the heirs, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia with or without refunding bonds, as the Court Prescribes. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published for two (2) successive weeks in The Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in The County of Botetourt, Virginia. Enter: July 27, 2026
Honorable Joel R. Branscom, Judge
I ask for this:
Michael S. Whitlow, (VSB No. 38320)
P.O. Box 779 Roanoke Va 24004
(540) 904-7835
Fax: (866) 684-7835
Counsel for Bria Lashae Stephens, Administrator of the Estate of Ruby Ann Hall Perdue

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

CARINA DUE LLC., trading as DOM VITO'S, 10 WEST MAIN STREET, Salem VA. 24153.

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

Dominic Vito Marletta, Owner.

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.

ADVERTISE!

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Legals - City of Salem

VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation
ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Salem Residency which includes the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt and Craig during the winter of 2026-2027. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a bonus payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season. Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.gov>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>). Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 18, 2026 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements. Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov EEO/AA Employee

Legals - Montgomery County

VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation
ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Christiansburg Residency which includes the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski during the winter of 2026-2027. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a bonus payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season. Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.gov>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>). Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 18, 2026 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

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Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201
Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov EEO/AA Employee

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

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 31, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Conditional Use Permit request by The Economic Development Authority of Montgomery County, Virginia, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow a structure greater than 70 feet in height, specifically a manufacturing area with a footprint of 8,500 square feet and a height of 105 feet, in the General Industrial (I2) zoning district on property located at 2040 Parkway Drive SE, identified as Tax Parcel 558-(A))-24A (Parcel ID 300149), consisting of approximately 38.102 total acres. The property is designated as Mixed Use w/ Buffer (Industrial) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comments in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4681 FISHERSVIEW ROAD, PILOT, VA 24138.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 22, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$196,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2013011218. 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 October 8, 2026, at 4:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN THE SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE NO. 609, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING THAT CERTAIN PARCEL CONTAINING 11.703 ACRES IN THE AGGREGATE, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT BY L.J. QUESENBERRY, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 30, 1978, AND REFERRED TO AS JOB NO. 115, A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 396 AT PAGE 926, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed

Legals - Montgomery County

of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the 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.alldridgepите.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.alldridgepите.com. VA-384975-1.

Legals - Town of Vinton

VINTON TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 6:00PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, the Vinton Town Council will hold conduct a public hearing on the following: RESOLUTION NO. ____ A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 15.2-202 REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF VINTON TO REMOVE AND/OR RESOLVE INCONSISTENT, OUTDATED, AND/OR UNNECESSARY LANGUAGE, TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE REGARDING THE TOWN MANAGER'S AUTHORITY, AND TO INCORPORATE OTHER LANGUAGE REQUESTED BY TOWN COUNCIL. If adopted, the proposed Resolution will permit the Vinton Town Council to request that the Virginia General Assembly approve the requested edits to the Town's Charter. A copy of the proposed Resolution may be examined either (i) at the Office of the Town Manager at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and by appointment on Friday, or (ii) on the Town's website (www.vintonva.gov). Citizens are encouraged to review the proposed Resolution, attend the public hearing, and present their views on the proposed Resolution. Citizens also may submit public comments in writing to the following email address: mklawless@vintonva.gov, by U.S. Mail to the Town Manager's Office, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA, 24179, or by hand-delivering comments to the Town Manager's Office. Comments will be distributed to members of Town Council and entered into the minutes as public records. Individuals requiring assistance to attend and participate in public hearings, or requiring additional information on the proposed Resolution, should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607 prior to the meeting. Megan Lawless
Town Clerk

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Y After School child care program available in Botetourt schools

With the new school year, the YMCA of Virginia's Blue Ridge has geared up to support local families through its Y After School program. The Y After School program operates on-site at Breckinridge, Buchanan, Cloverdale, Colonial, Eagle Rock, Greenfield, and Troutville Elementary Schools in Botetourt County for children ages 3-12 with programs designed to support both students and working families. It is open on early release days, teacher workdays, breaks and snow days.

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year. "Our Y After School Care program blends homework help, active play, and character-building activities into a safe environment where kids can thrive beyond the classroom," said Alicia Kindred, Childcare Director of YMCA of Virginia's Blue Ridge. "We know balancing work and family is challenging, especially when the school day ends before the workday does." As a non-profit, the YMCA works to make

the after-school care accessible for families of all income levels through scholarships and Virginia DSS Assistance, ensuring cost is not a

barrier to participation. The financial assistance program offers a fee scale to fit the financial situation of individuals in the community.

For more information or to apply for financial assistance, contact the Botetourt Family YMCA, 115 Shenandoah Avenue in Daleville,

540-966-9622.
- Fincastle Herald staff report



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF YMCA

Date announced for annual craft show at LB

The Lord Botetourt High School Bands Holiday Craft Show Committee has announced that the annual Holiday Craft Show is returning this year on Saturday, Nov. 14— and says to save the date.

Details are still being finalized. More information, including vendor registration details, will be announced soon.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Historic Fincastle Festival set for Sept. 26



FILE PHOTO

Folks from local surroundings and farther away will again gather in Historic Fincastle to enjoy a day of art, crafts, food, and special attractions on Saturday, Sept. 26. Local artists will again be celebrated as they present their latest creations. There will be new crafters joining the festival with items created from fabrics, various metals, wood and other mediums. Take time to visit the beautiful handmade quilts displayed in the old Baptist Church on Main Street, and stop by the Botetourt History Museum also on Main. Walk down Main Street toward Rt. 220, and visit the Wysong Blacksmith Shop where several blacksmiths will be demonstrating the art of smithing while talking about the craft and its history. Have some children along? After visiting the blacksmiths, walk down into

Wysong Park and let them pet some "little critters" and take a pony ride or two. Back up the hill on Roanoke Street is more shopping, fresh-made lemonade, ice cream and lots of other foods. The Revolutionary War Interpreters' 18th century encampment will also be set up. Step back in time to see and learn about life at the time of the Revolutionary War. Observe the weapons, tools, and clothing of the era, and talk with the folks about life back then. On down Roanoke Street, visit the Fincastle Fire Dept. folks and "touch a truck" or two. Visit the library on Academy Street for some great finds and buys in books at the annual book sale.

- Historic Fincastle Inc.

Mack

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He plans to bring the plan before the Planning Commission for a final review in August, followed by a tentative public hearing in September. A Town Council public hearing could follow in October. Mack also discussed the town's new quarterly community listening sessions. The first is scheduled for Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall and will focus on special events. The sessions will not be formal public-body meetings. Instead, Mack said town staff will sit down with residents and businesses to discuss

specific topics and gather feedback. "I'm really looking forward to hearing some feedback about that and finding ways that we can make improvements on our end," Mack said. Mack also said organizers of the Honey Festival are having difficulty attracting vendors for the event, tentatively planned for the end of September. The town has offered to help with marketing and promotion. He also discussed a request from Sirens & Salutes to replace the town's Virginia250 flag with a Freedom Flag during September in recognition of Sept. 11. The town has also been contacted by YStreet, a

student-led coalition promoting smoke-, vapor- and tobacco-free public spaces. The group would like to address council about making Town Park a smoke-, vapor- and tobacco-free space. Mack provided an update on a damaged meter box along Bridge Street. Staff has submitted a complaint to CSX but have not received a response. A resident suggested contacting Covington officials, who reportedly dealt with a similar CSX issue. "Thank you for the heads up on that," Mack said. "I'll give them a call." Overall, Mack characterized the start of the new fiscal year as relatively quiet. "It's been pretty quiet, the first part of this year," he said.

Stockyard Report	
Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:	
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300-399	\$471.00
400-499	\$353.00-420.00
500-599	\$297.00-399.00
600-699	\$330.00
Graded Heifers	
300-399	\$405.00
400-499	\$353.00-411.00
500-599	\$350.00-386.00
600-699	\$330.00-364.00
700-799	\$364.00
Kill Cows	\$117.00-193.00
Kill Bulls	\$174.00-219.00

AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE
(AMENDED TO INCLUDE PUBLIC HEARING)
BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
ON BCPS STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on Thursday, August 13, 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 BCPS Strategic Direction can be accessed on the main website: <https://bcps.k12.va.us>. 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. August 13, 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.



FILE GRAPHIC

A proposed Western Virginia Water Authority (WVWA) waterline improvement project serving the Dal-Nita Hills subdivision will advance to the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors following a 2-2 vote by the Planning Commission Monday. The Planning Commission considered a Commission Permit, also known as a 2232 Review, for approximately 3,800 to 4,000 feet of new waterline along Etzler Drive and Victoria Road. The proposed project is intended to improve water pressure and reliability within the existing system while providing Dal-Nita Hills residents with access to the WVWA's public water network. The subdivision currently relies on an aging well system. The project would include approximately 3,250 feet of 12-inch waterline and 750 feet of 8-inch waterline, along with pressure-reducing valves, four fire hydrants and connections to the existing water distribution system. The proposed line would extend from WVWA's water treatment plant at Greenfield Recreation Park along Etzler Road and across Victoria Road. According to information presented to the Planning Commission, the project's primary purposes are to loop existing waterlines to provide more consistent water pressure and service and to allow residents to transition from the existing well system to public water. County staff reported that current water pressure in the subdivision does not support fire hydrants. The Planning Commission voted 2-2 on a motion to recommend approval of the Commission Permit. Chair Beth Leffel and member Steve Hartman voted in favor, while Vice Chair Tim Lucas and member Mark Tyson voted against. The Blue Ridge District seat on the commission is

Waterline project serving Dal-Nita Hills advances to Board of Supervisors

vacant. Because the motion did not receive a majority, the commission did not approve the request through its vote. However, the commission's consideration occurred after the 60-day timeframe established under Virginia law and the Botetourt County Code. Under those provisions, the application is deemed approved when the Planning Commission does not act within the required timeframe, unless the period is extended by the governing body. The Commission Permit therefore will advance to the Board of Supervisors, which is scheduled to consider the application at its Aug. 25 meeting. The proposed waterline also generated questions during Monday's meeting about whether the infrastructure could eventually serve the planned Google data center campus at the Botetourt Center at Greenfield. Botetourt Community Development Director Nicole Pendleton read a letter from WVWA Executive Director Michael McEvoy stating that the proposed waterline would not be used to serve the Google data center campus. The county emphasized that the waterline project is a WVWA capital improvement project separate from the Google data center project. Any future extension of the public water system or separate infrastructure proposal would be subject to any approvals required at that time. The Planning Commission's review is limited to determining whether the general location, character and extent of the proposed public facility are substantially in accord with the county's Comprehensive Plan. A Commission Permit is not a construction permit.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

AARP Scam Alert: Is It Really Your Grandkid on the Phone?

Receiving a panicked call that a grandchild is in danger triggers immediate fear and an overwhelming emotional panic, which is exactly what criminals exploit to override our logical thinking. Scammers contact targets feigning to be their grandchild who is in trouble and needs urgent financial help. Often times, they request money through unconventional payment methods like gift cards or cryptocurrency. If you receive an unexpected call that your grandchild is in jail or a hospital, take an active pause and reflect on the

call – does it make sense? Have you heard about a scam like this? Then, hang up and contact your grandchild directly or call another relative to confirm they are okay. Then contact your phone provider to see if they offer spam and scam call blocking. Learn how to spot and avoid scams with AARP Fraud Watch Network. Suspect a scam? Call the free helpline at 877-908-3360 and talk to a fraud specialist about what to do next.

- AARP

UnWined

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through Dobbin's Creek Vineyards, and the willingness of all parties to be so adventurous through our food and wine pairings." Linthicum said the restaurant's wine

program has continued to grow alongside the surrounding area. "We are in a rapidly developing area of Virginia, and it has been wonderful to match the growth of the area with the further development of our wine list," he said. Wine Spectator Chairman and CEO Marvin R. Shanken congratulated the restaurants recognized this

year, noting that diners are becoming increasingly selective about when, how and what they drink. The annual Restaurant Awards, launched in 1981, recognize excellence in restaurant wine service at three levels: Award of Excellence, Best of Award of Excellence and Grand Award. Tizzone UnWined's recognition will be included in Wine Spectator's annual Restaurant Awards coverage, with the special issue that was scheduled to be available July 21. The restaurant is located at 90 Town Center Street, Suite 104, in Daleville. Its current menu includes wood-fired pizzas, pasta dishes, seafood, steaks and other entrees, along with the extensive wine program.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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Local teams scrimmage with football season drawing near



River coach Jack Baker leads the team in a drill. The Knights will host Craig County and Rockbridge County in a Friday night scrimmage.

The Lord Botetourt football team had their first scrimmage last week and James River will host a scrimmage this Friday with the fall season fast approaching.

The Cavaliers will play a “zero date” game for the second year in a row to open regular season play. LB will take on Rye Cove High at Emory & Henry University on Saturday, August 22, in a regular season game. That will begin at 7 p.m.

With the early start to the season the Cavaliers

already had a preseason scrimmage. Last Saturday the Cavaliers scrimmaged New Kent High School at Hampden-Sydney College. Lord Botetourt will have an intra-squad scrimmage this weekend before opening the season at 5,500-seat Fred Selfe Stadium at Emory & Henry in Emory, Va. Originally built in 1925, it is one of the oldest college football stadiums still in use.

Lord Botetourt will have an intra-squad scrimmage this Friday night in Daleville, beginning at 7 p.m. It’s open to the public at no charge.



Lord Botetourt coaches watch a recent practice on the Daleville practice field.

The James River Knights will have their first scrimmage this Friday in Springwood. Craig County and Rockbridge County will provide the opposition with teams taking turns going 10 offensive plays at a time. The schedule is included on this page and there is no charge for spectators.

The Knights will have a second scrimmage at home against Nelson County on Friday, August 21, before opening the season at home on Friday, August 28, against Auburn.

Friday night football schedule at James River: 6 p.m. - JR vs. Craig County 1 vs. 1 10 Plays, 2 vs. 2 10 Plays 6:40 p.m. - Craig County vs. Rockbridge County 1 vs. 1 10 Plays, 2 vs. 2 10 Plays 7:20 p.m. - JR vs. Rockbridge 1 vs. 1 10 Plays, 2 vs. 2 10 Plays
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Franklin Primera rounds the bases after homering in a game at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

RidgeYaks take over first place with Saturday’s win

The Salem RidgeYaks took care of business last Saturday night, defeating the Fayetteville Woodpeckers, 6-2, at Carilion Clinic Field to move into first place in the second half standings of the Carolina League’s North Division.

Salem jumped on the scoreboard in the third inning and never looked back, scoring six runs across the second through fourth innings. The RidgeYaks collected eight hits and received a dominant effort from the pitching staff, which limited Fayetteville to two runs on nine hits while striking out eight.

Fayetteville struck first in the top of the second, but Salem quickly answered in the bottom half. After Louis Andujar singled and advanced to third on a wild pitch, Andruw Musett brought him home with a single to center field. The Yaks later scored a second run off a balk to take a 2-1 lead.

The RidgeYaks broke the game open in the third. Franklin Primera and Adonys Guzman opened the inning with consecutive walks before Andujar delivered again, lining a RBI double to left field to give Salem a 3-1 lead. Andrews Opatá then followed with a two-run single, scoring Andujar and Guzman to push the advantage to 5-1.

Salem added another run in the fourth. Henry Godbout was hit by a pitch and moved to second on a single from Starlyn Nunez. With two outs, Godbout stole

third and Nunez stole second before a throwing error by the catcher Arturo Flores allowed both runners to advance, giving the RidgeYaks a 6-1 advantage.

Fayetteville added their final run off a German Ramirez RBI single in the fifth.

Andujar led the Salem offense with a three-hit night, going 3-for-4 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI. Opatá added a hit and drove in two, while Musett collected a hit and an RBI.

On the mound, Leighton Finley turned in five strong innings to earn his sixth win of the season. Finley allowed two runs on seven hits while striking out five and walking none across 82 pitches.

The Salem bullpen took over from there. Caden Vire worked 1.1 scoreless innings before Nicolas De La Cruz struck out two and retired all five batters he faced, allowing no hits or runs. Harry Blum then closed out the victory with a scoreless ninth inning.

The RidgeYaks also made an impact on the basepaths, stealing four bases in the victory. Andujar, Opatá, Godbout and Nunez each swiped a bag.

With the victory, Salem moves to 22-19 in the second half and takes first place with the win. The final game of the homestand was rained out on Sunday, and Salem will head to Delmarva for a six game series with the Shorebirds this week.

Bolling is medalist in Botetourt Metro Golf Tournament

James River’s Landon Bolling and the Auburn High School team were the big winners in last week’s Botetourt Metro Golf Tournament. Bolling was the individual medalist and Auburn was the team champion in the annual event that traditionally tees off the high school golf season.

Bolling, a senior, shot a four-under-par 67 for the tournament, beating Gaston Wimmer by one stroke and Liam Smith by two. Wimmer and Smith both play for Auburn, who won the team championship with a score of 289, just five strokes over par for their combined four scoring players. Auburn won the big trophy after finishing second behind Floyd County last summer.

Second place goes to Cave Spring, 14 strokes behind the Eagles at 303. Then it gets close as Blacksburg and E.C. Glass tied for third at 306 and James River was just one stroke behind them at 307 for fifth place. In addition to Bolling the Knights had a 73 from Mason Gilliland, a 77 from Braden Persinger and the fourth score was a 90 from Charlie Tingler.

River and Lord Botetourt hosted the tournament and LB finished in a tie for 14th among 18 teams. Alisa Davidova, one of the top players in the Roanoke Valley, did not compete for LB in the tournament.

“We shot 20 strokes better than we did last year but a lot of teams played really well,” said LB coach Todd Smith. “We had two in the 70s and one that just missed. I wasn’t at all disappointed.”

Cole Cecil led the Cavaliers with a 76 followed by Derek Bond at 79. Jackson Taylor shot 80 and Jonah Dunker rounded out the top four with a 90.

Botetourt is scheduled to be back in action Thursday with the first Blue Ridge District match of the season. That will be played at Mariner’s Landing.

James River had its first Three Rivers District match last Thursday at the Forest Park course in Martinsville. Floyd won the round with a 317 followed by Radford at 320 and James River at 324. This time Gilliland was medalist with a 73 for River, edging Hunter Crist of Radford by one stroke. Also scoring for the Knights were Persinger with a 79, Bolling with an 83 and Mason Francis with an 89.

“We fell short of where I thought we would finish but Braden had his best district score ever,” said River coach Donna Cox.

James River had a match against Rappahannock at the Hobbs Hole Golf Club on Tuesday but results were too late for publication, and a Monday match at Floyd was postponed. The Knights will host the district this Thursday at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club, with the first tee time scheduled for 1 p.m.



James River’s Landon Bolling (left) was the medalist at the Botetourt Metro Golf Tournament last week with a 67.



Mason Gilliland of James River had the second low score for the Knights at the Metro with a 73. He was the medalist in last week’s district match in Martinsville.



Cole Cecil shot a 76 at the Metro to lead the Lord Botetourt team at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club.

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