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First Bank Fall Run event will mark its 40th year

Matt de Simone
Managing Editor

For four decades, runners have gathered in Fincastle each fall to test themselves on the hills of the county seat.

The First Bank Fall Run, then known as The Bank of Fincastle Fall Run, will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year. But the history of organized road racing in Fincastle reaches back even farther, to a community event organized by Richard and Patty King several years before the bank became involved.

The Kings organized the first Fincastle race in 1981, holding the event in conjunction with the Fincastle Festival. With help from Danny and Elaine Kyle, the Kings put together a race intended to bring more people to the festival while giving local runners a competitive event of their own.

The proceeds went to the Fincastle Rescue Squad, while Sheriff Norman Sprinkle organized traffic control. Edith Noble, who operated an Art Barn off U.S. 220, printed the race T-shirts.

The first year featured a three-mile course. The following year, the event expanded to separate 5K and 10K races—a course layout that would eventually become the foundation for The Bank of Fincastle race and remains recognizable today.

The 5K course carried runners through Fincastle, with a turnaround near Cemetery Hill, before returning to the finish at what was then Botetourt Intermediate School, now Central Academy Middle School. The 10K followed the same route through town before heading out Muse Road and returning to the school.

The Kings handled much of the work themselves.

Rather than the medals commonly associated with modern races, winners received handmade wooden and bronze plaques in age categories ranging from 9 and under to 70 and older.

Race times were calculated manually with stopwatches, with results written by hand on a statistics board.

Despite the primitive technology, the event quickly developed a reputation among runners.

"It became a popular run for experienced runners because of the hilly course challenge," Patty King recalled. "The competitive nature of the runners was evident."

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FILE PHOTO

This year marks the 40th running of the First Bank Fall Run. Here, a 1987 photo of runners firing off the start line.

Botetourt 4-H member places 10th at National Dairy Handlers Competition

A Botetourt County 4-H member earned a top-10 finish at a national FFA competition after winning a state title in July.

Addison Kelly placed first in the State FFA Dairy Handlers Career Development Event July 30 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds in Harrisonburg. The competition was held as part of the Virginia Dairy Youth Field Day, which also included the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and a mock FFA Dairy Judging Contest.

Kelly's first-place finish earned her the opportunity to represent Virginia at the FFA Dairy Cattle Handlers competition at The Big E in Massachusetts.

"Addison has been excelling across several clubs and competitions,

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT 4-H

Addison Kelly placed first in the State FFA Dairy Handlers Career Development Event.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT DAR

Betty Holt (left) assists as Brugh descendants Judy Lee, Annie Jeter Lee, and Paula Wagner place a tricorn hat in the Patriot's Empty Chair.

DAR chapters honor the Brugh family

On Saturday, Sept. 26, descendants of Hermanus Brugh and his son, Daniel, along with members of five Daughters of the American Revolution chapters, gathered at the Brugh-Simmons Cemetery on Route 11 to honor two patriots of the American Revolution. Hermanus and Daniel are buried in this cemetery and played important roles in settling Botetourt County. For the Brugh descendants, the event was both a tribute to their ancestors' Revolutionary War service

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Steven Sandy named Botetourt County deputy administrator

Botetourt County has named Steven Sandy as its new deputy county administrator, bringing a former county employee back to the local government where his career began.

Sandy will join the county following his most recent tenure as county administrator for Franklin County. He will succeed longtime Deputy County Administrator David Moorman, who is scheduled to conclude his service with Botetourt County on Jan. 1, 2027.

Sandy is expected to begin his new position Dec. 1, giving him a month to work alongside Moorman during the transition, according to the county.

Sandy brings more than 27 years of local government experience in Virginia to the position. His career has included positions with



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

Botetourt County has named Steven Sandy as its new deputy county administrator.

Botetourt County and Montgomery County, as well as Franklin County, where he has served as county administrator since February.

"Steve's return to Botetourt County is a tremendous asset for our citizens and our administration," Botetourt County Administrator

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Google commits $10 million to Virginia energy affordability

Google announced Monday a $10 million commitment to expand energy affordability and community resilience efforts across Virginia, including work in Botetourt County.

The commitment includes $9.5 million to the Virginia Community Action Partnership, or VACAP, and an additional $500,000 to FLIPP Inc. to support workforce development.

The funding is part of Google's $15 million Virginia Energy Impact Fund, announced in June to help reduce monthly utility bills for Virginia households through projects such as home repairs, weatherization and energy-efficiency upgrades.

Funding will support work in Botetourt, Loudoun, Prince William and Chesterfield counties and Hampton Roads, along with statewide efforts.

"Google is committed to investing deeply, partnering locally and ensuring that our growth delivers meaningful benefits for the communities we call home," said Hannah Coman, Google's energy market development lead. "By working with trusted organizations across Virginia, this program will help more families access critical home repairs and energy-efficiency improvements, support the skilled workforce needed to deliver that work and strengthen essential community resources."

VACAP will serve as the central convener and grant administrator, working with the Association of Energy Conservation Professionals and local Community Action Agencies and Weatherization Assistance Programs to support home repairs, weatherization and workforce development.

The initiative will prioritize low- and moderate-income households near Google's data centers. It also will support skilled-trades training and contractor recruitment, with VACAP and the Association of Energy Conservation Professionals working alongside FLIPP to strengthen Virginia's weatherization workforce.

"Virginia already has a strong network of local organizations that understand the needs of the communities they

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FILE GRAPHIC

Google's latest investment will support home repairs, weatherization, energy-efficiency improvements and workforce development in communities across Virginia, including Botetourt County.

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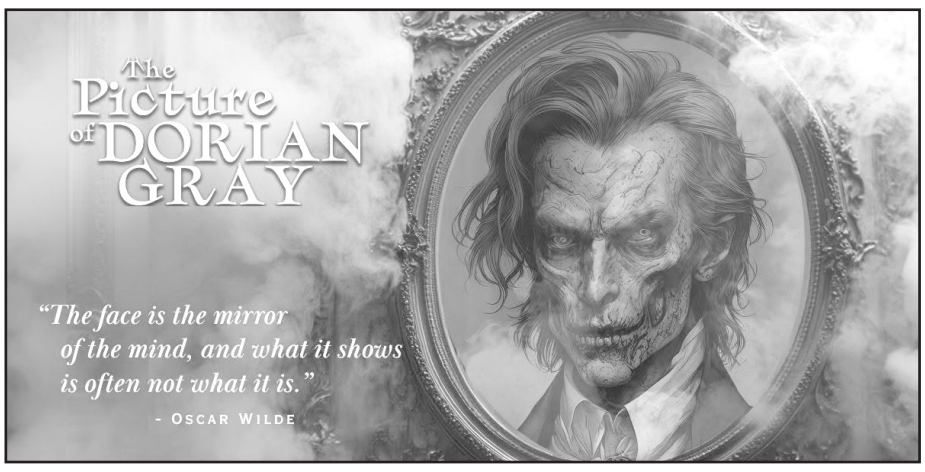


PHOTO COURTESY OF BCMHC

From spring until frost, the red, white and blue flowers are attracting a variety of pollinators and conversation along Fincastle's Main Street in front of the Botetourt County Historical Society Museum. The sign along the iron fence shows the logo of Ikenberry Orchards & Country Store because they generously donated the annuals and vegetables. There are tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and peppers for the public to enjoy along the side of the museum. Some of the tomatoes have already been donated to the Botetourt Food Pantry in Fincastle. The sign also reads that the plants were donated in observance of the Botetourt Museum of History & Culture's exhibit inside called "Home Grown: Botetourt's Agricultural History." Come take a tour.

~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Attic's new play begins this Thursday night



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

Attic Productions invites the public to the D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, as the cast brings Oscar Wilde's gothic masterpiece "The Picture of Dorian Gray" to life. This version is adapted for stage by Merlin Holland and John O'Connor and directed by Angela McNeil. The show runs October 8-11 and 15-18, with Thursday and Friday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m.

Set in the decadent world of Victorian London, a beautiful young man called Dorian Gray becomes infatuated by the exquisite portrait that Basil Hallward has painted of him. This gripping stage adaptation follows the dark descent of Dorian Gray, a stunningly beautiful young man who makes a desperate, unholy wish – that he might remain forever young while his painted portrait grows old and bears the scars of his sins

The theater is located at 7490 Roanoke Road near historic Fincastle. Adult tickets are $20, students 18 and under and groups of 10 or more are $15 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. Tickets may be purchased on the Attic Productions website by visiting www.atticproductions.info. For questions or assistance with purchasing tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001. Volunteers are staffing the box office for this show on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m. Leave a message at other times and the call will be returned as soon as possible

~ Attic Productions

Free 'Toy Story 5' movie at Buchanan Park Oct. 10

The Buchanan Lions Club will present "Toy Story 5" free to the public on Saturday, Oct. 10, at dusk (7:30 p.m.) at the Buchanan Town Park (weather permitting).

This will be the last one until winter is over, hopefully to begin again in March.

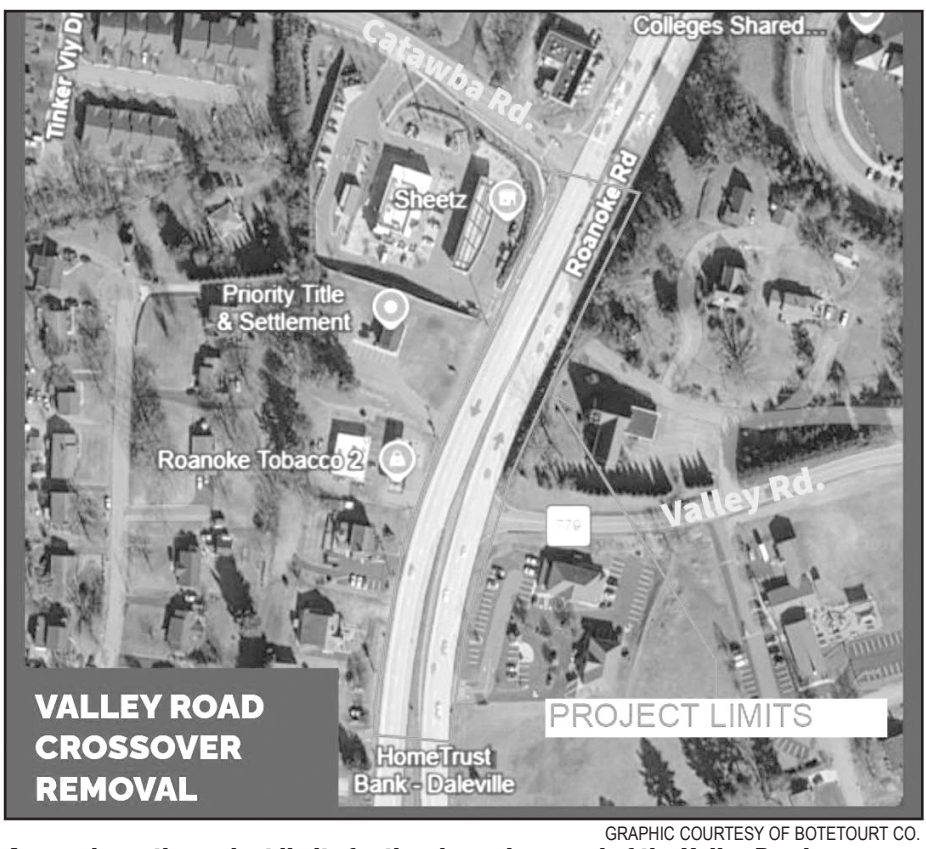
With funding help from the Buchanan Library, Buchanan Lions, Friends of the Buchanan Library and the Town Improvement Society, the Lions are presenting the movies along with the coordinated help of Botetourt Parks and Recreation (supplying the projector and screen), and the Buchanan Theater (use of its popcorn popper). Also, the Town Improvement Society will be selling a hot dog, chips, and a soda for $5.



FILE GRAPHIC

The Lions suggest you bring folding chairs, a blanket and bug spray, and to turn off all cell phones and arrive early for best seats. Parking is free across the street.

~ Submitted by Tim Heinlein



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

A map shows the project limits for the planned removal of the Valley Road crossover on Route 220 in Daleville. The project also includes extending the northbound Route 220 left-turn lane for traffic turning onto Catawba Road.

VDOT plans Route 220 intersection changes in Daleville

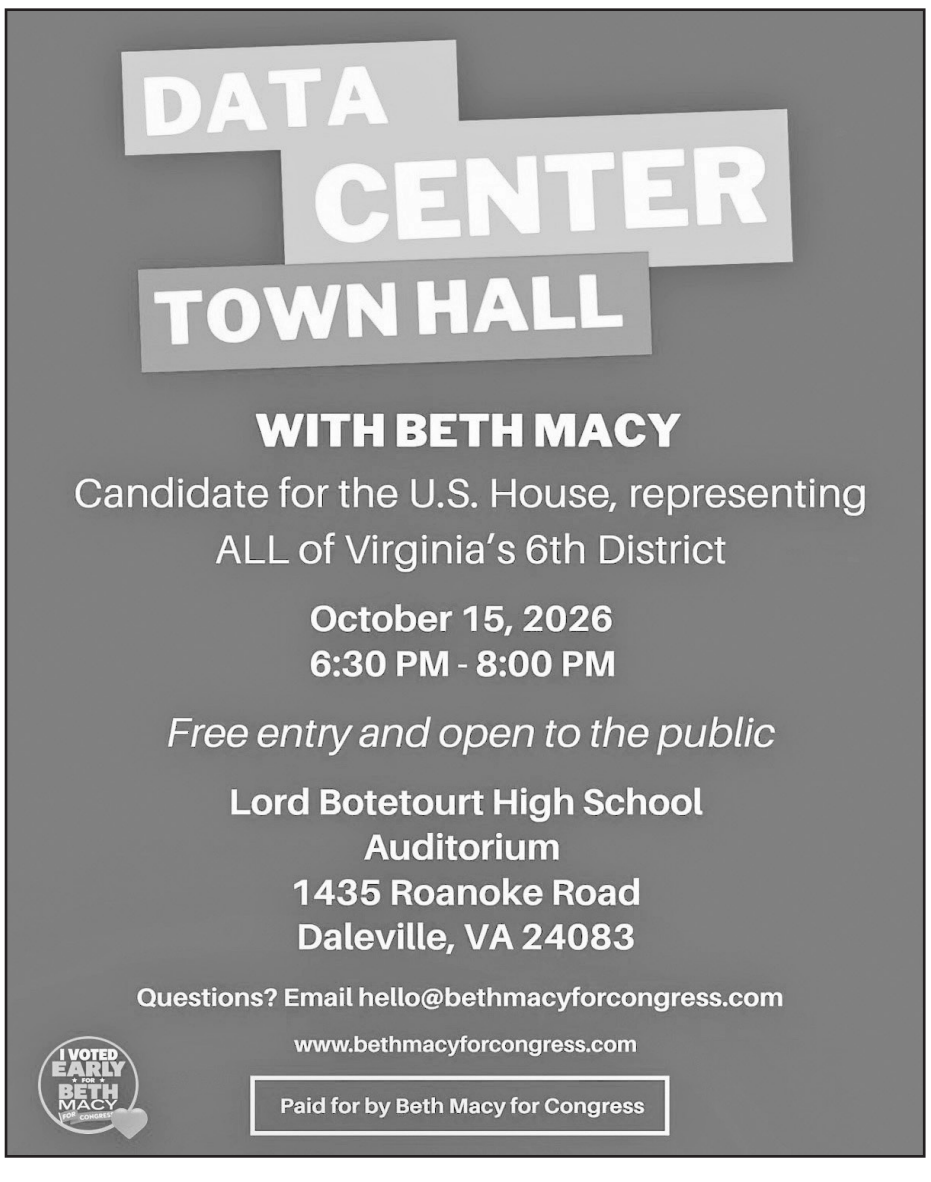
Drivers traveling through Daleville should prepare for changes to the Route 220 intersection with Catawba Road and Valley Road as the Virginia Department of Transportation moves forward with planned safety improvements.

According to Botetourt County, the project will include extending the northbound Route 220 left-turn lane for traffic turning onto Catawba Road near Sheetz and closing the existing crossover at Valley Road.

The crossover closure will change how motorists access Valley Road.

Traffic traveling from Valley Road will have to turn right onto northbound

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CLARIFICATION:

Last week's article in the Sept. 30, 2026 edition, "Board denies therapeutic partnership with Roanoke County," incorrectly described Supervisor Linda Rottman's position on the proposed therapeutic recreation partnership. Rottman did not advocate that Botetourt County establish its own therapeutic recreation program. During the Sept. 22 Board of Supervisors meeting, Rottman said she did not believe it was the role of county government to provide funding for every individual need or specialized program and questioned whether taxpayers should be required to fund such programs. The Fincastle Herald regrets the error.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The irony of complaints

Once again, as it happens every month, *The Fincastle Herald* published Bob Patterson's play-by-play of the Board of Supervisors monthly meeting. His monthly letters are loaded with complaints about those with whom he disagrees. Oftentimes, his rhetoric comes off as taunting such as when he called members of the community "critters."

In his latest letter to the editor he used the words "repugnant," "nauseating," "disgusting," and "disgraceful." Mr. Patterson does a lot of complaining in his letters. Which is why I find it ironic that in his letter to the editor published Wednesday, Sept. 30, he said, "I have suggested that there should be a separate day for the Chronic Complainers Club (now referred to by someone else as "howling monkeys"?) to gather for their drivel to be heard." Hmm. Maybe The Fincastle Herald could give Mr. Patterson a separate day for his chronic complaints to be published?

In regards to Bill Tanger's letter to the editor supporting candidate Beth Macy, I found more sad irony there. In his closing sentence he said Ms. Macy was "ethical." I do not know Beth Macy personally and I have only read one of her books, which was very good. However, I do not associate the word "ethical" to describe any candidate who supports abortion that is in line with Abigail Spanberger's agenda that supports abortion up to birth. This might be the correct place to use Bob Patterson's words, "repugnant, nauseating, disgusting, and disgraceful," but not "ethical." To be ethical is to preserve life and to give value to every human soul.

Leonora Drzymala
Fincastle

Thanks to All for a Successful Festival!

Historic Fincastle Inc. and our presenting sponsor, First Bank, wish to thank the many individuals, businesses, and organizations who made the annual Historic Fincastle Festival a resounding success!

First, we'd like to thank the many visitors who flocked to Fincastle and to the townspeople who helped clear the streets of vehicles and who embraced the festival and its visitors. A festival is only as good as its offerings, and the assortment of vendors and activities certainly provided lots to see and do.

Artists from Open Studios offered their beautiful paintings, while crafters offered handmade jewelry, pottery, barn quilts, natural edge wood creations, and an amazing assortment of sewn, knitted, crocheted and repurposed products.

Food options could be found throughout the festival, while the Food Court offered food trucks selling kettle corn, BBQ sandwiches, Mexican options, Asian rice bowls and desserts, ice cream, lemonade, hot dogs, cheese steaks, French fries, fried Oreos, and funnel cakes. The food trucks, however, were not the only places for some food. A number of vendors throughout the streets sold homemade breads, and homemade baked goods – cakes and cookies, etc. – as well.

Offering fun for one and all is always a goal of HFI, and this year was no exception. The Revolutionary War Interpreters led by Jeff Briggs again joined the festival and set up for young and old to visit and learn. They even provided musket firing demonstrations.

Botetourt County Clerk of the Court Tommy Moore again showed up as the first Clerk of Court, John May, and displayed some of the signed documents from the county's vault with signatures of many famed Virginians of the American Revolution including Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and Israel Christian.

From antique cars along Academy Street to working blacksmiths and the petting zoo and pony rides in Wysong Park for young and old alike, there were no shortages of smiles. Youngsters enjoyed the Botetourt County Museum play area that included painting rocks and corn hole games, while adults visited the History Museum to view all of the artifacts from Botetourt County as well as the special agriculture of Virginia exhibit.

A major highlight was visiting the old Baptist Church to view the incredible handmade quilts on display, and witnessing two of our military veterans being presented with "Quilts of Valor" in their honor.

Throughout the day, the two music venues were in full swing. Mike Lee and his youthful students in front of the Chamber of Commerce building, and our main stage in the current parking lot beside the courthouse provided the festival with beautiful music all day long.

Putting on this festival required many hands and many ideas coming together. The entire Board of Directors of Historic Fincastle, Inc., and our fantastic volunteers truly made this event possible. Many thanks to everyone who participated, attended, and supported our historic town!

Historic Fincastle, Inc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As Election Day approaches, candidates appearing on the ballot and their supporters are welcome to submit Letters to the Editor for consideration in *The Fincastle Herald.*

Letters must follow the Herald's standard guidelines for Letters to the Editor. Submissions must be received by **10 a.m. Monday** for consideration in that week's edition and will be considered for publication on the same basis as other submissions.

Plan now to enter Fincastle Christmas Parade

The Fincastle Christmas Parade will be held on December 5 (rain date December 6) at 2 p.m. Those wishing to have entry in the parade may contact Paige Ware at anitapware@hotmail.com or the Fincastle Town Office at 540-473-2200.

Floats, cars, fire department, rescue squads, bands, walkers, trucks, antique vehicles, and Scout troops are welcome to be in the parade. There are two classes of judging for the floats, religious and non-religious, with three places in each class and prize money given. Each band will receive $100; fire departments and rescue squads will receive a donation.

Help make this the best parade ever by having an entry.

Paige Ware
Fincastle Christmas Parade Committee

Chamber Chatter



Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were recently held for UnWined restaurant in Daleville (above photo) and Pure Grass Farm in Troutville (lower photo).

Chamber announces new agriculture committee, upcoming events

The Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated the openings of two new businesses while preparing for a busy fall schedule that includes a new agriculture initiative, its annual golf tournament and other community events.

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting Sept. 18 for UnWined Wine Bar, welcoming one of Botetourt County's newest eateries. The Chamber highlighted the business for its food, atmosphere and addition to the county's growing collection of dining options.

A day later, the Chamber celebrated the grand opening and ribbon-cutting of Pure Grass Farm on Sept. 19.

The farm brings together locally grown, raised, baked and handcrafted products while providing a place for area farmers, growers, bakers, makers and artisans to offer their goods. The Chamber said the business also provides another way for residents to shop locally and learn more about where their food and other products come from.

The Chamber highlighted both businesses in its Oct. 2 newsletter, which also announced the formation of a new Agriculture Committee aimed at strengthening connections between the Chamber and Botetourt County's agricultural community.

The committee is expected to include representatives from farms and farm stands, wineries, breweries, agritourism businesses, producers, makers, suppliers and hospitality businesses, as well as other Chamber members interested in agriculture and economic development.

Among the ideas the committee plans to explore are an agricultural and agritourism trail, additional promotion of agricultural businesses, educational opportunities and partnerships, and collaborative events showcasing Botetourt agriculture.

The committee's first meeting will also begin planning an Agriculture Roundtable designed to give members of the broader agricultural community an opportunity to help establish priorities.

The Chamber also has several events planned in October. Its next Chamber Ambassadors meeting will be held Oct. 7 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at The Reserve at Daleville, followed by the Leader's Lounge networking event Oct. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Crooked Shoreline.

The Chamber's annual golf tournament is scheduled for Oct. 16 at Botetourt Golf Club. Proceeds from this year's tournament will support Food Lion Feeds and benefit area food banks.

Planning is also underway for the seventh annual Botetourt Tinsel Trail in Fincastle. Opening night is scheduled for Dec. 5, the same day as the Fincastle Christmas Parade. Businesses, schools, churches, civic organizations and individuals may sponsor and decorate trees for the trail. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Botetourt County nonprofit organizations.

The Chamber also welcomed Star City Signs as its newest member and used its October newsletter to highlight members of its Board of Directors, including new board member Taylor Adkins and former board president Maiya Ashby.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO. CHAMBER

Democratic committee plans Oct. 11 fundraising dinner

The Democratic Committee of Botetourt County will host a "Red, White and Blue Jeans" fundraising dinner Sunday, Oct. 11, at Virginia Mountain Vineyards in Fincastle.

The event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at the winery, located at 4204 Old Fincastle Road.

According to event information provided by the committee, dinner will be catered by Three L'il Pigs BBQ, with vegetarian options available, and dessert will be provided by Evie's Bistro and Bakery. Virginia Mountain Vineyards wine will be available for purchase.

The event also will include a silent auction featuring a variety of items, including local artwork.

Speakers are scheduled to include Beth Macy, who is identified in the event announcement as a candidate for Virginia's 6th Congressional District.

General admission tickets are $50, and a $50 option also is available to sponsor a young Democrat. Sponsorship levels range from $100 to $500.

Tickets are available in advance through the Democratic Committee of Botetourt County's website. The committee said those wishing to pay by cash or check can email demsbotetourt@gmail.com.

The event is a fundraiser for the Democratic Committee of Botetourt County.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

Camper family reunion this Sunday in Buchanan

The descendants of William H. and Lillie B. Camper will hold their annual family reunion on Sunday, Oct. 11 at the Botetourt Event Center, 14860 Lee Highway, Buchanan. A covered dish meal will begin at 1 p.m.

For more information, call or text Debra Camper Noel at 540-309-3803 or dcnoel@lumos.net.

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VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

Route 220 (Roanoke Road)
Superstreet Intersection Improvements
Botetourt County

Find out about a project to improve the intersection of Route 220 (Roanoke Road) and Route 779 (Catawba Road) in Botetourt County. This project entails extending the Route 220 northbound left turn lane at the intersection of Route 779 and closing the crossover along Route 220 at the intersection of Route 779 (Valley Road).

Review the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353 1-800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Jon Hall, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153 on or prior to **October 22, 2026**.

If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Jon Hall at the phone numbers listed above.

UPC 128661 State Project: 0220-011-841, P101, C501
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Open Studios-Botetourt returns Oct. 17-18

Open Studios-Botetourt, "Art in the Country," will return Oct. 17-18 for its annual open studio and workshop tour.

The event will feature artists working in photography, jewelry, painting, collage, wood carving, printmaking and woodworking. Studios, workshops and residences at seven locations throughout Botetourt County will showcase 16 artists.

The tour will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18.

A new location this year is the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture. The tour will extend from the Daleville/Troutville area into historic Fincastle and slightly beyond, with stops ranging from several artists working together at a single location to individual studios.

Returning Botetourt artists include Ed Bordett, Leah Coffman, Vera Dickerson, Dan Jones, Diane Harto, Kristen Corbett, Brett LaGue, Cheryl Miller Lackey, Judith F. Lochbrunner, Jim Stadtlander and Mark Woodie. Returning guest artist Karin Carlson also will participate.

New guest artists are Richard Fuman, Michele Walter, Chelsea Dudley and Julie Gale.

Visitors can learn more about the artists and tour locations at openstudiosbotetourt.com, which includes a map with addresses and contact information. Visitors also can begin the tour at 5 East Main Street in Fincastle, where they can pick up a brochure containing the map and artist information. Brochures also are available at Roanoke Valley Bank of Botetourt locations.

Open Studios-Botetourt also maintains a Facebook page and an Instagram account at @openstudiosbotetourt.

For more information, email openstudiosbotetourtinfo@gmail.com or contact Judith Lochbrunner at 540-293-9642.



FILE GRAPHIC

The event is sponsored by Botetourt County, Bank of Botetourt, Virginia Mountain Mortgage, Jay Kilby RE/MAX Realty, Thomas Diesel, Colonial Title and Settlement, Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, the Town of Fincastle and Bible Accounting.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

Library Buzz

Botetourt Libraries will be closed on Monday, October 12 for Indigenous People's Day

All Roanoke Valley Libraries will be closed on Tuesday, October 13 for staff training.

Estate Planning Essentials

Thu, Oct. 8, 2 PM, Eagle Rock
Wed, Oct. 9, 2 PM, Fincastle

Attorney Sarah Bidwell explains common estate planning documents such as wills, powers of attorney, trusts, and advance medical directives.Best for ages 19+. Registration required. Register at https://botetourtva.libcal.com/ or call 540-928-2900 with questions.

All About Bats

Thu, Oct 8, 4 PM, Blue Ridge

Join a Douthat State Park Ranger for a fun, kid-friendly adventure all about bats! Young nature explorers will discover the amazing world of Virginia's bats We'll take a closer look at the different kinds of bats that live in our area, learn about their cool superpowers (like flying in the dark!), and find out why bats are so important to our environment. After our mini-lesson, kids can flap, swoop, and play in a lively echolocation game, then make their very own bat-themed craft to take home. Presented by Hannah Johnson, Douthat State Park Chief Ranger of Visitor Experience. Best for ages 6-11.

Plan Your Emergency Binder

Fri, Oct. 9, 1 PM, Fincastle

Attorney Sarah Bidwell will guide you through creating an Emergency Binder to ensure your important information is organized in the event of sudden incapacitation, such as a debilitating illness or injury. This binder will help you or your loved ones know who to contact, where to find financial and medical information, and more in an emergency situation. Best for ages 19+. Registration required. Register at https://botetourtva.libcal.com/ or call 540-928-2900 with questions.

Local Author Showcase

Sat, Oct. 10, 10 AM, Blue Ridge

Bring the whole family to meet local authors and celebrate reading! Activities include a local author market, featured author panel, storytime for kids, and local eats.

Sourdough Starters for Home Bakers

Wed, Oct. 14, 12 PM, Buchanan

Explore the world of sourdough in this casual library gathering. Discover helpful cookbooks, exchange recipes, discuss starter care, and learn from the successes and challenges of fellow home bakers. Best for ages 19+.

Learn more about Botetourt Libraries at
bocolibraries.info

The Sheriff's Post

SHERIFF MATTHEW T. WARD

BOCO Night Out set for this Friday in Buchanan

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office will host this year's BOCO Night Out from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the Buchanan Town Park carnival grounds on Lowe Street in Buchanan.

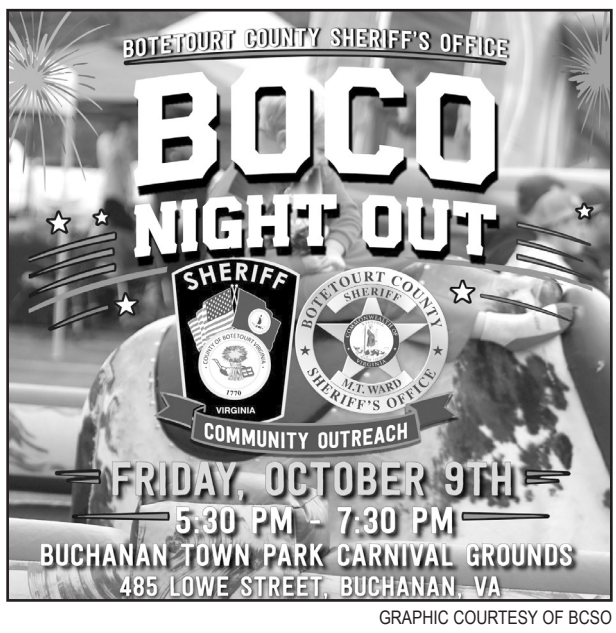
The community event will feature free food, activities and fireworks, providing an evening of entertainment for residents and families.

Live music will be provided by Jerry Wimmer and Bottom of the Barrel. Organizers are encouraging residents to attend and enjoy this year's musical entertainment.

BOCO Night Out is part of the sheriff's office's community outreach efforts and is designed to bring residents and local law enforcement together in a family-friendly setting.

The event will take place at 485 Lowe St. in Buchanan. Admission and the activities are free. Fireworks also will be part of the evening's festivities.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BCSO

Arrests

Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests Sept. 30-Oct. 4:

- Chase D. Dorman, 30, of Roanoke, eluding, driving revoked, driving under the influence, Sept. 30
- Thomas Solomon, 22, of Eagle Rock, assault and battery, Oct. 1
- Neal B. Nida, 60, of Daleville, driving under the influence, Oct. 1
- David E. Lofland, 47, of Roanoke, possession of Scheduled drugs, Oct. 2
- Terrah A. Stone, 27 of Vinton, driving under the influence, Oct. 3
- Camden C. Thrasher, 21, of Roanoke, driving under the influence, Oct. 3
- Sierra N. Klotter, 24, of New Castle, driving under the influence, obstruction of justice, property damage, Oct. 3
- Jacob R. Gonzalez, 46, of Corpus Christi, Texas, obstruction of justice, driving under the influence, Oct. 3
- Jordan T. Brogan, 46, of Buchanan, violation of protective order, Oct. 4
- Jason L. Flurnoy, 43, of Roanoke, driving revoked, display altered/ficticious registration/title/or plates, unauthorized taking, possession, or use of inspection stickers, Oct. 4


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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week



Macie

Macie is a 6-year-old Labrador Retriever mix, a sweet and friendly dog that was adopted from LAP originally but, unfortunately, her owner has major health problems and Macie is back from a loving home.

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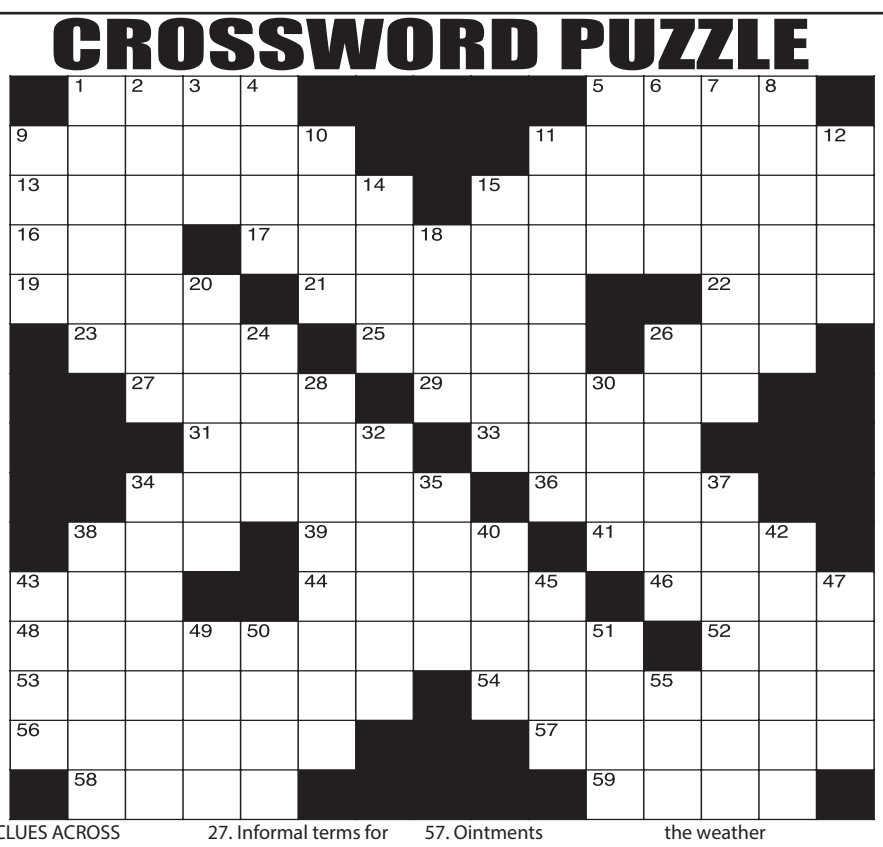
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1. Difficult
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9. A group of similar things ordered one after another
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15. Pelvic areas
16. Informal debt instrument
17. Ineffective
19. A device attached to a workbench
21. Related on the mother's side
22. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
23. Astronomer Sagan
25. C. Utah city
26. Turkey
27. Informal terms for money
29. Awakens
31. Those who favored Prohibition
33. Blabbed
34. Looked through
36. Rhode Island rebellion
38. A type of "cast"
39. One's duty
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Removed someone's head
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most unnatural
56. "Dennis" is a notable one
57. Ointments
58. Examination
59. Leaked fluid

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1. Brave
2. A state of excitement
3. Jest at
4. Sandwich store
5. Chapter of the Koran
6. Dismounted from a horse
7. Small vehicle
8. Irked
9. A disreputable man
10. Monetary unit of Samoa
11. A list of woes
12. Weight unit
14. Alone, single
15. Broadway legend Bernadette
18. Monetary unit of Serbia
20. Worn by exposure to the weather
24. A body of traditions
26. Students seek one
28. Hydrophilic amino acid
30. Nasal mucus
32. Branch of U.S. Congress
34. Swinish
35. Russian assembly
37. Grant an exemption to
38. Set up in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45. Witnesses
47. Strong insects
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland
51. Cheerless
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Fall Run from page 1

The race was held for three years, from 1981 through 1983. After the 1983 event, however, the Kings had to discontinue it after the festival asked that the race be moved to another date and the cost of putting on the event became difficult to manage.

The racing tradition did not disappear for long.

According to First Bank, the idea for a new road race in Botetourt County began with four men: Richard Pauley, Alvin Smith, Mark Bennett and Richard King.

Pauley, a business owner and cross-country advocate, approached the bank in 1985. The bank's Board of Directors viewed the idea as an opportunity for community involvement and outreach.

Pauley continued to coordinate the race for 30 years.

Pauley's recollection of how The Bank of Fincastle race came together provides another piece of the story. A longtime runner who trained for marathons, Pauley had noticed races being held in the Roanoke Valley and wondered why Botetourt County did not have a similar event.

"Why can't we have something like this in Botetourt?" Pauley recalled asking himself.

Pauley approached his friend, neighbor and then Bank of Fincastle President John Kilby about putting on a race in Botetourt. Kilby encouraged him to present the idea to the board.

After Pauley made his pitch, Bank Chairman Harry Mac Williamson called him at home.

"We've decided to do it with one condition—we want it done first class," Williamson told him, according to Pauley.

Pauley went on to serve as race director from 1987 through 2016.

The bank-sponsored event began in 1987 with 155 participants, according to First Bank.

The race quickly began looking for ways to expand its reach. Three years after the event began, elementary, middle school and open team competitions were established.

Those competitions would become an important part of the race's identity.

Today, schools account for the largest portion of the race's participants. The Fall Run awards trophies to elementary schools with the most runners and the highest percentage of runners participating.

The connection between the race and local schools has also helped make the event increasingly multigenerational. First Bank said participation by parents and grandparents alongside student runners has increased considerably over the years.

The bank's involvement has remained consistent throughout that evolution.

While the race has changed considerably in some ways, First Bank said employee involvement and support have not diminished. Many of the volunteers who make the race possible are bank employees, while the bank remains the event's major sponsor and continues to receive support from local businesses.

The course itself, meanwhile, has remained largely unchanged.

What has changed is how the race is organized and timed. The early event relied on manual systems, with organizers using physical charts, dots and clipboards to track participants. Today, electronic timing handles the process.

The evolution is something Pauley witnessed first-hand during his three decades coordinating the event.

Pauley previously described the race as "labor-intensive" during its early years, when organizers had to manually keep track of runners. Technology eventually replaced much of that work with electronic systems, phones and other tools.

The Kings also remember bank employees working intersections, cheering runners along the course and helping make the revived race a community event. Boy Scouts staffed water stops, while awards that had once been announced in the parking lot eventually moved into the school gymnasium, with Pauley serving as emcee.

The race's competitive reputation also helped attract accomplished runners from outside the immediate area.

First Bank specifically pointed to Olympian Steve Taylor and his wife, Lori, as longtime participants and supporters, along with national champion race walker Ray Funkhouser.

In 1990, Steve and Lori Taylor set 5K course records that First Bank says still stand. Steve's time was 14:49, while Lori's was 18:35.

The race has also been part of the development of running in Botetourt County. According to First Bank, cross country and indoor track were not offered at the county's high schools before the Fall Run began.

Since the race's inception, many high school runners have won the event.

And not every memorable moment has involved a stopwatch.

First Bank recalls that a bear was seen on the race course before and during the event in two consecutive years.

The Fall Run's connection to local students eventually extended beyond participation and competition.

The race's scholarship program began in 1994 with a single $1,000 scholarship. In 2018, the program expanded to two $1,000 scholarships awarded annually.

Applicants must have competed in at least one Fall Run event, provide letters of recommendation and be involved in a running sport in high school.

In recent years, the race has continued to demonstrate the breadth of its appeal.

In 2023, 327 of the 546 runners—60% of the field—were 17 or younger, most representing Botetourt County Public Schools. The field also included 18 runners age 65 or older.

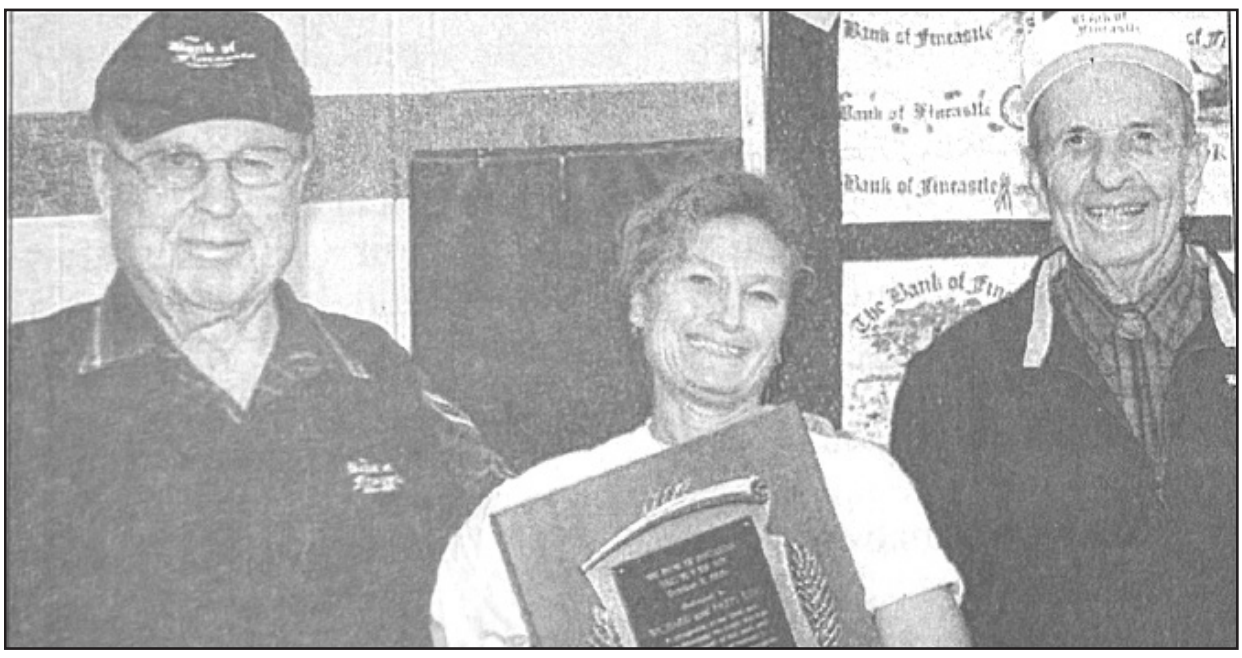
The 2023 race also included $2,000 in scholarships from First Bank and the Botetourt Rotary Club for students from James River and Lord Botetourt High Schools.

More than 600 runners took part in the 35th annual race in 2021.

The 2024 event attracted 636 entrants, the most since 2019, with all seven Botetourt elementary schools and both middle schools represented.

Last year's 39th annual event drew 669 runners, according to First Bank. Despite an altered route necessitated by courthouse construction, runners once again filled the streets of Fincastle. The bank said at the time that planning was already underway for the 40th anniversary race.

For someone who has never participated, First Bank said the Fall Run's appeal comes in part from its inclusiveness.



In 2006, for the event's 20th anniversary, Joe Johnson (left) and Harry Mac Williamson (right) presented Patty and Richard King with a plaque commemorating their years of support.

The race welcomes runners of all abilities without excluding young runners, the bank said, and provides the same quality of event for the last finisher as the first.

It also offers something that has remained constant since those earliest Fincastle races: a challenging course through a scenic part of Southwest Virginia.

For Patty and Richard King, the significance of the Fall Run is not simply the number of runners who now line up outside Central Academy Middle School each October.

They remember when the event consisted of a few local organizers, handmade awards, stopwatches and a course laid out through the streets of Fincastle.

They remember putting on the first races because they thought a community event would bring something positive to the festival and to the town.

And they remember watching the race they started eventually become something much larger.

Patty said the three original races "laid the groundwork and course" for The Bank of Fincastle/First Bank Fall Run that exists today.

"Those first three races ignited a spark and made the running community realize the fun, competition and mental health benefits a community foot race could generate," she said.

Four decades after the Bank of Fincastle revived the event, that spark is still visible each fall when runners of all ages gather in Fincastle.

What began with the Kings' small community race in 1981 was revived with the backing of The Bank of Fincastle in 1987 and evolved over the years through the efforts of the bank, schools, the Rotary Club, volunteers, first responders and countless local runners into one of the area's longstanding community traditions.

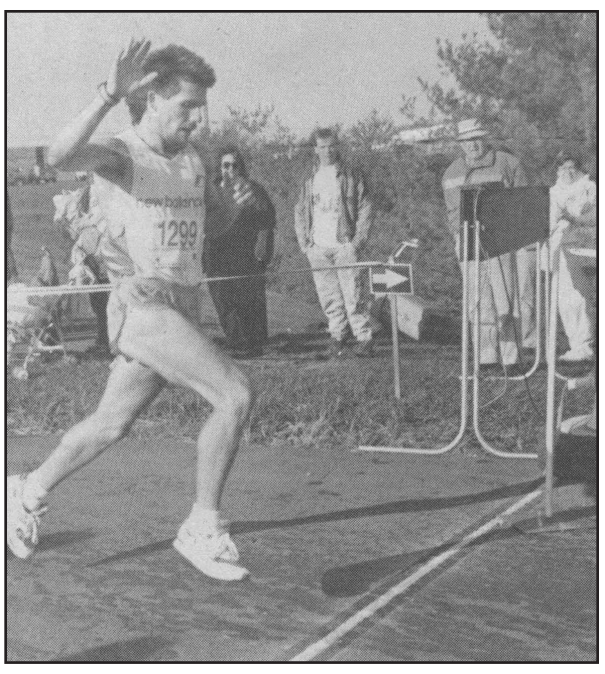
First Bank said this year's 40th anniversary is about more than reaching the finish line. It is an opportunity to celebrate 40 years of neighbors coming together, volunteers giving their time, local businesses lending their support and families creating memories across generations.

The bank said the community and its runners have, by and large, taken ownership of the event, with many participants returning year after year.

And for the 40th time since the bank took up the torch, the hills of Fincastle will provide the challenge.

This year's First Bank Fall Run takes place Saturday morning, Oct. 17, at Central Academy Middle School.

Register now at https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Fincastle/FirstBankFallRun.



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Steve Taylor lunges at the finish of the 1990 Fall Run with a record 5K time of 14:49.

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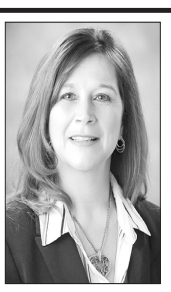
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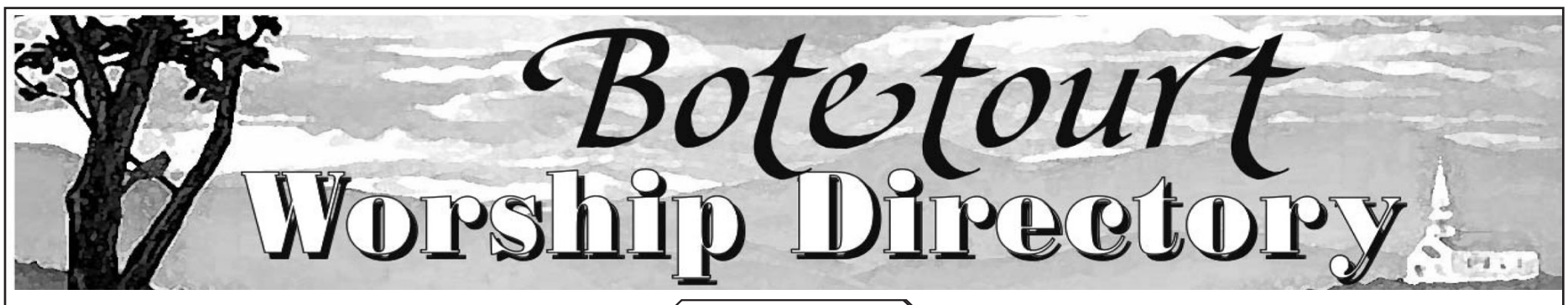
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ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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 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. 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.

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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 oslroanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888.

Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church– 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (Services are live streamed on Face Book). 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.

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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 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.

Extraordinary Gratitude

Read 1 Samuel 1:1 through 3:21

Nancy attempted to read her toddler's favorite bedtime story while Davy snuggled close, but her tears kept blurring the pages as she read about the childhood of Samuel the prophet. She couldn't imagine doing what Samuel's mother, Hannah, had done—leaving her young son at the temple to serve God. What extraordinary gratitude for the gift of a child.

"I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord" (1 Samuel 1:27–28).

Nancy and her husband couldn't imagine ever letting go of their only child. So it came as a shock when Davy began sensing a call from God to become an Air Force pilot. A military career was the last thing his parents would have chosen. Yet, when they sought the Lord's guidance, He confirmed the call. By faith, they released Davy to God's will out of gratitude for His gift of a child.

Davy went on to become an honored officer whose glowing faith is winning souls to Christ.

Thought for Today: By releasing our children to Jesus' care, we free them to shine for Him.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 1:17–28

OBITUARIES

McConnell, Bernice Dunbar

Bernice Jane Dunbar McConnell, 83, of Buchanan, passed away surrounded by her family on Thursday, October 1, 2026.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell Wayne McConnell; parents, Chan and Daisy Dunbar; brothers, Larry, Carl, Hubert, Jack, Cline, Dennis and David Dunbar; and sisters, Sylvia Wilson and Claudine Jacques.

She enjoyed gardening and canning; making special recipes for her family. Her grandbabies were her life. Anything going on with those kids, she was there.

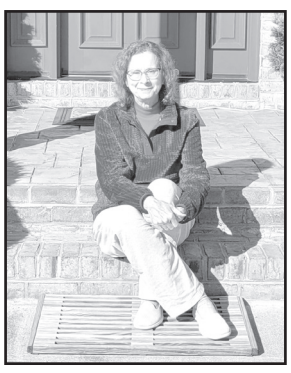
Left to cherish her memory are her daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Greg Childress; grandson, Tyler Childress and wife, Renee; great-grandchildren, Jeania and River; brother, Chan Dunbar, Jr.; sister, Ruby Lemon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 12-1 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Funeral services will be private. Flowers are beautiful; however, the family wishes donations be made to the Patient Advocate Foundation, https://paf.givevirtuous.org/donate. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.botetourtfh.com or by calling 540-254-3000.

Scanlan, Molly

My beautiful Molly.

"Well, you can name her anything you want, but we'll call her Molly!" replied her father.



So began the life of Molly McKee. Molly was born in Alton, Illinois, to her late parents, John and Virginia McKee. The sun rose on November 6, 1949, and set for her on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at the age of 76.

Molly came to Virginia in 1973 with her husband, Allan, after he was discharged from the U.S. Army. Upon graduating from Old Dominion University, she began her teaching career in the Norfolk Public School System. Shortly thereafter, she relocated with Allan to Roanoke and took a position with the Roanoke Public School System in elementary education, retiring after 30 years in May 2004.

With newfound freedom, she and Allan spent many wonderful years visiting, playing, fishing, and living on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, settling in Botetourt County in 2009. The draw to Fincastle was mystic. In early 2010, she discovered that she was a descendant of several very early settlers and Revolutionary War veterans who also settled and lived in the area. She was the 5th great-granddaughter of John McKee (1707-1792) and Jane Logan McKee (1730-1763) of Kerrs Creek, Va. She was also a descendant of Captain (Col.) William McKee, Garrard, Kentucky, and the 3rd great-grandniece of Ensign James Logan McKee, Big Springs.

She became an active member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Olde Town Fenton Chapter, Fenton, Missouri. In June, she participated in the dedication of the McKee family Cemetery, Kerrs Creek, along with other relatives from all across the United States.

Given her family's heritage, Molly took a deep interest in history, especially that of the 18th and 19th centuries. She became a member of the Kentucky Rifle Association and presented an educational display at the national meeting in 2023. She was an active (and very good) primitive black powder shooter with her flintlock, which she named "Tinker," since the side plate was engraved with the outline of Tinker Mountain. She was a member of the Ridge Rifle Association, serving as the Secretary and Board member, including Chair of the Board. She studied 18th century long rifle makers, especially those of Botetourt County, and co-authored several related articles for the local newspaper. She was articulate and thorough in all matters.

When she needed a break, she found relaxation in some of our Virginia mountain streams, Tennessee rivers, and the bold waters of West Virginia. She pursued the wild browns on the South Holston tailwater in Tennessee with a passion. Apart from her outdoor-loving nature, she was equally at home with her AST sorority sisters, retired teachers, girls' night out friends, "wedding party" friends, and everyone in our community. Molly had only one enemy...ovarian cancer.

Molly was diagnosed on October 5, 2023; she never gave up and fought hard every day in every way. She possessed more courage than most will ever have, other than victims of this disease. Her courage and spirit have carried those near to her who will miss her beyond words. The family would like to extend a most sincere thank you to Dr. Erin Saks and her staff, the team at the infusion centers, and the entire Carilion organization.

Molly lived in total harmony with the following passage:

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

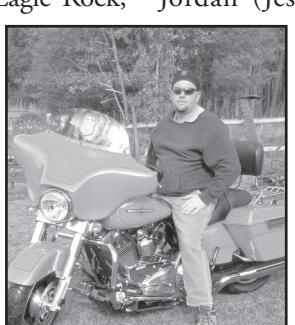
Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Allan; brother, John C. McKee, wife Nancy; nephews, Paul McKee, Eric McKee wife Leah, Landon, and Owen; niece, Julie Gallivan, husband Cory, nephews Noah and Luke; sisters-in-law, Dolly Sutton, nephew David, and niece Paula (Lisa); sister-in-law, Della Armstrong, niece Megan; Goddaughters, Melissa Dawn James and Catherine Nicole James; additionally, a multitude of extended family and cherished friends.

A funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at the Church of the Transfiguration, 7624 Roanoke Rd, Fincastle, with Father Joe Molloy officiating. Interment was in Godwin Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home in Buchanan.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Molly's memory. Donations can be made to Gynecology-Oncology at Carilion Clinic by visiting carilionfoundation.org. Under "designation," click "other" and reference the Molly Scanlan Memorial Fund. Checks can be made out to the Carilion Foundation and mailed to 903 S. Jefferson St., Roanoke, 24016. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.botetourtfh.com or by calling 540-254-3000.

Wright, Richard Alan

Richard Alan "Bubba" Wright, 48, of Dagger Springs Road, Eagle Rock, died Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at his residence.



He was born September 16, 1978 in Virginia to June Austin Willis and the late Joseph Wright. He was a welder for Gala Industries, and a member of Eagle Rock Fire Department. He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson, hunting, cutting wood and helping anyone in need.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a stepmother, Ruth Wright, and Grandmother Roxie Wright.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn Faidley Wright; two daughters, Hannah Browdan (Chris), Ria Jordan (Jesse); stepson, Bo Jordan (Dawn); sister, Amanda Tribbett (Andrew); brother, Daniel Willis (Laura); his mother, June Austin Willis; five grandchildren, Lilly Belle, Trinity, Rikki, JJ, Joseph; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In keeping with his wishes, his body has been cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Nicely Funeral Home, Clifton Forge handled the arrangements. To send condolences to the family online, please visit www.nicelyfuneralhome.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Pleasant Hill distributing food Saturday

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will hold its monthly Food Box Ministry distribution on Saturday, Oct. 10. If you or someone you know is in need of food, 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); and the Eagle Rock Library, 55 Eagle's Nest Drive, Eagle Rock.

Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open October 10 from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. The committee from the Presbyterian Church will distribute meat, milk, bread and staples at the curb. Anyone in need is welcome. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

The committee thanks all who help in any way with this mission. If you would like to contribute, food can be dropped off either at the church or Southern Girls Mercantile at 19812 Main Street, or send a check to the church at P.O. Box 517, Buchanan, 24066.

Fall Festival at Cedar Bluff Baptist

Cedar Bluff Baptist Church's "Fall Festival: Jesus & Pumpkins" will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 12-2:30 p.m. There will be games, face painting, a hot dog lunch, cake walk and fellowship from 12-2 p.m., then a devotion while cars set up for trunk-or-treat starting at 2 p.m., including a contest for the best trunk.

This is a free event, open to the public, for all ages. More information can be found on Facebook at facebook.com/CedarBluffBaptist.

New Beginnings plans special services

New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Road, Buchanan, is having a testimony and song service at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18. Light refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Daleville Baptist Fall Festival, Trunk-or-Treat

Daleville Baptist Church is having a Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 3-5 p.m. at the church, 375 Orchard Drive. The free event for the entire family will include a bounce house, hayrides, face painting, cake walk, hot dogs and trunk-or-treat.

Fincastle Clothes Closet open dates

Fincastle United Methodist's Clothes Closet will be open on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 31, 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 Church of the Brethren Thrift Store

New Fall fashions have arrived, along with Halloween costumes and decorations. Linens are on sale with a large selection available.

With the holidays coming, clothing donations are greatly needed. Donations are welcome and appreciated. The store is open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren has a food pantry

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren maintains a small rescue food pantry (non-perishables) for Botetourt County residents. People may come in any time the church office is open to pick up their food bags. Each person may pick up once every two months, but they should coordinate with Amelia in the church office. She keeps a spreadsheet to keep track of when they can pick up the food. Any new recipients also should contact the church office.

The phone number is 540-992-1060 and office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday. The church is located at 4708 Read Mountain Road in Cloverdale.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Friday

Little-to-no wait, eat in or take out from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Church of the Transfiguration, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle; $12, ages 7 and under are free. The meal is two filets of lightly breaded flounder, or six chicken nuggets for children, fries, sweet cornbread, homemade coleslaw, and choice of one dessert. A 50/50 drawing will be held. No advance ticket sales. Proceeds to benefit Botetourt's Food Pantry, Backpack Ministry, Botetourt Resource Center, and Quilts of Valor. Questions, call 540-904-3126.

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LEGAL NOTICE

A public auction will be held on Wednesday October 14, 2026 at 10 a.m. at Grand Storage of Vinton 1119 Vinyard Rd, Vinton, VA 24179, to sell personal property in the following units:
Ashley Spence
Unit D4-B
Jeremy Thompson
Unit C-20

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

BUCKOS TRIPSTOP INC., trading as TRIPSTOP BUCKOS, 1700 West Main Street, Radford Va 24141.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store Wine and Beer Off Premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

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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.

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 27, 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 Kevin T. Carter and Anne M. Carter, Property Owners, and Tow 360 LLC, Applicant, to allow a towing service on approximately 4.396 acres located at 492 Kiwanis Lane SE and further identified as Tax Parcel 528 -((A)) - 73 (Parcel ID 014664), in the General Industrial (I-2) zoning district. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan..
Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comments in person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that a public hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2026 at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter at the Montgomery County Government Center, 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia to receive public comment on a proposed Ordinance Designating a 2025 Ford Econoline Van used as a mobile vet clinic owned by the Humane Society of the New River Valley exempt from Taxation.
A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Administrator and is available for public inspection or copying.

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

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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 November 2, 2026, at 2:45 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, 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.aldridgepite.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.aldridgepite.com. VA-372477-1.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104
Case No.CL26001794-00
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073
CARMEL JACINTA CULLOP
v.
AARON CHANCE LYALL

The object of this suit is to: ANNULMENT
It is ORDERED that AARON CHANCE LYALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before NOVEMBER 20, 2026 @ 9:00 AM.
Entered September 17, 2026
Honorable
K. Mike Fleenor, Jr.
Judge

Legals - City of Salem

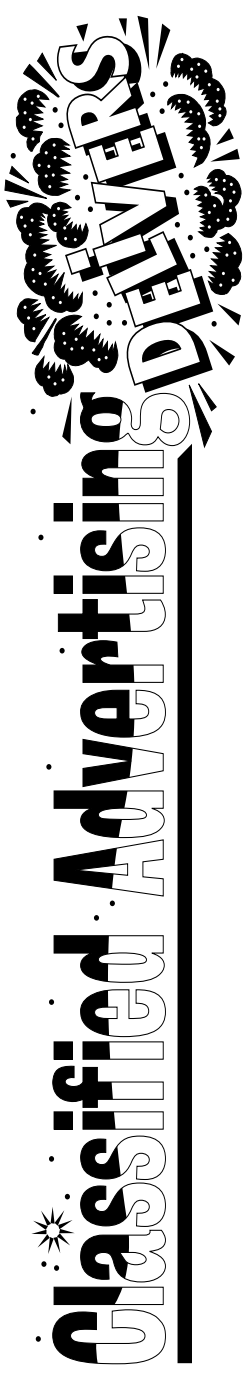
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

At its regular meeting on October 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:
Consider the request of Salem Body Shop, LLC, to amend Chapter 66, Signs, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, by adding Section 66-106, Comprehensive Sign Plan, pertaining to the establishment of a permit process for comprehensive signage plans for eligible properties.
Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.
At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.
THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY:
Christopher J. Dorsey
Executive Secretary

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1796 ARCHWAY ROAD, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 31, 2011, in the original principal amount of $75,225.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 110001453. 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 December 11, 2026, at 2:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT IN THE STATE OF VA. LOT 13, CONTAINING 2.353 ACRES, ACCORDING TO A PLAT SHOWING MOUNTAIN ESTATES, MADE FOR CLARENCE E. LEONARD BY THOMAS W. GUFFEY, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED JANUARY 17, 1984, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK`S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 214. 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.aldridgepite.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.
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Eastern Star gifts school supplies to Breckinridge

Early in the school year, the local Eastern Star chapter, Botetourt No. 135, paid a visit to Breckinridge Elementary School in Fincastle. They came "armed" with pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, scissors and other school supplies for students needing those implements at the start of the school year. A popular inclusion was treats and snacks for the teachers.

They were met by Breckinridge Principal Wyatt Turner, who expressed appreciation on behalf of the student beneficiaries, shown with Eastern Star Worthy Matron Trish Morris, a tutor and volunteer for BCPS; and past Matrons Marsha Campbell, a former teacher at Breckinridge, Trina Yancey, and Rebecca Donahew.

Thanks go to several Eastern Star members who helped gather and deliver the supplies.

The Order of the Eastern Star, dating back to the mid 1800s, is the largest fraternal and service organization in the world to which both women and men can belong. The local chapter meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Catawba Masonic Lodge. Botetourt Eastern Star has also for many years given the "Hunter and Viola Painter Memorial Scholarship" to a county graduating senior. Inquiries are welcomed. *~ Fincastle Herald staff report*



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From left, Breckinridge Principal Wyatt Turner, Worthy Matron Trish Morris, Rebecca Donahew, Marsha Campbell and Trina Yancey

New Belgium to reopen public taproom at Daleville brewery

New Belgium Brewing is bringing a public taproom back to its Daleville production facility nearly seven years after the former Ballast Point taproom closed.

The new New Belgium taproom, which the company calls a "Liquid Center," is scheduled to open to the public Nov. 6 at the brewery's facility in the Botetourt Center at Greenfield, according to a report published by Brewbound.

The opening marks a significant change for the 259,000-square-foot facility, which has continued brewing beer since the former Ballast Point public operation closed in 2019.

The Daleville facility originally opened under Ballast Point in 2017 and included a large taproom and full-service restaurant that became a popular gathering place in the area.

New Belgium acquired the facility in 2023. At the time, the company said it had no current plans to operate a taproom at the Daleville location.

Signs of a possible return of public operations began emerging earlier this year.

Permit activity in May pointed toward potential work involving the former taproom space. Earlier this month, New Belgium posted a job opening for a hospitality supervisor at the Daleville facility. The position included responsibilities related to tasting-room operations, events, tours, beer inventory and coordination with food trucks and other vendors.



FILE GRAPHIC

New Belgium's new concept appears to differ from the former Ballast Point operation. Company documents describe the Daleville location as offering beverage sales without a kitchen or restaurant, indicating that the new operation will not bring back the full-service restaurant that was part of the Ballast Point taproom.

Instead, the Liquid Center is expected to focus on beer, events and brewery tours, with food potentially provided through outside vendors.

New Belgium already uses the Liquid Center name for its public taproom operations in Fort Collins, Colo., and Asheville, N.C. The Daleville facility will become the latest location to operate under the concept.

The Nov. 6 opening will give the Daleville brewery a public-facing component again for the first time since 2019, while allowing New Belgium to build on its existing brewing operation in Botetourt County.

Additional details about hours, events and opening-day activities had not been announced as of press time.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report



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Botetourt Town and Country Woman's Club reaches out to The Lampstand

Botetourt Town and Country Women's Club members recently had the opportunity to support The Lampstand, a home providing a safe and caring environment for girls ages 12-17 who have been victims of human trafficking.

Club members donated feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels and paper plates. The members hope that these donations remind the girls that there are people in their community who care about them and want to see them succeed.

~Submitted by Mary Wingate, BTCWC

Local fitness organizations to host event for Special Olympics athletes this Saturday

TF/40 Speed & Strength and BOCO Fit Rage will host a "Push, Pull & Carry" event for Special Olympics athletes at 10 a.m. Oct. 10 at the Botetourt Training Center, 2726 Lee Highway in Troutville.

The event will provide Special Olympics athletes with an opportunity to participate in strength and fitness activities in a supportive, inclusive environment.

BOCO Fit Rage, a Troutville-based fitness facility, is a Special Olympics-affiliated gym and offers dedicated Special Olympics fitness programming. Special Olympics Virginia promotes fitness opportunities designed to bring athletes and people of all abilities together to work toward their fitness goals.

The Oct. 10 event is open to Special Olympics athletes and will be held at the Botetourt Training Center.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

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Route 220 and use a traffic signal or another crossover to travel south.

Motorists traveling southbound on Route 220 who want to turn left onto Valley Road will no longer be able to make that direct turn. Instead, they will have to continue south on Route 220, make a U-turn farther down the road and return north to turn right onto Valley Road.

The changes are intended to improve safety and reduce crashes at the intersection while providing additional space for vehicles turning left onto Catawba Road, according to the county.

The improvements are part of a larger planned project involving the Route 220/ Route 779 intersection. No timeline for completion has been announced.

Questions or concerns may be directed to VDOT's Salem District Office at 540-387-5353 or 1-800-FOR-ROAD.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

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serve," said Erik Johnston, CEO of VACAP. "This commitment will help our Community Action Programs and weatherization partners build on that existing work, reach more families and deliver improvements that support healthier, safer and more energy-efficient homes."

In Hampton Roads, funding also will support resilience hubs at existing community-serving facilities, including solar energy, battery storage and energy-efficiency improvements designed to help those facilities continue serving residents during extreme weather and other emergencies.

Google and VACAP were to highlight the collaboration Oct. 6 during VACAP's Pathways from Poverty to Prosperity Summit in the Richmond area.

The initiative will run for one year, with VACAP reporting on program progress and outcomes.

The program builds on Google's years-long commitment to Virginia and its efforts to support energy affordability, workforce development and economic opportunity across the Commonwealth.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

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and recently attended a national competition where she did very well," Botetourt 4-H Extension Agent Tyler Painter said.

The Eastern Regional FFA Contest was held Sept. 18-19 at the Eastern States Exposition as part of The Big E. The annual event features more than 20 career development contests, bringing together high school students from across the Northeast to demonstrate their agricultural skills.

Kelly competed in the FFA Dairy Cattle Handlers competition Sept. 19 and placed 10th.

She was the only student from Botetourt County to qualify for any of the competitions at The Big E this year, according to her mother, Ashley Kelly.

Kelly represented Botetourt County and local FFA and 4-H programs on a national stage.

"It was a huge accomplishment and such an honor to represent Botetourt and our local FFA groups," Ashley Kelly said.

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Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

The stockyard did not submit a sales report this week.

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Knights will host Glenvar in volleyball Thursday

The James River volleyball team will look to get back on the winning track this week when the Knights host Martinsville and arch-rival Glenvar. The River girls have dropped two district matches after opening the season 9-2.

Last week in Hillsville the Knights lost to host Carroll County in a Three Rivers District match. After winning the first set, 25-19, the host Cavaliers pulled out a marathon second set, 32-20. Carroll then won the next two, 25-18 and 25-22, to put it away.

On Monday River was back on the road at Radford and lost another 3RD match in four sets, 25-20, 25-19, 16-25 and 25-16. That dropped River to 3-3 in the district and 9-4 overall.

"These were two rough ones for us," said River coach Linsey Firebaugh. "At Carroll we came out like a ball of fire and were ahead in the second set but errors late in the game, especially when going point for point, really hurt us.

"At Radford it never felt like we truly checked in. We've been dealing with injuries but the things that went wrong in this game were a lot of mental errors. We have a lot of play left so we are really looking at bouncing back quickly."

The Knights were scheduled to play host to Martinsville on Tuesday. Glenvar is here Thursday and the Knights are looking to avenge an early season loss to the Highlanders. Glenvar comes into the week at 14-2.

Next Monday the Knights are at Franklin County for a non-district match.



PHOTO BY BIRDIE BOBLETT

Kinley Millman

Cross country teams have meets on Saturday

The Lord Botetourt and James River cross country teams will hit the trails this Saturday at different events. Lord Botetourt will run in the "Runnin' with the Wolves" event at Jefferson Forest High while James River will run at Randolph Park in Pulaski.

The "Runnin' with the Wolves" event is one of the most popular races of the season for high school runners. It's tough, but fun.

"We're expecting the race at Jefferson Forest to be one of the toughest courses of the season," said LB coach Noel Preece. "It will be a great opportunity for our runners to race for position without having to worry about the clock."

LB was off last weekend but James River competed on Saturday at Green Hill Park in Roanoke County in the East Coast Elite event. It was a cold and rainy day but the meet came off as scheduled.

"We had a hard week of training and, I think, headed into the race we were dead legged," said coach Daphne Davidson. "We still had a few standouts."

Maddie Davidson and Maren Pauley ran a very tight race with Maddie finishing in 21:27.2 and Maren in 21:27.6. Macy Weddle ran a new PR of 22:29, Jasmine Montgomery ran a new PR of 22:36, Jacey Walker ran a new PR of 25:29, Holly Weddle tied her PR, and Alex Bona was seconds away from a new PR.

"On the boys' side, pushing hard in practice this week led to tired legs," said Davidson. "Also, changing the mental thought process of a runner can be harder to overcome than the runner realizes. This race has clocks every kilometer. You get perfect splits by racing this way instead of guessing how fast they ran the last mile. However, this simple change can mess with the head of a runner who is used to racing mile splits. That being said, Braden Jones ran very consistent splits and Mark Voight also ran very consistent splits."

Nolan Linthicum ran great splits and maintained, but missed a PR by a little. Brody Stewart ran a strong race and had a season PR. Barrett Pace lost a shoe during the 3K and finished strong with just one, and Brandon Baka-Collins missed a PR but ran a good race.

The Knights are at Randolph Park in Pulaski this Saturday.

"This race is outside of the teams we normally race, but allows us to see some of our Southwest Virginia competition," said Davidson. "It is held in a park. The course is one loop that goes around the park through the woods on a trail and finishes up a very steep hill."



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Region 2C Player of the Year Landon Bolling

County teams will be represented in state golf tournaments; Bolling is Region 2C Player of the Year for third year in a row

Lord Botetourt and James River will be represented in their respective state golf tournaments next week. Alisa Davidova will be LB's representative in the Class 3 tournament and James River's entire team has qualified for the Class 2 event.

The Class 3 tournament will be held at the Cutalong course at Tributer Resort in Mineral, Va., on Tuesday, October 13. Davidova will compete as an individual after finishing second overall in the Region 3D tournament at the Draper Golf Course. LB's Derek Bond was named All-Region.

The Class 2 state tournament is next Monday, October 12, and it will be played at the Hobbs Hole Golf Course in Tappahannock, Va. The entire James River team will compete after finishing second in the Region 2C tournament Monday at the Stoney Creek course at the Wintergreen Resort in Nellysford, Va.

Three Rivers District rival Floyd County won the region team championship with a score of 316 and River was second at 321. River's Landon Bolling was medalist with a five-under-par 67 on a tough course.

"Landon was on fire," said River coach Donna Cox. "He made some clutch birdie putts on the back nine to secure Region 2C Player of the Year for the third year in a row."

Second for the Knights, and for the tournament, was Mason Gilliland with an even par 72.

"Mason has been our most consistent player all year," said Cox. "He's worked so hard in his high school career and is one of the most patient golfers I've ever coached."

Sophomore Braden Persinger helped secure the runner-up position by shooting an 88 on the day.

"His work ethic and attitude makes him a natural leader on the team," said Cox.

Rounding out the top four scorers was first year golfer Tucker Hall, who finished with a 94. Also playing in the region, but not scoring, were Taylor Trenton with a 95 and Francis Mason at 104.

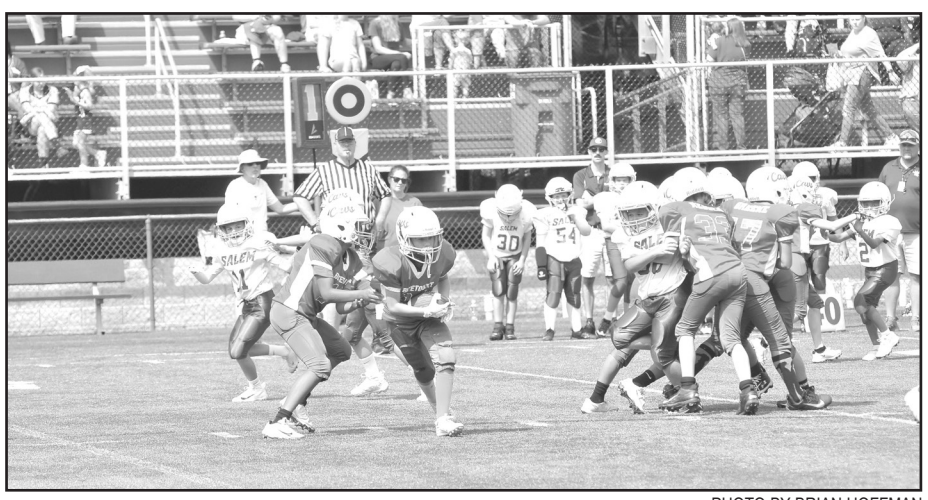


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The Sandlot Super Bowl tournaments begin this Saturday with games at Bogle Field in Roanoke County.

Local Sandlot Super Bowl tournaments begin this week

Bogle Field, behind Cave Spring Middle School, will be the site for opening round games of the Tri-Counties Sandlot Super Bowl Playoffs this Saturday. The event will include sandlot football teams in three divisions from Botetourt County, Roanoke County, Franklin County and Salem.

This Saturday at 9 p.m. the 8U tournament opens with Salem against North Roanoke. Three 10U games follow beginning with Vinton against Franklin County at 10:15 a.m. Salem and Glenvar teams will play at 11:30 a.m. and Botetourt-Gusler will take on the other Franklin County team at 12:45 p.m.

The tournament continues on October 17 with 8U games at Bogle Field, 10U games at Franklin County and 12U games at Northside. Semifinals are October 24 and the three Sandlot Super Bowl championship games will be at Salem Stadium on November 7.

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service and a family reunion that brought together relatives from several states and allowed them to gather in the county where their ancestors settled.

Hermanus Brugh and his wife, Catherine, were living in York County, Pa., during the Revolution. Their fourth son was Daniel and, in 1790, Daniel traded land in York County for property along Looney's Mill Creek in Botetourt County. Daniel's family, including his aging parents, packed their belongings and traveled down the Great Wagon Road to Botetourt County. There, they established a thriving farming operation and later expanded their activities by establishing the Brugh Tavern. The tavern became an important stop for travelers heading south into lands they had received for their Revolutionary War service.

The Botetourt County Chapter NSDAR joined with the Adam Thoroughgood Chapter from Virginia Beach to plan and host this special ceremony. Brugh descendants traveled from several states to honor their ancestors, with many meeting one another for the first time. Obtaining approval for a DAR patriot grave marker is a detailed process that requires extensive documentation and approval from NSDAR headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Family members participated in a special ceremony titled "A Patriot's Empty Chair: The Price of Freedom." Using a Brugh family chair and Bible, as well as a lantern, tricorn hat, and Betsy Ross flag, the ceremony told those present a story of sacrifice, represented by the empty chair; courage, represented by the tricorn hat, a reminder that not all who fought were soldiers; hope, represented by the lantern's flame; faith, represented by the Bible; and unity, woven into the flag. The freedoms enjoyed today were not always freely given; they were earned through the bravery and dedication of those who came before.

Brugh descendants read biographies of their ancestors. Anne Wagner told the story of Hermanus Brugh and Catherine, from their arrival in America to their eventual settlement in Botetourt County. Fran Brugh Hamilton shared the story of Daniel Brugh and his wife, Elizabeth, who welcomed countless families traveling along the Great Wagon Road to their new homes.

Special plaques were unveiled at the graves of Hermanus and Daniel. The plaques note their names, how they supported the Revolution, the names of the chapters that participated in the ceremony, and the date of the unveiling.



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Members of the Botetourt County DAR Chapter at the ceremony

Others who participated included Botetourt County Regent Betty Holt; Adam Thoroughgood Recording Secretary Tara Harl and her daughter, Navy Chaplain Lt. Ailsa Harl; U.S. Army veteran Seyward McKinney; District VII Vice Director Cynthia McKinney; and U.S. Air Force veteran Joe Osburn, who played "Taps."

After the service, everyone was invited to Mill Creek Baptist Church for a luncheon prepared by two Brugh descendants, Pat Shotwell and Nancy Epperly, as well as a cake made by DAR member Michelle Cook. Several descendants brought family items to share, while others told stories from years past. The gathering gave family members an opportunity to connect, honor their ancestors, and learn more about their family history.

The Brugh Tavern, built by Daniel and Elizabeth, is currently located at Explore Park, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 115 in Roanoke.

~ Botetourt County DAR

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Gary Larrowe said in a news release. "His deep understanding of local government operations, combined with proven leadership across multiple Virginia localities, makes him exceptionally well-suited for this role. We're excited to welcome Steve back."

Sandy began his local government career in Botetourt County before moving into planning, community development and administrative roles in Virginia.

He holds a bachelor's degree in natural resource management from North Carolina State University and a master's degree in urban and regional planning from Virginia Tech. He also earned a graduate certificate in public administration from Virginia Tech and completed the National Association of Counties' High Performance Leadership Academy.

Sandy is a certified professional planner through the American Planning Association and holds Certified Zoning Administrator and Certified Transportation Manager credentials through the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials.

The county said Sandy also has experience in budgeting, human resources, emergency services and general county operations. He has served on the Virginia Broadband Advisory Council since 2020, including under three governors.

"I'm excited to return to Botetourt County and to have the opportunity to serve the community where my local government career began," Sandy said.

Moorman, who has spent more than 30 years with Botetourt County, will continue serving through the end of the year to assist with the transition before concluding his service Jan. 1.

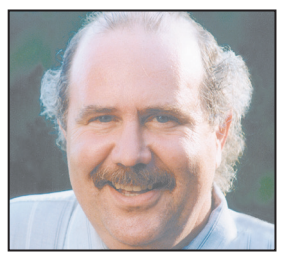
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Bulldogs shut out James River in football

The host Bulldogs used a solid rushing attack to control the game in a 28-0 football win over James River last Friday night in Martinsville. River will try to bounce back this week with the annual "Virginia Media Rocking Chair" game at Glenvar.

After a scoreless first quarter Martinsville scored two rushing touchdowns in the second period and never let River get back in the game. The Bulldogs led in time of possession, 31 minutes to 17 for River, as they controlled the clock and the game.

"Martinsville did a good job," said River coach Jack Baker. "They have a couple kids who are really good football players and we never got close to scoring when it mattered."

The Bulldogs rolled up 382 yards of rushing on 45 carries to control the tempo of the game. They had 16 rushing first downs and only passed once the whole game.

Meanwhile, the Knights never could threaten on offense when they had the ball. They had 149 yards total for the game, led by Bentley Painter with 140 yards rushing on 40 attempts.

Defensively, Merit Hammons and Eli Baldwin led the Knights with 13 tackles each and Briar Sink had a dozen. Painter had a fumble recovery for River.

The loss dropped the Knights to 3-3 on the season and they're back on the road this week for a game at Glenvar. The Highlanders are coming off a trip to the state championship game last year but lost a lot of seniors and are 3-3 like James River.

"Last year was a special Glenvar team," said Baker. "They lost some good football players but they've won a lot of games over the years."

This is the game for the "Virginia Media Rocking Chair." The winner gets to have the chair, painted in James River and Glenvar colors, until next year's game. Virginia Media includes The Fincastle Herald and Salem Times-Register newspapers, covering both participants, and it's been an annual right since Glenvar left the Pioneer District for the Three Rivers in 1996. The two teams had been big rivals in the Pioneer and it added a little incentive to the game, even though the two teams were no longer district rivals.

Now, both are in the Three Rivers District and it's a big game both for the chair, district bragging rights, and VHSL points for post-season possibilities. Glenvar has held the chair for the past 11 meetings, and holds a 22-6 edge overall, but the Knights see an opportunity to regain the rocker this year.

"It's been a while, long before I was here, but the kids know about it and would love to have it back at James River," said Baker.



PHOTO BY BIRDIE BOBLETT

The Knights will try to bring the "Virginia Media Rocking Chair" back to Springwood this Friday.



PHOTO BY KATIE PERRY

The Lord Botetourt football team returns after a bye week to host Franklin County for Homecoming this Friday.

Botetourt will host Franklin County for Homecoming

The Lord Botetourt football team is back in action this week after taking last Friday off with a bye.

"It was a good bye week," said LB coach Nick Leftwich. "We got some people healthy and worked a lot on us."

The Cavaliers come in at 2-3 on the season against non-district opponents. Friday's game will be the first of five Blue Ridge District games in the second half of the regular season. Franklin County is winless after five games but that's deceiving. They've played a schedule that includes undefeated Magna Vista, 4-1 Salem, Patrick Henry and Liberty Christian and 4-2 Bassett. The Eagles' five opponents to date are a combined 21-5.

"Looking at their record would be a mistake," said Leftwich. "Their schedule is probably among the top 10 toughest schedules in the state.

"Franklin County has a tough football team. They play incredibly hard and I have a lot of respect for coach (JR) Edwards. I wouldn't be where I am without him, he's someone I leaned on quite a bit over the years."

It's also Homecoming for Lord Botetourt. That can prove to be a distraction at some schools but Leftwich put it in perspective.

"We approach it like any other game," he said. "They can have their fun as long as they realize Homecoming doesn't exist without football. I stress that to our players."



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Botetourt girls raise over $10,000 to fight kids cancer



The combined Lord Botetourt jayvee and varsity volleyball teams join with the late Dalton Close's mother and sister for a photo prior to last week's game with William Byrd, a fundraiser to "Spike Out Kids Cancer."



Botetourt's Ava Stephens goes high to spike the ball between two Terrier blockers.



PHOTOS BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Dalton Close's family (from left), brother Titus, sister Tinsley, mom Dana and father Tim address the crowd at last week's "Spike Out Kids Cancer Night" at the Lord Botetourt volleyball game with William Byrd.

The Lord Botetourt volleyball team played host to William Byrd last week in a game that was more important than a Blue Ridge District win. The two teams combined to raise $10,045 that was donated to the Life Ring Foundation.

The evening was dubbed "Spike Out Kids Cancer" and it was a special event for the two schools involved, who both lost fellow students to cancer in the past year. Dalton Close was taken by the disease from his loving friends at LB and the William Byrd student body suffered a similar fate when Cam Thepsimuong succumbed after a valiant battle. The money raised was donated in the name of Dalton and Cam.

Both teams wore special shirts for the game, and after a ceremony between the jayvee and varsity games, the Lord Botetourt girls came out on top in four sets, 25-20, 12-25, 25-16 and 25-17. Ava Stephens led the Cavs with 16 kills and five blocks. Skyla Corkins had nine kills and Adyson Greathouse had four blocks for LB.

On Saturday the Cavaliers played five best-of-three games in a big event at Cave Spring High School, winning three. Botetourt beat Hidden Valley, two sets to one, and Rustburg and Liberty Christian in two straight. They lost to host Cave Spring in two sets and Abingdon in three.

Tuesday of this week LB was scheduled to host Northside with a trip to Franklin County on Friday. Next Tuesday Staunton River is here for a Blue Ridge match.