



## Board of Supervisors recognizes tenured employees, Mill Creek Child Care, and the FFA National President

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During the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors' December meeting, many county employees were recognized for their tenured services to the county.

County Administrator Gary Larrowe and Deputy Administrator David Moorman recognized these employees and presented each with certificates of appreciation. Each year, the board recognizes those employees whose employment anniversaries occurred in the previous year. The 2022 Employee Recognition awards were presented to:

5 YEARS—Susan Blaylock, Jake East, Gary Fisher, Angela Veldhuizen, and William Wrenn

10 YEARS—Justin Bunn, Penny Firestone, Thomas Holdren, and Debra Wilson

15 YEARS—Brandon Golla

30 YEARS—Tommy Moore

Additionally, Buchanan board representative Amy White presented an award of recognition to Mill Creek Child Care's Cherry Ramsey and Debbie Mowles for 40 years of dedicated service to Botetourt County. White expressed her appreciation

for Ramsey and Mowles for their years of dedication to child care services.

"What I think is really meaningful here is that we have so much to be thankful for about our community," White said. "I think [Ramsey and Mowles's] story really exemplifies the heart of our community. Who else gets to grow up with someone... and run a lifelong business with someone all the while caring for the community."

Before reading the resolution, White noted that Ramsey and Mowles are "visionaries" for their work in child care services, filling "a need and a void" for families throughout Botetourt County. The board and meeting attendees applauded Ramsey and Mowles for their service to the community.

On behalf of the board, Chairman Dr. Richard Bailey recognized Andrew Seibel, who was recently announced as the 95th 2023 FFA National President. Seibel is a graduate of Lord Botetourt High School and currently a sophomore at Virginia Tech.

"We're certainly proud to have a representative from our county [becoming FFA National President]," Bailey said. "It's quite an honor."

Seibel thanked the board for the



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County Administrator Gary Larrowe (left) and Board of Supervisors Chairman Dr. Richard Bailey (right) join 40-year Botetourt County employee, Clerk of the Court Tommy Moore during the board's annual employee appreciation at its Dec. meeting.

recognition and updated them on his current goings on since becoming president. A few of his early highlights included meeting with President Joe Biden and Governor Glenn Youngkin talking about the importance of career and technical education. In the next few months, Seibel will travel about 120,000 miles representing the FFA

both domestically and internationally.

"This is a privilege that very few people get," Seibel said during his recognition. "It's something that I'm very honored to have."

Seibel spoke about what it means to hold his new position and how much he looks forward to working with individuals all around the world.

## Botetourt County receives state funding for revitalization project for retail Buchanan brewery



FILE PHOTO

The Roanoke-based Sycamore Development Company purchased the former Groendyk manufacturing buildings (pictured here in 2018) in Buchanan last October. The state awarded Botetourt \$450,000 towards the revitalization project, turning manufacturing buildings into a retail brewery.

Governor Glenn Youngkin announced that Botetourt County awarded \$450,000 towards a revitalization project in the Town of Buchanan in a press release last week. The grant is part of the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) 2022 Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) and will be used in partnership with Factory Flats LLC to renovate one of the former Groendyk Manufacturing buildings into a retail brewery. The Botetourt County Economic Development Authority will administer the funds that will be made available to the private developer as a loan.

This project will rejuvenate economic activity along the town's main corridor as well as provide much needed housing opportunities in the area. The brewery alone anticipates the creation of 10 new jobs to the community.

"I am thrilled with this

announcement and what this will mean for the Town of Buchanan, and for the entire community," said Amy White, Buchanan Board of Supervisors representative. "This moment really speaks to the power of partnerships and to innovative planning. The repurposing of this Buchanan landmark is truly a transformational and impactful endeavor."

Based on community responses, redevelopment of the former Groendyk Manufacturing buildings was designated a high priority within the Town of Buchanan and Botetourt County Comprehensive Plans. With its construction dating back to 1906, the reimagined use of the downtown property, now called Factory Flats, will make a significant impact to the town's economic development while also preserving the building's history.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BCHM

Pictured from left to right are Cathy Cronise, board member of BCHS; Ed Holt III, donor and BCHS board member; Susan Hays, board member and Artifacts Committee chairperson; and Weldon Martin, board member and treasurer.

## Botetourt Historical Museum receives 1776 document

The Botetourt County Historical Museum recently received a new acquisition when George E. Holt III, on behalf of Borden Run LLC, donated the original document commissioning Lt. Col George Skillern into the Botetourt County Militia, by the

Committee of Safety of the Colony of Virginia. The document is dated April 4, 1776. Col. Skillern subsequently led Botetourt County troops during the Revolutionary War.

Robert Stoner, author of "A Seedbed of the Republic," describes the document as hanging

on the wall of a direct descendant in a home located in Cherry Tree Bottom, near present day Buchanan. The home incorporated a portion of Col. Skillern's dwelling in Cherry Tree Bottom and was hanging there in the 1960s. Col. Skillern

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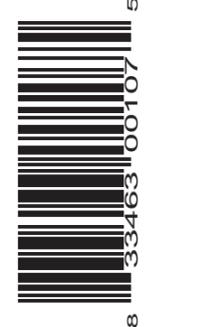
## Looking back at 2022



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This edition of The Fincastle Herald looks back on 2022. Botetourt County experienced an eventful year. Take a look back on some of the momentous happenings and celebrations inside this issue.

**Daleville town center**  
2023 Happy New Year



# Botetourt County History



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BOTETOURT HISTORY MUSEUM

When the clock stuck midnight on December 31, 2022, another year ended and a new year began. Keeping track of time has evolved throughout history. From watching the sky to analog to digital, humans depend on time. This early calendar grandfather clock was donated to Botetourt's History Museum on December 14, 2022, by Margaret Fluke's niece, Sarah Muth. It is hand

painted and shows the monthly date. Margaret H. Fluke was born on 6-12-1918 and passed away on 11-19-2022. She gave many valuable artifacts to the BCHS Museum over her long life as well as this clock. She was a lifelong resident of Blue Ridge and was honored by BCHS in 2018 with the Garland Stevens Award. In December 2013 she was featured in the

BCHS newsletter "A Touch of History" in an article written by former docent Patty King. According to "The Vinton Messenger" and author Deedie Kagey in her book "From Bonsack to Blue Ridge..." Miss Fluke lived in the Botetourt community named "Fluke." It was named for the settler Peter Flook, who arrived in the area in the 1790s. He purchased 350 acres of land and opened a tavern called Mountain House. It was originally a hand-hewn log building that housed those traveling by horseback or stagecoach on the major east-west route nearby which started as a Native American trail. Railroad tracks were eventually laid adjacent to the tavern, which led to an influx of German settlers eager to farm the rich soil. Margaret's family owned the Fluke tavern until her parents, Peter H. and Mary Hogan Fluke, tore it down in 1928 to build a better family home for their three daughters. Come see this new addition to the BCHS Museum and learn more about its rich history. The website is -Bothistsoc.Wordpress.com.

~ Botetourt County Historical Museum

# ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for December 26-January 1:

- Robert K. Browning, 54, Roanoke, domestic assault, preventing another from calling 911, Dec. 26
- Jessica M. Dooley, 26, Boyton Beach, Fla., driving with forfeited license, Dec. 27
- Eric N. Turner, 23, Roanoke, interfering with property rights, DUI, Dec. 28
- Alexis J. Henderson, 23, Troutville, drunk in public, Dec. 28
- Curtis L. Parr, 67, Fincastle, domestic assault, Dec. 29
- Johnny N. Forehand, 60, Daleville, DUI, Dec. 30
- Ronald E. Cantley, 63, Troutville, drunk in public, Dec. 30
- Selvin E. Medina Sanchez, 26, Roanoke, DUI, Jan. 1

# Post 240 Notes

## American Legion Post donates blankets to veterans in Troutville

American Legion Post 240 recently distributed fleece-lined blankets to all the veterans who reside at the Cave Creek Assisted Living Center on Rt. 11 in Troutville. Commander Dennis Craft and Adjutant Joel Eig had a meet and greet with all the veterans that Chery, the assistant manager, had arranged and then made sure each member received a nice warm, new blanket. All recipients expressed their thanks for their Christmas gift.

## AL Post 240 meets Thursday

American Legion Post 240 will hold its first monthly meeting of 2023 on Thursday, Jan. 5, at the VFW Hall at the corner of Rt. 220 and Country Club Road, Daleville. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. with a light supper. The business meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m. and usually lasts one hour.

# BUCHANAN EVENTS

## Buchanan Festival of Lights

The Festival of Lights will be on this weekend to drive through on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. If you have enjoyed the light display and would like to see this activity be repeated in 2023 you can help make this happen with a donation to the Festival of Lights. Donations may be made payable to Town of Buchanan Festival of Lights and mailed to Town of Buchanan, P.O. Box 205, Buchanan, 24066, or dropped off at the Buchanan Town Hall in person during regular business hours.

## Second Sunday Dinner

The next Second Sunday Dinner is scheduled for January 8. Dine in or carry out from noon until 1:30

p.m. January's meal includes fresh green salad, homemade lasagna, garlic bread and dessert for \$12. Place your reservation to dine in or orders for carry out by 5 p.m. January 6 by calling 540-580-8944 or texting 540-510-0780. Include your name, phone number or email, and the number of meals you wish to order. You will receive a follow up confirmation. Proceeds help preserve the Historic Wilson Warehouse.

## Epiphany Bonfire

Gather with family and friends on the Buchanan Town Park to enjoy an old-fashioned Epiphany Bon Fire on the Buchanan Town Park at 485 Lowe Street starting at 7:00 p.m. Bring your Christmas Tree with you to add to the bonfire while enjoying this gathering including hot chocolate.

# FINCASTLE EVENTS

**Managing Someone Else's Money** - Wednesday, Jan. 11, 11a.m., at the Fincastle Library.

If you or a loved one is taking on the role of a financial caregiver, BBB has advice on legal terms and responsibilities, as well as how to recognize financial exploitation and abuse.

**Fincastle Winter Market** - Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room (upstairs).

**Botetourt County Courthouse: A Discussion & History** - Saturday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m., at the Fincastle Library. Get the inside scoop on the construction of a new courthouse and what's moving and happening around it. Learn the history and significance of the courthouse in the community.

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**Thursday, Jan. 5 7:30 p.m.**

**Puss in Boots The Last Wish**  
(2022) Puss in Boots' passion for adventure has taken its toll: he has burned through 8 of his 9 lives. Puss sets out on a journey to find the mythical Last Wish and restore his 9 lives.  
**Friday & Saturday, Jan. 6 & 7 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Jan. 8 3 p.m.**  
**Thursday, Jan. 12 7:30 p.m.**



# Library BUZZ

Here is a list of upcoming library events: BOCO Eclectic Readers: Historical Fiction

## League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

### Meet Cooper

Cooper is a super sweet and energetic Beagle! He is HW negative and up to date on vaccines. He has been neutered and is ready to find his forever home. Cooper is 1 year old and is micro-chipped.



The shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090. LAP Shelter Needs: Purina One (red bag) dog food, Purina One (blue bag) cat food, bleach, Top Job, Mr. Clean, bleach, paper towels, laundry detergent, quality canned cat and dog food, cat and dog treats, dog pooper scoopers, and cat litter.

Buchanan - Wed, Jan 4, 10:30am  
Discuss "Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier

**Employment Scams and Job Search Tips (BBB)**  
Blue Ridge - Mon, Jan 9, 11am  
How do you know if a job offer is a scam? Find out how to detect fake job postings and identify the real deal safely.

**Yoga for Beginners**  
Eagle Rock - Tuesdays 10:00am  
Stretch your brain and body with yoga poses. Adaptable for all ages, abilities, and body types. Instruction provided by

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# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



**Boy Scouts raise a 13-star American flag during the dedication of the Col. William Preston Memorial located outside of the Botetourt County Administrative Offices at Greenfield last summer.**



**Norvel Lee's granddaughter, Tiffany Ayler, sees the historical marker dedicated in memory of her grandfather during a ceremony held in Sept. at the U.S. Route 220/Route 622 intersection in Gala.**

## Historic dedications: Preston Memorial and Norvel Lee marker

Botetourt saw two historic dedications over the summer of 2022. After two years awaiting its proper dedication, the Col. William Preston Memorial outside of the Botetourt County Administrative Offices at Greenfield finally saw its day in the sun back in June. Members of the community, including direct descendants of William Preston, gathered as members of Botetourt's administration and individuals responsible for conceptualizing the memorial spoke during the dedication.

William Preston was the most significant founder and leader of Botetourt County. He was the dominant military and political leader in southwestern Virginia for 20 years, including the American Revolution. Preston led the development of Botetourt, Fincastle, and Montgomery counties and was the highest-ranking military officer in those counties. He served for six years in the Virginia House of Burgesses.

The ceremony was initially scheduled for May of 2020, but due to the pandemic, plans changed. The Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) initiated the plans for the ceremony two years ago. President of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) Bruce Meyer previously stated the Preston memorial ceremony was a part of his "presidential initiatives" once he took over the position.

During a dedication ceremony off

Route 220 North in Botetourt County in early September, Botetourt County administration, friends, and family unveiled the Norvel LaFayette Ray Lee historical marker.

Lt. Col. Norvel Lee was raised in Eagle Rock during the time of Jim Crow. He went on to become an Olympic champion, Tuskegee Airman, World War II veteran, prominent educator, youth mentor, and civil rights leader. Following a 1948 arrest in Covington for refusing to leave a whites-only section of a train car, the Virginia Supreme Court of appeals reversed his conviction in 1949. Three years later, Lee won an Olympic gold medal in boxing for the United States in Helsinki, Finland.

Last year, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution requesting the placement of a VDHR marker for Norvel Lee near the U.S. Route 220/Route 622 intersection (Narrow Passage Road) in the Gala area, about 2.5 miles north of the Eagle Rock Library, now known as the Norvel Lee Memorial Highway.

Botetourt County Director of Communications Tiffany Bradbury hosted the proceedings, introducing guest speakers Del. Terry Austin, Supervisor Steve Clinton, DHR representative Brendan Burke, former Roanoke mayor the Rev. Nelson Harris, author Ken Conklin, and Lee's granddaughter Tiffany Ayler.

## Parks & Rec department has an exciting 2022, looking forward to 2023 events

The Botetourt County Parks & Recreation Department had an exciting 2022. One of the major highlights came in the form of the 2022 Recreation Incentive Funds. This program offers matching funds to community service groups, individuals and businesses wishing to make recreation-related capital improvements that benefit the general public. Seven county organizations, including non-profit entities and Botetourt County schools, were awarded \$44,551.60.

This year's recipients are: Buchanan Elementary for new playground equipment - \$74,000 (total project cost), \$10,000 (requested); Read Mountain Middle School for improvements to concession stand - \$3,374 (total project), \$1,687 (requested); Breckinridge Elementary for construction of new

pavilion - \$12,359.74 (total project), \$6,179.87 (requested); Cloverdale Church of the Brethren for new playground equipment - \$24,216.39 (total cost), \$10,000 (requested); James River High School for auxiliary gym scoreboards - \$10,245 (total cost), \$5,122.50 (requested); Troutville Elementary for track and blacktop surface improvements - \$20,752 (total cost), \$10,000 (requested); Lord Botetourt High School for a softball field sound system - \$3,124.46 (total cost), \$1,562.23 (requested).

"Many of the 2022-2023 Recreation Incentive Projects have already begun," Parks & Rec Director Mandy Adkins said in a recent email. "Funding recipients have 18 months to complete their projects. All projects will be completed by June 2024, but many are projected to



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**Botetourt County Recreation Manager Shontae' Wade (left), Director of Parks & Recreation Mandy Adkins, and Recreation Coordinator Chris Mundy**

be finished well before that. Next year's grant cycle will open on August 1, 2023."

Another welcome change last year was the department's first full calendar year of regular programming post-pandemic. Adkins stated that the department saw an increase in youth athletics participation

and is excited to begin to expand programming.

In June 2022, Botetourt County Parks & Recreation partnered with the Department of Wildlife Resources to

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purchased the land in Cherry Tree Bottom in 1764, prior to the founding of Botetourt County in 1770.

Col. Skillern had served as a Justice of the Peace and in the militia of Augusta County prior to the founding of Botetourt County. He was one the first justices of Botetourt County and served in the militia, on the local roads commission, as sheriff of Botetourt County and as a member of the House of Delegates representing Botetourt County. He was a successful planter of

hemp, which was one of the major cash crops in early Botetourt.

Lynsey Allie, executive director of The Botetourt County Historical Society, expressed appreciation to the Holt family for donating this important piece of early Botetourt County history, and said, "This is a great addition to the society's holdings, and we are beyond thrilled to have this unique artifact in our collection. We hope to use the document to expand

the understanding of Colonial Botetourt and to help in interpreting those times to our visitors."

The museum, located at 26 East Main Street, one block from the Botetourt County Courthouse, is open daily, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Admission is free.

- Botetourt County Historical Museum

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"On behalf of Factory Flats, we are excited to get this redevelopment project underway. The Groendyk building is a great opportunity to repurpose an historic structure for mixed use that benefits both the community and its future residents. Aided by obtaining historic tax credits, we plan to preserve much of the historic fabric of the buildings including the brick, flooring, window openings, and roofline," said Chris Vail, lead developer.

More than \$24.7 million in 20 IRF grants

were awarded throughout the Commonwealth. IRF grants provide financing for construction projects targeted toward revitalizing vacant non-residential structures of which the poor condition significantly impacts the surrounding area where the structure is located.

"The transformation of older, vacant or blighted structures into productive, usable spaces is crucial to catalyzing economic growth to create thriving communities,"

said Governor Glenn Youngkin. "The Industrial Revitalization Fund continues to be an important resource for those redevelopment efforts, spurring regional partnerships, economic development and job growth across the Commonwealth."

- Botetourt County Communications

### Stockyard Report

**Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard: 405 Head**  
**Graded Feeder Steers**  
 400-499: \$173.00-189.00  
 500-599: \$168.00-185.00  
 600-699: \$124.00-183.00  
 700-799: \$115.00-140.00  
**Graded Feeder Bulls**  
 400-499: \$124.00-155.00  
 500-599: \$145.00-160.00  
 600-699: \$120.00-148.00  
**Graded Feeder Heifers**  
 300-399: \$117.00  
 400-499: \$147.00  
 500-599: \$147.00  
 600-699: \$ 85.00-131.50  
 700-799: \$ 70.00-127.50  
**Cows:** \$ 36.00-89.00  
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**Head Cows:** \$700.00-1,700.00  
**Cow/Calf Pairs:** \$1,275.00-1,700.00

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Botetourt County School Board Work Session**

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Work Session on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Central Administration Office, 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia, with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live.

# Library Buzz from page 2

the Botetourt Family YMCA.

- Puzzle Club**  
Blue Ridge - Wednesdays 10:30am  
Buchanan & Fincastle - Mondays 10:30am  
Eagle Rock - Fridays 10:30am  
Meet new friends and challenge your brain with jigsaw puzzles! Great way to socialize on cold winter days.
- Scrabble Club**  
Blue Ridge & Eagle Rock - Mondays 10:30am  
Buchanan & Fincastle - Wednesdays 10:30  
Improve your vocabulary and meet new friends!
- Card Games**  
Blue Ridge & Eagle Rock - Fridays 10:30am

- Join new and old friends in the card game of your choice.
- Art Tells the Story: A Caldecott Book Club (Kids)**  
Blue Ridge - Wed, Jan 4, 4pm  
Fincastle - Wed, Jan 11, 4pm  
Each year, the Caldecott Medal is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. Join us as we celebrate this year's nominees and discuss how art can tell a story, even without words.
- LEGO Club (Kids)**  
Blue Ridge - Thursdays 4pm  
Buchanan - Tuesdays 4pm  
Eagle Rock - Thursdays 2:30pm  
Fincastle - Mondays 4pm

- Kids and teens learn engineering skills and use their creativity in LEGO challenges.
- STEM Club (Kids)**  
Blue Ridge & Fincastle - Tuesdays 4:00pm  
Buchanan - Wednesdays 4:00pm  
Eagle Rock - Tuesdays 2:30pm  
Kids learn how machines work and how to think critically in hands-on activities using science, technology, engineering, and math.
- Kids Club**  
Blue Ridge - Fridays 3:00pm  
Buchanan - Thursdays 4pm  
Eagle Rock - Fridays 2:30pm  
Dive into different creative activities every week!

# Parks & Rec from page 3

present BOCO WILD, a celebration and expo of outdoor recreation. Previously known as the Botetourt Fishing Carnival, BOCO WILD encompassed a diverse array of outdoor interests— including the historically popular community tradition of fishing instruction, as well as wildlife education, hunting safety, paddling instruction, boating education, and much more.

June was a busy month for the department as Botetourt County was one of five host localities for the Carilion Clinic IRONMAN 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge. From June 29-July 2, 2022, Botetourt County, along with Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, and Roanoke City, hosted the USA Cycling Amateur Road National Championships. Three of the four days of competition were located in Botetourt County and the Parks and Recreation team, along with Botetourt Fire & EMS and Botetourt Sheriff's Office, played a vital role in the execution and success of that event. "We saw hundreds of visitors come to Botetourt to participate in the competition and received incredible feedback on the beautiful scenery, hospitality, and cycling opportunities offered within the county," Adkins said.

The department expanded the Movie in the Park series and announced a new basketball program for athletes between 13-18 years old. After not receiving enough registrations for these age groups to have a traditional basketball league,

Recreation Manager Shontae' Wade and Recreation Coordinator Chris Mundy put their heads together to develop an alternative other than automatically offering participants a refund. What was designed was a pick-up league that will begin in January. Athletes registered for the program will play an officiated pick-up game with their peers on Saturday afternoons, but will not have practice during the week like a traditional league. Families were given the opportunity for a refund if this was not the type of program they were interested in, but most families opted to participate.

"We are excited to be able to provide the space and opportunity for these students to play the game they love," Adkins added. "This will be the pilot year of the program, but we hope that it will continue to grow."

Another highlight of 2022 was the creation of the hybrid position between libraries and Parks and Recreation. In November, it was announced that Jennifer Hannah would serve as the Eagle Rock Library Branch Supervisor. In this newly created position, Jennifer oversees the facility, staff, and general library operations as well as Parks and Recreation non-athletics programming, such as social, recreational, and health/wellness events.

"We are so excited to have Jennifer on our team and expand our non-athletics program offerings," Adkins said. "Personally, I am so grateful to Library

Director Julie Phillips and her library team for being willing to partner with us. Additionally, I appreciate our great County Administration who allowed us to think outside of the box and develop this hybrid position which will benefit both departments and residents."

Additionally, in 2022 the Botetourt Sports Complex hosted tournaments 25 out of 31 weekends between late March and mid-October, and Botetourt County's Van Program continued to offer transportation services to medical appointments and basic errands to seniors within the county.

Looking ahead to 2023, the department will be kicking off the new year with two new programs in partnership with the county libraries beginning in January. The first is "Yoga for Beginners" at the Eagle Rock Library. The first class is Tuesday, January 10, and meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Community members can call 540-928-2800 to secure their spot in the class.

Another fun opportunity kicking off in January is the Puzzle Club, Scrabble Club, and Card Games Club which will take place at all four library branches. These are great for all ages. All clubs start at 10:30 a.m. on the following days:

In addition to these new programs, community members can expect to see a few other group exercise classes being offered through Parks and Recreation later in 2023. Other exciting things

happening in 2023 include an even bigger and better BOCO Wild event in June. Stay tuned for the date announcement within the coming weeks. Additionally, there will be a lot of volunteer opportunities for community members interested in being part of the 2023 Carilion Clinic IRONMAN 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge and USA Cycling Amateur Road National Championships in June.

"Our team is also working on several other exciting new programs that will launch in 2023, but details are still being ironed out," Adkins said. "One new opportunity to be on the lookout for is a fly-fishing program that is in development. Details will be announced in late winter."

In addition to all the exciting new programs the Parks & Rec Department is launching, it will continue to offer our youth athletics programs throughout the year which include; tackle and flag football, cheerleading, soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, and T-ball. Registration for spring baseball, softball, and T-ball will open on January 8, and fall athletics registration will open in May.

Community members can stay up to date on all Parks and Recreation news by visiting the website ([www.bocorecreation.info](http://www.bocorecreation.info)) and following on Facebook. Individuals may also have news emailed or texted directly to them by visiting [www.bocorecreation.info](http://www.bocorecreation.info) and clicking Notifications.



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# Botetourt Worship Directory

## ANGLICAN

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

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**  
**New Beginnings Assembly of God**, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday night Worship 6 p.m., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00 p.m., Pastor Wanda Scaggs, 704-310-6946; Jack Scaggs, 540-314-4243. 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.

**CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**

**Botetourt Church of God of Prophecy** - (formerly Flatwoods COGOP & Fincastle COGOP), Roanoke & Academy Streets, Fincastle, Va 24090, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship 11:00 AM, Sun. Evening 6:30 PM, Wed. Evening 7:00 PM, Pastor Peggy Brown, 540-992-3696.

**INDEPENDENT BAPTIST**

**Colonial Baptist Church** - 221 Hillcrest St., Blue Ridge, VA 24064. Phone 540-977-5683. Senior Pastor Joel A. Wegner; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships; 10:30 a.m. Worship (Nursery, Tots' & Children's Church) - broadcast on Facebook Live; One Sunday evening worship per month at 6 p.m. Wednesday schedule during the school year: 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Studies; 6:45 p.m. WOL Teens, 7 p.m. WOL Gopher Buddies & Olympians (Age 3-Grade 6), 7 p.m. MERGE (College Age). E-mail: [office@cbcbueridge.org](mailto:office@cbcbueridge.org); website: [www.cbcbueridge.org](http://www.cbcbueridge.org); On Facebook, Instagram, YouTube

**Crossroads Baptist Church** - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M.

**Faith Baptist Church**- 4258 Botetourt Rd., 4 miles N. of Fincastle; Dr. John W. Reynolds, pastor- teacher, 473-2325, [jwr56fbc@yahoo.com](mailto:jwr56fbc@yahoo.com). Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. [fincastlefaith.com](http://fincastlefaith.com).

**Lapsleys Run Baptist Church**- Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., Pastor. 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; Day-care 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](http://buchananbaptist.com); Phone - 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

**Cave Rock Baptist Church** - 2233 Stoney Battery Road, Troutville. Pastor Mark Childers, 540-765-8855. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Daleville Baptist Church**- Corner of Valley Rd. and Orchard Dr., 992-1570; Senior Pastor Wes Belcher; Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Youth 6:30 p.m., Children (age 4-5th grade) 6:45 p.m., Bible study & prayer 7:00 p.m.

**Fincastle Baptist Church**- Located at 7330 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, Rt. 220, 1 mile south of Fincastle, 540-473-2861; [www.fincastlebaptist.org](http://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 Rd., Blue Ridge; 977-1686 or 309-1908, Rev. Steve McChesney. Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Bible study starting with supper at 6 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](mailto: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](http://www.phbcweb.com).

**Springwood Baptist Church** - 88 Cops Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email - [pmike09@outlook.com](mailto: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, Pastor Dr. Jeff Ritchey. Sunday School 9:45 AM; Worship 11 AM. Wednesday: Adult Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30PM; 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 10a.m., Worship 11 a.m., Youth activities grades 6-12 at 5:30 p.m.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
**Cloverdale Church of the Brethren**- 4708 Read Mtn.

## Almighty God

Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh. When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him.

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

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 Burkhardt, preschool director.

**Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren**- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd. (Rt. 43), Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Pastor Zach Hatcher. 884-2292 (church), 815-9224 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly. Please contact church for additional bible studies schedule.

**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.

**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 a.m. Sunday Night Meetings: Rainbows, 5:30 pm; Christ Seekers, 6:00 pm. Wednesday Night Meetings: Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Choir practice, 7:00 pm. Family Fellowship Time will be held each 3rd Sunday of the month. Handicap Accessible. Our email address is: [Troutvillecob@hotmail.com](mailto:Troutvillecob@hotmail.com).

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Dale Ridge Church of Christ** - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., Roanoke, 24019; beside the Botetourt Athletic Club. Leave message 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Please come visit us in person or get to know about us first by visiting our web page: [daleridgechurchofchrist.net](http://daleridgechurchofchrist.net). Updated each week with a new sermon by Mike Mazzalongo, four minutes of video showing our nearly six acres of land and our beautiful, functional inside facilities, articles, events, news from Christian sources around the world and

here locally plus much, much more. See how many ways Dale Ridge is "Reaching Out There" to the Roanoke Valley with the "Good News of Jesus. By clicking on "visit us virtually" real time access to our Worship services is available via your computer, a tablet or smartphone: Just follow the instructions. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe the Holy Spirit is a gift to every Christian upon their response to the Gospel as demonstrated by the 3000 obedient souls in (Acts 2:38). We believe Jesus is the only author of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Have you been looking for a church family that is progressive, outside the box thinkers, led by the Holy Spirit into all truth. (John 16:13). You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. (John 13:35) Real time contact thru our website via email.

**ECKANKAR**

**Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom**, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. The Center was closed during the COVID crisis but is now open. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit [www.eck-va.org](http://www.eck-va.org), [www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group](http://www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group) or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

**EPISCOPAL**

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

**LUTHERAN**

**Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)** - 4535 Bonsack Road, Roanoke, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at [os-roanoke.com](http://os-roanoke.com). Phone: 540-977-4888. Mailing address PO Box 916, Blue Ridge, VA 24064.

**Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church**- 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (in person or parking lot, tune car radio to 88.9 FM). The Rev. Chuck Miller, 540-589-7553. Facebook, <http://www.wheatlandlutheran.org>; [teemwheatland@gmail.com](mailto: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., Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M., 4th Sunday Evenings at 7:00

P.M.  
**Woodland Church-A Place Where You Can Grow** - 45 Woodland Rd. Troutville, VA. Corner of Blacksburg/Country Club Rds., 3.5 miles W. of Fincastle; 992-1008. Sunday School, 10AM; Worship 11AM, Wed. Prayer Meeting 7PM (Call for more information).

**PRESBYTERIAN**

**Buchanan Presbyterian Church** - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Interim Pastor Skip Hastings. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 10:15 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's nursery with background checked approved staff. 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. AA meetings are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: [www.buchananpresbyterian.org](http://www.buchananpresbyterian.org). Contact [www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org](mailto:www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org)

**Fincastle Presbyterian Church** - 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The Reverend David Dickerson is the minister with the Worship Service held from 10:30 - 11:30 Sunday mornings. Services are now being held in the sanctuary with no restrictions...unvaccinated individuals are still requested to wear their masks. The service will also be live-streamed via Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastlepresbyterianchurch>). New members are welcome to join our hand bell and vocal choirs. (No musical experience is required...just a desire to worship the Lord and to have fun!) The church is handicapped accessible. For more information: [fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) or (540)473-2042.

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

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

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**

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

**UNITED METHODIST**

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

**Eagle Rock United Methodist Church** - 14565 Church St. Eagle Rock 10:15 AM; Glen Wilton UMC, Main St. Glen Wilton, 9:00 AM; Shiloh UMC, Shiloh Rd, Eagle Rock, 11:15 AM. Pastor Ray Sandifer (540) 525-0258.

**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. Pastor Rev. Kwang Shin, office, 473-3001. E-mail: [office@fincastleumc.org](mailto:office@fincastleumc.org).

**St. Mark's United Methodist Church** - 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Rev. Terry Clark, 992-3030. Sunday School 10am; Traditional Worship 8:30am & 11am.

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

# OBITUARIES

## Newcomb, Lorraine Elizabeth

Lorraine Elizabeth Newcomb, 82, of Buchanan, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Carte; parents, Robert Dewitt and Gladys Ethel Hawkins Newcomb; brothers, Pete and Hook Newcomb; sisters, Jean Harper, Dovie Ramsey, and Edna Smith.

Susie enjoyed her grandchildren, gardening, beach, and hairstyling.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathy Harris; son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Lorrie Harris; grandchildren, Chris and Teresa Deisher, Amanda Harris, Jennifer



“Susie” Harris, Patrick and Kelli Tolley, and Samantha Harris; nine great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 from 2 to 3 p.m. with her funeral service beginning at 3 p.m. in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral

Home, 14920 Lee Highway, Buchanan, with the Rev. Michael Tabor officiating. Interment will be at a later date in Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.

## Worley, Vincent Trevor

Vincent Trevor Worley, 68, of Buchanan, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 29, 2022, after a long battle with Muscular Dystrophy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Worley and Lorraine Campbell Worley; grandparents, William and Mary Campbell, Buford and Violet Worley; and his stepson, Kevin Nester.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Alice Faye McCullough Worley; brother, Dana (Jennifer) Worley; sisters, Allison Worley McCullough and Elizabeth Cook; step-son, Bobby Nester, Jr.; step-granddaughters Audrey and Autumn Nester; step-grandson, Holden Nester; sisters-in-law, Shelby (Stanley) Fringer and Carolyn Hamm; brothers-in-law, John (Donna) McCullough, Bobby (Nichole) McCullough, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Vincent was a faithful member of Lithia Baptist Church, he loved his Lord and looked forward to church services. He was an avid sports fan and loved watching the Dallas Cowboys and any UVA sport. He was a former member of the Buchanan Volunteer Fire Department. He loved being outdoors and sitting in a chair under a tree enjoying nature, taking walks, and took pride in keeping his yard maintained until his disease progressed that he could not.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 11 a.m. with his funeral service beginning at 12 p.m. in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home, 14920 Lee Highway, Buchanan, with the Rev. Leonard L. Southern officiating. Interment was private. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.

## Barbour, Frances Gibson

Frances Gibson Barbour, 93, of Cloverdale, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2023 at Springtree Health and Rehabilitation Center following a brief illness.

Frances was born February 11, 1929 in Boones Mill and lived in Cloverdale since 1971. She was the daughter of the late Roy Gibson and Myrtle Sink Gibson. Frances was an avid and faithful member of Cave Rock Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard L. Barbour; brother, Junior Gibson; sisters: Virginia Moran and Nancy Moran.

Frances is survived by her daughter, Betty West of Cloverdale; grandchildren, Elizabeth (Robert) Lowry, and Rachel Stewart; great-grandchildren, Gabriel



Stewart, Aria Stewart, and Oliver Lowry; brother, Lewis Gibson of Troutville; and sister, Mary Sparks of Roanoke.

A celebration of Frances's life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 6 at Rader Funeral Home, 630 Roanoke Road, Daleville with the Rev. Mark Childers officiating. Burial will be in Old Dominion Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cave Rock Baptist Church, 2233 Stoney Battery Road, Troutville, 24175. Online condolences and service live stream may be found at [www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Frances-Barbour](http://www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Frances-Barbour).

## Update from Dr. Cynthia Morrow

Health Director for the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts



## Radon Awareness

As cold weather has us spending more time indoors, public health leaders have designated January as Radon Action Month. You can't see, smell or taste radon, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers, claiming the lives of about 21,000 Americans each year. Residents can protect their health by testing the indoor air in their homes.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from rocks and dirt in the ground and escapes into the air everywhere. Radon exposure doesn't cause any immediate symptoms, so it is very easy for people to be unaware that they are being exposed. Current and former smokers are much more vulnerable to radon exposure than people who have never smoked. Because radon is a colorless, odorless gas that cannot be detected with your senses, testing is the only way to know if you have high radon levels in your home.

Nearly half of all homes in Southwestern Virginia are vulnerable to high levels of radon, but the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has found high levels of radon in homes in every Virginia county. Homes in the same neighborhood can have differing levels of radon indoors, so the U.S. Surgeon General encourages every household to have their home tested regardless of geographic location or type of foundation of your home.

Your chances of getting lung cancer from radon depend mostly on:

- How much radon is in your home
- The amount of time you spend in your home

Whether you are a smoker or have ever smoked

Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk. Testing radon levels in your home can help prevent unnecessary exposure. If a high radon level is detected in your home, radon problems are almost always fixable with corrective steps to protect your household.

Things You Can Do During National Radon Action Month:

- Testing is easy and inexpensive. Learn more about testing your home, including how to obtain an easy-to-use test kit from VDH for \$3 per kit at [vdhradon.org](http://vdhradon.org). Kits are also for sale at most home improvement stores or online.
- Already have a radon mitigation unit in your house? Units should be tested at least every two years, or more often if living arrangements change, such as turning a basement into livable space suitable for occupancy.
- Spread the word about Radon Action Month by encouraging others to learn about radon and how to test their homes.
- Plan an activity in your community to help raise awareness of the importance of testing.
- Building a home? Learn more about construction techniques that help prevent radon from entering a home that are practical and straightforward for any builder.

Because radon is a leading environmental cause of cancer mortality in the United States, it is imperative that residents are informed about the health risks of extended radon exposure. Protect yourself and your family by getting your home tested!

## Chamber donates to Craig Co. food bank



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Chamber Executive Director Khari K. Ryder, Patricia Franklin (center), and Maiya Ashby

In keeping with the partnerships that Botetourt and Craig County have forged on a number of projects, the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce, through the strength of its business community and success of the 2022 Golf Tournament, presented a \$500 gift card to the Craig County Department of Social Services for the area Food Bank. The director of Craig DSS, Patricia Franklin, was excited to receive a call making the arrangements from Maiya Ashby, Marketing and

Relations Developer for Craig-Botetourt Electric, a Chamber Silver Partner. The Chamber is happy to continue the tradition of giving to area Food Banks and was blessed to extend this generosity to Craig County for the first time. This gesture can only help express a willingness to help not only those in need, but also Craig County businesses that may have an interest in joining the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce. Just like Botetourt, Craig County places a strong emphasis on community, said

Chamber Executive Director Khari K. Ryder. This small token is an extension of county-wide partnership with Craig, and Craig-Botetourt Electric that endeavor to see strong and healthy communities in the area. Thank you to Food Lion Feeds, Winters Storage, and the many sponsors and volunteers of the 2022 Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament held at Ashley Plantation.

- Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce

# CHURCH NEWS

## Fincastle UMC holding coat drive

Fincastle United Methodist Church is conducting an ongoing coat drive to help those less fortunate keep warm. Donations of clean, gently used coats are being accepted and made available to those in need during regular office hours of Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

## Claud on RU Dean's List

Pierce Claud of Troutville, a sophomore at Radford University, was named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List.

Appearing on the Dean's List is the most prestigious academic recognition Radford University students can receive for their performance during a semester.



**First Baptist Church of Fincastle would like to recognize our Associate Minister, Dolie Adams, as we celebrate her 7th year in the ministry.**

In addition to her Associate Minister role, she serves in several other capacities within the church including Deaconess, Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Sunday School Teacher and co-founder of the Women's Ministry. Minister Adams is married to Deacon Chester Adams and is a retired teacher from

Botetourt County Public Schools. She enjoys her affiliation with Bible Study Fellowship and participating in other Bible study groups with her family and friends. She is a devoted mother and grandmother and is truly a woman of God. We are thankful for her and sincerely appreciate all she does for us and the community.

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Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-359565-1.

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE**

**478 Dagger Spring Road, Eagle Rock, VA 24085** By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated March 18, 2017 and recorded at Instrument Number 170001207 in the Clerk's Office for the Botetourt County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$190,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the Botetourt County courthouse steps located at 1 W Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090-0219. February 02, 2023 at 11:00 AM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit: Real property in the City of Eagle Rock, County of Botetourt, State of Virginia, described as follows: That tract located in the Fincastle Magisterial District of the County of Botetourt, Virginia designated Tract 1, containing 3.00 acres on that plat of a field survey showing a portion of the parcel 1-53.091 acres source creating Tract 1 of the Tommy Garten property by J. Brad Smith, Land Surveyor, dated May 1994, a copy of which is Recorded in Plat Book 15, page 151. AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com

**Legals - City of Radford**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 508 17TH ST, RADFORD, VA 24141**

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$103,561.00, with an annual interest rate of 6.980000% dated February 9, 2005, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the City of Radford as Deed Instrument Number 0500160, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the City of Radford, at the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford located at 619 2nd Street, Radford, Virginia on February 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: LOT 1A ROSEMONT SUBDIVISION Tax Map No. 12-111-5 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 22-289964. PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA**

Notice is hereby given, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on January 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia. Pursuant to Code of Virginia, Title 15.2, Article 2 Section 15.2-2006 et seq., the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments regarding a request from K&J Properties to vacate a portion of an unimproved public right of way area identified as a portion of Custis an Second Street located between West Main/Second Street and Custis/Ingles Street. The request contains a total of approximately 3,810sf (0.087 acre). Copies of the application, together with the plat of the property to be vacated, are available for review in the City Manager's Office located at 10 Robertson Street.

**Legals - City of Salem**

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 8.01-316,-317 Roanoke City Circuit Court **Case No. CL22-2363** Lynn Edward Craig V. Patricia Catherine Powers Craig The object of this suit is to: No-fault Divorce Complaint. It is ORDERED that Patricia Catherine Powers Craig appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before February 7th, 2023 Entered on 12/16/2022 By: Brenda S. Hamilton, Clerk

**Notice**

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on January 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1. Consider the request of the City of Salem, property owner, for rezoning the property of 1900 block of Mill Lane (Tax Map # 179 - 2 - 1.1) from AG Agriculture District to LM Light Manufacturing District. 2. Consider the request of Charles N. Dorsey, property owner, for rezoning the property of 1900 Mill Lane (Tax Map # 179 - 2 -

**Legals - City of Salem**

1) from AG Agriculture District and RSF Residential Single-Family District to RSF Residential Single-Family District.

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: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Vinton, Virginia hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. The Board of Zoning Appeals will also hold a dinner work session prior to the public hearing in the Council Chambers on January 12, 2023, beginning at 5:45 p.m. A request by Christopher Coles, for a variance of Article IV, Division 1, Sec. 4-3, Dimensional Regulations for Residential Districts, of the Vinton Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of the request is to ask for a one thousand, one hundred and fifty-four (1,154) square feet variance from the six thousand (6,000) square feet lot size requirement, and a six (6) foot variance from the fifty (50) foot lot width requirement to allow for the resubdivision of the existing lot. The property is located at 424 E. Lee Avenue, Tax Map Number 60.16-05-23.00-0000, zoned R-2 Residential District. Further information concerning this public hearing may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, (540) 983-0605, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearings. Given under my hand this 12th day of December, 2022. Nathaniel McClung Assistant Planning Director Secretary, Board of Zoning Appeals NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT. Reasonable effort will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meeting. Please call (540) 983 0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements can be made.

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## Cavs, Knights end the year with tournament at Heritage High; River's Carli Edwards takes fourth in girls' wrestling event

The Lord Botetourt wrestlers took sixth and James River was 16th among 20 teams at the "Take Down the New Year" wrestling tournament at Heritage High School last weekend. Host Heritage won the event with William Byrd taking second.

"We competed well with the kids we had at Heritage," said LB coach Chuck Burton. "We were missing five full-time starters from our lineup for various reasons, but we still put up a good team showing with a sixth place team finish."

LB had a champion in TJ Piluso at 165 pounds. TJ remained undefeated after 18 matches with two pins, a tech fall and a 2-0 decision over Matt McNeil of Liberty in the championship match.

Gray Arnold finished second at 144 as he improved to 16-3. Gray had two pins and a 9-5 decision over Stevie Wood of Liberty to make the final, where he lost to CJ Cambeis of Jefferson Forest.

Dalton Oxley was fourth at 215, Andrew Gilbert (190) and Cooper Roberts (157) both took fifth and Seth Williamson was sixth at 175.

"Christmas break tournaments are tough sometimes," said Burton. "Coming off a little break, missing starters, etc., but our guys gave great effort and got in some good solid wrestling over the two-day period. That will only help them going into January. We're where we want to be in terms of a technical standpoint with a few things to clean up here and there. Now the push is to get in the best shape we can get in over the next month and see what happens when it matters in February."

The Heritage tournament was one of

two the James River wrestlers participated in. The boys went to the tournament in Lynchburg while the girls competed in the Godwin High School Girls Wrestling Tournament in Henrico.

The River boys came away with a couple placements to put under their belts. At 113 pounds, sophomore Brayden Forbes improved his record to 18-1 on the season when he defeated Turner Ashby's Hunter Blosser in the championship bout with a win by pin in 3:52 in the second round.

Sophomore Xaiden Wynn took home a third place finish at 106 after dropping a nail biter in the championship semi-final round. Wynn stormed back in the consolation bracket with all falls on his way to the third place position. Wynn is now 18-1.

At 120 pounds, freshman Nate Stewart earned a fifth place finish in the tournament, improving his record to 17-5 on the season.

The girls had a record making weekend when freshman 118-pounder Carli Edwards earned a fourth place finish in the girls' tournament in Henrico. Carli's victories and placement marks the first female victories and first female tournament placement in James River's wrestling history.

"Carli Edwards and Georgia Miller have both been putting in the work in the room each day," said River coach Bobby Stewart. "They work out with each other and also get to practice with the boys, too. The ladies see all sorts of styles, strengths and techniques when they have such a diverse practice room. It only makes them



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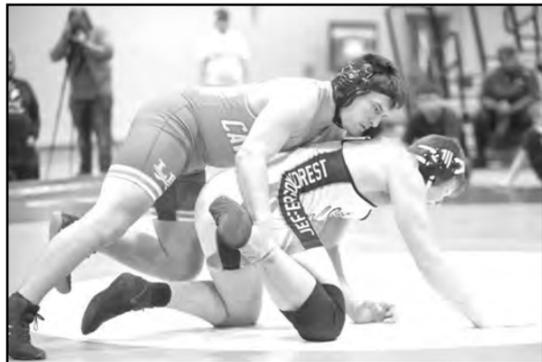
**River's Carli Edwards (right) finished fourth in the Godwin High School Girls Wrestling Tournament in Henrico last weekend.**

better. I am excited for Georgia and Carli. They really seem to love the sport and the access to the all-female weight classes is a plus for the division. Female wrestling will continue to grow."

Both River and LB will be back in action this weekend. The Knights will be at a two-day tournament in Lynchburg, hosted by Liberty Christian Academy, while Lord Botetourt will split up the team for two events. The Cavalier starters and a couple of alternates will head to Roanoke College in Salem for the Old Dominion Cup.

"This is an inaugural event that they tried to get going last year but got shut down," said Burton. "We'll be the low man on the totem pole going in with 11 quality and high placing teams in their respective divisions from last year's state tournament. It's a good kickoff to January to let our kids know just where they stand for the end of the year as we'll see some of the best competition we'll see until the state tournament."

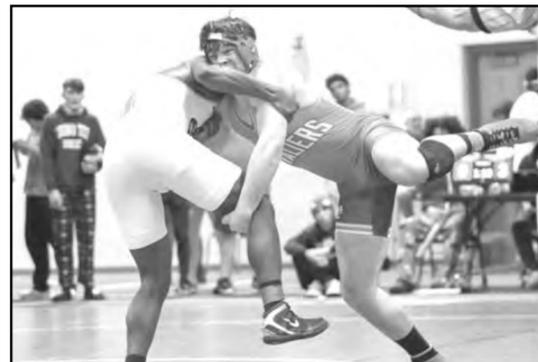
Botetourt's backups will compete in the Knights of the Round Table tournament at Cave Spring High School this weekend.



**Andrew Gilbert of LB is on top of Josh Holt of Jefferson Forest on his way to a pin in the fifth place match.**



**River's Nate Stewart is on top and in control in his fifth place win over Ryan Patterson of Parry McCluer in Lynchburg last week.**



PHOTOS BY BARRY COX

**Dalton Oxley of Lord Botetourt (right) battles Heritage's Markaz Wood in the consolation final.**

## River girls end 2022 with a hoop win over Rockbridge

The James River girls completed the 2022 portion of their basketball schedule with a 7-1 record after defeating Rockbridge County in Lexington last week, 43-40.

The Knights are on a roll under coach Ryan Firebaugh just two years after a winless season. River is now an even 14-14 since Firebaugh took over prior to the 2021-22 season, and they're looking to keep up the pace this week as they open Three Rivers District play. The Knights have their work cut out for them as they open the season with a game at Glenvar Friday.

Last week at Rockbridge the Knights jumped out to a 12-6 lead in the first quarter and held a 20-16 lead at the half. River still held a slim margin heading into the deciding fourth quarter but were able to hold on for the win. The girls were able to make some key steals down the stretch and hit their foul shots to close out the game.

"We stepped up big time in the fourth quarter," said Firebaugh. "We were only up by three points going in the fourth quarter but we understood what we had to do defensively in order to win the game. We got consistent stops and we

had some girls step up in many different ways."

Caitlin Canada led River with 17 points, nine rebounds and five steals. Sierra Davis added 11 points and three steals and Lexi McCullough had eight points, six boards and two steals. Jalen Thompson had seven rebounds.

"Coming off a 13-day break I knew we were going to be rusty in some aspects of our game," said Firebaugh. "It's hard to have a break when you're playing well and playing two or three times a week, but we were able to jump out in front early and keep the lead throughout the game."

## Botetourt girls are at Patrick Henry tonight

The Lord Botetourt girls basketball team will open the 2023 portion of the schedule tonight, Wednesday, when the Cavaliers take on Patrick Henry in Roanoke. It will be a big challenge for the girls as the Patriots are a Class 5 team from the River Ridge District.

LB comes in at 7-2 after winning at Abingdon in the last game before the New Year. Madilyn Winterton had 18 points and four assists as Botetourt raced to a 58-36 win.

"We got out to a slow start but then turned them over to go on a big run and just maintained from there," said coach Renee Favaro. "It was a great game to get the three freshmen solid game experience."

Taylor Orange had 15 points for LB and Ainsley Anderson was a third Cavalier in double figures with 15 points and four assists. Abby Kingery



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**Madilyn Winterton led LB with 18 points in last week's win over Abingdon.**

had eight points and Bry Orange had a career-high 13 rebounds.

"We face a strong PH team with multiple college-bound players on Wednesday and then open

up district play at Byrd on Friday," said Favaro.

The Cavaliers' first home game of the new year will be against Northside in Daleville next Tuesday.

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## Cavalier boys sweep season series with James River



A large crowd filled the gym in Daleville as Lord Botetourt celebrated "Alumni Night" last Friday when the Cavaliers hosted James River in an intra-county boys basketball game. Over 40 former players from all decades returned to enjoy the game and reminisce, as well as former coaches Chad Conner, Jon Cook and Chuck Pound and Christy Meredith Wills, daughter of the late Don Meredith. Here, the players gather to be recognized on the floor at halftime of the game, a 69-53 Cavalier win.

Last Friday in Daleville, 42 Lord Botetourt High School alumni basketball players gathered to watch the current Cavaliers, and they were treated to a 69-53 win over county rival James River. The victory, in front of the largest crowd of the season at LB thus far, concluded a sweep of the two-game intra-county series for the host Cavs.

The Knights hung tough, battling to a 13-13 tie after the first period. However, like the first meeting in Springwood, the Cavaliers wore down the Knights as the game progressed and opened a 27-20 lead at the half before outscoring River in the second half, 42-33.

"James River came ready to play on Friday night," said LB coach Andrew Hart. "We had a really hard time stopping Sam Bell for James River. He had a great game and kept them in it. We were proud of our guys to keep battling in a great atmosphere and ultimately pull away in the fourth quarter."

Bell finished with 30 points for game high, but LB's Jackson Crawford wasn't far behind with 28. Jackson hit 10 of 16 shots from the floor and seven of eight from the line to go with five assists and five steals. Tyler Meade had 16 points and Evan Bannwart had a baker's dozen for the Cavaliers.

"We were pleased with the way we competed this time around as we showed a lot of growth in execution," said River coach Ethan Humphries. "In terms of personnel matchups LB is the toughest team on our schedule so we knew we had to play a certain way. Up until a mental lapse in the third quarter we were executing and competing the right way to give the fans a game headed to the wire. However, once you give Jackson Crawford a multi-possession lead in the fourth quarter he's going to close the deal."

With the win LB improved to 7-2 overall after splitting two games in the Spotswood tournament last week. The Cavaliers opened with Class 4 E.C. Glass and the Hilltoppers took a 53-44 win. Botetourt trailed just 26-24 at the half and hung tough against a solid Glass team.

"E.C. Glass was by far the best team we have faced this season," said Hart. "They were very aggressive and it was a great challenge for us. Unfortunately, we didn't take care of the ball well enough throughout the game to pick up the win. We did a great job battling to the end, but still came up short."

Crawford had 23 for LB but he was the only Cavalier in double figures.

Bannwart had seven rebounds and Meade had five assists.

In Thursday's third place game the Cavs bounced back with a 69-56 win over Staunton while host Spotswood won the championship with a 63-56 win over Glass. Botetourt trailed 40-33 at the half but outscored Staunton 22-8 in the third quarter and went on to win.

"Staunton was another challenge for us in the second day of the tournament," said Hart. "Jackson and Tyler came up big and took the game over in the second half. We were proud to have our two senior captains take control for a big victory."

Meade finished with 26 points on 11 for 17 shooting and Crawford had 23 points and five assists. Bannwart had 11 points for LB.

James River also played last week and dropped a 67-62 game to Rockbridge in Springwood. The Knights trailed 20-12 after the first quarter as the Wildcats hit six of their first 10 three-point shots to accumulate a lead that River could not overcome.

"They came out hot," said Humphries. "We can account for teams hitting uncharacteristic shots, but we aren't good enough to account for easy baskets due to defensive lapses. Our

guys fought but giving up 67 points will always result in a loss."

Bell had 22 points and five assists for River. Ryan Steger had 18 points and six boards and George Toliver had nine points.

Now 7-3, the Knights will try to get back on track when they open their Three Rivers District schedule this week. River was at Floyd on Tuesday and Thursday they come home to host Glenvar.

"With all the questions we had coming into the season, if you were to tell me we'd be 7-3 to end 2022 I would take that every time," said Humphries. "We know each game going forward in district play will require max effort and focus. We aren't where we want to be but we like the direction we are headed."

LB is home to William Byrd on Thursday night and both the Cavaliers and James River will participate in the Chance Harman Classic this weekend. The annual event will include six games on Friday along with a three-point competition and eight games on Saturday, all at Floyd County High School. LB will play Radford at 6 p.m. Friday and James River will open Saturday play with Pulaski County at 9 a.m.



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George Toliver of James River is sandwiched by Jackson Crawford and Carson Edwards as he goes up for a shot.



River's Sam Bell (24) takes it to the hole against LB's Blake Lovern.



LB's Jackson Crawford is covered by River's Ryan Steger.

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