



Preserving Botetourt County History:

Ann Layman, Secretary of the Botetourt Historical Society & Museum

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The Botetourt Historical Society and Museum (BCHSM) provides visitors a chance to revisit some of Botetourt County's history through education, exhibits, and activities. The museum's 57-year history saw a couple of massive changes last year. One of those changes stemmed off of the county courthouse renovation project, causing the museum to successfully find a new home.

Over the next several

weeks, The Fincastle Herald will feature interviews with some of the individuals who help make the Botetourt County Historical Museum a must-see destination.

One of the faces seen around the Botetourt County Historical Museum is that of Ann Layman, secretary of the Historical Society and a member of the museum's Executive Board of Directors.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HARRIS FAMILY

Newly elected Buchanan Mayor Tristan Harris, his wife, Kerri, and their two daughters, Kaeleigh (top center) and Dylan.

Interview with Tristan Harris, Mayor of Buchanan

The Town of Buchanan elected a new mayor last November. Tristan Harris, a native of Clinton, Conn., replaced former Mayor Craig Bryant who chose not to run for reelection in 2022.

Harris attended Central Connecticut State University for four years, majoring in psychology and minoring in biology, before moving down to Spring Hill, Fla.

Harris enrolled in some classes at Pasco Hernando Community College focusing in education and received an Associate in Applied Science degree. He moved to Charlotte after earning his Associate's and began work in the veterinary field. Meanwhile, Harris then enrolled at UNC Charlotte majoring in both biology and psychology.

After a few years working in various positions from kennel and reception to rehab technician at a few different animal hospitals, Harris went back to school at Central Piedmont Community College in a construction management program.

He started a job with Choate construction, an Atlanta-based

commercial general contracting company, working on many projects including the Charlotte Premium Outlets and some projects at Team Penske and Hendrick Motorsports.

During this period of time, Harris met and married his wife, Kerri. They purchased a house just over the South Carolina border in York, and then he went back to school at Winthrop University to become a biology teacher.

"My wife had a goal to own her own animal hospital, so we kept our eyes open for business opportunities," Harris recalled in a recent interview. "Shortly after her sister moved to Roanoke, we came across a hospital for sale in Natural Bridge Station. We fell in love with the area when we came to visit the hospital, and, luckily, we saw great potential in the business. We started the long process of purchasing the hospital and moved to Roanoke in July of 2016. We closed on the business purchase in September of 2016 and worked hard to grow the hospital."

The commute from Roanoke was much more than the Harris family wanted, he added. Tristan and Kerri wanted to

be in a smaller community to start a family. After doing some research and exploring the area, they decided that Buchanan was the place they wanted to settle in.

One of their clients from Buchanan told Tristan and Kerri about some people they knew who were going to be selling their property and suggested Tristan contact them.

"It turned out to be exactly what we were looking for, so we worked out a deal and officially became residents of Buchanan in March of 2018," Harris said. "In the almost five years we have been here, we couldn't be happier with our decision. We love the community, the landscape, and all that Buchanan has to offer. It's great how quiet daily life can be, while having so many events throughout the year and activities in the area."

The Buchanan mayor is currently the practice manager at Natural Bridge Animal Hospital. Tristan is proud that his family worked hard to grow their business from two employees in the beginning to currently having 10 and are currently looking to hire more.

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Botetourt Historical Society & Museum Secretary Ann Layman

Pickelsimer's Ten21 Tactical offers slings, 'insta-rings,' and all types of things

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Scott and Rebecca Pickelsimer found themselves, like many, laid off during the 2020 pandemic and trying to figure out what's next. Fortunately for the couple, a hobby manifested itself into a full-blown business of "putting high quality gear into people's hands for an affordable price."

The Pickelsimers are the owners of Ten21 Tactical, a business that provides its customers with custom tactical equipment for shooting, lifestyle, and pets. Some of the specific items include: air soft equipment, slings, sling mounting, mag pouches, shotgun cards, chest carriers, pouches, holsters, plate carrier, combo kits, shooting support bags, first aid, miscellaneous shooting equipment, and dog gear.

Scott and Rebecca currently live in Botetourt

County. He and his wife first met while they were attending middle school in Franklin County where they would spend time eating lunch and getting to know one another as the school years went on. Rebecca said that Scott was the first boy she ever danced with.

As the years went by, Scott spent four years as a U.S. Marine. He then returned home working various jobs. Meanwhile, Rebecca had a life of her own before the two reconnected years later via Facebook. One thing led to another and they were married on October 21, 2009 ("Ten21").

Scott and Rebecca worked at the same company for a few years. In the midst of that period of time, Scott began his sewing hobby. Then, both were laid off from their jobs in the spring of 2020 and pivoted toward manufacturing tacti-

cal gear after Rebecca introduced Scott to her sewing machine a short time prior to losing their jobs.

Scott explained the beginnings of his time learning about the needle and thread.

"When I originally

started [sewing], I bought a long-range rifle and thought it would be good to have some bags to shoot off of," Scott recalled during a recent interview with the couple. "I looked online and saw what the prices

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PICKELSIMER FAMILY

Rebecca and Scott Pickelsimer, owners of the Ten21 Tactical.

Representative Cline talks priorities for new Congress

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Rep. Ben Cline, a Republican who represents Virginia's 6th Congressional District, recently started his third term in Congress.

Cline won another term in November's general election after defeating Democratic challenger Jennifer Lewis by nearly 29% of the vote.

The Fincastle resident was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2018, after having represented the 24th District in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2002-2018.

In an interview with The Fincastle Herald earlier this month, Cline discussed his views on Washington, the bills he's introducing, upcoming town



PHOTO BY AILA BOYD

Rep. Cline talks priorities for new Congress

halls and constituent services.

Congress

This year marks Cline's first time being in the majority since joining Congress.

"I got to spend all of my time in the state house in the majority. It was really a shock coming into the

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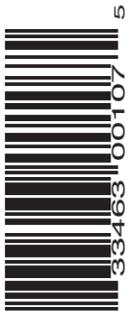
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Botetourt County History



This is a leather covered "execution" notebook which was used by Botetourt County Deputy Sheriff Albert Baker Pitzer from January 12, 1858 until May 13, 1861. The strap wraps around the notebook and was secured by the buckle. It was probably placed in a saddlebag while riding a horse from one location to the next.

At this time in history "executions" did not mean being put to death. These court orders were from Sheriff Joseph Pitzer, who was his brother. The handwritten records list the court case on the left and the receipt section on the right. They are monetary judgments that needed to be enforced by the deputy. Each record appears to contain the actual signature of the person receiving the court-ordered payment.

According to Driver's 2nd Virginia

Calvary (after the notebook entries stopped) Albert served as a sergeant in Company B from May 17, 1861 until November 2, 1861. Albert, Rufus and Andrew L. Pitzer were also mentioned as Botetourt sheriffs in Stoner's "Seedbed of the Republic." This notebook was donated to the Botetourt History Museum in 2022 by Ronald Hurt of Vinton. He found it in the possessions of his father, Richard Zirkel Hurt. A much more expansive article can be found about this notebook in the November 2022 BCHS newsletter written by Susan Hays. It is called "A Touch of History " and is mailed to all BUCH members. The newsletter can also be obtained at the BCHS Museum, which is open every day. Check the website: bothistscoc.Wordpress.com.

DVDs, puzzles on sale at Blue Ridge Library

Friends of the Blue Ridge Library is holding a special sale of DVDs and puzzles through January 27 or until all the items are gone. DVDs are priced at \$1 each and puzzles are 50 cents each. The sale takes place in the meeting room of the library and will be available any

time the library is open and no events are scheduled that require use of the room. Blue Ridge Library is located at 28 Avery Row on US 460 about a half-mile east of the Bonsack Walmart. For directions, call the library at 540-928-2900.

Cline

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minority and Nancy Pelosi's house. We had to face intense partisanship as we fought against a number of bills that ignored conservative input," he said.

Cline said his conference wants to avoid what he characterized as "the same mistakes that Nancy Pelosi's team made."

He added that the Republican conference wants to respect its colleagues, even when there is disagreement. "We can achieve more by listening and respecting our colleagues because each one of us represents 750,000 constituents," he said.

Despite being in the majority, Cline has concerns about the legislative process.

"I continue to have concerns about the way that things work in Washington, the partisanship and the division," he said. "We do have to change how Washington works and sometimes that means upsetting the apple cart."

Cline pointed to the delay in the election of Republican Rep. Kevin McCarthy (CA—20) as speaker of the House of Representatives as being "chaotic," but noted that "it was important to make sure that we locked in important reforms to the process" so that a more conservative agenda can be achieved by the body.

He's hopeful that his caucus can reach agreements with Democrats on areas of common interest, like veteran services, transportation and infrastructure.

"I'm optimistic because there are people who are in Congress on both sides of the aisle who do want to work together to make the place function better," he said. "That starts with getting our fiscal house in order."

Bills

At the time of the interview, Cline said he was getting ready to introduce a bipartisan bill to address the regulatory

bureaucracy, specifically regulations that he said are harmful to businesses. He said regulations are "being churned out by Washington by lower-level bureaucrats."

He explained that the courts have found that major regulations need to be approved by agency heads. The bill he is putting forward will prevent such regulations from being issued by the types of lower-level officials he mentioned.

"Every regulation that comes out of an agency has to have a signature or the endorsement of the head of that agency," he said of the aims of the bill. "That's hopefully going to curb a lot of these runaway regulations and some of the excessive actions made by some of the unnamed bureaucrats."

Due to its bipartisan nature, Cline said thinks it will likely pass on the suspension calendar. He hopes the suggestion will be viewed by the Biden Administration as being helpful instead combative.

"I think everyone agrees there are too many regulations coming out of Washington," he said. "This is a common sense solution that everybody should be able to support."

He's also working on a bill related to small business regulations. It aims to require that when regulations are drafted, they will impact small businesses to how they are gathered.

"One of the things these agencies have a disconnect with is small business that they often impact. The costs aren't considered by these agencies when they're promulgating these regulations," he said. He pointed to employees being fired and the growth of businesses being restrained as two downsides of regulation that aren't often considered. "Requiring these agencies to actually measure how much their regulations impact small



PHOTO COURTESY OF CAMS

James River Band Director Kevin English and All-District Band first chair woodwind player Declan Duncan.

Duncan selected first chair for All-District Band

Central Academy Middle School student Declan Duncan was chosen as first chair of the woodwind section for the Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's All-District Band as announced in a recent post on CAMS's Facebook page.

Duncan was chosen from a group of students in Fincastle all the way to Lynchburg. He is the first CAMS student to be selected for this honor.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club calls young musicians

Beginners and advanced musically talented students are encouraged to participate in the Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club 2023 Bland Music Contest. This is the fourth annual Bland Music Contest presented by the Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club.

Any Botetourt/Roanoke/Craig County student up to age 18 can compete in either the instrumental or vocal categories on Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m., at The Glebe, 200 The Glebe Blvd., Daleville.

The only criteria are performances must be memorized and limited to eight minutes.

The Bland Music Contest encourages parents and music teachers to involve students not only for scholarship opportunities but also for the experience of performing before an audience and being critiqued by several judges.

The local contest prize for first place, both instrumental and vocal, is \$75 each and second place will receive \$50 each and third place, \$25 each.

The first-place winners will advance to Sub-District Competition in Salem at 2 p.m. Sunday, March

19 at the CommUnity Church. The Sub-District winners will advance to State Finals on Friday, April 28 in Bristol, Va. First place at State is \$2,500 each, second is \$2,000, third is \$1,500 and fourth, fifth and sixth is \$1,000 each.

Local musicians from Southwest Virginia have fared well at the State level. Last year the piano performer sponsored by the Forest Lions Club was the State first place winner in the Instrumental category and the vocalist sponsored by the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club placed second in that category.

Anyone wishing to submit an entry for the local contest, or has any questions, may contact Lion Robin Ward of the Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club at 540-591-2180 or email rward@theglebe.org. Contestants are reminded that they can only compete in one Bland Music Contest per year and they must choose to perform in either a vocal category or an instrumental category.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy the talents of these young local musicians on Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m. at The Glebe.

businesses would help to rein in some of the aggressiveness of the regulatory bureaucracy."

He described the second bill as being a "twin" to the first one.

Town halls

Cline noted he will be scheduling a series of town halls in the near future in each of the jurisdictions he represents. He plans to hold the first group of meetings in the jurisdictions that are newly incorporated into the 6th District, then will proceed to hold additional meetings in the jurisdictions he has

already been representing.

Constituent services

Cline noted that although his legislative work is important, he doesn't want his constituents to forget about the services that his office makes available to them.

"If it touches the federal government and constituents are having problems with red tape, my office can help," he said. "If folks have any issues, I'm more than happy to help."

His downtown Roanoke office serves constituents in the Roanoke Valley.

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Bank of Botetourt promotes seven to vice president

Bank of Botetourt has promoted seven of its staff to vice president positions.

"As we continue to grow, it is important to promote those who have helped us get to where we are, and it is because of their dedication to the team, our community, and our customers that the bank continues to experience such positive and organic growth," commented Laurie C. Hart, Senior Vice President, Chief Strategic and Retail Officer.



• Amie A. Chernault has been promoted to Vice President, Market Manager for the Cave Spring and Salem Offices. She is based out of the bank's Cave Spring Office. Chernault brings over 37 years of experience in the banking industry. She graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in Business Administration, a concentration in Finance and minors in Economics and Psychology. She serves as the treasurer on the Board of the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce and is a member of its Executive Board. Chernault was born in Rochester, N.Y., and moved to the Salem area where she attended Andrew Lewis and Salem high schools. A resident of the Cave Spring area, Amie enjoys reading, creating greeting cards, traveling, and spending time with her friends, family, especially her two sons, Robby and Timmy.

• Susan Larkin has been promoted to Vice President – Treasury Services. Larkin has over 26 years of banking experience and will focus on growing relationships with the bank's commercial lenders and business bankers. She will provide support



for new and existing customers for all products and services including online banking, wire transfers, ACH, remote deposit capture, CDARS (Certificate of Deposit Registry Service) and ICS (Insured Cash Sweep). Her expertise and experience include working with government entities and non-profits. She is from Southern Pines, N.C., and has strong roots within the community. A graduate of James Madison University with a degree in English and Communications, she serves on the Ronald McDonald House of SWVA Charities Board of Directors and is an Ambassador for the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce. She enjoys traveling and digital scrapbooking and resides in Southwest Roanoke County with her husband, Pete. They have a grown son, Justin.

• Karen R. Newbill has been promoted to Vice President, Market Manager. She has 46



years of banking experience, 26 of them with Bank of Botetourt. She is a graduate of the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management. The three-year school is a multidimensional

educational experience in banking sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) in cooperation with the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia (UVA). She is active in the community and serves as a volunteer with the Buchanan Theatre. Newbill oversees the bank's Buchanan, Eagle Rock, and Natural Bridge offices. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, gardening, caring for her adopted pets and spending time with her family, especially her two grandsons, Jack and Cole Thrasher. A native of Botetourt County, she resides in Buchanan, has two grown sons, Daniel and Tyree Thrasher, and lives with her husband, Chris.

• Sheila M. Petty has been promoted to Vice President, Branch Manager at the Daleville



Town Center office. After attending Virginia Western Community College, she began her banking career in 1995, with more than 27 years of industry experience. A lifelong resident of Fincastle, Petty has deep roots and a strong sense of community. She has served as a member of the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department and the Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club. She enjoys the outdoors, and especially spending time with family and friends. She resides in Fincastle with her husband, Don, and their son, Donnie.

• Tina Simpson has been promoted to Vice President, Branch Manager at the bank's Lexington office. She has been in the banking industry for 28 years and was previously with the Bank of Rockbridge. She was raised in the Charlottesville area and graduated from Natural Bridge High School. She is a member of the Moose Lodge, active in



the Lexington-Rockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce and supportive of various other community organizations. She resides in Buena Vista and enjoys traveling, festivals and spending time with her family.

• Lisa Spangler has been promoted to Vice President, Business Relationship Officer. She has been in banking 32 years.



She is a graduate of Franklin County High School, studied accounting at Virginia Western Community College and graduated from Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at UVA's Darden School of Business. While she covers the entire bank footprint, she spends time in the Smith Mountain Lake and Vinton offices. Her favorite hobby is listening to music and riding her motorcycle. She also enjoys watching college and NFL football and attends Virginia Tech home games when possible. She and her husband, Vance, reside in Hardy with their 11-year-old Akita named Maui. They have two grown children, Brandon and Taylor, and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, Holland and Beckett Chandler.

• Marcus T. Wade has been

promoted to Vice President – Business Relationship Officer at



the bank's Salem Office. He has been in banking for more than 18 years, all of which have been with Bank of Botetourt. Prior to banking, he worked in sales and in retail as a shift supervisor. Wade attended Bluefield College where he earned his bachelor's degree in Organizational Management and Development. He is a graduate of the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management and in his final year at the Graduate School of Banking (GSB) at Louisiana State University. The GSB three-year program provides courses covering all aspects of banking, economics, and related subjects. He is active in his community, serving as a board member for Star City Rec Club and Virginia Warriors AAU. A Deacon and Chairman of Youth Ministry with High Street Baptist Church, he is also a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee with the Virginia Bankers Association and Bank of Botetourt and serves as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Salem. In his spare time, he enjoys coaching, fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family. He resides in Roanoke and has two children, Kennady and Kaiden.

About Bank of Botetourt
Bank of Botetourt was chartered in 1899 and operates 13 retail offices in Botetourt, Rockbridge, Roanoke, and Franklin counties, the City of Salem, and the Town of Vinton. Bank of Botetourt also operates a mortgage division, Virginia Mountain Mortgage, and a financial services division, Botetourt Wealth Management.

-Submitted by Bank of Botetourt

Botetourt Women's Club recognizes Community Heroes

Six Botetourt residents were presented with a Hero Award in December through a project sponsored by the GFWC Botetourt Town and Country Women's Club called Botetourt Cares. These Botetourt citizens were nominated as persons who play a vital role in Botetourt County and who make a difference in their community. The awards included a letter of recognition, a \$100 cash award, and a gift bag. The Daleville branch of First Bank supported this project.

Deborah Wiley, the coordinator for this project, made contact with many public service agencies as well as The Fincastle Herald and social media to spread the word about this project. The recipients for this award were selected from outstanding nominations from people throughout Botetourt County. Those selected were based on the following criteria: public service, leadership in church, school and community activities, volunteer efforts in their communities, and the impact of their service throughout Botetourt County.



Brittany Turman's dedication to Breckinridge Elementary, to the Fincastle youth sports program, and to serving as an election poll worker for Botetourt County was highlighted in the letter that was received from her nominator. The person that nominated her had this to say: Brittany.... "is an ever growing presence" in Botetourt County "ensuring the community's safety, growth, and success."



Kip and Lyn Burton's dedication to serving their church, Historic Fincastle Inc., the Virginia Lewis & Clark Legacy Trail, Saving Greenfield committee, and lighting Fincastle at Christmas were a few highlights sent in from their nominator. Kip's service to his country and his impressive resumé in the Navy were also stressed. The person that nominated this couple had this to say: They are "devoted citizens of not only Botetourt but our country."



Elizabeth Provost's dedication as an elementary school educator, to the Botetourt Relay for Life, to the Buchanan Rescue Squad, and to the Buchanan Presbyterian Food Pantry were highlighted in the letter that was received from her nominator. The nominator had this to say: "...she inspires me by all she has done for the community."



Kim Wyrick's service to the community as a Botetourt County deputy while dealing with life's challenges was highlighted in a letter that was received from her nominator. Her work as a Resource Officer and the DARE Program has been vital to keeping the children in Botetourt County drug free and safe. It was also emphasized how important her work has been with her church and its youth programs and activities. The person who nominated her had this to say: "Kim is selfless in so many ways and is more than deserving of this community acknowledgment. Her spirit and faith inspires all of those around her."



Martha Rodgers' dedication to serving her church and the Botetourt Food Pantry were highlighted in a letter received from

her nominators. It was also stressed that she raised three children, two of whom were adopted from foreign countries, and that she was involved in their school activities over the years. She also served this country while she was in the Navy.



Yvonne Frazier's dedication to serving her church as well as her family and friends and giving unselfishly of her time while struggling through several of life's challenges was highlighted by her nominator. Her work with the Circle of Mary, Ryan's Cases for Smiles and all the projects and roles through the GFWC Botetourt Town and Country Women's Club were also emphasized. The person that nominated her had this to say:

"Yvonne has been an inspiration to me ever since I met her. Her kindness, generosity, and courage are unmatched." Mrs. Wiley said, "It was so touching to see the surprise on the faces of those who received these awards. Each and everyone showed such humility to be recognized. Botetourt County is so proud of all the contributions they make each and every day to make this a great place to live. The Women's Club is proud to give them a 'shout-out' for all they do!"

-Submitted by Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club

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Library BUZZ

Upcoming Library Events

Fincastle Courthouse: A Discussion & History

Sat, Jan 28, 11am-12pm, Fincastle Library
 Jon Lanford (Assistant County Administrator) will lead a discussion on what's involved in the construction of a new courthouse, including an overview and timeline of the project and the history and significance of the courthouse to the community.

Mill Mountain Theatre: "Where the Wild Things Are"

Sat, Jan 28, 10:30-11:30am, Blue Ridge Library
 Sat, Jan 28, 1-2pm, Buchanan Library
 Sat, Feb 4, 10:30am-11:30am, Eagle Rock Library
 Sat, Feb 4, 1-2pm, Fincastle Library
 Be an actor for a day! Enjoy activities and dramatic play, followed by an interactive reading of Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are." Recommended for ages 6-12. Space is limited, call 540-928-2900 to register.

American Revolution: Featuring American Girl Felicity Merriman

Thu, Feb 2, 4-6pm, Fincastle Library
 Wed, Feb 8, 2:30-4:30pm, Eagle Rock Library
 Fri, Feb 17, 2:30-4:30pm, Buchanan Library
 What was it like to be a kid during the American Revolution? Find out with hands-on activities and games! Recommended for grade school children.

BBB: Scams Against Older Adults

Mon, Jan 30, 10:30-11:30am, Blue Ridge Library
 Tue, Jan 31, 10:30-11:30am, Buchanan Library
 Wed, Feb 1, 10:30-11:30am, Fincastle Library
 Thu, Feb 2, 10:30-11:30am, Eagle Rock Library
 Older adults are a high-risk demographic for targeted scams. Learn why seniors are

so vulnerable to certain types of scams, how to spot them, and how to protect yourself.

Strong Men & Women Traveling Exhibition

January 23-27: Fincastle Library

Virginia's Constitutions Traveling Exhibition

January 25 - February 3: Fincastle Library
 February 6-15: Eagle Rock Library
 February 16-24: Buchanan Library

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 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 Mock Caldecott Reading Challenge

January 1-31
 Explore the world of picture books! The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually to an American children's picture book artist. Read suggested titles and tell us what you think! Log into your account on Beanstack (botetourtva.beanstack.org) to log your reading and leave book reviews.

Botetourt Fire & EMS application deadline Feb. 1



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The Roanoke Regional Hiring Process is now open. If individuals are interested in a career in Fire and EMS throughout the Roanoke Valley, the cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the counties of Botetourt and Roanoke are all currently accepting applications. The application deadline for all localities is Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Interested persons must submit a separate application for each department. No applicant will be considered by a

locality that doesn't have an application on file by the advertised deadline. This hiring process is to seat recruits for the Roanoke Valley Regional Fire & EMS Training Center Academy starting July 2023. Applicants interested in joining the team may visit botetourtfireems.org for more information.

- Botetourt County Dept. of Fire & EMS/Fincastle Herald staff report

Update from the House By Del. Terry Austin



To the Constituents of the 19th House District:

The second week of the 46-day General Assembly Session has concluded. House Republicans have been working diligently to advance a legislative package to improve our schools. Legislation has been filed that will elevate education standards, ensure students have the resources they need to succeed, and empower teachers to regain control of their own classrooms. Most importantly, the proposals incorporate input from both parents and teachers throughout the Commonwealth.

In addition to my House Committee responsibilities, I serve on the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC). JLARC has a staff of more than 30 analysts that are directed by the Commission to analyze various government agencies and legislative policies. Within JLARC, I serve on its Topic Selection Committee, which determines the subject matter staff will study for each year. Recognizing the

negative impacts the pandemic had on our students, it made sense for one of these studies to determine the extent of these effects. The results are eye opening— 56 percent of those surveyed in our schools said behavior is a "very serious issue," while another 24 percent called it a "serious" problem. It is beyond time for teachers to regain control of their classrooms and reestablish the consistency needed to instruct students effectively and without distractions. Disruptive classrooms make it harder for teachers to do their jobs. Fortunately, legislation has been introduced that will empower teachers with the support they need to allow them to better handle discipline in their classrooms. By reducing disruptions, classrooms can return to an environment where teachers can teach, and students can learn.

Recent reports from the Department of Education related to student test scores show a clear and immediate need for more resources for our students to

succeed. The JLARC report underscores the severity: in 20 school divisions, more than half of third graders failed their reading and/or math SOLs; and in 60 divisions, more than half of eighth graders failed their math SOL. The General Assembly cannot be idle and hope that students recover from the learning loss brought on by the pandemic and virtual learning – parents and teachers deserve support now.

House Republicans are addressing this issue by advancing legislation that earmarks specific unspent federal funds to invest in our students and combat learning loss. Moreover, we are promoting legislation that expands proven and effective reading support to more students across Virginia. This legislation received unanimous approval in a House subcommittee and awaits further consideration.

As for my bills, I am happy to report that HB1494 has passed out of committee unanimously and is to be voted on by the House this coming week. This bill creates a specialty license plate for supporters of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, and will raise funds to support the Parkway, which is the most visited National Park in the country. Of its 469 total miles, 217 traverse Virginia. According to a 2019 National Park Service study, over

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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week



Meet Calvin

Calvin is 2 years old, heartworn, negative and chipped. He's a very outgoing, friendly dog and has a gentle personality.

The shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090. Supplies Always Needed: 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.

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Avatar: The Way of Water

(2022) Jake Sully lives with his new-found family formed on the extra-solar moon Pandora. Once a familiar threat returns to finish what was previously started, Jake must work with Neytiri and the army of the Na'vi race to protect their home.

Thursday, Jan. 26 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 27 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 28 7 p.m.
 Sunday, Jan. 29 3 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 2 7 p.m.

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Ann arrived in Botetourt in 1966, teaching European art history at Lord Botetourt High School. She grew up a “Navy brat,” living all over the country. While living in Groton, Conn., Ann’s father help start up the Submarine Library Force Library & Museum. Over the years, the library has grown immensely.

Through her travels with her family, Ann experienced different cultures in various parts of the country. Eventually, she studied at then-Radford College while living with her parents at Fort McNair National War College in Washington, D.C. Right after college, Ann found herself living in Roanoke, and then eventually living in the Botetourt County seat after meeting her husband, John Allen Layman.

“My family exposed me to a lot of cultural things,” Ann recalled in a recent interview. “When I was 21, I moved to Main Street in Fincastle. I had heard of history, taught European art history, but I didn’t know anything about Botetourt history.”

Ann was impressed with the history of Fincastle and Botetourt County as she began to learn more about the area. She’s a firm believer that it takes an outsider to fully appreciate what a town and its community has to offer. Ann soon got involved in town activities. For example, she spent 10 years helping out with the Fincastle Festival Art Show.

“I was then asked by Emily Honts to go on the Board [of Directors],” she recalled. “Probably around the same time as John Rader.” From there, the rest is Botetourt history.

Ann is involved with the Botetourt Town & Country Women’s Club which is part of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC), which consists of more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia, and more than a dozen countries. GFWC members work in their own communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding.

The GFWC has a two-year community improvement project program that encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in their clubs and communities, and to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and international.

“Last year, the Women’s Club helped the jail and the Sheriff’s Office—helped Toys-4-Tots and

whatever else they needed us to do,” Ann said. “Because the club helped so much with the move, the club voted to work on the museum for two years—last year and this year.”

The Botetourt Town & Country Women’s Club began work on the museum last February by cleaning the rooms, painting the interiors, and preparing the floors for all of the old museum’s artifacts. Additionally, the club’s done various things around town like trash pick-up, landscaping, and decorating a tree on the First Bank Tinsel Trail.

Along with Layman’s active involvement with the Women’s Club, she is also one of the members of an assigned executive committee discussing the plans for a new Botetourt County museum, owned by the county, located in Fincastle—not to be confused with the current Botetourt County Historical Museum on East Main Street.

BCHM has all of their additional materials in climate-controlled storage units that could potentially be used in the new museum, and also rotating in and out of the museum on East Main Street. The old building of BCHM, in the old Breckinridge law offices built in 1861, will be put up on rollers and moved behind the Old Jail this spring. The county hopes to make an “event” out of the move, according to Botetourt Assistant Administrator Jon Lanford.

Looking back, Ann mentioned Joe Buhrman’s legacy with the museum and all of things he did as a charter member of the Historical Society for more than 50 years and founding member of the museum’s Board of Directors. Buhrman, who passed away in 2019, allowed members of the society to go into his home in Gala and pick out artifacts to take back to the museum. Additionally, he left his home to the society, who then sold the home. BCHM used money from the sale to purchase their new home in the old law offices of Rob Hagan on Main Street in Fincastle.

“It was just perfect,” Ann said. “We asked him [what he was going to do with his house] but we didn’t know. Plus, we got to go in the house and pick out the treasures we wanted [for the museum] before it went to auction... it was a lot of stuff. We couldn’t have [bought the museum’s new property] without [the sale of the Buhrman’s house]. We will forever be grateful to him.”

The new, separate museum building planned for Fincastle will be for a new destination also focusing

on the entire county’s history and its culture. The language used in the appropriations made by Del. Terry Austin during a House of Representatives 2022 session last year (Item 386 #18h) mentioned a new “Fincastle Museum.” Austin serves as the chairman of the executive committee planning for the new museum. Ann explained this new museum was given that title so that it wouldn’t be constructed outside of the Town of Fincastle.

BCHM remains involved in local school history programs by bringing by artifacts, presentation, and various other activities for students. During the 250th Anniversary celebration, the Historical Society raised money and commissioned Ed McCoy to write “Chronicles of Botetourt County”—a collection of essays looking back on 25 decades examining the county’s history through its people, places, organizations, churches, businesses, and events. The book was donated by BCHM to James River and Lord Botetourt High Schools’ 11th grade history classes.

“We want to do more programs,” Layman added. “We’re trying to work with all the groups—Historic Fincastle, Inc., the Town of Fincastle, Buchanan, genealogy. We do work with all of them.” Ann hopes the museum can host more events in the near future.

She’s excited about the direction of the Botetourt County Historical Society & Museum and remains hopeful that more young professionals take an interest. Ann praises the museum’s Executive Director Lynsey Allie for what she’s put into the museum’s new location and is also appreciative of the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce’s involvement in museum activities.

There are still things that need to be done to BCHM’s new location. Ann remains hopeful that community members will be interested in volunteering their services to help out the museum put the finishing touches on building maintenance. Ann credits Jake Cress in helping refurbish some of the museum antiques over the years, including the museum’s front door and bookshelves.

To learn more about the Botetourt County Historical Society & Museum, visit bothistsoc.wordpress.com/. The museum is located at 26 East Main Street in Fincastle and is open to the public Monday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.



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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.

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Botetourt Church of God of Prophecy - (formerly Flatwoods COGOP & Fincastle COGOP), Roanoke & Academics 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@cbcblueridge.org; website: www.cbcblueridge.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. Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. 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.

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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, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

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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; 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

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.

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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 -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,

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Read Ezekiel 40:1 through 42:20

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Ezekiel and the exiles of Israel would always remember the painful years, but God was at work even during this dark season of their history. In our own lives, we can expect "that very day the hand of the Lord" will become evident in our circumstances.

Thought for Today: Are you measuring the days since your last heartache, or looking to the day of God's provision?

Quicklook: Ezekiel 40:1-4

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

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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.

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

OBITUARIES

Holloman, Danielle Hicks

Danielle Nicole Hicks Holloman, of Buchanan, left this earthly dwelling to join our Lord Jesus Christ in her eternal home in heaven on Saturday, January 21, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Daniel D. Dollman and William H. Hicks; and grandmother, Elsie Keen Hicks.

She leaves behind her two daughters, Addison Grace and Reese Leighann Holloman; her parents, Carolyn Ann and Daniel Joseph Hicks; her best friend and life companion, Noel Calilung, and his children, Kristen and Casey. She is also survived by five



uncles, six aunts, numerous cousins and special friends, including her Lancerlot family; and two very special fur babies, her Airedales, Rockne and Rudy.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 25, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home with Pastor Rob Colwell officiating. Interment will follow in Old Dominion Memorial Gardens. The family received friends from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at Botetourt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Snipes, Judie Smith

Judie Lee Smith Snipes, 75, of Troutville, passed away on Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

She was born in Callaway, and moved to the Highland Park neighborhood in Roanoke at the age of 5. She spent summers on the family farm in Callaway where she learned the values of farming/community and how the sharing of work, equipment, knowledge were essential for everyone to succeed. She graduated from Jefferson High School, Class of 1965, with honors and participated in the varsity basketball, gymnastics and choir. The Monday following her high school graduation, she started classes at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital School of Professional Nursing just a few blocks from her home on Highland Avenue. Judie completed her studies, passed the State Board exam and became an RN in 1968 and was still licensed at the time of her death renewing her Nursing License for 2023 just prior to being hospitalized. She became the first in her family to earn a post-secondary degree.

She worked at RMH (head nurse 8East) and also at the (old) Lewis Gale, Burrell, Jefferson, Shenandoah, and Kirk Army Hospitals. Judie also was the practice manager/surgical nurse in Oral Surgery. Always learning, at age 38 Judie graduated from the University of Lynchburg earning a BS – BUS Mgmt – Magna Cum Laude. Then in 1987, she was accepted to attend the William & Mary School of Business attending every weekend while still working full time. She completed her MBA in 1988 and then her leadership training traveling to Chicago and being interviewed by hospital executives (successfully). Judie was recognized as a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives (FACHE). Judie was later recognized as ACHE's Senior Executive of the Year for Virginia. Eventually Judie was appointed Senior VP for Carilion Clinic. As Master's degrees became a gateway for nurses to teach/train/advise, many Master's candidates spent time (often a week) with Judie to get a sense of what their future might encompass (refer to Women at the Top - Roanoke Times - March 22, 1992).

At the hospital, Judie was able to staff ED, Dialysis, cath lab, surgery, and later was a "super user" for the new EMR/EPIC information system.

In a 1992 article in The Roanoke Times titled Women at the Top, she mentioned that today's top managers are the men who trained under the GI Bill after World War II. Women were not in that pool of qualified candidates. If there are inequalities, it's because women were unaware of their opportunities even though they dominate the health care industry. Until 10 or 15 years ago from 1992, women aimed to be directors of nursing rather than hospital administrators. Today



women are entering the programs and achieving high places in administration. Women must work the same long hours as their male counterparts if they want to reach high executive positions.

In her community, she was a 1970s CPR Am. Heart Assn. Master trainer. Judie actually used CPR in her community on Jefferson St. and for an infant at an Easter

Egg Hunt. Both survived. She was the Volunteer of the Year for the Local Am. Heart Assn. (1976-77), the Leader of Pack 1 and T 210 (Boy Scouts of America) where she participated in the Training Wood Badge, backpacking trek at Philmont, lead Wilderness and remote first aid (Red Cross) for adults and older youth, member of the Board BRMC BSA and awarded Scouting's highest volunteer award, The Silver Beaver.

She traveled to many of the Carilion hospitals, Big Stone Gap, Tazewell, Marion, Bluefield, Lebanon, Wytheville, Lexington, Rocky Mount, Bedford, Southside (Farmville) and worked with the Directors of Nursing and Physicians to meet licensure and quality measures. Judie shared "best practices" from around the system to improve care to the friends, neighbors and relatives in these communities.

Judie was appointed to a 5 year term on Medicare (new/emerging-technology) Review panel and traveled to Medicare Hq, 3 day meetings twice per year (volunteer) partnered with MDs and records admins (from around the country) to evaluate emerging technologies and determine if they added value and whether Medicare should pay for them or not. Her physician partners were from the Mayo Clinic (Internist) and the LSU School of Medicine (Surgeon) along with a pharmacist from L.A. She was awarded the Carilion Nurse of the Year 2005 by vote of the Nursing Team, and awarded the Nightingale Medal in 2001.

Judie was invited to present "systems, quality, and clinical effectiveness topics" to state hospital organizations and health systems – San Francisco, Seattle, Minneapolis, Buffalo, Salt Lake City, Orlando, and Portland, Maine. She compiled the many quality initiatives under at Carilion, wrote the story and submitted the information to National Quality which resulted in Carilion winning the national #1 Quality Award in 2000.

In other service, she was a member of the Boards of the Mill Mountain Theater, Family Service of Roanoke Valley, Blue Ridge Mtns. Council BSA, Roanoke Country Club (twice), Smyth County Mem. Hospital, Emergency Meds Council (Roanoke).

Judie is survived by her husband of 48 years (whom she met at the hospital), Lucas Snipes; son, Scott; and grandchildren, Patrick and Matthew.

There will not be any formal services.

McCoy, Shirley Wells

Shirley Jean Wells McCoy, 86, of Roanoke, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 20, 2023.

She was the daughter of the late Roy Wells Sr. and Ruby Wells. In addition to her parents, Shirley was also preceded in death by her husband of more than 40 years, Lawrence "Buddy" McCoy; children, Lawrence "Butch" McCoy and Timothy McCoy; four sisters-in-law; and three brothers-in-law.

Shirley will be forever loved and dearly missed by her brothers, Roy Wells Jr. (Carolyn), Donald Wells (Linda), Toby Wells (Nancy), Edward Wells Sr. (Sue), and Hilton Wells (Pam); sisters-in-law, Virginia Hedick and Linda Moore (Richard); brother-in-law, Algie McCoy; daughter-in-law, Jeannie McCoy; grandchildren, Megan McCoy, Taylor Smith (Dylan), and Caleb Leginus;

great-grandchildren, Grayson Smith and Addison Smith; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She graduated from Jefferson High School in 1956 and married Buddy McCoy on August 17, 1956. Shirley held various jobs at Victory Specialty, Mountain Wholesale and Sam's Club throughout her career. She was a faithful member of Garden City Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at Garden City Baptist Church with the Rev. John Sweeney officiating. Interment will follow in the Martin Family Cemetery in Roanoke. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements are by Oakey's Vinton Chapel, (540) 982-2221.

Long, William Henry, Jr.

William Henry "Billy" Long, Jr., 64, of Fincastle, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Roanoke.

He was born March 15, 1958 in Clifton Forge to the late William Henry Long, Sr. and Doris Mae Painter Long Nicely. He was a retired delivery driver for the United Parcel Service. He was a member of Fincastle Baptist Church and the Teamsters Union. He loved hunting, drag racing and spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, William Bradley Long and Wesley Brandon Long.

He is survived by a son, Andrew



Long and wife, Amber, of Fincastle; a daughter, Meagan Johnson and husband, Blake, of Roanoke; a sister, Pamela Lipes of Buena Vista; a brother, Christopher Long of Iron Gate; three grandchildren, Isaiah Long, Novah Long and Hadley Johnson; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel of Nicely Funeral Home, Clifton Forge with the Rev. Gene Ayers officiating. The family received friends from 5 p.m. until time of service at Nicely Funeral Home. To send condolences to the family online, visit www.nicelyfuneralhome.com.

Keenan, James Joseph, Sr.

James Joseph "Jim" Keenan, Sr., 76, of Troutville, passed away following a brief illness.

Jim was born in Trenton, New Jersey January 16, 1947 and lived in Troutville for 48 years. He was the son of the late James Henry Keenan and Margaret Julia Hudick Keenan who survives.

Jim proudly served in The United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was an avid man-about-town, but mostly, he loved spending time with his grandkids, whether it was having breakfast with Ryan, watching Conner play basketball, watching Jenna play soccer and rolling the dice with Emilee when she was younger which continued with his other grandkids.

In addition to his father, Jim was preceded in death by his brother, Patrick Keenan. He is survived by his wife of 54



years, Sue Graybill Keenan; son, James J. "Jay" Keenan, Jr. of Montvale; daughters: Erin P. Keenan and LeAnn Keenan Gregory, both of Roanoke; grandchildren: Emilee (Cole) Matthews, Ryan Patrick Dowdy, Jenna Elizabeth Nardone, and Conner Bradley Dowdy; great-granddaughter, Isla; his mother, Margaret Keenan; and "Tommy."

A private service remembering Jim with full military honors was held. Jim's family received friends 2-4 p.m. Saturday, January 21 at Rader Funeral Home, Daleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to DAV-Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301. Online condolences may be made to Jim's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/James-Keenan.

Wright, John Raymond

John Raymond Wright, 76, of Troutville, passed away January 10, 2023.

He was a kind and caring person who never met a stranger. He enjoyed spending time in the outdoors and even more so while with family and friends. He will always hold a special place in many hearts and memories.

As per his request, no funeral services will be held. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



CHURCH NEWS

Free movie at PleasantDale

January 28 is Movie Night at PleasantDale Church of the Brethren. The movie will be "Miracles from Heaven." Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be available downstairs beginning 4 p.m. The free movie, along with free popcorn, begins at 5 p.m.

Inclement weather date is the following Saturday, Feb. 4.

Upcoming trips with Joyful Journey Club

The Joyful Journey Travel Club of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville, invites you to join them on their trips for 2023. This is an outreach ministry geared for older adults but any age is welcome. Grandparents sometimes bring their grandchildren along and parents sometimes bring their children along. For more information and reservations contact Julia Greer, Joyful Journey Travel, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 19 Cedar Ridge Dr., Daleville, Va. 24083-540-330-7933

(1) PENNSYLVANIA AMISHLANDS featuring "MOSES" April 26-28 (3 days – 2 nights) \$505 per person (double occupancy), \$654 for a single. The package includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners including a Smorgasbord Dinner, performance of "MOSES" at Sight & Sound Theater, "Jacob's Choice" film, Amish Home & Tour, Kitchen Kettle Village, Turkey Hill Experience & Ice Cream Taste Lab, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities, motorcoach transportation and driver's tip. MARCH 6 deadline for payment in full.

(2) PITTSBURG EXPRESS June 20-22 (3 days – 2 nights) \$515 per person (double occupancy), \$664 for a single. The package includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 Dinners including a dinner at the Grand Concourse, Duquesne Incline, guided tour of Pittsburgh including the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning Nationality Rooms, Heinz Memorial Chapel, Tour of Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens, Frank Lloyd Wright's "Falling Water", Flight 93 Memorial & Tower of Voices Chimes, luggage handling, taxes & meal gratuities, motorcoach transportation & driver's tip. MAY 1 deadline for payment in full.

(3) GASLIGHT & GINGERBREAD December 4-6 (3 days – two nights) \$565 (double occupancy), \$734 for a single. Christmas Time in Cape May, NJ. The package includes: 2 nights lodging at the Grand Hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, tour of 1879 Physick Estate, trolley tour of historic district, Holly Trolley lights tour of Cape May, free time on Washington St. Mall, visit to Towne of Historic Smithfield, luggage handling, all taxes and meal gratuities, motorcoach transportation & driver's tip. October 13 deadline for payment in full.

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"We are getting ready to start a renovation to improve flow, and allow for more growth while improving the client and patient experience," Harris added. "Kerri is such a caring and great doctor that I am so proud to support by handling the background operations and administration, while still jumping in as another veterinary assistant, or receptionist, or kennel assistant whenever needed."

Harris mentioned that working with Buchanan's Town Council, interim town manager, and town staff has been "great."

"The council members have been very welcoming and helpful," he noted. "I've had conversations with each of them where they have caught me up on the current issues and recent successes of the town."

Reese Peck, Buchanan's interim town manager, has been doing an amazing job town operations, he said, keeping the town council informed, offering advice, and making some major administrative improvements, including moving town investments into significantly higher interest earning accounts to working on increasing the efficiency of operations and town hall.

"Our town is understaffed at the moment," the mayor said. "I give so much credit and much appreciation to Harry Gleason in Community Development, Town Clerk Claudine Stump, and Brian Simmons in public works for working so hard to keep things going smoothly."

Harris is an outdoor enthusiast who see what Buchanan has to offer. It's a "dream" for his family to live in the area. Their hike, bike, and float the river, all within minutes of their house.

"The events and festivals are always fun for everyone," Harris mentioned. "The Buchanan Garden Festival, the Buchanan Community Carnival, the River Farm Truck and Tractor Pull, Botetourt County Fair, Reggae by the River, Beaver Dam Sunflower Festival, Mountain Magic in the Fall, and multiple holiday activities are definitely events to look forward to."

Harris is excited about the "robustly growing, walkable Main Street, a great draw for residents and out of towners alike." New retail businesses and restaurants have been filling previously empty storefronts, with more development on the way.

"My wife and I are very happy with the Botetourt County school system, with one daughter in kindergarten, and

another soon to start," Harris said. "We are confident they will get a great and well-rounded education from Buchanan Elementary all the way through James River High."

Mayor Harris is understanding of the pressing issues with the Town of Buchanan, like bringing in a full-time town manager and filling out the remaining staff members of the town so operations are executed at "peak efficiency and offer the town's residents an ever-improving quality of life."

"We need to make some big decisions in the near future to ensure the town's infrastructure can continue to serve the people of Buchanan and be upgraded, repaired, and maintained as needed," noted the mayor. "I would love to see more events and increased utilization of the Buchanan Town Park and fairgrounds to bring more people in to experience all our town has to offer and patronize our businesses."

"Mostly, I want to hear from Buchanan's citizens to find out what will improve their lives in our community. I want to create and work toward a vision, with the rest of council and our town manager, that will benefit the town, its people, and its businesses and increase quality of life in our community while keeping the small-town charm that makes Buchanan so appealing."

Harris didn't really consider becoming mayor of a small town specifically, but he claimed to always have a want to serve a community in some way.

"I thought I would start with PTA once my daughters were in school, be a member of some town committees, and be an active volunteer before attempting to campaign for an

elected position," he said. "I did want to eventually be part of the group who helps steer the community I lived in and when the opportunity came to run for mayor of Buchanan, I took some time to consider if I was the right person for the job at this time."

"I had to decide if my life experiences and public interactions had prepared me for the position, if I was familiar enough with the workings of local government and knowledgeable of the Town of Buchanan in particular, and consider if I could garner enough support in the community to win the election. I spoke with friends and family who all believed in me, I researched what aspects I believed I needed more depth of knowledge in, and I spoke to citizens of the town. I have to admit that I was slightly surprised with the amount of support I had in the community, due to the fact that I had only been a part of it for a few years."

Harris remains grateful for all who helped him with his campaign, showed him support, and who voted. He's appreciative of the town for trusting him to be the mayor.

"I promise to serve the town and people of Buchanan to the best of my ability and to always do my research in order to be fully prepared to impartially act in the best interest of the town, its citizens, and its businesses," he concluded.

To learn more about the Town of Buchanan and on-going activities, visit <https://www.townofbuchanan.com> and keep track of the latest Buchanan event news every week in The Fincastle Herald.

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were on some of the equipment and said, 'I can't afford that.' I knew my wife had a sewing machine upstairs that I had given her for Christmas several years ago. I thought, I'm a pretty handy guy. If I can get her to show me how to thread it, I'll figure something out."

Scott's first project, a barricade shooting stability bag, "came out a little wonky." Then, on the next attempt, it "looked great." Scott enjoyed the process, realized he had a knack for it, and continued making gear. As a person who always needs to be doing something, Scott's hobby transitioned easily into a successful business.

After a little research and

development, they started an Etsy shop and traveling to gun shows out of the sheer joy of doing it.

"We were both laid off in May of 2020 and just kind of had an epiphany one day," Rebecca explained. "We were sitting there talking about what we were going to do and try to get away from being on someone else's schedule because we had no work-life balance. We just had to make a change. I committed at that point in time to helping him all I could."

Soon after Scott and Rebecca started up their business, they saw a return.

"It was within six months," Rebecca said of their results. "People started

buying and we were like, okay, let's add some more products and see what happens."

Ten21 sells products all over the world from Canada, Great Britain, Switzerland, Denmark, and Ukraine. They source almost all of their materials from inside of the United States. The only item they utilize not made in the U.S. is "cobra buckles" used on their dog collars, which they get from Austria.

Scott and Rebecca noted that they believe the quality of their products is second to none.

"We've built this company on our quality," Rebecca said. "I would stand that our quality up to any of the national brands."

"All day; every day," Scott concurred.

"Our gear is made well

enough for real world use but affordable enough to use for play," Rebecca added.

Some of Ten21's popular items include a rifle sling that's a "2 to 1" conversion sling serving many uses and is extremely user-friendly. Another item of note is their "insta-ring" Scott developed which adds an extra point of contact for a weapon that doesn't have that point of contact on the back of the rifle.

They also offer a "junk drawer"—a tripod hammock for storage and spotting. The hammock hangs two-feet below the top of the tripod which allows users to store their wind meters and various other items. Scott explained that most tripod hammocks consist of a flat piece of fabric on each end of the tripod. The junk drawer has a four-inch-tall wall and an area in the center where weight can be added for stability. When a user folds up the tripod, the pockets and storage allows the user to carry everything with them to their next destination.

Currently, Ten21 is "paying the bills" for Scott and Rebecca. Their hope is to move out of their home and open an off-site location with a staff that would potentially work in the sewing department while Scott sticks to growing the business further and designing/experimenting with new equipment.

To learn more about Ten21 Tactical and their products, visit their website at ten21tactical.com and follow their Instagram page, "ten21_tactical."

**LEGAL NOTICE
FINCASTLE PLANNING COMMISSION
FINCASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
(REZONING) APPLICATIONS**

The Fincastle Town Council and Fincastle Planning Commission will hold public hearings on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room, located in the upper parking lot of the Fincastle Fire Department, 25 Vine Street (the 8400 block of Roanoke Road (Route 220), Fincastle, Virginia. The Planning Commission will have a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., and the Town Council will have a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearings is to solicit input from citizens on the following proposed rezoning application:

- An application by Kevin Michael Hix Et Al and Hix Brother Enterprises, LLC, to rezone property identified by Botetourt County Tax Parcels 73A(1) 91 and 73A(1)95, located in the 200 Block of Botetourt Road between the intersections of Route 220 (Botetourt Road) with Back Street and Federal Street from RL- Low Density Residential to C – Commercial.

Information on the application can be obtained from the Town of Fincastle offices located at 25 Bank Square, Fincastle, Virginia, on Mondays through Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Individuals who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in or attend Town Council or Planning Commission meetings should contact the Secretary to the Town Council or the Planning Commission at (540) 473-2200 at least 48 hours in advance.

Dated: 1-25-2023
David Tickner, Secretary to the Planning Commission
Joan Boothe, Secretary to the Town Council

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BUCHANAN TOWN COUNCIL**

Please take notice that on the 13th day of February 2023, at 7:00PM, the Buchanan Town Council, at its regular monthly meeting, at the Town of Buchanan Municipal Building, located at 19753 Main Street, Buchanan, Virginia 24066, will conduct a public hearing on the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 023-0213-01

TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF BUCHANAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE VACO/VML VIRGINIA INVESTMENT POOL

ORDINANCE NO. 023-0213-01: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION BY THE TOWN OF BUCHANAN IN THE VACO/VML VIRGINIA INVESTMENT POOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2.2-4501 *et seq.* AND 15.2-1300 OF THE VIRGINIA CODE.

All citizens are invited to attend in person or by telephone to participate in this public hearing. A copy of the request is available for review at the Town office, weekdays from 8:00AM to 5:00PM, or on the Town's website or by contacting A. Reese Peck, Interim Town Manager, at 540-254-1212.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Botetourt County Historical Properties Commission will meet on January 26, at 3 p.m. The meeting will be available for attendees in person and virtually. To attend virtually, please call 1-804-215-1775 and enter Conference ID 529 422 803#.

The meeting will be held in Room 229 of the County Administration building at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville.

Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the
Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

No report
received
from the
stockyard
this week

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the requests listed below. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will make a final decision on the request. Information may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and is available online at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section.

Amsterdam District: Whisper Hill LLC and Invest Properties LLC (TPB Enterprises LLC, contractual purchaser) requests a Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, to increase the number of multi-family dwelling units allowed per acre and a Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, to increase the maximum building height above 45 feet in accordance with *Chapter 25, Article III. Overlay Districts, Division 2.- Gateway Crossing Overlay Districts, and Sec 25-583 of the Botetourt County Code.* This request includes five contiguous parcels totaling 21.446 acres, with frontage along Roanoke Road (US Route 220), College Drive (SR 656) and Old Estates Lane and are identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 101, Parcels 38, 38B, 40, (4)A and (4)B.

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



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Legals - Botetourt County

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Buyer has 24 hours to remove items from unit.
Cody Manspile, Auctioneer, VAL# 2907004430

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.-317.20-104 **CASE No. CWF210000261** BOTETORT Circuit Court 1 W.Main Street, Fincastle VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ARTHUR BERNHARDT HENSLEY, JR., DECEASED. The object of this suit is to: authorize the Administrator of the Estate of Arthur Bernhardt Hensley, Jr. to distribute the entire estate to the descendants of the decedent's mother. It is ORDERED that any unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns of Arthur Bernhardt Hensley, Jr. appear at the above named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 6, 2023. January 13, 2023 TOMMY L. MOORE; CLERK

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication

VA Code Ann. §§8.01-316, -317 Commonwealth of Virginia City of Radford Circuit Court located at 619 2nd Street # 149 Radford, VA 24141 **Case no. CL22-6839 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Estate of Charles Preston Hall, DECEASED.** The object of this suit is to: Establish a copy of a will as the true Last Will of Charles Preston Hall. It is ORDERED that any interested children/descendants of Charles Preston Hall appear in the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before February 28, 2023 Entered: 12/20/22 by: Melissa White, Deputy Clerk

Legals - Craig County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3484 DICKS CREEK RD, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

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Legals - Craig County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$107,100.00, with an annual interest rate of 4.250000% dated April 30, 2014, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Craig as Deed Book 192, Page 584, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Craig, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia on February 28, 2023 at 2:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: LOT 3, BLUE HEALING SPRINGS Tax Map No. 66-1-3 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: USDA. Reference Number 21-288873. **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.**

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED COURT- JUVENILE **Case No JJ002185-16-00** Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re EVANS, JACOB LUCAS The object of this suit scheduled to be heard on February 17, 2023 in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for Craig County located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127 is to terminate the residual parental Rights of the father of Jacob Lucas Evans thought to be either Ryan Quinlin, Mark Evans, Kevin Scott Minnix, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C, and which child is five (5) years of age and was born to Katlin Daniel Evans. Residual parental rights are defined in Section 16.1-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) as the rights and responsibilities remaining with a parent after the parent loses custody of a child, including but not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. The ties between you and your child are severed forever and you become a legal stranger to the child. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 02/17/2023 10:30AM signed by Patty Taylor, Clerk 12/19/2022

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED COURT- JUVENILE **Case No JJ002184-18-00** Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re EVANS, Mason Gray The object of this suit scheduled to be heard on February 17, 2023 in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for Craig County located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127 is to terminate the residual parental Rights of the father of Mason Gray Evans thought to be either Ryan Quinlin, Mark Evans, James Cook, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C, and which child is seven (7) years of age and was born to Katlin Daniel Evans. Residual parental rights are defined in Section 16.1-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) as the rights and responsibilities remaining with a parent after the parent loses custody of a child, including but not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. The ties between you and your child are severed forever and you become a legal stranger to the child. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 02/17/2023 10:30AM signed by Patty Taylor, Clerk 12/19/2022

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED COURT- JUVENILE **Case No JJ002184-19-00** Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia EVANS, Mason Gray The object of this suit scheduled to be heard on February 17, 2023 in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for Craig County located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127 is to terminate the residual parental Rights of the father of Mason Gray Evans thought to be either Ryan Quinlin, Mark Evans, James Cook, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C, and which child is seven (7) years of age and was born to Katlin Daniel Evans. Residual parental rights are defined in Section 16.1-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) as the rights and responsibilities remaining with a parent after the parent loses custody of a child, including but not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. The ties between you and your child are severed forever and you become a legal stranger to the child. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 02/17/2023 10:30AM signed by Patty Taylor, Clerk 12/19/2022

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY

3692 Alleghany Spring Road, Shawsville, VA 24162 Tax Map No. 112- A 58C, Parcel No. 140170 In execution of a Deed of Trust dated April 26, 2007, in the principal amount of \$123,731.30, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 2007004988 and corrected in Instrument Number 2011007896, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on February 9, 2022 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land, with all improvements thereon and appurtenances belonging, lying in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, being more particularly described as New Tract A1, containing 2.478 Acres, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "PARTIAL SURVEY AND MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR

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The City of Radford

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General Information

Health Resources and Services Administration

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For Free Clinic of The New River Valley, Inc.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) and the HHS General Administration Manual Part 30 Environmental Protection (February 25, 2000), HRSA has determined that the New Clinic Construction proposed by Free Clinic of The New River Valley, Inc. will have no significant adverse impact on the quality of the human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides discretionary grant and cooperative agreement awards to support

General Information

health centers expand their capacity to provide primary and preventive health care services to medically underserved populations nationwide. Free Clinic of The New River Valley, Inc. in Christiansburg, VA has applied for HRSA grant funding. The applicant proposes to use grant funds to construct a new two-story 28,900 square foot health center facility located at 130 Akers Farm Road. The applicant has submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) that documents impacts of the proposed action. This EA is incorporated by reference into this FONSI. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment for this project, which is on file at the following address for public examination upon request between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Free Clinic of the New River Valley

Also Known As: Community Health Center of the New River Valley

215 Roanoke Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 Attn: Michelle Brauns, CEO Phone: 540-381-0820

No further environmental review of this project is proposed prior to final approval from HRSA.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on these projects may submit written comments to the Free Clinic of the New River Valley, Attn: Michelle Brauns, CEO at the above referenced address. HRSA will consider all comments received within 15 days of this "Notice" prior to final approval from HRSA.

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14 million visitors spent \$1.1 billion in communities near the Parkway, supporting 16,341 jobs and having a cumulative benefit to the local economies of \$1.4 billion.

A few examples of the Foundation's past investments in the Parkway in Virginia include the operation of the concert and music programming at the Blue Ridge Music Center near Galax, and the rehabilitation of infrastructure and improvements to the visitor experience at Johnson Farm at Peaks of Otter, Humpback Rocks Farm, and Mabry Mill. With the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation being the only official partner of the National Park Service, sponsoring the creation of this plate will help support funding for future projects along this beautiful scenic road and

economic driver. I am happy to support these efforts and look forward to seeing these license plates on the road soon.

Two more of my bills reported from Transportation Committee unanimously. HB1495 removes onerous insurance requirements for ride sharing firms, placing Virginia's regulatory framework in the same posture as 41 other states across the country. HB1496 restructures the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund by implementing performance requirements for the agency that oversees the Metro system in Northern Virginia and creating efficiencies that ensure commuter rail receives adequate funding. I look forward to updating you on the progress of my other bills as they are referred to committee and work their way through the legislative process.

Last week, Gov. Glenn Youngkin delivered his State of the Commonwealth address, highlighting various accomplishments over the past year and affirming a renewed mission to lower taxes, improve our schools, and properly equip our law enforcement agencies. House Republicans are delivering on these goals, and I look forward to updating you on our progress over the next few weeks.

I'm grateful to work on your behalf in Richmond. If I can be of any assistance to you or you would like to share your position on any of my legislation, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelTAustin@House.Virginia.gov and 804-698-1019.

Delegate Terry L. Austin
19th House District

AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: Utility Bill Scams

Winter is upon us and with temperatures plummeting in many areas, keeping the heat on is critical — a fact that criminals try to take advantage of. They impersonate utility companies, threatening to cut off service if an immediate payment isn't made. The goal of these crooks is to create a sense of urgency so the target acts quickly to pay the alleged past-due balance.

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you know to be legitimate (online account, app, or customer service number from a prior bill) to determine if there is a problem with your account. And know that no legitimate company will seek immediate payment for a new-to-you issue.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

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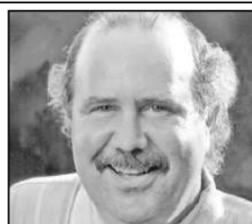
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Cavaliers host undefeated Northside Friday

The Lord Botetourt boys will be back in the Daleville gym Friday after playing four straight games on the road. The Cavaliers will host undefeated Northside in a big Blue Ridge District game.

Friday will be the first home game for LB since they played host to William Fleming on February 13. The Cavs had four straight games on the road after that and they won the first three and were scheduled to play William Byrd in the fourth in Vinton Tuesday night. Results of that game were too late for publication.

The Cavaliers started the four game trek with an 82-52 win over Franklin County in Rocky Mount last Tuesday. The game was close through one quarter with LB holding a 16-15 lead, then increasing the margin to 32-24 by the half. Botetourt blew it open by outscoring the Eagles, 32-15, in the third quarter.

"We had a great bounce back victory after three tough losses to three great teams (Radford, Northside, William Fleming)," said LB coach Andrew Hart. "Our guys had a great response and we played our best game of the season

on both sides of the ball. It was a fun game to be a part of."

Evan Bannwart had his season high with 28 points, hitting five of eight three pointers and five for five on twos. Botetourt had four players in double figures as Jackson Crawford had 16 points and five assists, Tyler Meade had 13 points and six assists and Blake Lovern had 11 points.

On Friday the Cavs were in Moneta for a district game against Staunton River and LB came away with another 30+ win, 65-32. The game started slowly with the Eagles leading 7-5 after one quarter, but LB was in control by the half, 23-15. Then, like at Rocky Mount, they exploded in the third quarter as they outscored Staunton River 26-9 to blow the game wide open.

"We started out slowly against Staunton River, their zone defense was giving us some issues and we just weren't capitalizing on some opportunities," said Hart. "However, we played pretty well after the first quarter and put together a solid performance with a lot of players contributing."

Crawford hit five threes and

led the Cavaliers with 25 points. Bannwart had nine points, Meade had four assists and KeSean Anderson came off the bench to grab a team-high six rebounds.

On Monday the Cavs were off to Low Moor for a non-district game with Alleghany and they returned winners again, this time by a 74-55 score. This time it was LB who got off to a fast start, winning the first quarter 22-8 and leading 45-18 by the half.

"Great first half by our guys," said Hart. "We played with great energy and made a lot of plays on offense and defense. Proud of our effort for the third straight game on the road."

Meade had 27 points as LB had a different leading scorer in all three road wins. Tyler was 11-15 from the floor, including five for eight on threes. He also led the team with seven rebounds and six assists. Bannwart and Crawford had 15 points each.

Monday's win lifted LB to 11-5 overall and 3-2 in the Blue Ridge District pending Tuesday's game at Byrd. Tuesday's game marked the start of the second time through the Blue Ridge schedule.

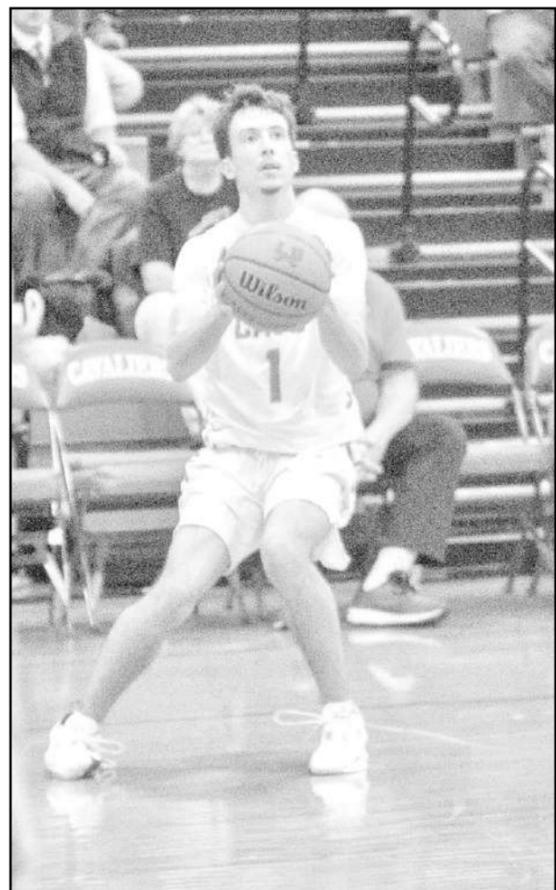


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Tyler Meade of LB studies a shot. Meade had 27 points in Monday's win at Alleghany.



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Gracie Hubbard of the Cavs looks to pass.

LB girls split Blue Ridge basketball games

The Lord Botetourt girls dropped a tough overtime game to Franklin County last week to fall into third place in the Blue Ridge District basketball standings. LB bounced back with a home win over Staunton River Friday and the girls were scheduled to host William Byrd on Tuesday of this week, but results were too late for publication.

Last Tuesday in Daleville the Cavaliers struggled from behind the arc in a 48-44 overtime loss to visiting Franklin County. Botetourt made just two of 22 attempts from long range.

"We had every opportunity to win the game but, unfortunately, we shot the ball very poorly," said LB coach Renee Favaro.

Madilyn Winterton had a double-double in the loss with 28 points, 10 rebounds and five steals. However, LB was outrebounded by seven boards and shot just eight for 15 from the free throw line, sealing the loss.

On Friday the girls bounced back with a 68-17 win over Staunton River at home. All nine players scored and had double figure minutes of playing time. Winterton led the team with 23 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and six steals while hitting 75 percent of her shots from the floor. Taylor Orange had 15 points, Ainsley Anderson had nine points and five assists and Bry Orange added nine points and eight boards.

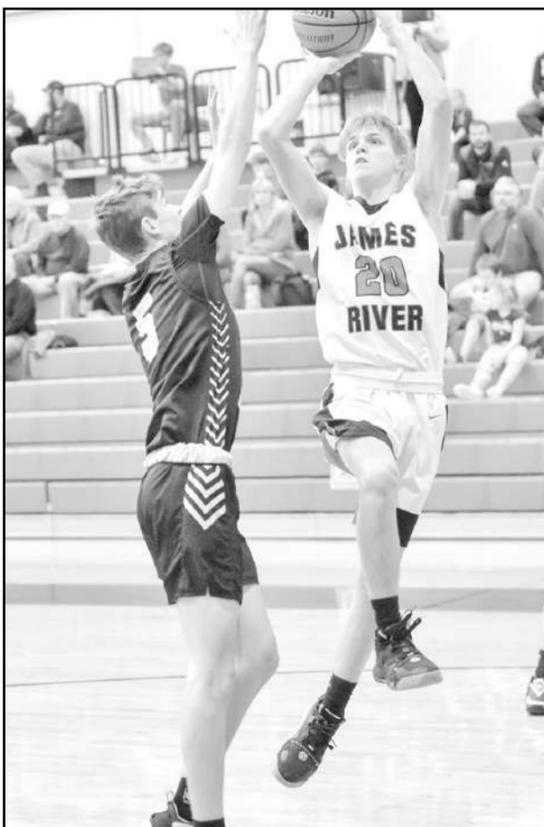
The win lifted LB to 11-5 overall and 3-2 in the district at the halfway point of district play. After Tuesday's home game with Byrd the girls will hit the road for the short trip to Northside on Friday night.

Cavaliers will wrestle Patrick Henry tonight

After a week off the Lord Botetourt wrestlers will be back on the mats tonight when the Cavaliers host Patrick Henry. It will be "Senior Night" and a dozen seniors will be recognized prior to the match at 6 pm.

This Saturday the Cavaliers will be in a tournament at Riverheads High in Staunton. It's an individual tournament scheduled to begin at 10 am.

Knight boys will play at Glenvar tonight



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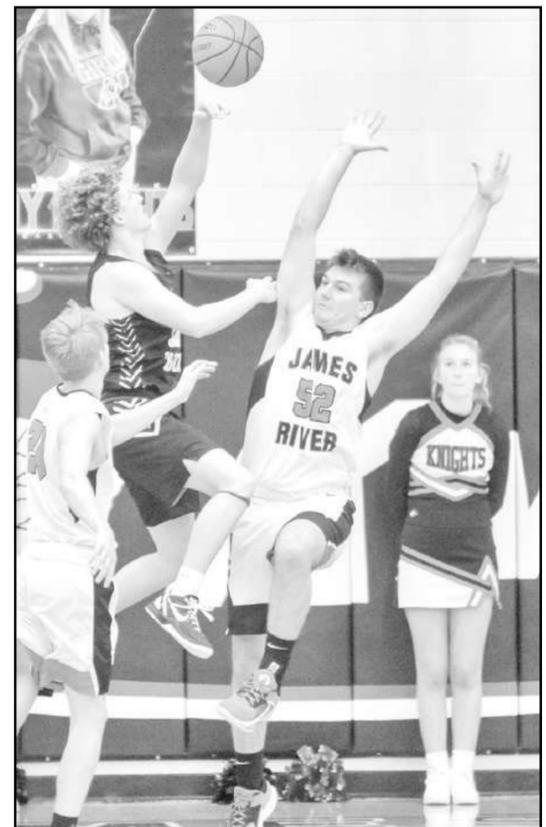
Brian Moran(#20) of River goes to the hoop.

The James River boys will be in west Roanoke County tonight for their second Three Rivers District basketball game of the season with Glenvar. The Knights are hoping for a better start in this one.

When the two teams hooked up in Springwood the Highlanders jumped on top 18-1 at the outset and appeared on their way to an easy win. However, the Knights scrapped back and caught the Highlanders by the end of the third quarter, then won the game by seven points in front of an approving Botetourt County crowd.

The Knights come in at 4-2 in the district and 11-6 overall after splitting two Three Rivers games last week, beginning with a 52-45 win at Alleghany. Ryan Steger made six three-pointers in that one on his way to 27 points while Sam Bell was a point shy of a double-double with nine points, 10 rebounds and four assists. George Toliver had seven points and nine rebounds.

"It was a monster win," said River coach Ethan Humphries. "I honestly think they have the most talented roster, top to bottom, in our district. They run 12 guys at you that can all go. They will be dangerous come playoff time, and that road win proved to ourselves we can compete anywhere when we are tough and play our game. Our staff walked away super proud of our guys."



River's Andrew Fowler takes a charge against Floyd.

Last Thursday the Knights hosted Floyd in the second game of a girls-boys doubleheader and dropped a 70-55 game to the Buffaloes, who came in as the fourth ranked team in the state in Class 2.

"Floyd came in with something to prove," said Humphries. "We had some good and bad takeaways. We weren't necessarily pleased with our performance, yet we were within striking distance until late in the fourth."

Steger led again with 18 points while Bell had 15 points, 11 boards and six assists. Toliver had a dozen points and Brian Moran had eight.

"At times, especially early, we lacked the toughness we needed to make up for some of our other mistakes," said Humphries. "That can't happen against a top team like Floyd. For us, coaches and players, it was a great game to learn from so we'll get back to work and get better."

After tonight's trip to Glenvar the Knights will be back on the bus Friday for a game at Carroll County. That will be the second game of a doubleheader with the girls and it will be "Frank Beamer Night" as the team honors the all-time winningest Virginia Tech football coach. Beamer played his high school sports at Hillsville High in Carroll County.

Wolverines win Northside Invitational

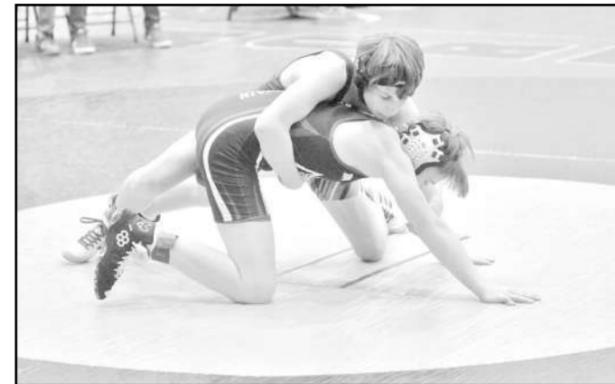


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Ben Whitt of CAMS(on top) battles Read Mountain's Mason Boitnotte in last Saturday's Northside Invitational.

Andrew Lewis Middle School in Salem was the team winner at the annual Northside Invitational Wrestling Tournament last Saturday, a valley wide event for middle school teams. Botetourt County middle schools Read Mountain and Central Academy both had teams in the tournament.

Read Mountain had a tournament champion in Austin Woolwine at 144 pounds. Second places went to Kevin Gergely at 136 and Lucas Hipes at 190 and Blake Markham was fourth at 160 for the Stars.

Efraim Echavarria was the loan placer for CAMS, taking a fourth.

River wrestlers are at Glenvar Saturday



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River's Evan Byers sends his opponent to the mat Saturday morning.

The James River wrestlers will be one of 14 teams scheduled to attend the Highlander Invitational at Glenvar High School this Saturday. The individual tourney will begin at 9 am and wrestle straight through to the finals, which are expected to start around 5:30 pm.

Last Saturday the Knights hosted a quad with Bath County, Stuarts Draft and Alleghany for "Senior Day." River has two seniors on the team this year, Elias Echavarria at 190 and Ethan O'Quinn at 144. The Knights beat Bath and Stuart's Draft but lost to Alleghany in dual competition.

"We had a good day over-

all," said River coach Bobby Stewart. "It was a day that even our back up guys and girls were able to get some mat time. Stuarts Draft is a state competitor and Alleghany is a regional competitor. It was good to see what each team has as we move into the postseason."



Josiah Merchant of James River(left) drives his Bath County foe.

The Knights forfeited four weight classes to Alleghany, so they were down 24-0 before the first whistle blew. The final score was 48-36, so River held the advantage in matches actually wrestled.

"Alleghany always has a sizable team and the numbers get us when we lose a couple other matches," said Stewart. "Had we had the other four weight classes filled we may have changed that outcome. We need to get these classes filled out. Unfortunately the team accomplishment aspect is a numbers game. You don't win tournaments and tough duals without the numbers in the line-up."

This week at Glenvar the Knights will join the host Highlanders along with a mix of Class 1 through 4 schools including Blacksburg, Cave Spring, Central of Woodstock, Chatham, Floyd County, Graham, Grundy, Hidden Valley, Northside, Parry McCluer, Princeton of West Virginia and Salem High.

"We will get to see some other regional and state competitors that will give us a good test for the postseason for regions and states," said Stewart.

River girls will play Carroll County Friday



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River's Kelsi Maydian(#20) shoots a jumper against the Buffalo gals.



Rachel Crowder of the Knights lines up a shot.

The James River girls' basketball team will try to get back to their winning ways this week with two Three Rivers District games. The girls were scheduled to host Glenvar on Tuesday of this week, and on Friday they head to Carroll County for a 5:30 pm start in a doubleheader with the boys.

River fell to 9-7 overall and 1-5 in the district with losses on back-to-back nights last Thursday and Friday. On Thursday at Floyd the girls fell to the Buffalo gals, 63-29, despite jumping off to an 11-4 lead. That was short lived, however, as Floyd settled down and went on a 19-2 run to end the quarter and never looked back.

"We played so well from the start of the game to the half," said River coach Ryan Firebaugh. "We broke Floyd's press and we were capitalizing on their mistakes, but Floyd settled down after a couple made baskets by them. We fought hard and played well, we just have to put together four quarters of play and not two quarters of play."

Lexi McCullough and Honesty Liming had six points each for River while Siera Davis and Sydnee Breeding had five each.

"Floyd is one of the best Class A teams in the state, and we went neck-to-neck with them for a half," said Firebaugh. "I can't fault the way the girls played. They played well and they played hard."

On Friday the Knights played another strong team on the second night of a back-to-back, heading to Elliston to take on 14-2 Eastern Montgomery. The

host Mustangs upped their win total to 15 with a 61-37 win over the visiting Knights

"Eastern Montgomery is 15-2 for a reason," said Firebaugh. "They are pretty good, they move well without the ball and they knock down shots."

River fell behind early, trailing 22-8 after the first quarter, and started running into foul trouble as they went into halftime down 33-15. River cut the lead to just six points in the third quarter but never could catch the Mustangs.

"Our spacing and our cutting was a lot smoother in the second half than it was the first half on offense," said Firebaugh. "When we roared backed in the third quarter I knew we had them, but they had a couple players step up and hit some key shots for them to extend the lead."

Kelsi Maydian, who was called up from the jayvee team over the holiday break, led River with 11 points. Caitlin Canada had nine points before fouling out in the third quarter. Breeding had seven points and Liming had six points and nine rebounds.

The schedule doesn't get any easier this week. On Tuesday the girls hosted a Glenvar, a team they lost to the first time around, and on Friday they'll try to upset the defending Class 3 state champion Carroll County girls who came into the week at 15-1.

Cavaliers have senior night at the "Y" Thursday

The Lord Botetourt swimmers will celebrate "Senior Night" on Thursday when they host a meet at the Botetourt YMCA. The meet is scheduled to begin at 7:15 pm.

Last week the Cavaliers hosted William Byrd, Franklin County and Christiansburg in a quad-meet at the Y and the Botetourt girls swept all three. LB beat Byrd, 102-57, Franklin County, 107-43, and Christiansburg, 89-69.



Botetourt's Isabelle Broyles swims the freestyle at the Botetourt Y.

"What an amazing meet," said LB coach

Ashley Safrit. "We had so many time drops it was incredible to watch. In addition, our girls' team won overall against all three teams."

First places for the Cavaliers included Layne Jones in the 500 Freestyle and 100 Back and Hannah Mizuba in the 200 IM and 100 Butterfly. In the relay events the team of Jones, Mizuba, Sarah Fredrickson and Olivia Nicely won the 200 Medley and the 200 Free Relay. Botetourt had 18 individual personal records for the night.



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Olivia Nicely of LB does the breast stroke at last week's meet.

River swimmers put up good times

The James River swimmers competed at the Bedford YMCA last week and had some solid performances.

Individually, Walker Wilson won the boys 100 Freestyle and took second in the 50 Free. Drew Whitson won the 100 Breaststroke and was second in the 100 Free, MacKenzie Alford took thirds in the 100 Free, Mac and 100 Back, Ethan Smith was third in the Breast and David Merritt took

fourth places in the 100 Free and Breast.

In the relays the boys had a first place with the 200 Freestyle team of Smith, Damien Mitchell, Merritt and Wilson. Those same four took fourth in the 200 Medley.

River had a home meet on Tuesday of this week against Alleghany and William Byrd, but results were too late for publication

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