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Oral History Event at museum celebrates Black History Month

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The Botetourt Historical Society and Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council held an Oral History Event at the Botetourt County History Museum in Fincastle on Sunday featuring stories told by current residents and guests about local African Americans and their impact on the Botetourt community in celebration of Black History Month.

Cheryl Sullivan Willis, a member of the Greenfield Advisory Council, hosted the event that saw guests seated throughout the museum's bottom floor.

"This is an event for us to come together honoring anyone who is in Botetourt County and the Roanoke Valley; anyone who is a part of this area who has

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The Botetourt Historical Society and Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council presented an "Oral History Event" at the Botetourt County History Museum last Sunday afternoon. Guests were invited to share stories about important African American residents.



PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE
 Curtis Brown shares a story during the Oral History Event held at the Botetourt History Museum last Sunday.



Students and guests sit down at the "Ag café" enjoying hot dogs and light refreshments during the Botetourt 4-H/FFA Youth Expo last Friday in Daleville.



Botetourt's 4-H Lego Robotics demonstrate the robot's functionality.



PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE
 The Botetourt 4-H Shooting Club displayed information about various shooting disciplines.

Botetourt 4-H and FFA hold Youth Expo

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Botetourt County 4-H and FFA presented their 2023 Youth Expo at Lord Botetourt High School last Friday in Daleville.

The expo featured members of Botetourt's 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) displaying information about their respective organizations and clubs. Guests had the chance to interact with the students, learning more about 4-H's and FFA's impact on the community. Students performed demonstrations as they shared insight about their club's activities. The organizations also provided guests with free hot dogs and refreshments. "I thought the 4-H/FFA Youth Expo went very well

and it was great seeing so many people come through that support our 4-H and FFA members," Botetourt County 4-H Extension Agent Tyler Painter said. "This event is an excellent opportunity for community members to see the agricultural impacts of these clubs and chapters, but to also see what other educational opportunities exist for youth to participate in."

The 4-H and FFA alumni group held a silent auction in the lobby of the school with proceeds benefiting both organizations.

Following the expo, Botetourt 4-H held its annual Share the Fun talent show as a part of

the showcase. A total of 12 acts (14 total participants) from 4-H's junior and intermediate divisions performed for guests.

The overall winner for the junior division was Rosalie Stull, for her acapella vocal performance, and the overall intermediate winner was Autumn Sparks for her instrumental keyboard performance. The rest of the performers in the junior division were Jocelyn Theimer, Hayana Thompson, Haylee Thompson, Alannah Thompson, Melody Bowyer, Sophia Reiner, Evelyn Milko, Joseph Reiner, and Everly Lucas. The additional acts in the intermediate division were performed by Evan

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Cloverdale Church of the Brethren holds playground dedication



PHOTO COURTESY OF CLOVERDALE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
 The children of Cloverdale Church of the Brethren are excited about their new playground. Members of the church and other community members gathered outside of Cloverdale Church of the Brethren last Saturday to dedicate the new playground equipment recently installed at the beginning of the year. More photos from the dedication on Page 5.

Bank of Botetourt names Austin president; selects Hayth as vice chair of the board

Buchanan-based Bank of Botetourt announced that Michelle R. Austin has been named the seventh president in its 124-year history and has been appointed to its Board of Directors, effective February 20. She will maintain her role as Chief Operating Officer, which she has held since 2021.

Austin began her career in banking with Bank of Botetourt as a college intern in 1991 and joined the bank full time in 1993 after earning her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Roanoke College. She then graduated from the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at University of Virginia, and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. In 2005 Austin graduated from Troy University with a Master of Business Administration and was appointed the bank's Chief Financial Officer, a position she held for 18 years.

G. Lyn Hayth III, the bank's top ranking Chief Executive Officer, said, "Michelle has spent her entire 30-year career devoted to Bank of Botetourt



PHOTO COURTESY OF BANK OF BOTETOURT
Michelle Austin

and she is ready for the role of president and COO."

Austin currently serves on the Region 2 GO Virginia Board to support

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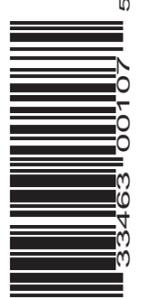
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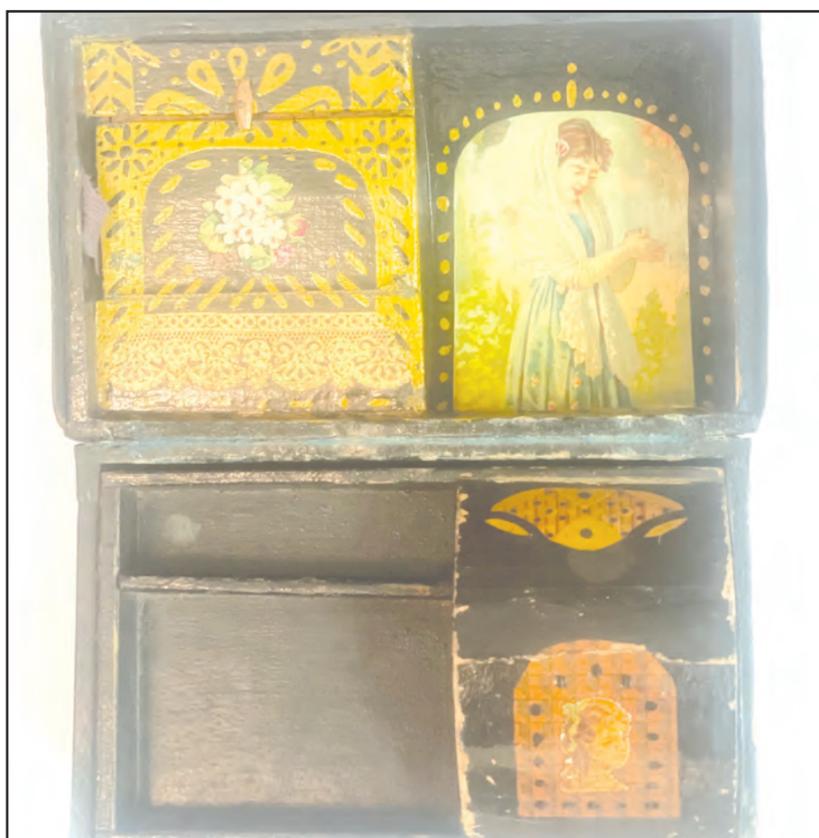


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This is a keepsake "miniature trunk" which was donated to the Botetourt History Museum in 2012 by Phyllis Austin Burch Tenser. She purchased it from the widow of Garnet McFerran, who was born in 1881, and made it out of wood. The top has a stylized flower design. This is a picture of the inside showing decoupage images. One is of a young woman in a blue dress, long white gloves and white scarf standing in a garden. There are several compartments inside. Similar trunks or boxes were made and sold by Montville G. Lawson and his family in a barbershop in Fincastle. Come see this artifact and others in the African American display case at your free BCHS Museum, which is open every day.

- Botetourt County History Museum

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Botetourt Fire & EMS receives PRSA Summit Award for Girls Fire Camp



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Botetourt County Fire & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson, Firefighter Kayla Jones, and Recruitment & Retention Specialist Taylor Lunsford received the PRSA Summit Award last week for the 2022 Girls Fire Camp.

Botetourt Fire & EMS was presented with a Silver Summit Award from the Public Relations Society of America for the first Girls Fire Camp last Thursday.

In a male-dominated field, only 4% of career firefighters and 11% of volunteer firefighters are women. Botetourt Fire & EMS is working on changing this stigma, one girl at a time and they made huge strides by hosting the inaugural Girls' Fire Camp on June 18, 2022. This event was inspired by career and volunteer female firefighters in the department's workforce. Planning for the event began in May of 2021. During the months of planning and revising the program, personnel were also successful in securing a grant totaling \$5,000 from the International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer Workforce Solutions Grant program to offset costs and make the camp a reality.

The fire service has an ever-growing need for a diverse workforce and this camp showed girls that this job isn't just for guys. The one-day camp was offered for rising 1st-12th graders and was established to inspire girls of all ages to see possible career opportunities in Fire & EMS. Through multiple age-appropriate modules, girls were able to learn what fire and EMS is all about. This camp was also dedicated in the

honor of late Fire & EMS Captain Helen "Gracey" Humbert, who served within the department for over a decade. Gracey passed away in April of 2022 after battling breast cancer. She was the essence of what a female can be in the fire service and her story and legacy were shared as part of the camp. Registration was limited to 50 girls, and it sold out in one day.

Campers were able to:

- Use a hose to "put out a fire" and "save" a victim
- Climb over an obstacle course
- CPR and basic First Aid
- Participate in a Dummy Drag Relay
- Learn about Fire Science
- Vehicle Extrication

By the end of the camp, Fire & EMS personnel expressed how full their hearts were to see so many girls excited about the fire service. Many of the girls had shared that they didn't know Fire & EMS were an option for women, but now they do. The camp was also recognized locally and nationally by local media.

A recap video of Girls' Fire Camp 2022 can be found here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SB0SgMQzLD8.

- Botetourt County Communications

Botetourt DAR Chapter celebrates President's Day at The Glebe



DAR members, guests, and families

The Botetourt County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Saturday, February 18, in the Botetourt Room at The Glebe. Family members and guests joined the DAR members to celebrate President's Day.

A memorial service was held for four DAR members that passed during the past year, Judy Young Morris, Margaret Lyon Martin, Catharine Stoner Peaslee, and Isabelle Ransone Watts.

The chapter had two officers retire from their duties, Roblyn Brand retired as Registrar and JoElla John retired as Regent.

Three officers were sworn in, Betty Holt

as Regent, JoElla John as Registrar, and Dana Manos as Recording Secretary.

The guest speaker was Sam Winkler, a living history actor who portrayed Gen. Andrew Lewis. When the Revolutionary War began, Lewis was part of Virginia's provisional congress and a militia leader. He helped organize the forces that fought against former Governor Dunmore and British raiders in Virginia. Congress appointed Lewis a brigadier general in 1776. Lewis lived in Salem and is buried in East Hill Cemetery.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political organization open to any

woman who has lineage to a Patriot who contributed to the success of the American Revolution. It is focused on service to the community, and it fosters patriotism, education and service. The motto is God, Home and Country. More than 1,000,000 women have joined the organization since it was founded over 125 years ago.

Anyone interested or has questions about joining the chapter may contact Membership Chair Emily Talbot-Guillote via email at eptg1019@gmail.com or Regent Betty Holt, betty4658@gmail.com.

- Botetourt DAR



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DAR board members are, from left: seated, JoElla John-Registrar, Angela Coon-Corresponding Secretary, Betty Holt-Regent, Pat Honts-Parliamentarian; standing, Cathy Cronise-Assistant Treasurer, Emily Talbot-Guillote-Chaplain, Dana Manos-Recording Secretary, Alisia White-Braxton-Treasurer, and Carole Geiger-Vice Regent.

Central Academy student reports unusual Snapchat to authorities

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office is investigating a threat after a female student from Central Academy Middle School (CAMS) reported receiving an unusual message on the social media platform Snapchat from her handheld wireless device, as reported in a press release from the office on Friday.

A female student told investigators she received a "friend request" that she accepted from an unknown party on her Snapchat account. A message on the social media platform soon followed after accepting the friend request stating, "You're on the CAMS hit list, good luck you're the first one."

The student said she blocked the user immediately but received a second "friend" request from another username

which she also accepted. A second message soon followed after accepting the additional friend request that said, "you're on the hit list, number one, watch you're back, you've been warned."

Botetourt County Sheriff's Office detectives and the CAMS School Resource Officer in collaboration with Botetourt County Public Schools Administration began an investigation immediately upon being alerted to the social media post. Detectives also discovered an anonymous threat was received by a school administration computer belonging to Central Academy Middle School claiming there was a "hit list." This threat was received in the same time frame as the Snapchat.

Since being alerted to the social

media post which raised safety concerns, detectives have been working to secure the relevant documents and the digital footprints of the devices used to send the messages, including interviewing potential witnesses and students. At this time the investigation is still very active, and detectives continue to follow up on leads. Detectives are confident there is no substantial threat to students. Detectives are also looking into similarities and known associations from a recent case in Alleghany County.

Last Tuesday evening, as a precaution, Botetourt County Public Schools sent out a notification to the parents of CAMS students making them aware that some level of threat had been made.

"While we apologize for not always

being able to provide you a complete picture of what has occurred," the release stated, "be assured that our response will be immediate to address any concerns that may arise regarding the safety of your child and to resolve these types of incidents."

Detectives needed time to investigate what had just been reported and interview the potential parties involved.

"The safety of your children is our top priority," said Sheriff Matt Ward. "We will do everything possible to protect them and prosecute those who threaten their safety".

Extra deputies will be present at the school as an added precaution.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Sirens & Salutes deliver food on Super Bowl Sunday

Sirens & Salutes, a local non-profit organization who performs community services to veterans and emergency workers in the area, delivered food to the Read Mountain, Troutville, Fincastle, and Buchanan Fire Departments, Botetourt County Sheriff's Office, and the State Police barracks in Natural Bridge on

Super Bowl Sunday. Pictured below are founders Bill and Cindy Price delivering food to local fire departments and police officers alongside their children, Gavin and Keegan.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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Youth raise funds for Horse Rescue



Students are creating their horse collages.

Sunday, January 29, saw a little extra excitement and activity at Tammie's Place restaurant on Main Street, Buchanan.

The Va. Blue Ridge Riders (VBRR) program, in conjunction with Leah Coffman, local artist, presented a unique and fun art project for some of the students on January 29 at Tammie's Place in Buchanan. All of the children are Botetourt kids who attend Breckinridge and Buchanan Elementary or are homeschooled.

Students created a horse collage at the direction of Mrs. Coffman and enjoyed food and service by Tammie and crew. Proceeds were used to go to the Roanoke Valley Horse Rescue to deliver some much-needed donated horse feed.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VBRR
Mason Woods shows off his horse collage.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TUESDAY MORNING CLUB

Tuesday Morning Club holds February meeting

The Tuesday Morning Club met at Troutville Brethren Church with 12 members and one guest on Feb 14. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order, Mary Furr was hostess and had devotions. Dot Hillard won the hostess gift. Nancy Waddell read minutes and Faye Kessler gave treasure report. The February project was bingo game prizes for the Brian Center. The club's March project will be

donations to county high schools for after prom parties. The Tuesday Morning Club will also make goody bags for veterans at Cave Creek. Game prizes were won by Pam Obenchain and Gale Webb. Guests are welcome to join the club on second Tuesday each month.

- Submitted by Nancy Waddell

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Saturday, Feb. 25
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Sunday, Feb. 26
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Lawrence holds blood drive in January

Lawrence Companies collected 25 units at a blood drive on January 27.

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Visitors who donated were Grant Holmes, Cindy Holland, JD Robinson, Susan Bleecker and Madeline Sliwoski.

Winner of the prize drawing was Doug Cobler, and first-time donor Justin

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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week



Shelby is only 35 pounds. She is an Australian Shepherd mix. Her coloring is beautiful! Shelby came to the LAP on February 18 from the Scott County Animal Shelter. She is spayed and up to date on vaccines. She is gentle and good with other dogs and children.

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

Library BUZZ

Upcoming Library Events

Bird Watching for Beginners

Saturday, February 25
10-11am - Fincastle Library
12:30-1:30pm - Eagle Rock Library

Get a hands-on birdwatching lesson from the Roanoke Valley Bird Club. Learn about birds in our area, why they're important to the ecosystem, issues they face, and tips for spotting them. Attendees have the chance to win a pair of binoculars!

Stop the Bleed

Sat, Feb 25, 11:30am-12:30pm, Fincastle Library

Learn how to stop a traumatic bleeding event in this hands-on workshop. Space is limited; call 540-928-2900 to register.

Yoga for Beginners

Tue, Feb 28, 10am, Eagle Rock Library

Stretch your brain and body with yoga poses. Adaptable for all ages, abilities, and body types. Instruction provided by the Botetourt Family YMCA.

Borrowing Basics

Wed, Mar 1, 6:30-7:30pm, Blue Ridge Library

Learn about credit, loans, and how to make better financial decisions. Refreshments will be served, plus a drawing for a gift card giveaway. Attend in-person at the library or virtually; to register for the virtual session and get the Zoom link, go to <https://www.uwrv.org/bank-on-roanoke-valley>.

Understanding Medicare & Social Security

Wed, Mar 1, 12-1pm, Eagle Rock Library

Thu, Mar 2, 1-2pm, Blue Ridge Library

Tue, Mar 7, 1-2pm, Buchanan Library

Thu, Mar 9, 1-2pm, Fincastle Library

Learn how to navigate the complex world of Medicare and Social Security, plus how to find financial assistance for basic life needs.

Acting Out

Every Thursday, March 2-30, Buchanan Library

Explore acting using a variety of characters and techniques in this workshop series with Pete Burris, veteran actor from plays, movies, and TV shows like Stranger Things, American Rust, and Dopesick. Recommended for ages 11-14. Space is limited; call 540-928-3005 to register.

Ag Day

Sat, Mar 25, 10am-2pm, Eagle Rock Library

Celebrate local agriculture with activities for all ages! Touch a tractor, learn about honeybees, and enjoy presentations about dairy, local agricultural groups, gardening with heirloom seeds, STEM in agriculture, and so much more. Hydroponics session 11am-12pm. Rain Barrel Workshop from 12-1:30pm (registration required). Call 540-928-2800 with questions or to register for the Rain Barrel workshop.

Computer Basics

Mondays 11am-1pm, Eagle Rock Library

Tuesdays 1-3pm, Blue Ridge Library

Get step-by-step instructions in basic computer skills. Join any class in the series, or take all four. 1) Getting Started, 2) Text, Files and Printing, 3) Word Processing, 4) Internet and Email. Space is limited; call 540-928-2900 to register.

Reading is for the Birds

February's Challenge: Can you read as many books as you spot birds? Earn badges for the books you read and swoop into some fun bird-related activities! Log in to your account at botetourtva.beanstack.org to join the challenge and track your reading and activities.

More regular events

Kids: Little Explorers, StoryTime, LEGO Club, STEM Club, Art Club, Arts & Crafts, How to Draw for Kids

Adults: Puzzle Club, Scrabble Club, Card Games, and Book Clubs

See the events calendar at BOCOLibraries.info or call 540-928-2900 for dates, times, and locations!

Update from the House By Del. Terry Austin



To the constituents of the 19th House District:

The sixth week of 2023 Session has concluded. House Republicans have been working countless hours in subcommittees, committees, and on the House floor to consider hundreds of Senate bills within the abbreviated timeline of the short session. Last week, the House and the Senate each passed their own version of a budget and there are some key differences in funding priorities, including the amount of money that will be returned to taxpayers. As Vice Chairman of Appropriations, and a conferee on the budget, I will continue to stress the urgency of getting budget negotiations started.

Each day that we step foot in the Capitol, we seek to pass legislation that will make a positive and lasting impact for Virginia. This mindset has enabled us to pass significant tax relief, invest in our schools, and make our communities safer. In addition to these important initiatives, we have also made it a priority to restore trust and transparency in our elections and ensure our government functions efficiently for all Virginians. While the Democrat majority Senate has blocked several of these measures from becoming law, House Republicans remain committed to exercising good governance and preserving the most sacred tenets of our democratic process.

Democracy cannot thrive without a secure electoral process that people can trust. Just a few years ago, the Democrat-led General Assembly passed sweeping legislation that diminished that trust by diluting our election laws in several significant ways. Over the past few weeks, House Republicans advanced legislation to reverse these policies and replace them with pragmatic ones, including legislation restoring the requirement to show photo identification when voting. This simple measure, which is as commonplace as showing an ID to buy alcohol at the grocery store, is an effective deterrent to reduce voter fraud. We also sought to tighten rules on absentee voting by

advancing legislation that would have repealed voter drop boxes to ensure unrestricted "vote dumps" cannot occur.

House Republicans also passed bills to bring the Commonwealth back toward the original idea of "Truth in Sentencing" while increasing transparency in daily governance. In addition to key pieces of legislation that would have ensured criminals who have committed particularly heinous crimes would stay off the streets for longer periods of time, we also advanced legislation that would shine a light on the actions of the Parole Board to implement real accountability and reinforce the safety of Virginians.

My Republican colleagues and I were proud to vote for the passage of these bills in the House. Yet, you will not see them become law because the Senate subsequently defeated each one of these proposals in various committees this week. Rest assured, the outcome of these bills in the Senate only strengthens our commitment to continue fighting to restore trust and transparency in our government.

As for my legislation, I am happy to report that my bills creating a license plate to support the Blue Ridge Parkway, updating industry standards for transportation network companies, and reorganizing the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund have all passed out of the Senate and head to the governor's desk for his signature. Unfortunately, my bill adding the Secretary of Finance as a standing member of the Public Private Partnership Advisory Council, which was a priority of Governor Youngkin, fell prey to partisan politics and did not report out of Senate Finance Committee. My bill establishing the VA250 Commission as a legislative branch commission reported out of Senate Rules unanimously and heads to the floor to be voted on this week.

If I can be of 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: The facts on two-factor authentication

One way to protect yourself from identity thieves is by opting into two-factor authentication. This means that to log in to a given site, you enter your password, and then are prompted to enter an authentication code. You either receive the code via text, phone or

email, or you use an app that generates the code. Once you enter that code, you are able to log in. This additional layer of security is meant to protect you in case a criminal has your login information. But like other protections, scammers have found a way around it.

Credit reporting company Experian warns that scammers are using bots — automated programs — to convince people to share their two-factor authentication codes. The bot makes a robocall or sends a text that appears to come from a legitimate entity, like your bank. It asks you to authorize a particular charge, and if you didn't recognize the charge, to enter your authentication code. In reality, the bot is trying to log into your account, but it needs that code to break into your account.

Two-factor authentication codes work as intended, but if a criminal is able to convince you to share it, it has no value. Anytime you are prompted by an unsolicited communication to share a recently received authentication code, it's a scam. Change your password to that account ASAP.

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

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

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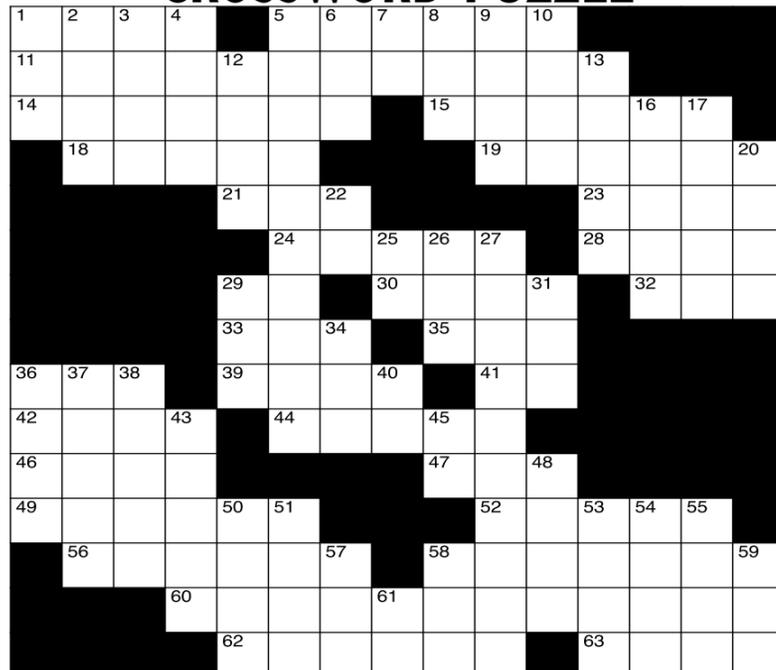
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1. Constrictors
5. Abounding in rocks
11. Speed
14. German city
15. Lacking sympathy
18. Visionaries
19. Wastes away
21. One precursor to the EU
23. Nursemaid
24. Unconsciousnesses
28. Baby's word for father
29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)
30. Senses of self-importance
32. Midway between south and southwest
33. When you hope to get there
35. Electronic data

CLUES DOWN

1. Humbug!
2. Devices that alert pilots (abbr.)
3. Grocer

4. One point east of southeast
5. Subject to hostility
6. Work unit
7. Atomic #56
8. British thermal unit
9. "Elusive Butterfly" singer
10. Fastened over animal's neck
12. Device
13. Rechargeable power source
16. Ancient sage
17. Consist of two elements
20. "Pygmalion" writer
22. "The Centennial State" (abbr.)
25. Of I
26. Get older
27. Brotherhoods

29. Buzzing insect
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior's dad
43. Horse mackerels genus
45. Morning
48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)
50. Double curve
51. Small, twisted bunch
53. Developed
54. Mars crater
55. Humanistic discipline
57. Word element meaning ear
58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
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Bank of Botetourt accepting applications for annual scholarship

Bank of Botetourt is offering its seventh annual Taking Care of You Community Scholarship totaling \$2,000. Three total scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$500 and two at \$250. These scholarships are available to high school seniors and existing college students with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and who currently utilize Bank of Botetourt for their banking services.

To apply, applicants will need to write a two-page essay on the topic of "How has Bank of Botetourt been able to take care of your banking and financial needs?" The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 31.

For additional information contact the Bank Education Team Representative Jon Foreman at Scholarship@BankofBotetourt.com or 540-591-5053.

Bank of Botetourt to host high school seniors virtually for VBA Bank Day Scholarship Program

Beginning Wednesday, March 15, Bank of Botetourt will virtually host seniors from high schools throughout its bank footprint to participate in Bank Day, a statewide effort sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) Education Foundation and the VBA Emerging Bank Leaders. The purpose of the program is to expose students to the banking industry and provide an opportunity for the students to learn about banking, careers in banking, financial services and the vital role Bank

of Botetourt and banks across Virginia play in their communities.

Last year, the bank, in conjunction with the VBA, worked with 30 seniors from seven local high schools. From their experience, the students are required to write an essay, and 12 scholarships (six honorable mention, six regional, and one statewide) will be awarded based on the essays totaling \$26,000.

"We are pleased to partner with the VBA to offer this scholarship opportunity. The financial education of our youth is one more way the bank serves its communities, and I am proud to share that Bank of Botetourt has hosted 10 recipients from this program to date," said Bank of Botetourt President & CEO G. Lyn

Hayth.

Throughout the virtual program, students will have access to a Virginia Banking industry resource website that houses videos, articles, and podcasts to explore and research. As a virtual host, Bank of Botetourt will also be providing supplemental materials and packets to the seniors as a thank you to each for participating.

To learn more, and to sign up to participate in the VBA Bank Day program with Bank of Botetourt, visit www.BankofBotetourt.com/VBA-Bank-Day or contact Jon Foreman at BankDay@BankofBotetourt.com. Student registration closes on Friday, March 3, 2023.

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Dana Wimmer explained in a recent email that her grandson attended the daycare at Cloverdale Church of the Brethren in 2021. She picked him up every Thursday.

"One day back in November 2021 when I picked him up, I looked at the [church's] worn out playground equipment and thought to myself they really need more modern equipment," Wimmer explained. "That started the process. I first talked to our pastor [Patrick Starkey] to get direct on how to make this happen. He suggested I present my idea to the church's Stewards Commission, so I did and they were all for it."

Wimmer mentioned that her sister, Dotty Hopkins, helped out in bringing this idea to light. They presented their idea for new playground equipment to the church board and received their approval. Dana and Dotty organized a fundraiser supported by the daycare and preschool families raising \$2,000. "We've had many donations from our congregation and friends of the church," Wimmer added. "Our church generously picked up the balance. So over a year later here we are with a completely beautiful new playground for the church, daycare/preschool, and community to enjoy."



Church Pastor Patrick Starkey speaks at last Saturday's playground dedication in Cloverdale.



A look at the crowd during last Saturday's dedication.



Dana Wimmer and her grandsons, Jordan and Chase, cut the ribbon on the new playground at the church.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CLOVERDALE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
The new playground is located at 4708 Read Mountain Road.



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Botetourt Worship Directory

ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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

Troutville Assembly of God, 118 Conner Lane, P.O. Box 728, Troutville, VA 24175, Pastor Dennis Carroll, 540-960-1224, Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Everyone welcome.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

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

INDEPENDENT**BAPTIST**

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

New Hope Baptist Church- 2315 Blue Ridge Blvd. (US 460), 977-6610, Pastor David McNeill; Sunday School, 9:45AM; Worship, 10:45AM, 7PM; Wed., Bible Study 7PM; Kids, 7PM; Daycare and Preschool, Mon-Fri. 6:30AM-6PM.

Valley View Baptist Church- 17471 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Daniel Boone, 254-2760 (church), 254-2570 (H). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM, Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM; Wednesday: Prayer and Youth Ministries, 7 PM, Word Of Life youth ministry for 4 year olds-12th grade Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Bonsack Baptist Church - 4845 Cloverdale Rd. (Alt. 220) Dr. Chris Cadenhead, 977-5701, Sunday School, 8:30a.m. and 11a.m.; Worship 9:45a.m.; Wed. Bible study, 6 p.m.

Buchanan Baptist Church - 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal

at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site - buchananbaptist.com; Phone - 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

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

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

Fincastle Baptist Church- Located at 7330 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, Rt. 220, 1 mile south of Fincastle, 540-473-2861; www.fincastlebaptist.org; 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.

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

Troutville Baptist Church - P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, 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, 10:30 a.m.; Wed. (Sept.-May), Family Dinner, 6 p.m., bible study, 6:45 p.m. Preschool, after-school care & summer day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna Burkhart, preschool director.

Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren- 10603 Narrow Pas-

YOU ALONE

Read Numbers 18:1 through 19:22

Monte had given his son one job: Shovel the walk. Monte returned to see messy piles of snow haphazardly scattered about. The boy had convinced his younger sister—who could barely lift the shovel—to do it for him so he could play video games. Monte promptly unplugged the game and sent the boy out to finish the job.

Similarly, God gave Aaron and his sons enormous responsibility. He expected them—and them alone—to follow through.

“But only you and your sons may serve as priests in connection with everything at the altar and inside the curtain. I am giving you the service of the priesthood as a gift. Anyone else who comes near the sanctuary is to be put to death” (Numbers 18:7).

Has God placed a burden on your heart? Is He pointing you toward work that will expand His kingdom? You are uniquely gifted and in just the right place to effect divine change in this world. Don't wait for someone else to do the job the Lord has given you. He wants you, and you alone, to follow through.

Thought for Today: The work of the Kingdom changes our hearts as it changes our world.

Quicklook: Numbers 18:1-7

sage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly. **Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren**- 2565 Buffalo Rd., 10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Michael Tabor, (540) 309-7595.

Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, 3732 Breckinridge Mill Road, Fincastle Virginia 24090, Pastor Dr. David A. Tozar, Worship service 11:00am every Sunday, Potluck Luncheon every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Troutville Church of the Brethren - 5133 Lee Hwy., 992-1571; Terry R. Johnson, Pastor; Don Obenshain, Choir Director. Sunday Morning Services: Sunday School, 10 am; Worship Service, 11 am. Sunday Night Meetings: Rainbows, 5:30 pm; Christ Seekers, 6:00 pm. Wednesday Night Meetings: Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Choir practice, 7:00 pm. Family Fellowship Time will be held each 3rd Sunday of the month. Handicap Accessible. Our email address is: Troutvillecob@hotmail.com.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dale Ridge Church of Christ - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., Roanoke, 24019; beside the Botetourt Athletic Club. Leave message 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Please come visit us in person or get to know about us first by visiting our web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net. Updated each week with a new sermon by Mike Mazzalongo, four minutes of video showing our nearly six acres of land and our beautiful, functional inside facilities, articles, events, news from Christian sources around the world and here locally plus much, much more. See how many ways Dale Ridge is “Reaching Out There” to the Roanoke Valley with the “Good News of Jesus. By clicking on “visit us virtually” real time access to our Worship services is available via your computer, a

tablet or smartphone: Just follow the instructions. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe the Holy Spirit is a gift to every Christian upon their response to the Gospel as demonstrated by the 3000 obedient souls in (Acts 2:38). We believe Jesus is the only author of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Have you been looking for a church family that is progressive, outside the box thinkers, led by the Holy Spirit into all truth. (John 16:13). You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. (John 13:35) Real time contact thru our website via email.

ECKANKAR

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

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)-9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at osroanoke.com. Phone: 540-977- 4888. Mailing address PO Box 916, Blue Ridge, VA 24064.

Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church- 1560 Wheatland Road, Buchanan, 24066; 540-254-1605. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m. (in person or parking lot, tune car radio to 88.9 FM). The Rev. Chuck Miller, 540-589-7553. Facebook, <http://www.wheatland-lutheran.org>; teemwheatland@gmail.com

NON-**DENOMINATIONAL**

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

Mt. Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock at intersection of Rt. 43 and 688; pastor, Richard Ronk; phone # (540) 884-3653; Sunday School at 10:00 A.M., Worship at 11:00 A.M., Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M., 4th Sunday Evenings at 7:00 P.M.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Buchanan Presbyterian Church - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Interim Pastor Skip Hastings.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 10:15 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. AA meetings are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org

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

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

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

Fincastle United Methodist Church - Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. In person services Sunday, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, 136 S. Church St., Fincastle. Pastor Rev. Kwang Shin, office, 473-3001. E-mail: office@fincastle-umc.org.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church - 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Rev. Terry Clark, 992-3030. Worship Times: Praise and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship often with presence of the choir--this service is live streamed and celebrates Communion on the first Sunday. Children and Youth Ministries meet for Sunday School at 10Am each Sunday! Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday at 6pm unless we are doing a special monthly mission. Frogs and Tadpoles Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!

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

OBITUARIES

Maxey, Brenda Garvey

Brenda Louise Garvey Maxey, Western Community College, which 75, died January 23, 2023. In addition to her parents, William Franklin and Geraldene Hylton Garvey, she was predeceased by her brothers, Ronnie and Carlton; step-daughter Ginger Maxey Barber; aunt, Charlene Hylton Griffin; and brothers-in-law, Jeff Hayes and Kermit Banks.



led to a lifetime of work as a medical secretary, nursing assistant and in-home caregiver.

During her youth, she and her family enjoyed many weekends camping at Smith Mountain Lake, hosting visiting relatives, and traveling to see relatives in other states. Like her

She is survived by her husband, James Earl Maxey Jr., and son, Zachary William Maxey; step-daughters, Cheryl Deneen Hayes, Angela Carol Perhacs (Paul) and Joanne Marie Wolford; aunts, Lorene Hylton Bishop, Rebecca Hylton Nolen, and Deanna (Dee Dee) Collins Doss; sisters-in-law, Nadine Banks, Judy Cunningham (Carey), Jeanette Hall (Danny), and Louise Chagnon; brother-in-law, Benny Maxey, and many cousins, nephews and nieces including special cousin, Carolyn Bishop Hicks, and special nephew, Greg Garvey. Having lived all her life in the Roanoke area, she leaves behind many friends and former colleagues.

After graduating from Jefferson High School, where she lettered in volleyball, she studied at National Business College and Virginia

mother, she stressed the importance of family and planned family gatherings weeks in advance. She devoted her life to service to others.

Throughout bouts of cancer and tough times, she remained optimistic and positive. She attended church all her life and helped with the organization of church suppers and fundraisers. Her diligence and compassion, combined with her caregiving training, endeared her to many patients and family members.

The family would like to acknowledge the exceptional care of the Roanoke Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Unit. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Troutville Assembly of God Church, 118 Conner Lane, Troutville, 24175.

Jones, Donald William

Donald William Jones of the business, retired and moved to Buchanan, formerly of Bloomsbury, N.J., entered into his Heavenly home on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. He was 91 years old.



Virginia to be close to their grandsons.

Don was a member of Bloomsbury Presbyterian Church, Bloomsbury Rod and Gun Club, First Baptist Church, Phillipsburg, N.J., Shenandoah Baptist Church, American Legion Post 0093 and VFW Post 5895.

Born on October 28, 1931, Don was raised in his beloved Bloomsbury. He was surrounded by many relatives and family friends. He grew up enjoying summers playing ball, swimming and fishing in the Musconetcong River that flowed behind his home. Winter days were spent sledding and playing ice hockey. Hunting deer, rabbit and all variety of birds in the fields and woods surrounding town was perhaps his favorite activity. Throughout his life he was always happiest enjoying God's creation.

In his senior year of high school Don began dating Joyce Hughes, who would eventually become his wife. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy. While on furlough in 1953 Don and Joyce married. Upon discharge in 1954 they bought and restored a home in Bloomsbury where they lived and raised their daughters for over 34 years. At the same time Don bought a milk route where he picked up milk cans from the local dairy farmers and delivered them to the dairy. In 1959, with his first child on the way, Don sold the milk route and went to work as a salesman for AB Dick. A second child soon followed in 1961.

In 1970 Don and Joyce started D&J Printing. They worked together until 1993 when they sold

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 48 years, Joyce Hughes Jones; daughter and son-in-law, Susan Stark (John); and special friend, Lula Johnson.

Surviving are his sister, Shirley Pensack of Belvidere, N.J.; daughter, Kim Bennett (Mark) of Buchanan; grandsons, Michael Bennett (Alex Kingma) of Lafayette, Ind.; Patrick Bennett (Abby) of Charlotte, N.C.; John Bennett (Elaine) of Buchanan; great-grandson, Luke Bennett of Charlotte, N.C.; and many relatives and friends.

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to everyone at Kendal at Lexington and Rockbridge Area Hospice for their care, compassion and support during Don's illness. May God bless you all.

The family received friends on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan. A Celebration of Life was held at 11 a.m. on Monday with the Rev. Skip Hastings and Elder Cleatus Newcomb officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery at a later date. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Andrew Chapel to hold Ash Wednesday service

Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church will observe the first day of the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday service on February 22 at 7 p.m. This service is open to the community and all are welcome. Andrew Chapel is located at 3936 Beaver Dam Road, just off Springwood Road in Springwood.

Community Meal at Galatia March 6

A Community Fellowship Meal will be held at Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church on Monday, March 6, at 12 noon. Baked spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, tea (sweet/unsweet), lemonade and coffee will be provided. Bring a dish or dessert and come.

Cloverdale Brethren Food Pantry open

The Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Food Pantry is open to the public Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Galatia to install new pastor March 12

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, invites the community to the installation service of the new pastor, the Rev. Emily B. Hook, on March 12 at 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Lenten Services and Lunches at Fincastle UMC

Fincastle United Methodist Church invites you to five Wednesday Lenten Services and Lunches beginning on March 1 in the Family Life Center, 137 S. Church Street, Fincastle. These short 20-minute services begin at 12:05 p.m. and will be led by area pastors. A home-cooked lunch will follow each service. The service and meal are designed to last about one hour. Takeout meals will be available.

March 1 - Speaker- The Rev. Willis Logan, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fincastle

Lunch- Potato Soup, Vegetable-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Jello Salads, Desserts

March 8 - Speaker-The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Lunch- Potato Bar, Chili, Green Salad, Corn Muffins, Desserts

March 15—Speaker- The Rev. Rob Lough, former pastor at St. Mark's UMC in Daleville

Lunch- Ham Biscuits, Potato Salad, Fruit, Desserts

March 22—Speakers- Pastors Tom and Naomi Powers, Daleville Church of the Brethren

Lunch- Chicken Salad Croissants, Vegetable Salad, Chips, Dessert

March 29—Speaker- The Rev. Fr. David Stanfill, Church of the Transfiguration, Fincastle

Lunch- Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips, Pickles, Desserts

Menus are subject to change. If Botetourt County Public Schools are closed because of inclement weather, the service will be canceled. Everyone is invited to these services during the season of Lent.

Community Lenten and Easter Services in Buchanan

The Buchanan Area Ministerial Association has announced Community Lenten and Easter Services:

February 22 - Ash Wednesday Service at Virginia Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m.

February 28 - Trinity UMC at noon

March 7 - Buchanan Presbyterian at noon

March 14 - Virginia Presbyterian at noon

March 21 - CommUnity at 6 p.m.

March 28 - Buchanan Baptist at noon

April 9 - Sunrise Service at the Pavilion at Fairview Cemetery at 7 a.m.

GriefShare begins March 2 at St. Mark's

St. Mark's United Methodist Church will begin a new season of GriefShare on Thursday, March 2. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome at either of the two sessions: 10-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. A video will be viewed at the beginning of each class with group discussion to follow. There is a workbook that will be given free to all participants that can be used to take notes with the video and then taken home with devotionals that can be read during the week. The group will meet in the fellowship hall honoring the optional use of facemasks and distancing.

Call the church office (540-992-3030) or email Peggy (plo01010@comcast.net) with any questions or to sign up for the class. There are 13 weeks of lessons. If weather causes Botetourt schools to close, the group won't meet.

Glade Creek Baptist Easter Egg Hunt

Glade Creek Baptist Church will have an Easter Egg Hunt for infants to age 13 from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. Activities will include the egg hunt, "Carrot Patch," live animals, bubble machine, photo booth, story time, temporary tattoos, art table, and food (hot dogs, chips, cookies, drinks). The church is located at 3148 Webster Road in Blue Ridge. For more information, call 540-798-4762.

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programs that help create high-paying jobs through incentivized collaboration between business, education, and government in every region of the Commonwealth, Roanoke College President's Advisory Council, Virginia Bankers Association Benefits Board, Mountain Gateway Community College Real Estate Foundation, and the Roanoke Valley Development Corporation. She currently teaches Financial Management at the Virginia Bankers School of Bank of Management at the University of Virginia.

The bank's Board of Directors also voted to appoint CEO G. Lyn Hayth III as its vice chair. Hayth has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1990. Chairman of the Board Tommy L. Moore stated, "Proper succession strategies have ensured the continuity of our bank for almost 125 years. We welcome Michelle's 30

years of banking experience to our board and Lyn's service to the board for the past 33 years makes him an excellent selection for the vice chair leadership role."

The individuals who have held the title of president since Bank of Botetourt was chartered in 1899 by the Virginia General Assembly are: James Mundy, 1899-

1904; C.B. Johnson, 1904-1942; Dr. E.W. Dodd 1942-1964; Darnell Brugh, 1964-1984; H. Watts Steger III, 1984-2002; G. Lyn Hayth III, 2002-2023; Michelle R. Austin, 2023-Present.

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.

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Members of the Lord Botetourt High School FFA stop for a photo.



James River High School FFA members pose for a quick photo during the expo.



Winners in the talent show's intermediate division: (left to right) Hadley Milko, Evan Mundy, Autumn Sparks, and Ellie Rosine

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF BOTETOURT 4-H



Winners in the junior division of the 4-H Share the Fun talent show: (left to right) Sophia Reiner, Evelyn Milko, Joseph Reiner, Everly Lucas, Jocelyn Theimer, Rosalie Stull, Haylee Thompson, Hayana Thompson, Alannah Thompson, and Melody Bowyer

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Botetourt County
School Board
Work Session**

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Work Session on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Central Administration Office, 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia, with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.beps.live.

Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

259 Head Graded Feeder Steers	300-399: \$211.00
	400-499: \$162.00-197.00
	500-599: \$145.00
	600-699: \$164.00
	700-799: \$161.00-166.00
Graded Feeder Bulls	400-499: \$151.00-197.00
	500-599: \$175.00-179.00
	600-699: \$164.50-167.00
Graded Feeder Heifers	300-399: \$172.00-180.00
	400-499: \$170.00-174.00
	500-599: \$115.00-175.00
	600-699: \$148.00-153.00
	700-799: \$120.00
Cows:	\$ 37.00-87.00
Bulls:	\$ 70.50-104.50

Head Cows: \$700.00-1,450.00
Cow/Calf Pairs: \$1,270.00-1,885.00
Goats: \$ 20.00-360.00

Mundy, Ellie Rosine, and Hadley Milko.

"I would like to thank everyone that is a part of the 4-H and FFA Alumni Association for their hard work in planning this annual event, and for also giving back to our 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters," Painter said in a recent email. "I also would like to thank all of our club volunteers, members, and parents, for all of their support with this event and for making it fun for all who attend. Finally, a special thank you to all of our talent show volunteers and judges for making this year's show a great success."

To learn more about Botetourt County's 4-H and FFA Alumni, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BoCoFFA4H/>.

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NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, beginning at 2:00 P.M. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

For information regarding this meeting, please see www.botetourtva.gov or contact the County Administrator's Office at 540-928-2006.

**LEGAL NOTICE
FINCASTLE PLANNING COMMISSION
FINCASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SUP)
APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Fincastle Town Council and Fincastle Planning Commission will hold public hearings in March.

The Planning Commission will meet on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm. at the Fincastle United Methodist Church Family Life Center, located at 137 S Church Street, Fincastle, Virginia. There may be a quorum of three or more Town Council members at this meeting. This notice is being provided in accordance with §2.2-3708 and other sections of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Town Council will hold its public hearing on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. 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., 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, for a Special Use Permit to operate a mobile restaurant under Sections 108 and 204 of the Fincastle Zoning Ordinance, on property referenced by Botetourt County Tax Parcels 73A(1) 91 and 73A(1)95, and zoned C - Commercial, located in the 200 Block of Botetourt Road between the intersections of Route 220 (Botetourt Road) with Back Street and Federal Street.

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: February 22, 2023
 David Tickner, Secretary to the Planning Commission
 Joan Boothe, Secretary to the Town Council

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, March 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.

Blue Ridge District: Daniel P. & Jennifer L Myers request a Cabin or Cottage Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, for the proposed use of a short-term rental, in the Residential (R-1) Use District in accordance with Sec. 25-123.- Uses permissible by special exception and Sec. 25-583. - Special exceptions of the Botetourt County Code. This 0.66-acre lot is located at 171 Eagle Ridge, Roanoke (State Route 1428), and is identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 108H(3), Parcel 45.

Fincastle District: Ikenberry, James T., et al (Virginia Blasting Services Inc., applicant) requests a Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, for a storage yard in the Agricultural (A-1) Use District in accordance with Sec. 72.- Uses by special exception and Sec. 25-583. - Special exceptions of the Botetourt County Code. An existing gravel road is on adjacent parcel TM #73-45 for proposed access to this 141.142- acre tract. The gravel road fronts on Blacksburg Road (State Rt. 630) and is 0.1 miles west of its intersection with Shavers Farm Road (State Route 670). The properties are identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 73, Parcels 9 and 45.

Buchanan District: Rachel Moss requests a private kennel Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, in accordance with Sec. 25-73. - Uses Permissible by Special Exception and Sec. 25-583 Special Exceptions of the Botetourt County Code to permit a private kennel for up to 10 dogs in the Agricultural (A-1) Use District. This 4.67-acre lot is located at 2502 Pico Road (State Route 625), Buchanan, VA, and is identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 65(9), Parcel D.

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

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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 District, 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.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the on-line form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by February 23, 2023.

**Gary Larrowe
 Botetourt County Administrator**



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 Tax Map No. 62-155
 In execution of a Deed of Trust dated August 31, 2011, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument No. 110003218, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below. All of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 1.375 acres, more or less, as shown on that certain plat of survey made by Charles R. McMurry, CLS, dated March 12, 1996, recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 17, at Page 27. Date of Sale: March 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Location: outside the Botetourt County Circuit Court, Courthouse, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. Terms: CASH; a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence. OPTIONS: 1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser 2. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect. Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property. John K. Prillaman, Esq. Substitute Trustee For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

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Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia
 VA Code §§ 8.01-316, -317 Case No. CL23-6883 City of Radford Circuit Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Robert A. Jones, Jr. v. Victor Carter, et al. The object of this suit is to: Quiet the title to 530 W. Rock Road, Radford, VA 24141. It is ORDERED that heirs of Charles Jones, deceased appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 15, 2023. JANUARY 27, 2023 REBECCA PRICE Deputy Clerk

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a story of Black History that wants to share their stories so that those stories can be remembered, honored, treasured, and never forgotten," Willis said at the beginning of the event.

Willis shared a brief history of her family in Botetourt and the importance of Black History to not only the Botetourt community and Virginia, but also to the world. She also spoke about Henrietta Lacks, a Roanoke native responsible for valuable medical research for cancer patients. Lacks is honored in Roanoke with the Henrietta Lacks Plaza located between the Municipal and Commonwealth buildings.

Prominent Virginians were mentioned throughout the events like Carter Woodson, who is considered "the Father of Black History"—having initiated the birth of what would become the celebration of Black History Month each February. Other names mentioned included former educator Lucy Addison, Presidential advisor and educator Booker T. Washington, and Botetourt's own Norvel Lee, an Olympic gold medal-winning boxer who was recently recognized with a historic marker in the Gala region of Route 220 last year.

Guests told stories about other local African Americans who impacted the community and beyond. Melinda Payne, a local journalist, shared stories about her cousin, Georgia Ragsdale Curtis, who was a Black educator in the area.

Mary Johnson spoke about the connections between families in Botetourt. Namely, local educator Westina Johnson who taught at Lord Botetourt High School. Additionally, Johnson spoke about the Thompson family, who worked on Col. William Preston's plantation at Greenfield.

Curtis Brown spoke about four African American community members who lived to be 100 years old and older. Brown also shared a story about the heroic efforts of his father, Isom Baker Brown Sr., who saved a man's life inside of a car garage after a jack gave out underneath the man.

Brown talked about Charles Follis, a Cloverdale native who was the first African American professional football player in America. Follis was known as "The Black Cyclone" and played for the Shelby Blues of the "Ohio League" from 1902 to 1906. Follis was also the first Black baseball catcher to move from collegiate baseball to the Negro Leagues playing for the Cuban Giants (New York).

Refreshments were provided following the event where guests were able to continue sharing their stories and appreciation for the contributions of African Americans in Botetourt County.

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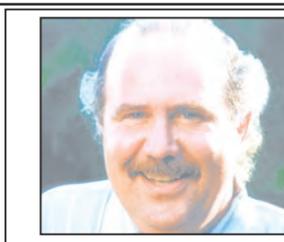
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Cavaliers finish 11th in state wrestling



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Lord Botetourt's TJ Piluso (left) wrestles in the Class 3 165-pound state final.

Lord Botetourt junior TJ Piluso made the state finals and finished in second place in the Class 3 wrestling tournament at the Salem Civic Center last weekend. The Cavaliers finished 11th as a team among over 50 schools who compete in Class 3. Staunton River, a fellow member of the Blue Ridge District, won the Class 3 championship. Piluso made the finals at 165 pounds. He won decisions over Bobby Ashe of Tabb, Jackson Wells of Broadway and Sebastian Gabarrette of Culpeper to make the championship round, then fell to Macon Ayers of Staunton River in the final, 8-2. TJ finished with a 36-3 record on the

season. "TJ put together a great tournament and made the finals where he wrestled a great match, but just came up short," said LB coach Chuck Burton. "Still, a 36-3 record as a junior is a great accomplishment. I'm sure he will put in the work and come back hungry next season." Two seniors also made the medal stand. Andrew Gilbert was fourth at 190 and finished 25-10 on the season. Dalton Oxley was fifth at 215 and finished 30-9. "Both kids had to string together multiple wins on Friday to get to that spot and they were able to finish on the podium," said Burton. "Really happy for both of those

guys to finish their season there." Seniors Trey Saunders and Xavier Williams put up strong efforts, but came up short of reaching the podium. The tournament ended another outstanding year of wrestling for the Lord Botetourt team. "We had a great season on the mats," said Burton. "Big Orange champs for a second year in a row and Regional runner-up finish for a second year in a row. I think it's safe to say Lord Botetourt is on the map and a name that comes up when talking about wrestling in the area." "That was my goal when I took over 10 years ago and the goal has been accomplished."



Xaiden Wynn puts the finishing touches on the pin that won the state championship.

Wynn wins 106-pound Class 2 championship, River wrestlers are 10th in team standings

It was a "win for Wynn" in Saturday night's state wrestling championships at the Salem Civic Center as James River's Xaiden Wynn led the Knights to a 10th place finish. Strasburg, the pre-tourney favorite, was the team champion and Glenvar of the Three Rivers District took second. Wynn, a sophomore, took advantage of his regional championship benefit and had a first round bye in the state tournament. In the quarterfinal round he faced Evan Brinkley of Central Wise High. Wynn secured a first round win by pin fall to advance to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals Wynn faced Poquoson High foe Kam Harrell. Wynn again made light work and recorded the win by pin fall in 1:44 of the second period, advancing him to the championship finals where he would face Owen Almany of John Battle. Almany, securing the first takedown, took a quick lead on Wynn at the beginning of the match. Almany rode the first period out with heavy pressure trying to turn Wynn to no avail. The first period proved to be cantankerous for Wynn. Xaiden experienced a dislocated shoulder during the repetitive pressure Almany was applying to Wynn's shoulder. After a short injury time Wynn was strapped up and ready to proceed. "It popped out and hurt the rest of the way," said Wynn. "It felt like a knife inside my shoulder. The doctor said I need to have an operation, but I wasn't going to let it stop me." In the second period Wynn secured a low level mat reversal and tied the score up at 2-2. With his sights set on the top of the podium Xaiden secured his infamous cross face cradle on Almany, turned him to his back and won by pin fall in 1:47 of the second period. Xaiden finishes his season with a 36-2 record. Of the 36 wins, 32 of them are pins. Xaiden is now a two-time state placer, adding a championship to his 4th place finish last year as a freshman. Nate Stewart, a freshman, also made the final at 120. After advancing to Saturday morning's semifinals Stewart would face Poquoson's James Withrow to battle for advancement to the championship finals. Withrow led 5-2 halfway through the third period but with time running out, Stewart secured a reversal with a near fall to end the controversial third period with a tied score and send the match into

sudden victory. Sudden victory is determined by the first wrestler to achieve a takedown and this must be completed within one minute. Stewart secured his takedown and catapulted himself into the championship finals match, where he fell to Canaan Spears of Union High. Stewart finished the season at 37-11 and is the first freshman from James River to ever make the state championship finals. Previously, third place was the best any freshman had ever accomplished. Brayden Forbes made the semifinals at 113 before falling to Jared Goodson of Poquoson, who went on to win the state championship in that class. Brayden finished fourth and ended the season with a 33-5 record. Josiah Merchant and Evan Byers also wrestled in the tournament but did not place. The state entries were comprised of the new young regime of the Knights. "What a weekend we had," said coach Bobby Stewart. "I would have never thought that we would qualify five for the state this year, we are just so young and inexperienced. I never thought we would end up in the top 10 as a team either. There were 36 other teams there and we finished 10th and I am happy about that." Next up is the girls state tournament on Friday and Saturday of this week at Unity Reed High School in Manassas. Georgia Miller, Carli Edwards and Brianna Mitchell, all freshmen, will make the trip to represent James River and compete in the first female state championships.

Cavalier teams play in Region 3D basketball tournaments this week



Madilyn Winterton of LB (22) drives around a screen by Gracie Huffard in last week's Blue Ridge District championship game at William Fleming. Madilyn is the BRD Player of the Year.



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Lord Botetourt's Jackson Crawford is the Blue Ridge District Player of the Year in basketball. Jackson was first team all-district along with teammate Tyler Meade. Evan Bannwart of LB was named to the second team. The Cavaliers are the fifth seed in the Region 3D tournament and were scheduled to play at Abingdon Tuesday.

The Lord Botetourt basketball teams, both boys and girls, drew Abingdon for first round games of the Region 3D basketball tournament this week. The boys were scheduled to play at Abingdon on Tuesday and the girls were set to host Abingdon in Daleville. The tournament continues with semifinal games on Thursday and the region championship game is Saturday. The winner of the LB boys game on Tuesday would play the Northside-William Byrd winner on Thursday, while the girls will get the winner of a Tuesday game between Northside and Cave Spring. The top two teams in the regional will advance to state tournament play. Both the boys and girls participated in the Blue Ridge District tournament last week and were eliminated by William Fleming, the boys in the semifinals and the girls in the championship game. Both LB teams had players named BRD Player of the Year, Jackson Crawford for the boys and Madilyn Winterton for the girls. Crawford is a senior guard who is headed to Emory & Henry to play his college ball next year. Senior guard Tyler Meade was also named to the first team and junior forward Evan Bannwart was a second team selection. The boys came into the week at 14-10. Winterton, the girls' Player of the Year, is just a sophomore. She was joined on the All-BRD first team by junior guards Taylor

Orange and Ainsley Anderson. Gracie Huffard, a junior forward, was named to the second team. The girls were the second seed in the Blue Ridge District tournament and they played top-seeded William Fleming in the final in Roanoke last Wednesday. The Cavaliers fell behind early but rallied and held at 21-17 lead at the half. However, things went downhill in the second half and the Colonels outscored LB 38-13 in the second half and raced to a 55-34 win. "They were able to run nine deep and depth is our biggest problem," said LB coach Renee Favaro. "Their pressure and pace got to us. We gave up 20 offensive rebounds, 18 of those in the second half, and we also had 29 turnovers." Winterton led the way with 17 points for LB while Orange had nine and only four Cavaliers scored. The Cavs fell to 17-7 with the loss. "We will learn from it and move forward into regional play," said Favaro. "I believe we are in a good position to make the state tournament, but we have to do all the little things on the floor."

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PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
James River's Xaiden Wynn jumps into the arms of coach Bobby Stewart after winning the state 106-pound championship Saturday night.

Region 2C boys basketball semifinals are at Radford University on Saturday

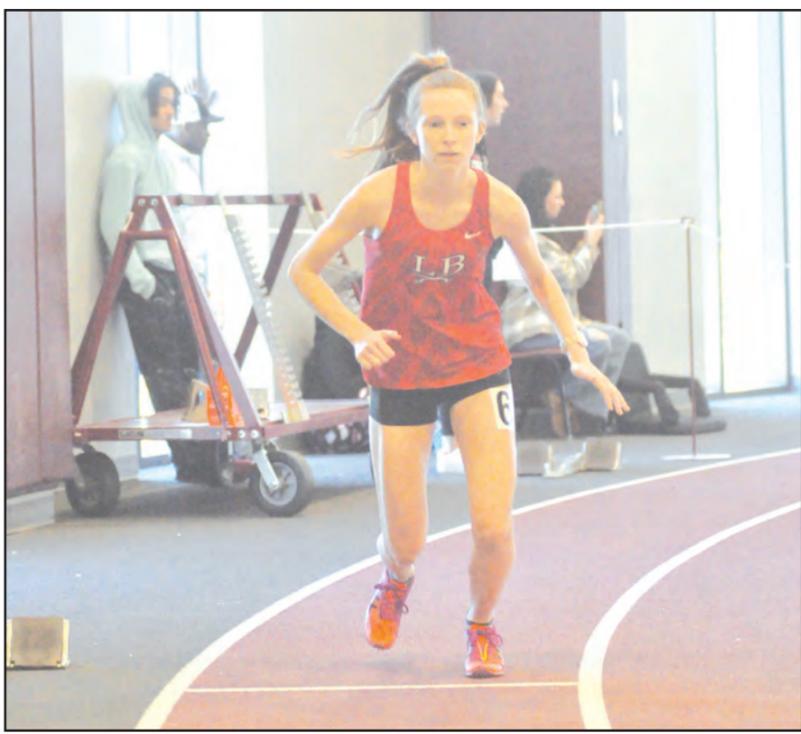
The Region 2C boys basketball semifinals are scheduled for Saturday night at the Radford University Dedmon Center. The semifinals will be a doubleheader with games at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. James River's boys were still alive as the paper went to press. The Knights were scheduled to play at Glenvar on Tuesday, and the winner of that game would play in the 8 p.m. game at Radford on Saturday between the survivor of a Tuesday game between Floyd County and Patrick County. Saturday's early game will pair the winners of quarterfinal games

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PHOTO BY LEIGH DOWNEY
Ryan Steger is presented the game ball by coach Ethan Humphries after scoring his 1,000th career point.



LB senior Falan Peters takes off in the Region 300-meter run.

LB will send six to state track meet

The Class 3 and 4 indoor track meets will be held at Liberty University next week and Lord Botetourt will have six athletes competing. The Cavaliers qualified for the state meet with strong performances in Saturday's Region 3D meet at the Kerr-Cregger indoor fieldhouse at Roanoke College in Salem.

"We had a fantastic meet Saturday with multiple PRs," said LB coach Michelle Gantzhorn.

Alexa Carillo, Demetri Toliver, Seth Huard, Rye Jackson, Jonah Clark, Meredith Griffin, Olivia Harvey, Carter Hudson, Jack McDaniel, Jackson Kemper, Morgan Wilmer and Elizabeth Meadows all had personal records in their individual events.

Jillian Harris, a sophomore, placed second in girls 55-meter hurdles to qualify for states. Toliver, a junior, won the shot put with a new meet record and fellow junior Kendal Howard advanced with a third place finish. Senior Elijah Rose placed second in the high jump and junior Rye Jackson placed third in the 1000-meter run.

The six individuals from LB who will compete in Lynchburg next week



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DJ Toliver of Lord Botetourt puts the shot at the Region 3D meet at Roanoke College.

are Harris, Rose, Seth Huard, Jackson, Toliver and Howard.

"As a coach I could not be prouder," said Gantzhorn.

State swim championships end high school season



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

James River's Walker Wilson placed fifth in the 100-yard butterfly championship at Saturday's State 1/2 meet in Christiansburg.

The James River and Lord Botetourt swim teams competed in state championship meets last week in their final swims of the high school season. The Class 2 meet was held at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center and the Class 3 meet was at Swim RVA in Richmond.

For River, Walker Wilson placed fifth

overall in the state in the 100 Butterfly and sixth overall in the state in the 50 freestyle. He set a personal record in both events with a time of 1:02.08 in the Fly and 24.06 in the 50 Free.

The boys 200 freestyle relay placed 11th overall in the state. That team consisted of Ethan Smith, Damien Mitchell, David

Merritt, and Wilson. They had a time of 1:47.46.

Lord Botetourt's girls finished 14th in the Class 3 meet in Richmond as Maggie Walker took the team championship. Layne Jones of LB finished second in the 200 Free with a time of 1:52.10 and fourth in the 100 Back in 57.22.

James River hoop girls eliminated by Alleghany



Kelsi Mayden of James River goes to the hoop against Nelson County.



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY
River's Lexi McCullough soars to the basket in last week's win.

The James River girls saw their season come to an end with a 47-37 loss to Alleghany in the quarterfinal round of the Region 2C basketball tournament Monday. Alleghany was the host team as the top seed in one of two eight-team brackets.

"The score does not dictate how the game went," said River coach Ryan Firebaugh. "It was actually a closer game. We had to foul late to stop the clock and Alleghany made just about every foul shot. When you look at the scorebook for each quarter Alleghany did not score a field goal in the fourth quarter. You are playing pretty good defense if that happens. They won the

game from the foul line."

River stayed right with the Mountaineers through the middle of the second quarter before Alleghany went on a 12-2 run to end the half, going up 23-13. River cut the lead to six late in the game but the Mountaineers were able to hold on with good foul shooting.

Caitlin Canada led River with 12 points and four rebounds. Kelsi Maydian had six points and three girls had five each, Lexi McCullough, Keira Crawford and Audrey Benson. Honesty Liming had seven rebounds.

The girls opened the region at home last Friday and took a 56-36 win over Nelson

County to advance to the quarterfinal round. The Knights ended the season with an 11-13 overall record in Firebaugh's second year as head coach. It was another step in the right direction after going winless in 2021 and winning seven games last season.

"My girls played so hard," said Firebaugh after the loss to Alleghany. "They could have very easily given up and moved on, but they didn't. These girls have fight in them and they proved that time and time again all year long. We are heading in the right direction and we plan on building off this success we have had this year moving forward."

Three Rivers District dominates Region 2C track

The James River boys were third and the girls were fifth in the Region 2C indoor track meet at Roanoke College last Friday night. Three Rivers District teams swept the meet as the Floyd County girls and Glenvar boys took the team championships.

The River boys had a region champion in Michael Jorgensen, who won the 3200-meter run. Canaan Clark was second in the shot put and Grayson Dudley also scored with a fourth place finish.

Conner Church was fourth in the 300 and sixth in the 55 meters and he'll go to state in both, as will freshman Gavin Binns with a fourth place finish in the 55.

For the girls, the 4x200 relay team of Kelsey Firebaugh, Navaeh Van Buren, Kaia Binns and Kyleigh Mills finished second. Firebaugh was also third in the 55 meters and fourth in the 300, Binns was seventh in both the 55 and 300, and Mills was seventh in the 500 meters.

In the field events VanBuren took fourth in both the long and triple jumps. Emma Francis was second in the shot put and Emma Bobbit was fourth.

The Class 2 state meet will be held at Liberty University on March 1 and 2.



Conner Church (left) runs the 55-meter dash at the Region 2C meet.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Kelsey Firebaugh of James River competes in the Region long jump.

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p.m. and both finalists advance to state play.

The Knights hosted Nelson County in an opening round game last Friday and took a 63-49 win. James River led 32-20 at halftime and extended the lead to as much as 48-29 in the third quarter.

"We knew throughout the course of 32 minutes we just needed to impose our will and it would work out for us," said coach Ethan Humphries. "Our guys trusted the game plan and seemed to have fun doing it."

Ryan Steger led the Knights with 19 points. George Toliver had 14 points and 10 rebounds, Sam Bell had 13 points, five boards and eight assists, and Andrew Fowler and Jackson Taylor had six points each.

"Friday was a great way for our seniors to finish their last home game and we were thankful for the community's support for coming out to make it a great atmosphere," said Humphries.



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Jackson Taylor lines up a shot for the Knights.

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