



Chamber Agricultural Committee recognized



The Botetourt 4-H Livestock Team members (left to right) Schylar Zollman, Sawyer Zollman, Stella Zollman, Cora Mullins, and Katie Grace Barrett attended last week's recognition at the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors meeting.

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors recognized the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee and the Botetourt 4-H Extension Office for their partnership purchasing new jackets for the county's 4-H Livestock Judging Team. The funding for the new jackets was provided by the Ag Committee who donated \$500 and the remaining balance was paid for using funds from the Virginia Cooperative Extension's Botetourt office.

Buchanan District Supervisor Amy White introduced members of the committee and Livestock Judging Team to the board.

"In my opinion, this is so important

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Ag Committee Chair Emily Bailey



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Board accepts developer's withdrawal request

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors last week approved the removal of the application submitted by TPB Enterprises LLC (Thomas Builders of Virginia). TPB Enterprises LLC (Thomas Builders of Virginia) submitted an application to the county for two special exception permits to construct the project, recommended by the Botetourt County Planning Commission by a 3-2 vote last February. Consideration of the project was then tabled by the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 28 at the request of Thomas Builders to allow the company time

to consider improvements to the project.

The initial Special Exemptions Permit (SEP) application requested increasing the number of multi-family dwelling units allowed per acre and to increase the maximum building height above 45 feet for the apartments development located along the frontage of U.S. 220, College Drive, and Old Estates Lane in Daleville.

The county sent out a press release on the Friday prior to the March 28 meeting, explaining the developer's decision to remove the request explaining that the

company will focus on other projects currently underway in Daleville.

Board Chair Dr. Mac Scothorn then sent out a statement on Saturday, March 23, encouraging residents who wanted to comment on the developer's SEP request, unable to speak due to the initial hearing's postponement at the Feb. 28 meeting, to come forward last Tuesday during a public comment period held prior to the public hearing scheduled for 6 p.m.

During the comment period, a Troutville resident expressed appreciation for the board giving local individuals

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Virginia DWR announces new regulatory processes

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) recently posted two new proposed regulation amendments on its Regulatory Processes on the DWR's website (<https://dwr.virginia.gov/regulations>). Both of the recently proposed amendments would affect Botetourt County.

4VAC15-90-89: The proposal is to add private lands in Augusta, Botetourt, and Page counties to the earn a buck regulation and establish a single requirement for all counties to earn a buck regarding the number of antlerless deer (one) that must have been taken before hunters can take their second antlered deer of the season.

Within a license year and within in each individual county listed in this subsection, a hunter must have taken at least one antlerless deer on private lands in that county before taking a second antlered deer on private lands in that county. In those counties listed in the subsection east of the Blue Ridge Mountains, a hunter must have taken at least two antlerless deer on private lands in that county before



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taking a third antlered deer on private lands in that county.

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Public comments from board meeting address concerns over library content, Rails to Trails, and Rocky Forge wind project

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During the public comment portion of last week's Botetourt County Board of Supervisors meeting, citizens expressed concerns about the content found in Botetourt County libraries.

The board heard from five individuals who claimed county libraries are housing books containing "confusing" and "sexually indoctrinating" content.

One citizen said she spoke with Virginia Congressman Ben Cline and Del. Christopher Head, who she claimed gave written support for the county to remove the content held in question, which she

claimed was purchased with county tax dollars "without approval." She presented solutions that included an "easy to find" removal request form and for the reconsideration committee to include "an equal number of professing Christians to give a true voice" when it comes to collection development in county libraries.

One Fincastle resident claimed he "looked online" to see what reading materials were available for children in the county's library system. He mentioned two titles he came across in his research.

The first title he mentioned is called

"Making A Baby" by Rachel Greener, a book about how families begin, which acts as is a tool for parents and their children to engage conversation on the subject. According to Botetourt Library Director Julie Phillips, "Making A Baby" is not found in Botetourt County libraries based on the Roanoke Valley Libraries website (RVL.info), a shared database for library books found in the public libraries in the Roanoke Valley.

The same Fincastle resident brought a book he found in the Fincastle Library, "The Every Body Book: The LGBTQ+ Inclusive Guide for Kids About Sex, Gender, Bodies, and Families"

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Girls Fire Camp fills attendee spots in less than two hours



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT FIRE & EMS

Botetourt's Girls' Fire Camp Registration opened Monday morning and, impressively, ended Monday morning.

This year's camp registration sold out in a little over an hour and a half according to Botetourt Fire & EMS Retention Specialist Taylor Lunsford in an email Monday. All 40 tickets were for 1st-5th grade, and 20 were available for 6th-10th. The 2023 camp will feature multiple age-appropriate modules. Girls will be able to learn what Fire & EMS is all about. Participants will

find out that girls can fight fires too. This is a one-day camp.

Funding for this opportunity is provided by a FEMA SAFER grant with the International Association of Fire Chief's Volunteer Workforce Solutions.

This year's camp takes place on June 24. In February, Botetourt Fire & EMS was presented with a Silver Summit Award from the Public Relations Society of America for their first Girls Fire Camp in 2022.



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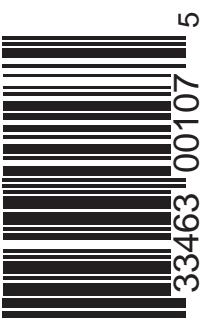
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Botetourt County History



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Farming has been a part of Botetourt's history since the first colonist settled the rich land. Although oxen are not commonly used today they were important for farming because of their strength and gentle nature. This wooden yoke was made circa 1815 and was used for breaking in young oxen. A yoke is a wooden beam used around the neck of a pair of oxen to teach them to pull together. Grown oxen are powerful animals and as a team can pull 12,000-13,000 pounds. (A team of horses can pull 22,000-32,000 pounds.)

It was donated to the Botetourt History Museum by Fulton T. Waid (1898-1973), who went by "Pullie." He was married to Helen Houseman (1898-1970) and they had three children, Dreama, Billie (Sis), and Robert (Bobby). Helen's parents owned and operated the Housman store, which was where the voting registrar's office is now. Pullie was a traveling salesman, a WWI Marine and a farmer. They lived at "The Farmhouse," which is at the corner of Oak Ridge Road and the Blue Ridge Turnpike. After moving to the corner of Carper and Monroe Street in Fincastle, they moved to 25 East Main Street. It was the first house in Fincastle to get a house number and is now across from the museum. Pullie was the mayor of Fincastle and an important figure in shaping the history of the area. See <https://bothistsoc.wordpress.com>.

- Botetourt Museum of History and Culture



Lions Jesse Burton records prescriptions and Mike Burton prepares to package, with Lion Jim Newman from the recycling center.

Buchanan Lions volunteer at eyeglass recycling center

Since 1925, Lions International has been a champion in helping combat vision impairment and blindness. The Buchanan Lions Club has eye glass donation boxes at First Bank locations, the Buchanan Post Office, Buchanan Library and at Solomon's Mission.

But have you ever wondered where those donated eye glasses go? In this area, they go to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Inc. on Oak Street in Roanoke.

Eye glasses collected at that location are sorted, washed, prescriptions read, organized by prescription, and then sent out to a variety of organizations who provide them to those who need glasses, primarily internationally.

At the beginning of March, Buchanan Lions Shantelle Crouch, Danette Heinlein, and Jessie and Mike Burton made a trip to the eye glass recycling center where they volunteered time in the center tasks. Crouch spent time sorting glasses, Heinlein loaded and unloaded the washers, and the Burtons read the prescriptions using specialized equipment and packaged them to be sent to needed locations.



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Lion Shantelle Crouch sorts eye glasses.

Contact Mike or Jessie Burton at 540-521-5438 if you have questions about the Lions sight programs.

Botetourt County Historical Society annual meeting April 27

Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc. (BCHS) will hold its annual meeting of the membership on Thursday, April 27, beginning at 7 p.m. at Fincastle United Methodist

Church Family Life Center. Assistant County Administrator Jon Lanford will be the speaker for the evening and will discuss the Courthouse Square construction project. This

meeting is free and open to the public.

- Botetourt County Historical Society

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Capps Home Building Center is expanding to Troutville

Capps Home Building Center announced the addition of their new location in Troutville on Monday.

Customers at Smith Mountain Lake and surrounding areas have enjoyed the excellent customer service and building products that Capps HBC has offered for forty-five years. Capps will bring their expansive knowledge and dedicated customer service to the Troutville area in April of 2023.

"After working for other companies, being a member of Capps is a completely different experience," says David

Quilodran in Contractor Sales. "Every Capps employee is invested in making the experience the best it can be for the customer."

Bruce Shelton, CEO of Capps, adds, "Over the last 45 years, our employees have worked hard to establish a brand associated with superior customer service, quality products, and the highest ethical standards in everything that we do. Our Troutville location is a culmination of their efforts, and we are proud to expand our brand into this new market."

Capps Home Building Center - Troutville will

focus on the professional building contractor by offering premium products and a showroom for windows, doors, composite decking, siding, and interior molding to name a few. The store will feature full delivery capabilities, estimating services, and 24/7 on-line account access.

Contractors and retail customers alike will tell you - at Capps, you'll always find the help you need from friendly people you can trust.

- Botetourt Chamber of Commerce

Attic's next production centered around a Fincastle couple

Attic Productions' new production has strong ties to Fincastle. "Dear Nannie" is a historical drama inspired by the 2013 book "Dear Nannie... yours devotedly, Charlie" by Gail McMillan and Jean Robbins, and adapted for stage by Sally Miller of Attic Productions.

The story follows a Fincastle couple throughout their lives until his death. They endure happiness and hardships; separation by work and war, the loss of a child, and ultimately, a scandal which separates them forever. Spanning the period directly before, during, and after the Civil War, this play is based on the real lives of Fincastle residents.

This show will be presented at Attic's D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, on April 14-16 and 21-23. Mandy Masching directs this large group of local actors, aided by Steven Aaron, assistant director, and Katie Bjorkland, stage manager. Show times on Fridays are 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 and 7:30,

and Sundays at 2:30.

This show is being produced in partnership with the Botetourt County Historical Society and Museum, and all tickets are \$20 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. A \$2 convenience fee per ticket will be added if paying with a card.

Tickets may now be purchased on the Attic Productions website by visiting www.atticproductions.info. For questions or assistance with purchasing tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001. Volunteers began staffing the box office for this show April 3, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Leave a message at other times and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Partial funding support comes from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

- Attic Productions

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and a celebration that is going to involve half the people in this room which, in of it itself, is very impactful and makes a tremendous statement on what we're doing in this county and the great strides we have made," White said to the meeting's attendees.

White explained that approximately three years ago, the Botetourt Chamber started an initiative to start an agriculture committee, which had not previously existed within the chamber. In understanding the importance of agriculture to the Botetourt community, the committee formed a mission statement and soon began projects that include "Farm to Table" events where all food is outsourced from county locations.

Members of the county's Ag Committee include Emily Bailey (Chair), Jennifer Vance, Adam Ford, Jenna Lawrence, Scott Stevens, Kevin Sutton, and Cody Campbell.

"It's a team effort, it truly is," Ag Committee Chair Emily Bailey said during the recognition. "It absolutely never would have happened without the team we do have... We have great things shaping up for the future."

On August 31, the Botetourt Chamber will present a "Farm to Table" event at The Preserve in Fincastle featuring a dinner locally produced by the Botetourt Farmers Market. Farmers and producers will have tables set-up, displaying their products and educating the public about what they offer locally for food and goods to the community.

The Livestock Club members that were in attendance at the meeting and are a part of the 4-H Livestock Judging Team are Schylar Zollman, Sawyer Zollman, Stella Zollman, Katie Grace Barrett, and Cora Mullins. Another

jacket was given to team member Addison Kelly, who was unable to attend last week's board meeting. The club took a moment to each thank the board, their club leader, Emily Beavers, and the community.

Botetourt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Khari Ryder shared his thoughts about the Botetourt's ag community during the meeting stating, "I can not say enough about Botetourt County, what it produces, what it has, and how we are truly an agrarian society here. I have to give all credence and credit to Ms. Emily Bailey for being the spearhead behind our ag committee... Agricultural businesses need to be reinforced mentally, emotionally, and supported to know they are true businesses here in the community."

Botetourt 4-H Extension Agent Tyler Painter was also on hand to commend the team on their efforts in recent competitions.

"I had the privilege of meeting with our Livestock Judging Team on Friday, Feb. 24, after they finished at the Block and Bridle event at Virginia Tech," Painter explained in a recent email. "The team members provided me with great insight into what judging competitions are like and different things they have to do and know. Team members were discussing different types of meat cuts and I was curious about where on the animal specific cuts of beef and pork came from. They provided a thorough explanation and even a visual demonstration of the location of each cut. This was just a small piece from our conversations that day, but I left with knowledge that I learned because of them."

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests March 23-30:

- Tiffany R. Gibson, 32, of Troutville, driving without a license, March 23
- Justin A. Gibson, 37, of Troutville, brandishing a firearm, obstruction of justice, domestic assault, March 23
- Randall Darnell Argabright Jr., 20, of Blue Ridge, eluding law enforcement, driving with a revoked license, child abuse, March 26
- Chalsea M. Shinault, 33, of Fincastle, possession of Schedule drugs, conspiracy to distribute Schedule drugs, March 26
- Robert Delamotte, 39, of Warrenton, Va., drunk in public, March 27
- Steven W. Biggs, 28, of Buchanan,, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, March 28
- McKenzie L. Linkenhoker, 41, of Bedford, eluding law enforcement, March 30
- Kaeri Otuman, 47, of Daleville, domestic assault, March 30

Post 240 Notes

American Legion Post 240 meets Thursday

American Legion Post 240 will conduct its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 6 at the VFW Hall on Rt. 220 in Daleville. A social hour and a light supper will be held from 6-7 p.m. The business meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. and usually lasts one hour.

The main topic will be the nomination of all executive directors positions, which are: Post Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant and Finance Officer. These officers will serve a one year term starting this June 1 until May 31, 2024.

Current members should plan on attending this important meeting and all honorably discharged veterans are invited.

Fundraiser to benefit 7-year-old Buchanan boy with cancer

A fund-raising spaghetti dinner will be held from 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Solomon's Mission, 592 Lowe Street in Buchanan. It is being held to help raise funds for the family of 7-year-old Jepson Neil of Buchanan who has been diagnosed

with cancer. Dinners (spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and drink for \$10) will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, dine in or take out. Mike Lee and his students will be performing. There also will be a Chinese auction, 50/50 tickets and a bake

sale, all beginning at 4 p.m.

For information or to donate, contact Melissa Hutchens, 540-520-1752, or Kallie Blake, 540-529-5499.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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the opportunity to speak out. The speaker then asked for attendees who opposed the SEP to raise their hands in agreement.

A Troutville resident noted that there isn't a Daleville Fire & EMS, which she believes necessary when adding an apartment complex the scale of the proposed development. She said adding additional apartments would cause the need for a localized fire and rescue department. She noted that at a March 2019 board meeting a consultant spoke of Daleville needing an emergency rescue station.

A Blue Ridge resident, who works in the affordable housing industry, claimed the county board broke state laws when saying that the proposed development wouldn't contain Section 8 housing. He shared thoughts that individuals who claim Section 8 will move into these apartments. The man

said the investors "won't fill the apartments" and "will find people who will." He claimed that people on Section 8 are "fantastic" but are of "low skill and will not boost our (Botetourt's) income." He made further claims to the board that the developers who own the current site will potentially end up selling it in a couple of years.

A Buchanan resident claimed the board was "turning Botetourt County into Roanoke City" (low-income housing) and shared concerns about over-populated schools and major transportation issues.

A Cloverdale resident recalled the Sept. 2022 meeting where the Gateway Crossing Overlay was approved by the board. He claimed their decision was rushed without enough vetting. The Cloverdale man noted Exit 150

(the old truck stop exit) hasn't improved. He referred to the county-wide apartment analysis in Feb. and stated that more work needs to be done with the overlay. The man then referred to the county-wide apartment analysis in Feb. and stated that more work needs to be done with the overlay and to resend and review all ongoing projects in the county.

Another Botetourt resident spoke of concern about the graveyard located next to the proposed apartment development. She claimed the gravestones could disintegrate due to the vibrations from construction and is worried some of the more historic properties in Daleville would be damaged. She suggested more thought about what goes in the development site so Daleville's historic aspects are not "graded down."

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Library Buzz

Therapy Dog Reading Session

Sat, April 15, 11am-12:30pm, Buchanan Library
Kids can sign up for a 15-minute one-on-one reading session with Ripley the therapy dog. Call 540-928-2900 to reserve your spot.

Hospice 101

Fri, April 14, 10:30-11:30am, Blue Ridge Library
What is hospice care, and how do you know when your loved one needs this form of support? Learn more with Danielle Alexander from Good Samaritan Hospice.

Adopt a Pet from RCACP

Sat, April 8, 10am-2pm, Blue Ridge Library
Sat, April 22, 10am-2pm, Eagle Rock Library
The Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP) will bring its mobile unit with cats and dogs available for adoption. Visit with the animals, find your next best animal friend, and learn more about how RCACP does and how you can help.

Building Resumes for Teens

Thu, April 6, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge Library
Thu, April 13, 4-5pm, Fincastle Library
Thu, April 20, 4-5pm, Buchanan Library
Thu, May 4, 4-5pm, Eagle Rock Library
If you're a teen looking for a summer job,

take advantage of this opportunity to get professional help creating a resume. The session also includes tips for successfully completing applications and acing the interview.

Forever Fit

Every Friday through April 14, 1-2pm, Blue Ridge Library
Join this group fitness class for a low-impact, low-intensity workout that combines cardio, flexibility, and balance work. Chairs provided for seated and standing work; no floor work. Space is limited, call 540-928-2900 to register.

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.

Friends of the Library Used Book Sales

Eagle Rock Library - Thu, April 20, 12-5pm; Fri, April 21, 10am-5pm; Sat, April 22, 10am-2pm
Fincastle Library - Thu, April 27, 10am-6pm; Fri, April 28, 10am-5pm; Sat, April 29, 10am-2pm

Buchanan Carson Building (across from Fire Dept) - Fri, April 28, 9am-4pm; Sat, April 29, 9am-4pm
Blue Ridge Library - Thu, May 18 - Sat, May 20

More regular events

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Botetourt Fair will feature old and new exhibits

With great excitement we announce that the Botetourt County Fair will be held August 11 and 12 at the Buchanan Town Park!

As of February 2023, the Botetourt County Fair is a qualified incorporated 501(c)(3). The move to tax-exempt status allows the fair board to expand the event in years to come, as well as ensures its future for generations to come.

The mission of the Botetourt County Fair is the preservation of the past, promotion of the present, and education of the future of agriculture.

The fair's goal is to hold and promote a county fair each year to serve as its primary medium to achieve its mission. The primary focus of the county fair is to serve as a showcase of the talents of the youth of the community by providing a means of education, exhibit and competition of the various animal and non-animal projects the youth are involved in. The fair will also highlight the heritage of the community, and its ties to agriculture, industry, and businesses.

You can expect the 2023 fair to feature all the community favorites, as well as some new events and exhibits! The board is especially proud to announce that the well-loved "homemaking" contest will be reimagined to host more entries in what our participants last

year named The Farmhouse, located at the Community Center beside the carnival grounds. It is never too early to start fine tuning the secret ingredients in your special pie or to secure that one-of-a-kind yarn for your knitted project. A full list of fair competitions is available on the Fair website, BotetourtCountyFair.com. We cannot wait to see (and taste) your creations! You can also expect to enjoy many of the traditional agricultural exhibits and shows that you have come to love over the years.

This year's fundraising season brings multiple sponsorship opportunities, both corporate and individual.

More information on the sponsorship levels can be found on the website. Any level of support is welcome and donations can be made by visiting the Facebook Page (Botetourt County Fair) or visit the secure payment portal: <https://pay.getbeyond.com/link/O64SSJITskykkgjbMTw0IQ>.

You can also send a check to Botetourt County Fair Board Inc., 1465 Lakeridge Circle, Troutville, 24175.

The Board of Directors is excited for the opportunities ahead but knows the support from this generous community is vital to continued success and growth. Please know you can reach out to the Board (BotetourtCountyFair@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Kate Lawrence, Chair of the Botetourt County Fair Association Inc. Board of Directors

BUCHANAN EVENTS

Buchanan Garden Festival

The Town of Buchanan is accepting applications from garden, outdoor living and home improvement vendors as well as artists and craft vendors for the Saturday, May 6 Buchanan Garden Festival. Applications are available on the town website at www.townofbuchanan.com or call the Buchanan Town Hall at 540-254-1212, Ext. 4.

Buchanan Arbor Day

Churches, civic organizations, schools, residents and families are invited to help plant a ceremonial tree at Buchanan's Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 7 at 11

a.m. Representatives of the Virginia Department of Forestry will be on hand presenting the town recognition as a Tree City USA Community, and unveiling of the Buchanan Arbor Day Donors Plaque. For more information, call 540-254-1212, Ext. 4.

Buchanan Town Spring Clean Up

Rain or shine on Saturday, April 15, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., a dumpster will be available on the parking lot at the Town Park on Lowe Street for town residents. Bring proof of town residency (water or tax bill or driver's license). Each resident may bring two pickup truckloads or four carloads for free. Loads above that will be charged. No brush, leaves, tires, construction debris or toxic items including paint, oil, batteries, chemicals or pesticides. TVs, electronics and metal may be recycled at the landfill. Appliances, furniture, and other household items will be accepted for disposal. You must be able to lift items over head into a tall dumpster. For more information, call the Town

Hall, 254-1212.

Third Sunday Dinner


The next Sunday dinner at the Historic Wilson Warehouse is scheduled for the THIRD Sunday of the month to allow volunteers to celebrate Easter with their families. April's date is Sunday, April 16, for dine in or carry out from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. Place reservations to dine in or orders for carry out by 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 15. To place an order, call 540-580-8944 or text message 540-510-0780. Include your name, phone number or email, and the number of meals you wish to order. You will receive a follow up confirmation.

Buchanan Civil War Weekend

Discover one of the lesser known sites of the Civil War, Buchanan. Take part in or just visit during Buchanan's Civil War History Weekend scheduled for Friday, April 28, Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. Schedule of activities may be found on the Buchanan website at www.townofbuchanan.com.

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Bonnie



Bonnie is a lovely white Lab mix, born in December 2021. She is fine with other gentle dogs and children. She entered the LAP Shelter on March 13, 2023 from Pittsylvania County.

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



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Colas
7. Single-celled animals
13. The rear car of a train
14. Endangered
16. It cools your home
17. Helper
19. "The First State"
20. More aged
22. Partner to cheese
23. Type of wrap
25. From a distance
26. Satisfies
28. "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor Jared
29. God of battle (Scandinavian)
30. Cooking utensil
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
33. Able to perform
34. Big man on campus
36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period


CLUES DOWN

1. Calm down
2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
3. One who pretends
4. Hang glide
5. Distinctive practice
6. Mariner
7. Peaks
8. Queens ballplayer
9. Geological times
10. Twofold
11. Atomic #13
12. Tranquillizing
13. Metric weight unit
15. Indicates
18. Unwanted rodent
21. Partly cooked with hot water
24. One who can be recommended
26. Resembles a bag or pouch
27. Midway between south and southeast
30. Sets up for a photo

CLUES ACROSS

32. California white oak
35. More (Spanish)
37. After B
38. Decorated tea urn
39. Island
42. Car mechanics group
43. Wordplay joke
46. Cut a rug
47. Prickly plant
49. Speech in praise of a deceased person
50. European buzzard
52. Influential linguist
54. West African languages
55. Siskel's partner
57. Skinny
59. Oblong pulp
62. Consumed
63. Small, mischievous spirit
66. Powerful lawyer
68. Indicates position

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Thursday, April 13
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Local Bland Music Contest winners compete in Salem

Contestants from the Daleville-Fincastle Lions Bland Music Contest moved on to compete at the Semi-District level competition on March 19. Pictured are (from left) Daleville-Fincastle Lions President Jim Reynolds, Club Vocalist winner Emery Maxson, and Club Instrumentalist representative Beau Lee, violinist, and Club Bland Music Coordinator Lion Lowell Skelton.

Emery and Beau were also the Daleville-Fincastle Lions representatives at the Semi-District contest last year. This year Emery was the second place vocalist at this Semi-District Contest. This year this event was held at the Community Church in Salem.

- Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club



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Water resources program held at Eagle Rock Library



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On a recent rainy March Saturday, an enthusiastic group gathered at the Eagle Rock Library to learn about water resources and best practices, especially in home gardening and landscaping.

The event, which focused on the construction of rain barrels, featured talks by Tim Miller of Mountain Castles Soil

& Water Conservation District on the VCAP (Virginia Conservation Assistance Program) and Gabriel Irigaray of the Roanoke-Alleghany Regional Commission on Chesapeake Bay Improvement.

The workshop was sponsored by the UJRC&D (Upper James Resource Conservation & Development) Council

in partnership with Mountain Castles SWCD, Valley Conservation Council, and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission. Members of the Botetourt Community Partnership also participated.

- Valley Conservation Council

Forest Service closes Craig Creek bridge on Appalachian Trail indefinitely

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forest is closing the Craig Creek bridge on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail for public safety. The footbridge that crosses Craig Creek, in the Brush Mountain Wilderness in Craig County, is closed to all use indefinitely.

Hikers should not use the existing bridge and should follow directions from posted signs. Appalachian Trail hikers can walk through Craig Creek within 100 yards



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of the bridge, utilizing a temporary detour. Creek crossing may be impassable or unsafe during high water. During high water events, hikers should wait for water levels to recede or utilize

road detours. Hikers are advised to plan accordingly.

Plans to remove and replace this bridge are ongoing.

- U.S. Forestry Service

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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, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

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

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; Kings Kids, 7PM; Daycare and Preschool, Mon-Fri. 6:30AM-6PM.

Valley View Baptist Church - 17471 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Daniel Boone, 254-2760 (church), 254-2570 (H). Sunday School, 10:00 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 Road, Blue Ridge, Virginia 24064. Pastor Steve McChesney. Phone 540-977-1686 or 540-798-7462. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m., to include Children's Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Springwood Baptist Church - 88 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

SICK WITH SIN

Read Psalms 37:1 through 38:22

Every one of the world's billions of people will face injury and illness in life. No one can escape pain and suffering. When we hurt, we usually seek help. We bandage wounds, take medication, visit a physician—all in an effort to gain healing.

Why aren't we as eager to cure sin? Why don't we deal with it as we do other ailments? God provided a solution for sin: repent, confess, and forsake the sin. Yet we often ignore it or let it go until it looms full-blown and potentially life-threatening (Psalm 38:5,6).

I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin (Psalm 38:18).

The best time to address sin is when we first experience sin symptoms. It's best to remove a sliver before it gets infected, even though it may cause momentary discomfort. In the same way we should dig out any scrap of embedded sin before it leads to something worse.

Jesus is our Great Physician and the Bible our spiritual medicine chest. Our Divine Doctor prescribes daily doses as preventative treatment against sin.

Thought for Today: What remedy do you find today in God's Word?

Quicklook: Psalm 38:8-18

Burkhart, preschool director.
Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren - 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren - 2565 Buffalo Rd., 10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Michael Tabor, (540) 309-7595.

Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, 3732 Breckinridge Mill 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.stmarksfincastle.org.

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) - 9068 Cloverdale Road, Troutville, VA; Paul Workentine, Pastor; Worship Sunday at 10:00 AM. Sunday School at 11:30 AM. Info and calendar at 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.wheatlandlutheran.org; teamwheatland@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@fincastleumc.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 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 4 to 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

Booze, Shirley Craft

Shirley Craft Booze, 85, of Fincastle, of Appomattox, Collins "Denny" and passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2023.



Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, E.L. "Jim" and Mary Markham Craft; and brother, Robert "Sonny" Craft. She retired from the Botetourt County School System where she had worked at Central Academy as a cafeteria worker for over 32 years. Granny Shirley loved her "grandkids," Whitney and Brandon Bolton; her great-niece and -nephew, and enjoyed their time together after school.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Donald Robert Booze; sister and brother-in-law, Yvonne and Dennis Patrick of Roanoke; brothers and sisters-in-law, William Henry Craft

of Appomattox, Collins "Denny" and Jean Craft of Fincastle, and Wayne and Darlene Craft of Fincastle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends at Botetourt Funeral Home on Monday, April 3, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m. where a short service was held at 7 p.m. A graveside service was held Tuesday, April 4, at 11 a.m. at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Roanoke, with Pastor Kevin Cummings officiating. Those wishing to make a contribution, please consider the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 432, Fincastle, 24090. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Garman, Tony Clarke

Tony Clarke Garman, 84, of Botetourt County, departed this life on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Tony was born in the Sinking Creek Valley of Craig County. He served in the U.S. Army and was a Sergeant at time of discharge. He was a machinist who valued a strong work ethic and retired as a mold maker from Plastics One.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Richard and Claudine Garman; his brother-in-law, Gene Smith; and nephew, Timothy Smith.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 61 years, Shirley Keffer Garman; his daughters, Mitzi Webster and her husband David of Blue Ridge, and Gail Garman and her husband Robert Wright of Buchanan; two grandchildren, Carly Webster and Ethan Webster of Blue Ridge; sister, Linda Smith of New Castle; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was a member of Bonsack United Methodist Church. Tony was a quiet

person and loved his family. He also enjoyed nature, hunting, and gardening. Tony was always willing to help family, friends, and neighbors with projects and he had the ability to fix anything. In addition to helping those he knew, he was passionate about helping others by donating blood at the Red Cross.

The family wishes to thank Carilion Clinic Hospice - Roanoke for their compassion in caring for Tony.

The family will receive friends on Friday, April 7, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. at Oakey's East Chapel. A celebration of Tony's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, at Oakey's East Chapel, 5188 Cloverdale Road, with Pastor Randy McMillen officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Carilion Clinic Hospice, 1615 Franklin Road, Roanoke, 24016 or Bonsack United Methodist Church, 4493 Bonsack Road, Roanoke, 24012.

Arrangements by Oakey's East Chapel and Crematory, 540-977-3909.

Gilliam, Burleigh Rolfe, Sr.

Burleigh Rolfe Gilliam, Sr., 89, of Arcadia, peacefully departed this life and crossed into eternity to be with the Lord on March 27, 2023, surrounded by his family, across the hill from his birthplace and in the home that he built with his own hands and took so much pride in.



He is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis, of Arcadia; his sons, Burleigh "Lee" (Jr.) of Colonial Heights; Thomas "Andrew" of Richmond; Daniel (and his wife, Amanda) of New Castle; and Benjamin (and his wife, Amber), of Troutville. In addition, he had seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Born on July 25, 1933, he was the second youngest of five children born to Jess and Ida Gilliam of Arcadia. His experience growing up during the Great Depression gave him a strong work ethic, an unwavering moral compass, and a unique sense of pragmatism that he carried through his life. From his 30-year career with Woolworth's, his service in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, to owning a Ben Franklin store, building his dream home back on the family land, running a sawmill and a small farm, and accomplishing another 15-year career with the U.S. Postal Service, he was defined by hard work. Even after

retiring for the second time, he turned his focus to gardening, woodworking, and improving the home right up until shortly before his passing.

One of his favorite activities, however, that he did for almost 60 years in various places, were fireworks shows. He was the most proud of the fireworks shows he did for the Buchanan Carnival for 42 years, and trained two generations of pyro technicians in safe performances and sharing in the love of the smoke and fire. The roar of the crowd was something he took great pride and satisfaction in.

He left a legacy that most can only aspire to. His moral compass, guided by his strong faith, was non-negotiable, and he took pride in his ability to stand firm in whatever he believed was right, earning the respect of even those who might not agree with him. His counsel was frequently sought after by civic leaders, businesses, politicians, and everyday people alike, and he was known for his ability to resolve conflicts and create solutions to civic problems. His passing has created a void in the world, and he will truly be missed.

In line with his wishes, the family held a private service. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the charity or church of your choice.

Sloan, Charles Patrick

Charles Patrick "Pat" Sloan, 59, great-nephew, Jesse Lee Garrison; passed away Wednesday, March 29, 2023.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Lee and Dorothy Williams Sloan. He is survived by his daughter, Stephanie Sloan; sister, Charlyne Rivera; niece, Chevely Sloan-Rivera and husband, Dakota Garrison;

and numerous other family members.

Visitation will be held from 6-7 p.m. with memorial services at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, in the Eagle Rock Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Mark's Episcopal Holy Week services

St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 111 S. Roanoke Street in Fincastle scheduled the following services for Holy Week:

- Palm Sunday - April 2, 10 a.m.

- Liturgy of the Palms with the Passion Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew and Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

- Maundy Thursday - April 6, 7 p.m.

- Service of Holy Communion with optional foot washing.

- Good Friday Liturgy - April 7, 7 p.m.

- The Sunday of the Resurrection - Easter Sunday, April 9, 10 a.m.

- Service of Holy Communion with Flowering of the Cross

Easter celebration at Colonial Baptist

Colonial Baptist Church in Blue Ridge invites you to Easter services on April 9, beginning with a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., followed by Easter breakfast at 8 a.m. (bring a dish), and 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowships.

The Easter celebration continues at 10 a.m. with an original musical program entitled "Living Hope."

Colonial Baptist is located at 221 Hillcrest Street in Blue Ridge, just off Rt. 460 and Mountain Pass Road. Call the church office at 540-977-5683 for more information, www.cbcbleridge.org.

Easter Sunday events at Galatia

The public is invited to an Easter Sunrise Service April 9 at 7 a.m. at Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock.

Please bring flowers for the cross, which will be walked to after the service. A potluck breakfast will begin directly afterwards. Worship will be at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary (no Sunday School). The pastor, the Rev. Emily B. Hook, will lead all services.

Community Easter Service in Buchanan

The Buchanan Area Ministerial Association has announced a Community Sunrise Service on April 9. It will be held at 7 a.m. at the Pavilion at Fairview Cemetery.

Zion Hill Baptist Easter services

Celebrate the Risen Lord and Savior with Zion Hill Baptist Church.

A Sunrise service will be held at 8 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Breakfast will follow the service. Pastor Don Goforth will lead the worship service at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School.

Springwood Baptist Church events for April

- April 7, Good Friday Service at 6:30 p.m.

- April 9, Easter Sunrise at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast to follow; Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m.

- April 30, potluck after worship for fellowship time with one another, bring favorite foods to share

Easter services, revival at Daleville Baptist

Daleville Baptist Church will have a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. on April 7. The Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on April 9 will be followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall.

Revival services will be held April 16-19 with Kenny Grant from Savannah, Ga. - Sunday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and at 7 p.m. April 17-19.

Glade Creek Baptist Easter activities

Glade Creek Baptist will have a Good Friday worship service on Friday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Glade Creek will once again host the Blue Ridge Community Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 9 at 7 a.m. in Glade Creek Cemetery. The service will be led by Pastor Steve McChesney, Pastor Emeritus Dr. Philip Ayers and the Rev. Aaron Lyles.

Easter egg hunt at New Beginnings

New Beginnings Assembly of God, Buchanan, is having an Easter egg hunt this Sunday, April 9 after the church service, which begins at 10 a.m. All are welcome to this free event.

Free Lunch Saturday at Solomon's Mission

Second Saturday Free Lunch at Solomon's Mission in Buchanan is this Saturday, April 8, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The lunch will consist of grilled hot dogs, chips, mac and cheese, beans, dessert and drinks, provided by Community Church. Easter bags will be given to kids by the Buchanan Lions Club.

Austin & Friends will present 'Psalm 23' concerts

David Austin & Friends will present a series of concerts featuring songs inspired by and based on Psalm 23. The performances, including one in Botetourt County, will deliver all new and original compositions in a variety of musical styles.

The remaining concert venues and dates are:

- Campbell Memorial Presbyterian on April 16 at 4 p.m. (1130 Hardy Road, Vinton)

- Troutville Baptist on April 23 at 4 p.m. (5520 Lee Highway, Troutville)

The public is welcome. A love offering will be received at most venues.

For more information, call 540-254-2696.

Children's Fun Day at Troutville Park

Troutville Baptist Church invites area children to an Easter Fun Day at Troutville Park from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. Activities will include an Easter egg hunt, games and prizes, along with a free hot dog lunch.

Ebenezer UMC bake sale Saturday

Ebenezer United Methodist Church will have a bake sale Saturday, April 8, across from Nace Road at the Virginian Markette from 8 a.m. till 12 p.m. There will be baked goods and Easter eggs. Hot dogs will ready at 10:30 a.m.

Buchanan Food Pantry open April 8

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, April 8. Curbside distribution takes place at the church, 19559 Main Street, from 9-11 a.m. Volunteers from Buchanan Baptist Church will be giving out food to those in need in Botetourt County.

Cloverdale Brethren Thrift Store has summer clothes

The Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store now has spring and summer clothes for the family. The shop has a large selection of tops, skirts, dresses and pants. Men's shirts and pants and children's clothes are also available. Hours are Saturdays, 9 to 12. Donations are always welcome.

The Food Pantry is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Shiloh Cemetery needs donations

Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery on Shiloh Road, Eagle Rock, is asking for those who have loved ones buried in the cemetery or own plots to give monetary donations to help with the upkeep of the cemetery. Expenses for gasoline, equipment and labor have gone up. If you have any questions, call 540-620-2625, or are interested in a final resting place. Make checks payable to Shiloh Cemetery and send to: Shiloh Church Cemetery, c/o Sharon Britt, 1281 Salt Petre Cave Road, Eagle Rock, 24085.

Fincastle UMC Chicken BBQ April 22

See Church News, page 11

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Comments

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by Rachel E. Simon. He claimed the book is "basically an introduction to sex and LGBTQ lifestyles for children." He claimed the book was located "four feet away from the Dr. Seuss display."

These and other children's materials are accessed only under the direct supervision and consent of an adult caregiver. According to Phillips, no children under the age of 13 are allowed in libraries without a parent or chaperone, and parents have full control of their children's library accounts until they turn 18 years old.

"One of things that I think people don't realize is that we have a policy in place where children are not allowed to be in the library by themselves," Phillips explained. "If they're under 13 years old, they must be accompanied by a responsible adult, who is at least 18 years old."

"We expect them (the adult) to be fully

engaged and aware of what that child is doing, accessing, and reading within the library space. It's the parent's right and responsibility to determine what's appropriate for their family and for their child. Different parents have different ideas about what's appropriate and when."

The Fincastle man suggested a book like "The Every Body Book" should be selected locally as opposed to being selected by "experts" at the American Library Association (ALA) based in Chicago, Ill. The current reconsideration request system was explained by Phillips.

"The Reconsideration Request Form is currently available in print format at every library location, which is a typical process in public libraries," Phillips said. "The American Library Association does not have any jurisdiction over any libraries in the U.S., nor did their staff have any

direct involvement in our policies. The ALA is simply a professional organization that serves as a resource, much like the Society for HR Management (SHRM) is a resource for Human Resources professionals. Our policy aligns with what you'll normally see in public libraries, but every library drafts their own unique policies for their locality.

"Our library materials are selected by a team of professional Botetourt Library staff members, under the supervision of the library director. The ALA has no involvement in our collection decisions, or in any library's collection decisions, for that matter. Patrons can see more details in our Collection Development Policy posted on our website (<https://www.botetourtva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3226/Collection-Development-Policy>)." In another recent interview, library liaison and Board of Supervisors Amsterdam District representative Steve Clinton explained the role of the library and their selection process for what citizens may access.

"I think the role of the library is to be as broad-based and as all-encompassing as possible and to provide knowledge to people," Clinton explained. "There's a process for selecting books. There is a process for reevaluation of ones like these (books) that might be in question. As far as why libraries would carry such books, the whole idea is to shape knowledge, to connect people, and to be as open as any democratic institution ought to be. I think that's the very essence of the library's mission."

Blue Ridge District Supervisor Billy Martin added to the comment period last Tuesday afternoon, stating that he was unaware of these materials citizens claimed were located in Botetourt libraries. He agreed with removing the content in question, but explained that he wasn't in the position to make those decisions.

Furthermore, Botetourt libraries are public libraries, not school libraries as Phillips further explained.

"As a public library—we're not a school library, we're not a daycare, we are not some special target audience—we collect a broad range of materials on a broad range of viewpoints for all of our citizens in Botetourt County. Obviously, people need a lot of different

information. This is very much a community-curated collection. We are purchasing books that our community is asking for or that our statistics have shown there is a definite interest in—specifically the Botetourt community. We are collecting items for Botetourt the community has clearly indicated they want.

"Fortunately, use of these items in the libraries is completely voluntary. If somebody finds something that they don't feel is a good fit for them or their family, they don't have to access it, they don't have to read it. Somebody else may find that very helpful and they do have access."

According to Phillips, only one citizen has visited the Fincastle Library to speak about the institution providing content like The Every Body Book.

"We have a formal reconsideration policy that's posted on our website, so if anyone finds content in our library that they feel should not be available to the community, then what they can do is fill out a request for reconsideration form. For that, they can contact any of us (at the libraries).

"We have a whole process where we review a specific title to make sure it aligns with our collection development policy. We have a process in place, but only one person has taken advantage of it so far."

We're here and available. "What we're seeing in Botetourt follows lock-step with national trends, where libraries are caught in the middle of a political and cultural turf war, and where providing resources from multiple viewpoints is interpreted as an 'agenda' from every side," Phillips stated. "As PEN America's report and others point out, most book bans today are not coming organically from concerned citizens, but from advocacy organizations that make censorship of specific ideas of part their mission."

"We do not want to see our dedicated library staff afraid to come to work, simply because they are meeting the needs and requests of all our community members, regardless of their demographic or viewpoint. In this polarized environment, the public library may be one of the few places left where everyone has free access to a wide range of ideas, without pressure or bias or algorithm-fueled tunnel vision. Libraries protect everyone's First Amendment and parental rights, and now - even in Botetourt - these rights are under fire."

The Botetourt libraries formal reconsideration policy can be found here: <https://www.botetourtva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2506/Reconsideration-Policy>.

Additional public comments

An Oriskany resident asked to cease the proposed Rails to Trails project on the Craig Valley railbed, claiming turning the abandoned railbed into a trail for outdoor enthusiasts as a "bad idea." He noted that over eight miles of the 26-mile trail is currently used for "regular vehicle traffic, has poor visibility," and is "not a place for vehicles and cyclists to share safely."

Additionally, another Eagle Rock citizen opposed the trail, sharing her worries about horse-riding on the trail, alleging that "bikes frighten horses." She said the building of the trail will impact residents who paid for their land along State Route 817 who live there for its serenity. She believes the multi-use trail could cause a "very dangerous situation" based on research she compiled when studying the Virginia Creeper Trail located in Abington. Another resident on State Route 817 wondered why the "residential area" along the proposed the trail is being targeted for the project with other trails that she claimed were available.

An Eagle Rock resident expressed concerns about air navigation in the proposed area of the Rocky Forge wind project. The citizen claimed that an aircraft was recently spotted in the Rocky Forge area, flying low above the resident's home close to where the proposed wind farm will be located. The woman shared concern about the project allegedly being "at no hazard to air navigation." She presented the board photographic evidence of the low-flying aircraft. The Eagle Rock resident shared concerns over a potential air disaster that could affect the area if wind turbines are constructed with a subsequent lawsuit potentially.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
 The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live. Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. April 13, 2023 at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_7RLwHZW_3NnyIjzXaLbgEjtyJ9vKaMB1L0m_fBjiYM4fyg/viewform
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 300-399: \$242.00
 400-499: \$150.00-235.00
 500-599: \$199.00-215.00
 600-699: \$180.00
 700-799: \$161.00
Graded Feeder Heifers
 300-399: \$165.00-188.00
 400-499: \$169.00-205.00
 500-599: \$169.00-195.00
 600-699: \$105.00-170.50
 700-799: \$125.50-134.50
Cows: \$ 32.00- 91.00
Bulls: \$ 93.00-110.00

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING OF THE TROUTVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE TROUTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
 Pursuant to a request for a conditional use permit/special exceptions permit, the Planning Commission and the Town Council for Troutville, Virginia, hereby give notice that at 7:00 p.m. on April 17, 2023, in the Meeting Room of the Town Hall, Town of Troutville, 5419 Lee Highway, Troutville, Virginia, there will be held joint public hearings followed immediately by the Planning Commission and Town Council meeting to consider the following request. Information related thereto may be reviewed at the Town Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
 The following will be considered:
 An exception to the Town of Troutville Zoning Ordinance for a special use permit/special exceptions permit for the property located at 5436 Lee Highway, Troutville, Virginia, also known as Botetourt County Tax Map Number 101D-155, to allow the use of said business as a temporary single family residence in a B-2 zoning district and pursuant to other provisions of the Troutville Zoning Ordinance.
TROUTVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
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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, April 13, 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 Donald and Carolyn Naysmith on a portion of property owned by Botetourt County, identified by Botetourt County Tax Parcels 73A(1) 15-19, located in the West Main Street block between Route 220 and S Roanoke Street, to rezone from P – Public to C – Commercial, with proffers for the Old Jail.

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: March 28, 2023
 David Tickner, Secretary to the Planning Commission
 Joan Boothe, Secretary to the Town Council

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
 Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Botetourt County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Botetourt County Administration Building at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the following request. Information may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and is available online at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Board of Zoning Appeals section.
 Blue Ridge District: New Hope Baptist Church requests a variance in accordance to Section 25-126.- Use limitations, Residential (R-1) and Section 25-551.- Variance procedure. of the Botetourt County Code from the requirement of development to be served with public or community water and sewer in order to create a total of three new lots. This 2.9-acre lot is located within the Residential (R-1) Use District, located at 37, 66, 71, and 107 Love View Lane, Roanoke, and is identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 108, Parcel 72A.
 C. Nicole Pendleton, AICP, CZA, CFM
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 164 KELSEY WAY, FINCASTLE, VA 24090. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$140,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180002806. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on June 2, 2023, at 11:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT LOT AND PREMISES LOCATED IN BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A FENCE POST ON MELODY LANE; THENCE WITH MELODY LANE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 06' 00" EAST 93.08 FEET TO A PIPE FOUND; THENCE WITH MELODY LANE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT 189.74 FEET TO THE CHORD OF WHICH IS SOUTH 72 DEGREES 28' 30" EAST 188.85 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH MELODY LANE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 51' 00" EAST 65.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE LEAVING MELODY LANE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 09' 00" WEST 280.92 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 16' 06" WEST 321.63 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 55; 20' WEST 634.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 00' 25" EAST 356.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 09' 00" EAST 248.08 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 58' 00" EAST 327.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN AS "PARCEL 1", ON PLAT OF SURVEY DATED NOVEMBER 23, 1993, BY RONALD R. CLARK, L.S., A TRUE COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 449, PAGE 72. TOGETHER WITH A PERPETUAL RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT OVER THE 50 FT. PRIVATE ROAD AND MELODY LANE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FROM THE LAND HEREIN CONVEYED TO STATE SECONDARY ROUTES NO. 630 AND NO. 638. LESS AND EXCEPTING THAT PARCEL CONTAINING 2.539 ACRES, CONVEYED TO ROBERT D. DYE AND DEIDRE E. MEADOR, BY DEED DATED DECEMBER 15, 2017 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 18, 2017, IN AFORSAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO. 170004879 AND AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN THE AFORSAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 61, PAGE 121. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure

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sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-358737-2.

INVITATION TO BID

Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District (MCSWCD) is accepting bids for the mowing and routine maintenance of four flood control dams located in Craig County, VA, until Friday, May 5, 2023, at 5 pm. All four dams are located in the upper Johns Creek valley. The Maintenance Contract for these dams include mowing (once in the spring and once in the fall), woody debris removal, liming and seeding of the dam embankment (as needed), groundhog hole repairs, and trash/debris removal from the trash rack on the dam risers (also includes replacement of trash rack if it's damaged). The successful bidder will enter into a contract with a base term of three years (2023, 2024, 2025) and will include a performance-based contract extension clause for two additional years (2026 and 2027). To receive the complete Bid information Packet, contact Daniel Naff at (540) 580-8373 or daniel.naff@mountaincastles.org

ALL BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT CURRENT CERTIFICATION OF LIABILITY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR A BID TO BE CONSIDERED. MCSWCD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received. MCSWCD is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF NEWSOM E. VIA, JR., DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Mark W. Dellinger, attorney for the executrix of the estate of Newsom E. Via, Jr., Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Newsom E. Via, Jr., and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 3rd day of May, 2023 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Newsom E. Via, Jr. or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Newsom E. Via, Jr., deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this the 29th day of March, 2023. Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4260 Read Mountain Rd., Cloverdale, VA 24077

Tax Map No. 107(4)30 In execution of a Deed of Trust dated October 3, 2007, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument No. 070005965, 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 that certain tract or parcel of land being 1.007

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of OVB Investments LLC, property owner, to designate the Old Virginia Brick sign located at 2500 West Main Street, Tax Map # 175-2-3, as a landmark sign. 2. Consider the requests of Patane, LLP and Walter S. Kearns, Jr. and Laurel P. Kearns, property owners, for rezoning the properties located at 1640 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-6) and 1630 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-5) from RB Residential Business District to LM Light Manufacturing District. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CL23000348-00 ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MAILEIGH MCKENNA REDMOND v. MAILEIGH MCKENNA CULVER

The object of this suit is: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR IT IS ORDERED that RANDOLPH ALLEN REDMOND JR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before April 27, 2023 @ 11:00 AM. MARCH 15, 2023 Benjamin Guarrant, DEPUTY CLERK

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316, -317 Case No. CL23-344

ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Elizabeth Paige Lyles v. Cody Chandler Lyles The object of this suit is to: obtain a decree of divorce pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 20-91(9)(A). It is ORDERED that Cody Chandler Lyles appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 9, 2023. March 15, 2023 Jennifer Vest, Deputy Clerk

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Within a license year and within each individual county listed in this subsection, a hunter must have taken at least two one antlerless deer in that county before taking a second antlered deer in that county. A hunter must also have taken at least three two antlerless deer in that county before taking a third antlered deer in that county.

The counties subject to the provisions of this subsection are Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William (except on Department of Defense lands).

Within a license year and within any city or town, except the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach, a hunter must have taken at least one antlerless deer in that city or town before taking a second antlered deer in that city or town. In those cities and towns east of the Blue Ridge Mountains, a hunter must have taken at least two antlerless deer in that city or town before taking a third antlered deer in that city or town.

The Earn A Buck Program does not apply to the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

Private land deer population indices for Augusta, Botetourt, and Page counties have exceeded population objectives in the department's deer management plan despite having full-season, either-sex firearms regulations already in place. Adding the earn a buck requirement is the next step to increase the harvest of antlerless deer. In addition, establishing earn a buck in Page County will make it consistent with all the other counties

in Disease Management Area 2 (DMA2).

The earn a buck requirement has resulted in increased antlerless harvest and reductions in deer populations in most areas where it has been in effect. However, there has been little to no measurable difference in deer harvest or population impacts in counties having the requirement that two antlerless deer (i.e., Arlington, Fairfax, James City, Loudoun, Prince William, and York) vs. one antlerless deer (i.e., 27 other counties) must have been taken before hunters can take their second antlered deer of the season. This proposal would simplify and standardize this provision of the earn a buck regulation, requiring hunters in any locality with earn a buck to harvest only one antlerless deer prior to harvesting a second antlered deer.

4VAC15-50-11: The proposal is to add two weeks of general firearms season in 35 counties in southern and eastern Virginia and remove the three-day early firearms season from 26 counties in northern and western

Virginia, including Botetourt.

This proposal is designed to address both recent and longer-term black bear population trends to achieve objectives in the Black Bear Management Plan, which is under revision. Besides certain counties in southwestern Virginia, where the draft population objective is to slightly reduce bear populations, draft objectives for the rest of Virginia are to stabilize the bear population at 2020 levels. Increasing black bear populations in several southern and eastern management zones supports stepwise approaches to increase bear harvest in order to stabilize bear populations. In contrast, recent and ongoing bear population declines observed in several western and northern management zones necessitate reductions in harvest. Specific changes are recommended in both the general firearms seasons (Nov. and Dec.) and early three-day firearms seasons (Sept.).

- Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

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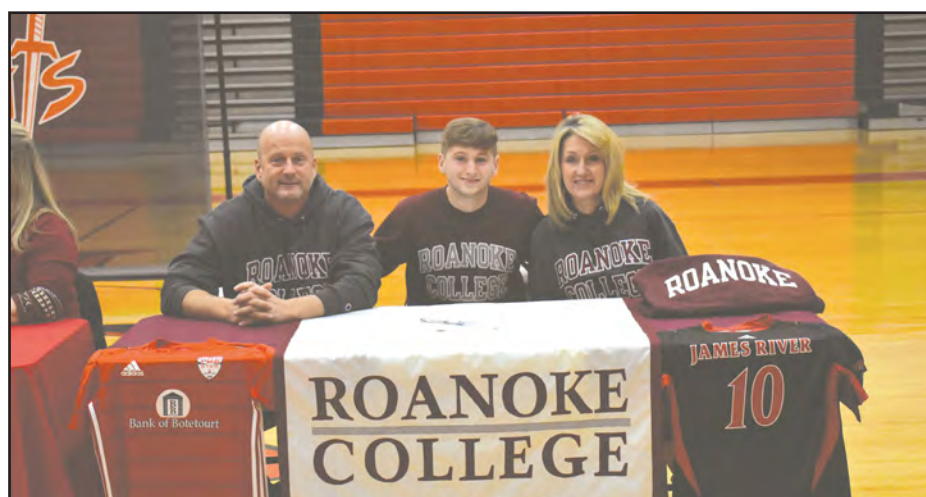
Brian Hoffman

Sports Editor

Signing day at James River



Four James River athletes announced their choices to continue their education and play sports in a ceremony at James River High School. Three girls are going for softball. Seated with the families are Lexi McCullough (second from left), who will attend Bridgewater; Kaycee Kincaid (fifth from left) is headed to Ferrum, and Jenna Pugh (second from right) is Roanoke College-bound. Also signing was Jacob Hill (bottom photo), who will play soccer for Roanoke College.



PHOTOS BY RYLEE CLARK



LB's Oxley will play football for Hampden-Sydney this fall

Dalton Oxley, an All-Blue Ridge District linebacker for the Lord Botetourt football team, has chosen Hampden-Sydney College to continue his gridiron career. Dalton recently committed to the ODAC school at a ceremony attended by family, friends and classmates at Lord Botetourt High School. Here, he signs as family members, from left, grandmother Bev Oxley, father Tom and mother Stephanie Oxley proudly look on. Below, he enjoys the moment with senior teammates, left to right, Tucker Brookman, Josh Hawks, Dalton, Drew Gilbert, and Jackson Seawell. Missing is Titus Hopkins.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE OXLEY FAMILY

Former teammates play at Botetourt Sports Complex

Former Lord Botetourt High School teammates Carsen Brake and Lauren Hoffman found themselves in opposite dugouts when Eastern Mennonite played Roanoke College in an ODAC double-header Sunday at the Botetourt Sports Complex. Brake, here leading off second base, is a sophomore utility player for Eastern Mennonite while

Hoffman is a junior pitcher and first baseman for the Roanoke College team. The Maroons, who are playing their home games at the BSC while the Moyer Complex in Salem is renovated, swept the double-header by scores of 3-0 and 12-2. Hoffman was three-for-three with four RBIs in the second game.



Carsen Brake



Lauren Hoffman

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Cavalier alumni shine on college mounds



Meredith Wells



PHOTOS BY JACOB KISAMORE/ELON U. & TROY SAYLES/UNC-GREENSBORO

Two recent Lord Botetourt graduates who shined on the high school softball mound in Daleville are having good seasons pitching in the collegiate ranks. Meredith Wells (top) is a junior at Elon University, where she's posted a 3.98 earned run average for the Phoenix. Meredith has started nine

games and picked up three wins, striking out 22. She has two complete games. Rhyann Jones is a freshman pitcher for the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, where she leads the team with a 7-1 record and a 2.81 earned run average. Rhyann also has fanned 22 for the 23-12 Spartans. UNC-

Greensboro hosted North Carolina Tuesday and is at Furman this weekend while Elon (14-18) had a home game with Liberty University on Tuesday and will have a home-and-home with Duke this weekend, playing at Duke Friday evening and hosting the Blue Devils Saturday at 1 p.m.



Mia D'Arpa (3)



Lindsay Prillaman (00)

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

High school sports return from county spring break

Spring break is over and the Botetourt County high school sports teams will be back in action with a full schedule of events this week.

One game was played Monday, as the Lord Botetourt soccer girls fell to the Bruins in Blacksburg, 4-1. Emma Rice had the lone goal for LB with an assist from Falan Peters.

Tuesday's schedule had Lord Botetourt at Blacksburg and James River at Northside for baseball. The LB boys soccer team was scheduled to host Northside while the River girls were at Eastern Montgomery.

Today, Wednesday, Lord Botetourt will be in Springwood for a 7 p.m. softball game against host James River. The LB baseball

team is at Brookville and Botetourt's boys tennis team is at Salem.

On Thursday, the Knights are in Salem for softball at the Salem Civic Center field, while the James River soccer teams host Riverheads for a girls-boys double-header, beginning at 6 p.m. The LB girls soccer team is at Salem and the Cavalier boys will host the Spartans. The LB tennis girls will entertain Salem at the Hollins University courts.

The Lord Botetourt track team will open the season Friday at the University of Lynchburg, and both the LB and River thinclads will run in a meet at Hidden Valley Saturday.

Church News

from page 7

Fincastle United Methodist Church is having a chicken dinner from 4-7 p.m. on April 22, dine in or take out, at the VFW Hall on Route 220, Daleville.

The cost is \$12 per person for half a barbecued chicken (featuring Percy Bolton's sauce recipe), potato salad, baked apples, roll and choice of coffee, tea or lemonade. Desserts will be sold separately.

For questions and/or tickets, call Gayle Ross at 540-473-2437. If no answer, leave a message and the call will be returned.



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River soccer teams have games over spring break

Most high school teams were off for spring break last week but the James River soccer teams both managed to get in a game. The girls lost to Nelson County and the boys beat Rockbridge in one-goal decisions, both in Springwood.

The girls fell 3-2 to the Governors on March 28 in a non-district affair in the first of two regular season meetings between the two. Knights' captain Natalie Hughes opened the scoring in the second minute of the match with an unassisted goal as the Knights quickly took charge of the game. Konner Myers finished from a Shea Hubbard assist just after the midpoint of the half for a 2-0 River lead, but in the closing minute of the half Laney Harvey scored for the Governors to go into halftime at 2-1.

The second half was more balanced with possession going both ways and several offensive opportunities for both sides. Harvey tied the game with 18 minutes remaining on the clock, shifting the momentum to the visitors. Another Harvey goal with 11 minutes remaining put the Governors in front for the first time. The Knights mounted multiple spirited attacks, most notably an end-to-end run by Hughes that was denied only after reaching Nelson's six-yard box. Despite this and other opportunities, James River was unable to level the score and the visiting side left with the early season 3-2 victory.

Keeper Kylee Aaron made four saves for the Knights. Candance Fitzgerald stopped five for the Governors.

The boys played

on a rainy Friday in Springwood and it was a good game for the Knights as they beat Rockbridge 5-4. River played a great first 15 minutes and finished strong in the second half.

"We were disorganized and out of shape for the middle of the game," said coach Jared Whiting. "I was pleased with the effort and the ability of the guys to make the corrections to wrap up with a win. Rockbridge had a strong midfield that gave us a good challenge and that made us step up our game. We had great ball movement in the final third, which allowed us good opportunities for finding the net."

The River teams will share the Springwood pitch when they host Riverheads in a double-header Thursday, with the girls opening at 6 p.m.

Knights compete in Vince Bradford relays

The James River track team competed in one of the larger early season track meets when the Knights traveled to Lynchburg last Saturday for the Vince Bradford Relays, hosted by E.C. Glass High School.

River had several athletes meet state qualifying standards. Conner Church finished sixth in both the 100- and 200-meter runs and qualified for the state meet in both. Church also ran on the 4x100 relay team. Michael Jorgensen was second in both the 1,600 and 3,200

while Silas Miller was fourth in the 3,200.

In the boys field events, George Toliver was fourth in the shot put and Brian Moran was sixth in the high jump.

In the girls meet, Emma Francis won the shot put with a state-qualifying heave. Navaeh Van Buren state qualified with a second place in the triple jump, and she also took third in the discus.

The River girls finished eighth and the boys were ninth as host Glass swept the team titles.

New MLB rules getting good reviews

Column by Brian Hoffman, Sports Editor

The new Major League Baseball season is here and the question everyone keeps asking is, "How do you like the new rules?" For the most part, it seems like most people like them.

The game is definitely moving along faster. Through the first weekend of the games have been an average of 20 minutes shorter than in previous years, and they're still longer than an average basketball game so that's still plenty of ball game to watch.

The difference isn't so much the length of the game, but the quality of the game you're watching. There's more action with less "down time" between pitches, and that was really the point of contention when people were saying the games were boring. No one wants to see a pitcher walk around the mound and rub up a ball, or a batter step out of the box between every pitch and adjust his gloves, helmet and whatever he's wearing under his uniform pants. Not fun.

With the new rules the batter has to be in that box and the pitcher has to be ready to serve it up or there will be consequences. Here's a couple observations I had in the first games of the season.

I was watching a game on opening day, and you know where they list the score, count, outs, batter and pitcher in a corner of your television screen? Well, on opening day that bit of information also included the clock counting down for the pitcher. I found that to be extremely distracting while watching the game.

The next game I watched, on a different network, didn't have that and I really didn't pay attention to the pitch clock unless the umpire called an infraction. That was much better, in my mind, as far as enjoying the game.

And another thing. I'm watching the ESPN Sunday night game between the Phillies and Rangers. Trea Turner of the Phillies is on first and takes off for second. He gets a great jump and surely has the base stolen, but the pitcher doesn't start his motion in time and the umpire behind the plate calls time as Turner is running for second. A "ball" is called on the batter and Turner has to go back to first.

To me, this is helping the team that was supposed to be penalized. If I'm the pitcher I'd much rather have a ball called than have the runner advance a base. If that's how it's going to work, and I'm the pitcher, I'm going to hold the ball until the clock goes off if I think the runner got a great jump at first and won't be thrown out. Unless there are

three balls on the batter at the time, I'm sending that runner back to first. That's something they're going to have to look at.

As far as the larger bases, they really don't look any larger to me while watching on TV. The Salem Red Sox had the larger bases last year and I never would have known if I hadn't known.

The bases are three inches wider on each side, and that's supposed to help the would-be base stealers because it's an extra three inches they don't have to cover. I've heard that a bunch of times but, honestly, how many times is that three inches going to make a difference? Hold your fingers three inches apart and tell me, with a straight face, that's going to make a big difference.

I do think it will be safer for the first basemen, who will have less of a chance of getting stomped on by a runner heading for first. Then again, if they really want to make that safer then use the double-bag deals like they do in slow-pitch softball, where the first basemen stands on one bag and the runner can step on the adjoining one.

Finally, I love the rule that says two fielders must be on each side of second base and have their feet in the dirt. I hated those shifts. I got so tired of seeing a batter smoke one up the middle and the shortstop is right there behind the bag, or a left-hander drilling a ball that should be a base hit, only to have a "short fielder" field it for an out. There are balls that are struck that are supposed to be hits from the time you play Little League ball, and I felt like those batters were getting cheated.

Now, I heard that some teams are considering moving the leftfielder into short right when a left-handed, "dead pull," hitter comes to the plate. That's somewhat circumventing the new rules, but apparently there's no rule against it. Hopefully, there will be next summer.

All in all, I think folks like the new rules. I, for one, never complained about a baseball game being too long. When I was a kid and went to Phillies games at old Connie Mack Stadium I tried to get my dad to take me the ballpark when there was a double-header. Back in those days you paid one price for two games, like you do in the Carolina League now, only the big league games were nine innings each instead of seven like the Salem Red Sox play. And, when the second game was over, I found myself still wanting more. My dad didn't, but I did.

All in all, I give the new rules two thumbs up. And if one of the thumbs gets you a stolen base because the bag is three inches closer, then so be it.

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