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## Science and sunshine in Eagle Rock

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Have you ever wondered if a solar oven with a reflective surface at a specific angle will cook a hot dog to perfection? Or, wondering what will happen to a gummy bear when placed in a variety of liquids? How about how far one can shoot a marshmallow using a handmade catapult?

Those experiments along with the everyday, run-of-the-mill, Bioremediation of Perfluorooctanoic Acid by *Pseudomonas putida* were on display during the Eagle Rock Science Festival held last Saturday at Blue Ridge Vineyards.

The Eagle Rock Ruritan welcomed visitors to wonderful and educational event within the confines of one of Botetourt's most beautiful locations. The event saw approximately 350 attendees who

experienced local students' science fair projects inside of a giant display tent. Some of the projects included the aforementioned solar ovens and gummy bear reaction as well as the best way to clean pennies, converting images to sound using pixel data, and more.

"We were blessed with gorgeous weather and massive community support," Eagle Rock Ruritan Beth Leffel said when asked about the weekend's event. "The Eagle Rock Ruritans are very proud of the children who shared their scientific experiments, we had an impressive range of topics and they certainly taught us a lot. Of course, the day would have been incomplete without the dedication of so many activity leaders who gave up a whole Saturday in order to provide fun-filled demonstrations for all age groups and we really appreciate that."

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PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

The Eagle Rock Ruritans held the first Eagle Rock Science Festival last weekend at Blue Ridge Vineyard.



Departing Fincastle Town Manager David Tickner (center) and his family



Town Clerk Joan Boothe and her husband, John

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## Fincastle Town Council hears zoning review; bids farewell to Tickner, Boothe

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Fincastle Town Council held its monthly meeting last Thursday at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room.

At the meeting's onset, Mayor Mary Bess Smith shared thoughts about former Town Manager David Tickner's time serving the town for the last 12 years. Scott Critzer, former town mayor and current head of the town's planning commission, commended Tickner for all of his hard work and thanked him for his years served.

"We appreciate everything you've done for us over the years," Smith said to Tickner at the meeting's

onset. "It's been good, from Christmas lights to digging holes. I don't know if we asked you to put a roof on anything, but you've done just about everything else. We appreciate it... You have saved the town from a lot of woe."

Councilman Ed Bordett presented Tickner with a painted portrait of Fincastle as a parting gift.

Joan Boothe is also departing the town as town clerk. She has served as clerk for over 20 years. She will continue to work with the town as a consultant until her replacement begins.

Scott Critzer updated the council on a review of the town's zoning ordinances to ensure that the town's

encumbered all of the county ordinances within the town. He noted that the planning commission hoped they could make recommendations at the start of the review, which is still yet to be completed as of last Thursday.

He provided a list of things in Fincastle that might influence future development including two wells, storage tanks, and a sewage treatment plant. Critzer noted the relationship between the town and the Western Virginia Water Authority is "an especially important resource when it comes to planning related to subdivisions, new commercial projects, as well as in planning for future

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## School board recognizes employees, students, and local businesses

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The Botetourt County School Board held a regular meeting last Thursday in Fincastle at the county administration offices in Fincastle.

During the recognition portion of the meeting, the board recognized April's Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) Employees of the Month. Leigh Phillips, an accounts payable specialist in the School Board office, and Shannon Farrar, a teacher at Greenfield Elementary School, each received a certificate for their accomplishments.

The 2023 Division Spelling Bee champion Jeremy Tribble (Central Academy Middle School) and alternate Thomas Frederickson (Troutville Elementary School) were each recognized by the board for their

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BCPS

Leigh Phillips (center) with BCPS Finance Director Brandon Lee (left) and School Board representative Tim Davidick during Phillips' recognition as one of BCPS Employees of the Month for April.

## Beaver Dam Farm Sunflowers receives Virginia grant for tourism marketing

Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced that Beaver Dam Farm Sunflowers, LLC received \$20,000 from the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) Reginal Marketing Program (RMP). In total, VTC awarded more than \$3.2 million for 236 local and regional tourism marketing programs across the state to help

increase visitation and revenue for Virginia's localities through tourism.

Beaver Dam Farm

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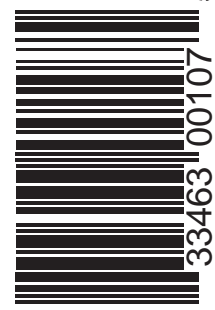
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## Botetourt County History

MEMORABILIA  
BY  
BESS LUCAS KOONTZ



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This "Memorabilia" book by Bess Lucas Koontz is a valuable resource that tells about her life and how times have changed. Bess (1896-1988) was a Latin and English teacher at the former Fincastle High School and grew up at the old Lucas homestead. Her mother's ancestors were Huguenots who fled to the colonies for religious freedom in the early 1700s. In her book she writes a story about her pet lamb who was poisoned by strychnine used to kill the crows. There is the tale of a 4-year-old being saved by his 6-year-old caretaker who pulled him from the spring branch while playing on the farm. She tells about "stopping only to get the pails of milk from the spring house to carry home...where 16 or more people sat down to each meal." Benton Bolton donated this book which is available at the Botetourt History Museum for research.

- Botetourt Museum of History & Culture

## Law Enforcement bike riders stop in Buchanan



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOWN OF BUCHANAN

The Law Enforcement United Bicycle Ride went through Buchanan last Wednesday and stopped at the Buchanan Town Park. The group

took the 20-minute rest stop for refueling, rest, a short ceremony and group picture on the Buchanan Town Park. Up to 500 cyclists

pedaled their way through Botetourt County as part of a 250+ mile three-day journey hosted by Law Enforcement United. The group traveled from Roanoke to Washington, D.C. to physically challenge participants as they honored fallen law enforcement members while remembering the survivors left behind.

- Harry Gleason,  
Town of Buchanan

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## ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests May 8-12:

- Amanda C. Walker, 43, of Vinton, possession of Schedule drugs, May 8
- Christopher W. Miller, 44, of Danville, driving under the influence, driving with revoked license, advertising drug paraphernalia, May 8
- Angela M. St.Clair, 43, of Roanoke, domestic assault, violation of a protective order, property damage, May 9
- Gregory L. Austin, 45, of Eagle Rock, simple assault, property damage, May 11
- Heather M. White, 52, of Montvale, attempted malicious wounding, hit and run attended property, May 12

## Botetourt County launches Summer Reading Challenge & Movies in the Park

Summer is right around the corner, and Botetourt County Libraries and Botetourt County Parks & Recreation have some out-of-this-world events citizens won't want to miss.

Beginning with the "launch" of the Summer Reading Challenge, the challenge kicked off on Friday, May 12, and runs through Saturday, August 5. This year's theme is "Finding Your Place in Time and Space," and will explore the galaxy and beyond through hands-on activities, discussions, and reading. The challenge will feature some incredible incentives, including an all-expenses-paid trip for four to the Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C. plus lots of other great prizes. Find out more about the challenge by visiting [www.botetourtva.gov/831/Summer-Learning-Challenge](http://www.botetourtva.gov/831/Summer-Learning-Challenge).

Then, save the date for Friday, May 19 at 6 p.m. when Botetourt Libraries and Botetourt Parks & Recreation team up for a night of fun that will make all of Botetourt's little future astronauts or space lovers happy. They are launching the first



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Movie in the Park of the season and the Summer Learning Challenge with "Space Jam" on the big outdoor screen at Central Academy Middle School at 6 p.m.

Enjoy the Moon Bounce, face painting, balloon art, airbrush tattoos, Galactic Obstacle Course, and photo ops with a rocket ship. "Space Jam" will play after the festivities, starting at dusk.

At the event, enter giveaways for Summer

Learning prizes. Kids can enter to win a remote-control gravity rover or telescope, and families can enter to win an inflatable kayak. Grab a blanket or lawn chair and come out for a night of exploration and fun.

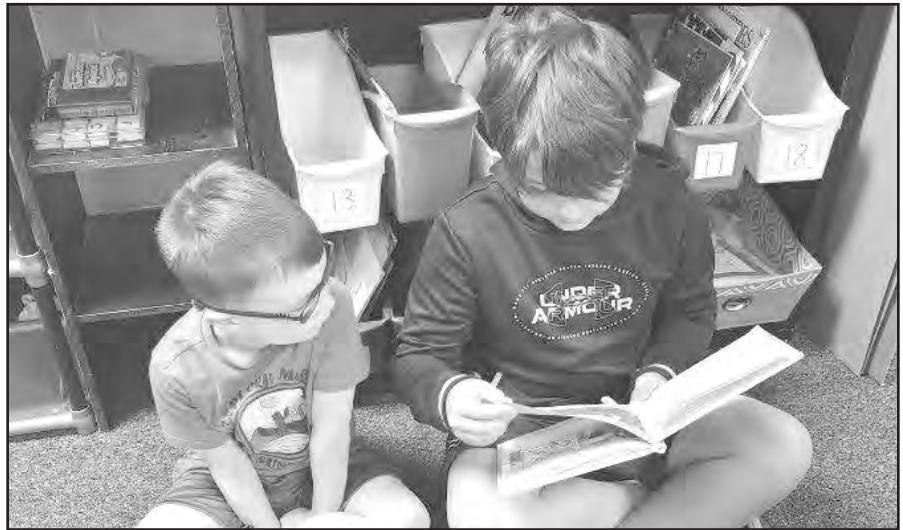
Questions? Email [bocolibraries@botetourtva.gov](mailto:bocolibraries@botetourtva.gov) or [recreation@botetourtva.gov](mailto:recreation@botetourtva.gov).

- Fincastle Herald staff report

## Greenfield students participate in reading buddy program

Greenfield Elementary fourth grade and first grade students participated in a reading buddy program this year. Fourth graders read some of their favorite books to the younger students or listened while the first graders read to them. In these photos students enjoyed Clifford the Big Red Dog books by Norman Bridwell. The fun, interactive program is designed to promote literacy while building community between grade levels.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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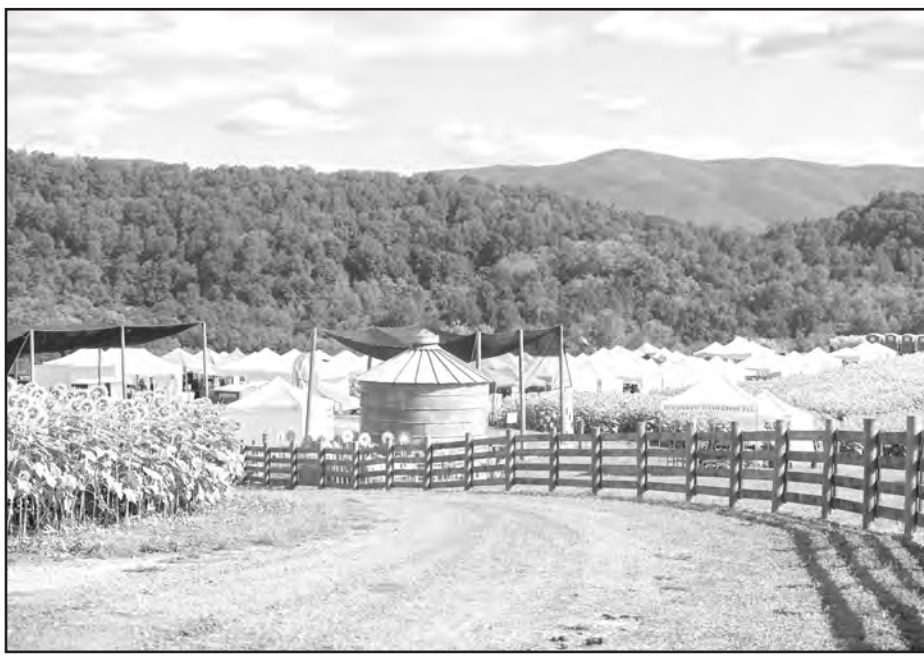


PHOTO COURTESY OF BEAVER DAM FARM

## Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival returns to Buchanan this September.

Sunflowers, LLC received a \$20,000 grant for the upcoming Sunflower Festival in September. Beaver Dam Farm Sunflowers leveraged \$10,000 in matching funds. This event showcases over 110 vendors in the Largest Sunflower Festival and Vendor Show on the East Coast. For the September 2023 festival, advertising dollars will be spent to pull in traffic from the local area as well as targeted areas outside of the local reach. Targeted ads, social media and printed ads will reach the local community and surrounding areas like Charlottesville, Fredericksburg and Richmond. Reaching these surrounding areas helps bring in more revenue to the community through gas expenses, overnight stays and meals. Surrounding local shops also benefit from the added foot traffic.

"We are so proud that the Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival happens right here in Botetourt County," says Botetourt County Administrator Gary Larrowe. "This local, family-run festival contributes more than \$1.4 million per year to the local economy. We know that this event started off as a love of sunflowers for Candace and her family and has blossomed into a booming annual festival that brings in visitors from all over the country. To receive a \$20,000 grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation will give the Monaghan family more resources and capacity to make the festival bigger and better!"

Using the hub and spoke tourism partnership model, Virginia entities partner to apply for funding. Parties may consist of Virginia cities, towns, counties, convention and visitors' bureaus, chambers of commerce, other local or regional destination marketing

organizations, private businesses, museums, attractions, cultural events, and other tourism-related businesses. "VTC's tourism marketing and sponsorship programs are designed to increase visitor spending by leveraging limited marketing dollars, to stimulate new tourism marketing through partnerships, and to extend the "Virginia is for Lovers" brand to drive visitation," said Rita McClenny, VTC President and CEO. More information on VTC's Marketing Leverage and Regional Marketing Programs can be found at [vatc.org/grants](http://vatc.org/grants).

"VTC's marketing and sponsorship programs are powerful incentives creating tourism partnerships across Virginia that are a robust part of Virginia's economic ecosystem," said Gov. Youngkin. "From first-time applicants like Foxfield Races and Paradise Springs Winery to large music festivals in Hampton Roads and Southwest Virginia driving inbound overnight visitation, these programs show that tourism and tourism partnerships help Virginia's vibrant communities grow and thrive."

"Driving inbound out-of-state overnight visitation is a key economic strategy and the VTC grant and sponsorship programs help create unique partnerships that have tangible economic impacts across Virginia," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. "Many of these programs also support regional marketing initiatives designed to encourage Virginians to explore their own state."

For more information on Beaver Dam Farm Sunflowers, LLC, visit [www.BeaaverDamSunflowers.com](http://www.BeaaverDamSunflowers.com).

- Fincastle Herald staff report

# Third annual Wines and Roses Festival this Saturday

The third annual Wines and Roses Festival comes to beautiful Virginia Mountain Vineyards in Fincastle this Saturday. This event celebrates the full bloom of the red roses that adorn the vineyard along with the opportunity to experience the great taste of award-winning estate wines. In addition to enjoying this exceptional vineyard and the panoramic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, vendors from all over the state will be at this festival showcasing their hand-crafted goods and great food.

Jacqui Sobieski, owner of Virginia Mountain Vineyards, is creating an event that highlights the extraordinary amount of artistic talent in the area. She hopes to remind people that artistry is "alive and well" in Botetourt County. When she came to this area, she felt there was an opportunity to create an Art Festival that compares to other well-known artistic towns, that would bring tourists to the Botetourt area. She was inspired to open her vineyard to artists in the area and organize a regional event that attracts visitors to Botetourt County. "Botetourt County has an enormous amount of talent, and this was something we saw as an opportunity to organize

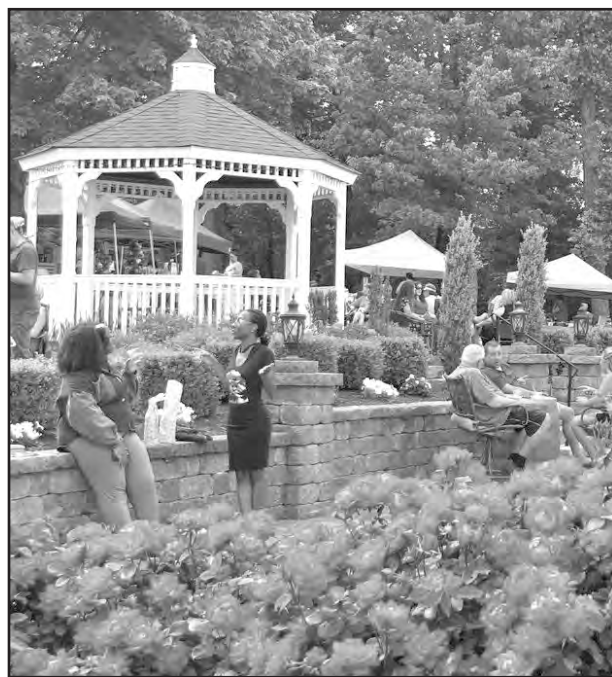


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an event showcasing these artists in the beautiful setting of Virginia Mountain Vineyards."

A performance by native Southwest Virginia country singer Luke Whittaker is added to the day's agenda as a new feature of the festival. The gates are open from 12 pm until 6 pm. Admission is free and there is plenty of parking onsite.

The vendors displaying their handcrafted goods are: Mountain Thyme Honey & Gifts, Sweet Magnolia Wax & Co., Valley Vet Goods, Stavroula Borovich, Mountain Valley Art, Let's Graze Charcuterie by Kristen, Crazy Creations by Jodi, Skunk & Owl Designs,

Pink Zebra, Bees Wraps by Eva, Toetally - Beauty for Your Feet, Sew Cutes Gifts 4 U, The Salty Bee, Jewelry by Susan, Diterhaus Woodshop Creations, Hannalei, Big Lick Custom Cups, Sun & Spruce, Bite Me Confections, Scallyway Letterpress, North Mountain Candle Co., Homespun Market, and Paw Paw's.

Food vendors include Cookin' Mamas, A&A Kettle Corn, and Delicia's Ice.

Virginia Mountain Vineyards is located at 4204 Old Fincastle Road, Fincastle.

- Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce

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needs of the town."

Critzer provided several maps for meeting attendees to understand what the planning commission referenced during the review that included maps of the Water Authority's GIS overlay for the town, Fincastle's zoning map, and the town's flood plain map.

During his presentation, Critzer explained, "One of the things that the commission identified, that is included in the comp plan, is that the best location for focusing future medium- to large-scale economic growth should be mainly along the Route 220 corridor through town with economic growth near the center of the old town to be focused mainly on smaller boutique or specialty-type businesses that will have a lower impact on available infrastructure such as streets and parking."

The planning commission realized there are two current ordinances in Fincastle. The first was "tailormade" for the town and has served the town for years and never had "serious problems." The second is an ordinance inherited from the boundary adjustment between the town and the county, but was never officially adopted by the town, according to Critzer.

Following the review, the zoning classifications that were inherited from the county as part of the boundary adjustment will "adequately" guide development in town. The commission recommended the classifications should be incorporated with the town's zoning ordinance to be applied to areas outside of the old town to be approved by council. The other recommendations were holding public

hearings and public information meetings before being presented for council's consideration.

Council held a public hearing on the Fincastle FY 2024 proposed budgets (projected revenues/expenditures totaling \$537,000). There were no public comments and no comments from council. Council will not vote on the budget until the June meeting.

The Big Spring Park walking trail is now complete and its official name is "The Big Spring Nature Trail." Bordett added that a logo is currently under development.

During the manager's report, Tickner noted that the 2023 First Bank Tinsel Trail will be relocated along Main Street and potentially having Christmas trees located in the flat area of Big Spring Park. Tickner believes they have enough electrical service for the

park to handle trees in the park. Council members thought having some trees in the park is a good idea.

Bordett said that hydroseeding is about to begin in the area of the trail that will soon feature wildflowers and an orchard. He noted that trees won't be planted until the fall or winter.

The board continues to ask for donations to help fund the upcoming fireworks on July 4. Donations can be brought to the Fincastle Town Office or sent to Town of Fincastle, P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, 24090. Donations can also be made by calling the Town Office at 540-473-2200 to use a debit or credit card to make a donation.

Brandon Nicely, the Republican representative for Fincastle in the upcoming Board of Supervisors election in November, introduced himself to the board and the meeting's attendees.

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

### Meet Casey

Casey came in on February 22 from Floyd County. He is between 1-3 years old, white with black spots and a black head. He's kind of a mystery of a breed. He's a smart boy and knows how to sit and do a down. Casey is very strong and a halter is suggested for his walks.



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

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achievement in this year's contest.

Additionally, Lord Botetourt's Clythee Herbst is a recent Gold Key winner in the 2023 Scholastic Art Awards for her ceramics and glass creation entitled "Animals in the Clouds."

Botetourt Technical Education Center Principal Mike Ketron was on hand to recognize Hannah Heller of Lord Botetourt, who took home first place honors in the category of cabinet making.

"(Heller) is a great example of Botetourt County's best and brightest," Valley District board representative Tim Davidick said of Heller during her recognition. "She's going to do well in her future."

Ketron also recognized Phillip Simmons, BTEC Building Trades teacher and SkillsUSA sponsor, was the recipient of the SkillsUSA Hall of Honor.

"It's the highest award you can get in SkillsUSA," Ketron noted. "You're selected based on years of service and contributions to SkillsUSA. Mr. Simmons has over 30 years both as a student and an instructor."

During the last recognition, the board highlighted local businesses that are a part of this year's Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) Business Honor Roll in recognition

for their continued support of School Board work and students within the community.

"The Botetourt County School Board expresses appreciation for your ongoing support of this community's public schools," BCPS Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ said of the recognition. "Your work has aided this community focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child who attends them."

The School Board recognized select local businesses selected for the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) Business Honor Roll. School Board Vice Chair Dana McCaleb recommended Kelsey Bryant of Bryant Orchards for her work with schools to provide meals and desserts for students at functions. Chair Anna Weddle recommended the "Mindful Mondays" provided by the Town Center Tap House in Daleville where a portion of sales goes to local businesses and organizations. Buchanan board representative Jenny Wilson recommended Austin Electric in Buchanan who supports local schools and afterschool activities.

To watch last week's BCPS School Board meeting in its entirety, visit [bcps.live/archives](http://bcps.live/archives).

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# Library BUZZ

## UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

**Friends of the Library Used Book Sale**  
 Blue Ridge Library  
 Thu, May 18, 5-8pm; Fri, May 19, 10am-5pm; Sat, May 20, 10am-1:30pm  
 Build your personal book collection with these great deals! All proceeds benefit library programs and projects.

**Summer Learning Challenge**  
 Through Aug 5th  
 How would you like to win an all-expenses-paid trip for 4 to the Air & Space Museum in D.C., or one of many other exciting incentives? "Find Your Place in Time and Space" with a reading challenge, activities and events all summer long! Pick up your events calendar at any library location and get ready to launch into summer!

**Launch Event**  
 Fri, May 19, 6-9pm, Central Academy Middle School  
 Launch the Summer Learning Challenge with a full evening of fun for the whole family! Enjoy the Moon Bounce, face painting, balloon art, airbrush tattoos, Galactic Obstacle Course, and photo ops with a rocket ship. Food available onsite so no need to make dinner. After the festivities, stay to watch "Space Jam" on the big outdoor screen. In partnership with Botetourt County Parks & Recreation.

**Movie: The Martian (PG-13)**

**13)**  
 Thu, May 18, 11am-1pm, Buchanan Library  
 Fri, May 19, 11am-1pm, Fincastle Library  
 An astronaut becomes stranded on Mars after his team assumes him dead, and he must rely on his ingenuity to find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive and survive until a potential rescue. Recommended for teens and adults.

**Space Art: DIY Galaxy Shirts**  
 Thu, May 25, 2:30-3:30pm, Fincastle Library  
 Thu, May 25, 3-4pm, Blue Ridge Library  
 Fri, May 26, 2:30-3:30pm, Buchanan and Eagle Rock Libraries  
 Turn a black shirt into a stunning galaxy design with bleach and colors. Recommended for ages 6-11. Shirts and supplies provided. Space is limited, registration required. Call 540-928-2900 or contact your local branch to register.

**Movie: Aliens vs. Monsters (PG)**  
 Wed, May 31, 2-4pm, Blue Ridge Library  
 Thu, Jun 1, 2-4pm, Fincastle Library  
 Fri, Jun 2, 2:30-4:30pm, Buchanan and Eagle Rock Libraries  
 A woman transformed into a giant after she is struck by a meteorite on her wedding day becomes part of a team of monsters sent in by the U.S. government to defeat an alien mastermind trying to take over Earth. Recommended for families.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Appreciates Tickner's service to Fincastle

Thank you, David Tickner, for your devoted service to the Town of Fincastle. We will miss you.  
*Peggy Davis*  
 Fincastle

## Eagle Rock Ruritans thank community for successful Science Festival

The Eagle Rock Ruritan Club would like to thank our community for making the inaugural Eagle Rock Science Festival a huge success. We estimate 350 people were in attendance Saturday at the Blue Ridge Vineyard, vastly exceeding our expectations! Participants learned how important science is in everyday life, from health careers and lifestyles, to agriculture, to environment, to wine making. We all enjoyed food from Aaron's Smokehouse BBQ, A&A Kettle Corn, and the Homestead Creamery. There was a local band debut from Buddy and the

Blackjacks and many of us practiced axe throwing for the first time. Of course, the stars of the festival were our budding scientists who presented their experiments on scientific posters alongside over 25 activity stations that provided hands-on fun for all ages. The club also wishes to thank our corporate sponsors. Without their support we could not have hosted such a wonderful family oriented festival. Our appreciation goes to: the Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers, the Claude Moore Foundation and Titan Roanoke Cement Company (Gold Sponsors); MKB Realty (Silver Sponsor); and Bank of Botetourt and Lawrence Companies (Bronze Sponsors).

*Beth Leffel, President*  
 Eagle Rock Ruritan Club

## Public library must protect its rights

Thanks to so many in the community who are supporting the Botetourt Libraries—the collection, the policies, and the employees. Thank you for publicly showing your appreciation and also for returning again and again to check out books, conduct research, and enjoy programming for children or adults. Thanks also to people who have questions about or criticisms of the collection. Every voice matters. Each of us in the community has the right to express an opinion about the topics in the library collection, and we also recognize that the library serves a broad community full of many differing viewpoints. Although not all community members may feel comfortable speaking up, the public library must protect its rights too.

to this responsibility for a child's or teen's library materials when a minor gets a library card.

This spring, a challenge to our library collection included a list of 59 books, only 12 of which are owned by Botetourt County. Another title was submitted for reconsideration after this first request. The list included adult, young adult and children's materials, most of which involved LGBTQ+ content. All patrons' religious and political values are important, but religion and politics can't determine the content of the collection. Libraries serve all segments of the population, and people who want to read about LGBTQ+ issues have the legal right to do so.

The inflammatory discussion of obscenity has been conducted for years, and the courts have gone to great lengths to define obscenity and to protect readers' rights. For this reason, the library is not obliged to remove art books that include pictures of nudes. Images of body parts are not inherently obscene, nor are books with LGBTQ+ content.

A few of the challenged books are children's books that include information about sex and pictures of body parts. Some people might label these books "offensive," and other parents might find them to be useful tools in educating their children. Parents get to decide if their children are ready for these books and/or discussions about them. Parents are required to be in the library with their young children; they can choose to check out or not check out the materials. They agree

Is it possible that a book isn't appropriate for our collection? Yes, mistakes in the acquisition of a book can happen, and that book can be removed. Our reconsideration process is a double-check to be sure a book fits the acquisition policy. Even if a book is removed through this process; however, that doesn't mean that whole sections about that particular topic will be removed from the library – or put in a separate room. (Yes, someone actually made that suggestion regarding materials with LGBTQ+ content.)

Because of the challenges to the collection, many library users have taken this opportunity to call or write, expressing support for the collection and the staff.

Two comments from Botetourt citizens follow:  
 – Public libraries are that...for the public, and for ALL of the public, not a select demographic. No topic should be off-limits, nor should any book be banned. Parents/guardians can and should be aware of what their children are reading, and as a family, make those decisions. Censorship doesn't stop here. Where will it end??

– I want to keep public libraries public. Censorship has been a frightening thing in the world's history, and talk of any group determining what is available for others to read smacks of censorship. As others have said, if you don't want to read it, or want your child to read it, don't check it out. Everything imaginable, and unimaginable,

**Home Interior Auction To Benefit Veterans**  
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**VFW Post 1841**  
**Corner of Roanoke Road & Country Club Road, Daleville**  
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 All items are new and never used, with most still in boxes. All sales final, no exchanges or refunds.  
**Breakfast & Lunch Available**  
 All announcements made at time of sale take precedence over published announcements.

**Larsen's Lizards**  
 Wed, Jun 7, 10:30-11:30am, Blue Ridge Library  
 Wed, Jun 7, 1-2pm, Buchanan Library  
 Thu, Jun 8, 10:30-11:30am, Eagle Rock Library  
 Thu, Jun 8, 1-2pm, Fincastle Library  
 Touch lizards, turtles, and snakes in this hands-on experience led by reptile specialists Scot and Kim Larsen.

**Libraries Closed for Memorial Day**  
 All library branches will be closed for the Memorial Day weekend – May 27-29.

See our calendar at [BOCOLibraries.info](http://BOCOLibraries.info) for more great events.

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 4. Helps little firms  
 7. A way of performing  
 12. Lawyers  
 15. Stirred up  
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 18. The Bay State (abbr.)  
 19. Makes computers  
 20. Sodium  
 21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)  
 24. Institute legal proceedings against  
 27. More compact  
 30. Ethiopian river  
 31. Quantitative fact  
 33. No (Scottish)  
 34. A concession of no great value  
 35. Tony-winning actress Daisy  
 37. More (Spanish)  
 39. Russian space station  
 41. Helicopter  
 42. At the peak  
 44. Makes ecstatically happy  
 47. Excellent  
 48. Material body  
 49. The Golden State (abbr.)  
 50. A unit of plane angle  
 52. Argon  
 53. Fancy  
 56. Fried mixture of meat & spices  
 61. How green plants use sunlight  
 63. Without wills  
 64. Unhappy  
 65. Meat from a pig's leg

**CLUES DOWN**  
 1. Mentor  
 2. Lyric poems  
 3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland  
 4. Trapped  
 5. Used for road surfacing  
 6. Cuckoos  
 7. Prefix "away from"  
 8. Seth McFarlane comedy  
 9. Not out  
 10. "The Simpsons" bus driver  
 11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)  
 12. Acclaimed Indian physicist  
 13. Removes  
 14. One-name NBA player  
 17. Revolutionary women  
 22. Small, ground-dwelling songbird  
 24. Midway between south and southeast  
 25. American state  
 26. Keen  
 28. Khoikhoi peoples  
 29. Int'l defense organization  
 32. Samoan money  
 36. A sign of assent  
 38. One from Somalia  
 40. Boat race  
 43. Trims  
 44. French coins  
 45. Indigenous Scandinavian  
 46. Flew alone  
 51. Loch where a "monster" lives  
 54. Japanese title  
 55. Pros and \_\_\_\_  
 56. Present in all living cells  
 57. Something to scratch  
 58. Branch of Islam  
 59. Appear  
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**Super Mario Brothers**  
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**Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret**  
 Margaret, 11, moves to a new town and starts to contemplate everything about life, friendship and adolescence. She relies on her mother, Barbara, who offers loving support, and her grandmother, Sylvia, who's coming to terms with finding happiness in the next phase of her life.

**Friday, May 19 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, May 20 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 21 3 p.m.**  
**Thursday, May 25 7 p.m.**

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The free event was presented by the Eagle Rock Ruritan with support from corporate sponsors Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers, Claude Moore Foundation, Titan Roanoke Cement, MKB Realtors, Bank of Botetourt, and Lawrence Companies.



Inflatable axe throwing was a real hit allowing younger attendees to sharpen their throwing skills.



Genevieve Goss (right) of the Valley Conservation Council speaks to festivalgoers.



This display tent (left) housed several "science fair" projects produced by Botetourt County students. Here, a project demonstrating American sign language through the use of a mechanical hand.



Candace Monaghan of Beaver Dam Farms was one hand to share more information about sunflowers.

PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

# Letters from page 4

is available on the internet. I hope people are as concerned about what children are accessing there as they are about what they might see in a public library.

You can read more comments in the minutes from the April 25 Board of Supervisors meeting, including notes from those who spoke and those who posted online comments.

Why should I care? I'm an avid

user of the library, chair of the Library Board, and member of the Fincastle Friends of the Library. My accompanied grandchildren routinely peruse the collection at the Fincastle branch, happily checking out stacks of books. My family also benefits by borrowing books through the Roanoke Valley Consortium, a system that provides tremendous cost-savings to our taxpayers. As a volunteer, I've spent

countless hours working to support the library, including a previous stint on the Botetourt Library Board in the early '80s. I'm doing everything I can to help assure that we have a successful library system for all.

Why should you care? You have the right to choose (or not choose) materials for yourself and for your family from an accessible library collection. Every citizen of Botetourt County should be

free to read, including you and people whose interests may differ from yours.

If you have ideas for improving the library, please join the many folks—library employees and volunteers—who are spending their time constructively to build the greatest system we can afford.

Marlene M. Preston  
Troutville



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# OBITUARIES

## Conner, Kathy Moore

Kathy Moore Conner, 67, of Blue Ridge, Doug (Julie) Conner and Robin (Mike) Branham, all of Charlotte; and several nieces and nephews. Her family would like to offer a special "thank you" to Kathy's wonderful neighbors, Brian and Angie Baker and Vanessa and Mark Houston.



Kathy was born in Roanoke March 8, 1956 and lived in Botetourt all of his life. She was the daughter of the late Jesse Moore and Naomi Boone Snyder.

Kathy was a photographer and the owner of Shutterbug Photography for 20 years. She enjoyed her grandchildren, flowers, and her dogs. Kathy always had rescued elderly dogs that she loved.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Jerry Moore. Kathy is survived by her husband of 34 years, Jeffrey "Jeff" Conner; son, John Stuckey of Blue Ridge; daughter, Sarah (Cameron) Dalton of Fincastle; grandchildren: Emma and Jacob Dalton; sister "by choice," Judy Kearns of Hollins; in-laws: Roy (Jenna) Conner of Blue

Home, 630 Roanoke Road, with Pastor Carol Johnston and Pastor Joel Wegner officiating. Burial will be in Troutville Cemetery. Her family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from noon to 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to League for Animal Protection, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090. Online condolences may be made to Kathy's family at [www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Kathy-Conner](http://www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Kathy-Conner).

## Cook, Frances D.

Frances D. Cook, 91, of Fincastle, passed away Monday, May 15, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Cook; daughter, Paula Cook; and son, Del Schechterly.

Frances is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Jennie Cook; grandson, Steven Cook and wife, Virginia; granddaughter, Molly Korzep and husband, Dave;

future great-grandson, baby Cook, to arrive June 15, 2023.

She was a longtime member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church and loved her church family there.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at Hillcrest Cemetery with Pastor Melanie Franklin officiating. The family received friends on Tuesday from 6-8:00 p.m. at Oakey's East Chapel.

## Dudley, Earl Erskin

Earl Erskin "Nochie" Dudley, 82, of Botetourt County, passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hiram and Josephine Dudley; son, Alvin Dudley; brothers, Norman, Leonard, Billy, Robert, Ruby, and Harry Dudley.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Vera Hickman Dudley; daughters and son-in-law, Brenda St. Clair, Gaynelle and John "Buck" Higgins; grandchildren, Gracie Higgins, Marlena McCullough, Angela Higgins, and Frankie "Bubba" Higgins; great-grandchildren, BJ and Norman Irvine, Joseph Heater, Lacey Lawhorne, Bethany Eastburn, Chevy Esquire, Matthew and Danielle Higgins, and Jerry Link; brothers, Bobby Dudley



and wife, Joyce; Malcolm Dudley; sisters, Linda Dudley and Judy Sue Hickman; numerous nieces and nephews, including special nephew, Norman Lee Dudley; special friends, Scott and Becky Hannah and W.R. Deacon; many pet companions including special hound dog, Missy.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan officiated by the Rev. Michael Tabor. Interment will follow in Deacon Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.

## Gilliland, Dr. James W.

Dr. James W. "Jim" Gilliland, 78, of Daleville, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Friendship Assisted Living following a brief illness.

Jim was born in Honolulu, Hawaii August 28, 1944 and lived in Daleville since 1970. He was the son of the late Dr. James W. and Genevieve McVeigh Gilliland.

Jim was a Public Health Dentist for The Commonwealth of Virginia for 40 years, retiring in 2009. He was graduated from Northeast Louisiana State University (University of Louisiana, Monroe) and received his Doctor in Dentistry from St. Louis University. Jim was a lifetime member of Troutville Rescue Squad, was a member of Troutville Lions Club, and the American Dental Association. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing and hunting, and was a fan of NASCAR.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Johnston Gilliland, in 2018. He is survived by his sons: Jay (Heather) Gilliland of Fincastle and Jamey



(Seana) Gilliland of Ashburn, Va.; daughter, Barbara (Stephen) Anderson of Cloverdale; grandchildren: Lauren (John) Brock, Andrew (Shelby) Sarver, Bella Gilliland, Ainsley Anderson, and Mason Gilliland; one sister, Gaye Bright of Fort Worth, Texas; and long-time friends, Joe and Karen Turner of Salem.

A celebration of Jim's life will be 2 p.m. Monday, May 22 at Rader Funeral Home, 630 Roanoke Road, Daleville with Pastor Danny Quirin and Pastor Mike Hogan officiating. Burial will be in Mill Creek Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, Texas 75284-0692. Online condolences may be made to the family and live stream of Jim's service may be found at [www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/James-Gilliland](http://www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/James-Gilliland).

# CHURCH NEWS

## Springwood Food Pantry open May 20

The Springwood Baptist Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, May 20 from 9-10:30 a.m. The pantry is located at 88 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan. This pantry is a drive-through pantry, so clients may remain in their cars and volunteers will load the food for them.

The pantry is open each month on the third Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m. It is a partner with Feeding America Southwest Virginia and anyone in need of food is invited.

## Souper Sunday, new pastor at New Beginnings

All are welcome to attend Souper

Sunday at New Beginnings Church on Sunday, May 21, and meet the new pastor. The meet-and-greet will be held immediately after church services. The church is on Narrow Passage Road, Buchanan.

## 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 capris, shorts, summer dresses and shirts. 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.

# BUCHANAN EVENTS

## Buchanan Farmers/Community Market Vendors Wanted

Be part of Buchanan's Shop Small, Shop Local efforts as a vendor during the monthly Farmers/Community Market. The town is accepting applications for locally produced food and goods to the community. The market also offers opportunities for educational and charitable activities for the area. For additional information or an application call 540-254-1212 x5 or download an application from the town website at [www.townofbuchanan.com](http://www.townofbuchanan.com).

## Buchanan Community Carnival Big Prize Tickets

Tickets are available at the Buchanan Town Hall and many Buchanan businesses. Tickets may be acquired from the Town Hall Mondays thru Fridays, regular office hours. For additional information, call 540-254-1212.

# Fish fry May 27 at Mill Creek

The Mill Creek Standing Rock Mission Team will have a fish fry on Saturday, May 27, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Mill Creek Baptist Church, eat in the fellowship hall or carry out.

The meal will consist of two pieces of fish, parsley potatoes, slaw, hushpuppies and a beverage

(for eat in only) for \$12. Desserts will be available for an additional charge.

All proceeds will benefit the Standing Rock Mission Trip in July.

Reserve tickets by calling 540-797-2304 or texting [jssweet04@hotmail.com](mailto:jssweet04@hotmail.com).

# Saturday market, yard sales at Fincastle fire house

The Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department will host a monthly farmers market-yard sale in the upper parking lot. It will be held on the first Saturday

through September, except for July when it will be the second Saturday. The cost to set up is a donation of the seller's choosing for each parking spot.

# Kiwanis recycling event this Saturday

The Kiwanis Club of Botetourt County invites the community to the annual recycling event to be held on May 20 from 8 a.m. to noon at upper parking lot at Lord Botetourt High School. There will be on-site document shredding truck, Goodwill Industries collection bins for small household goods and a Botetourt

County Citizen Convenience Center dumpster for electronics disposal. Volunteers from the club, Bank of Botetourt and local library staff will be available to help receive the recycled goods.

The local Kiwanis Club has historically focused on child literacy programs such as dictionaries for every third grader in the county and "1000 Things Before Kindergarten" through the local library system. Find out at the event about "Dolly Parton Imagination Library" coming to Botetourt County.

- Kiwanis Club of Botetourt

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# Memories of Jockey Alley

Way before my time, an area of Fincastle was known as Jockey Alley. The stories about it always fascinated me, and I thought that a story of Jockey Alley from my grandfather Robert A. Waid's book might interest you.

"Jockey Alley was an area of Back Street that ran from the "Big Spring" west past the Presbyterian Church to Roanoke Street, a little over two blocks. It was truly special in that all of the farmers, horse traders, hucksters and shysters of all kinds and of every calling met. They drank, played music, fought but most of all traded livestock, mostly horses and mules.

"The trading day was Saturday and Court Day. Every Saturday to be sure the alley was full and Court Day everyone came to town and the overflow took in the "big Spring" lot also. If you had anything to sell or trade you went to "Jockey Alley." It was strictly a male bastion, as a self-respecting lady wouldn't be caught dead on the alley on Saturday or Court Day. This ritual went on for many years from my Grandfather Waid's time and before until WWII.

"Poppy Crowder ran a livery stable just east and

across the alley from Hayth's Hotel. The stable was a loafer's paradise where tall tales and whiskey flowed in abundance! Mama forbade me go near Jockey's Alley on trade days but it drew me like a magnet! The Presbyterian graveyard served as our observation post. How grand it was! There were so many characters that came to Jockey Alley.

"My grandfather Waid was among the old timers. Some of the ones I remember were Otis 'Truth' Dodd, Sherman Cox, Jeem Welch and Shem Ninger to name a few. The real traders were hot competitors and took great care to give each other a scurrilous reputation in order to rise above the 'hoypoloy' of their brethren. Sherman Cox, while standing among his cronies, would shout out above the din, "Well I do declare if it ain't ole 'Truth' hisself a'coming" when he would observe Otis Dodd approaching. Otis would retort with, "Sir, do I owe you anything?" Otis would approach a fellow trader that had something he wanted with, "Sir, consider it sold, if the price is right."

"Otis had an especially high piercing voice that he used to its up most. Mr. Bob Stoner said the best election money he ever spent was to give Otis Dodd two dollars a week before every election to stand on the corner among all the loafers and speak about what a nice guy Bob Stoner was for all to hear. ...

"One story from 'the alley' was about one old fellow telling all the perspective traders what a good mule he had for sale for forty dollars. This being a rather low price for such a reputable animal

made it attract right much attention. The trader repeated several times, "Now he don't look so good but he's a fine mule." Whereupon a stranger offered half price of twenty dollars for the mule. The trader reluctantly took the stranger's money and each went their way. When the stranger led his mule off the mule walked straight into a tree and upon close examination was found to be stone blind! The stranger found the trader among his friends and immediately hauled him up the collar shouting all the while about the trader knowingly selling him a blind mule! The unruffled trader replied, "I got witnesses; I told you twice he didn't look too good but was a good mule."

"There was another similar incident involving a blind mule being led to be loaded into a truck. The mule walked directly into the truck's side and when the trader was accosted his answer to his adversary was, "That mule ain't blind- he just don't give a \_\_\_."

My grandfather's memories were both informing and entertaining. Town folks always knew that if Bobby Waid was sitting on his front porch, they could join him there in the shade and be thoroughly entertained and enriched with Fincastle tall tales and some good history too.

If you would like to learn about or relive some early Fincastle history, please join us Saturday, May 20th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and "Step Back Into History" all through the town.

- Meredith Bowman-Shelton

## LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Botetourt County Administration Center located at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the requests listed below. Information may be reviewed at the Community Development Office at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

**Fincastle District: Eastern Appalachian Teen Challenge Inc., requests a change of conditions associated with a Special Exception Permit for a private school approved on October 23, 2007 in the Agricultural (A-1) Use District in accordance with Sec. 25-73.- Uses by special exception and Sec. 25-583. - Special exceptions of the Botetourt County Code to allow for the permitting of an identification sign. This 6.063-acre parcel is located at 4281 Botetourt Road, approximately 0.24 miles northeast of its intersection with Mary Alice Road (State Route 681), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 48, Parcel 56.**

Proposed text amendments to amend the zoning ordinance to add the proposed new uses of electric vehicle charging station, private and electric vehicle charging station, public as permitted land uses, along with associated definitions, regulations and permitting requirements for each as follows: *Chapter 25, Zoning, Article II. - District Regulations* Generally to add each type of charging station, as either permitted when meeting supplemental regulations or by special exception permit when meeting supplemental regulations within each zoning use district; amend *Article VI. - Definitions* to add definitions specific to charging stations; amend *Article IV. - Supplemental Regulations, Division 1. - Use Regulations* to add supplemental regulations specific to charging stations that includes the purpose and intent of the ordinance, the applicability of the regulations to existing and proposed charging stations, general requirements that apply to all charging stations, development standards that apply to each type of charging station, application requirements, and amend *Sec. 25-431. - Accessory uses and structures*; parcel limitations to charging stations, private when meeting supplemental regulations under residential, commercial, and industrial accessory structures.

Proposed text amendments to amend the zoning ordinance to add small-scale, minor-scale roof, minor-scale ground and utility-scale solar energy facilities as permitted land uses, along with associated definitions, regulations and permitting requirements for each as follows: *Chapter 25, Zoning, Article II. - District Regulations Generally* to add each type of solar facility, as either permitted when meeting supplemental regulations or by special exception permit when meeting supplemental regulations within each zoning use district; amend *Article VI. - Definitions* to add definitions specific to solar energy facilities; amend *Article IV. - Supplemental Regulations, Division 1. - Use Regulations* to add supplemental regulations specific to solar energy facilities that includes the purpose and intent of the ordinance, the applicability of the regulations to existing and proposed solar facilities, general requirements that apply to all types of solar facilities, development standards that apply to specific types of solar facilities, community meeting requirements for minor-scale ground or utility-scale solar facilities, application requirements specific to minor-scale ground and utility-scale solar facilities, considerations on issuing special exception permits, requirement of annual report for minor-scale ground or utility-scale solar facilities, requirement of notice for change in ownership of minor-scale ground and utility-scale solar facilities, a requirement of a surety for decommissioning of utility-scale facilities when no longer in use, and amend *Sec. 25-431. - Accessory uses and structures*; parcel limitations to change the use of solar power panels to small-scale solar energy facilities when meeting supplemental regulations under residential, commercial, and industrial accessory structures.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by May 18, 2023. Online comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2023.

Gary Larrowe  
Botetourt County Administrator

## Walk Saturday in Buchanan to support Women's Center

A walk to support the Blue Ridge Women's Center (BRWC) will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 8:30 a.m. at Limestone Park Ministries, 18291 Main Street, Buchanan. This event is coordinated by

the Buchanan Area Ministerial Association in conjunction with the BRWC that supports women with education regarding pregnancy choices, parenting classes, health testing, etc. This event is a fundraiser

for the BRWC.

Register online at supportbrwc.org/walkforlife and select "Buchanan Walk" or you may register onsite.

- Limestone Park Ministries

## Book Sale at Blue Ridge Library

Friends of the Blue Ridge Library are having a used book sale May 18-20. Hours for the sale are: Thursday, May 18, 5-8; Friday, May 19, 10-5; Saturday, May 20, 10-2. Most hardcover books are priced at \$1 each and most paperbacks are priced at 50 cents each. Saturday is bag sale day when customers may fill a bag with books for just \$3.

The sale will be held at the library at 28 Avery Row just off US 460 about half a mile east of the Bonsack Walmart. All proceeds from the sale are used to support the library including the Summer Learning Challenge and other programs and items that are not included in the library's budget. For further driving directions call the library at 540-928-2900.

- Friends of the Blue Ridge Library

### NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, beginning at 2:00 P.M. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2006 of the Code of Virginia of 1950 as amended, a public hearing will be held by the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, in Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below:

**Fincastle District:** Gregory L. and Kathy S. Johnson to vacate portions of a 60-foot right of way and a 13-foot alley as shown upon a preliminary plat prepared by Vess Surveying, Inc, dated January 1, 2021 as revised through March 29, 2023. The portions of right of way and alley to be vacated are known as Glade Ave., which measures 60 feet in width by 192 feet in length, and an alley, which measures 13 feet in width by 192 feet in length. The right of way and alley are located near Flat Road (SR703) and 7th Street (Private) in Iron Gate, Virginia, and adjacent to parcels identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 1A(A), Parcels 67-4A, 67-1 and 68-1.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by May 18, 2023. Online comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2023.

Gary Larrowe  
Botetourt County Administrator

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## Jones is All-Conference for UNC-Greensboro, Spartans will play in NCAA Regional at Clemson

Rhyann Jones, a 2022 graduate of Lord Botetourt High School, has been named All-Southern Conference in softball at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, as well as a member of the All-SoCon freshman team. The Daleville product is a pitcher for the Spartans, who will participate in the NCAA tournament this week.

Jones finished the regular season with an 11-2 record and a team-leading 2.42 earned run average. She pitched eight complete games, including five shutouts. She was second in the SoCon in ERA and wins in just her freshman year.

Jones and UNC-Greensboro will begin the 2023 NCAA Tournament in the Clemson Regional against the host team on Friday at 3 p.m. at McWhorter Stadium on Clemson University's campus. The Tigers are the 16th ranked team in the nation.

Winners of six straight games and 11 of the last 13, UNC-G will make its first appearance in the NCAA tournament since 2021. Joining the Spartans and Tigers will be the Auburn Tigers and the Cal State Fullerton Titans.

The winner of the Clemson Regional will advance to a best-of-three NCAA Super Regional against the winner of the



PHOTO BY TONY SAYLES UNC-G  
**Lord Botetourt graduate Rhyann Jones has been named to the All-SoCon softball first team as well as a member of the conference All-Freshman team.**

Norman Regional between May 25-28. The Women's College World Series will be playing in Oklahoma City, Okla., June 1-9.

## River beats Salem in baseball behind solid mound effort by Heath Andrews

The James River baseball team will close out the regular season Thursday with a game at Glenvar, then await their seeding for next week's Region 2C tournament.

The Knights hosted Class 4 Salem on Monday and took a 4-1 win behind a stellar performance by pitcher Heath Andrews. The University of South Carolina-bound senior struck out 14 Spartans and allowed just one unearned run before finishing the sixth inning with 111 pitches. Colin Cook pitched a scoreless seventh to earn the save.

Offensively, Maddox Woodyard had two hits while Cook, Taylor Wilson and Zeal Hammons all had runs batted in as the Knights improved to 8-13.

River split two Three Rivers District games last week. Last Tuesday at Radford the Knights tied the game in the seventh inning, 12-12, then went on to take a



PHOTO BY BRYANT ALTIZER  
**Kody Park of James River pitches against Radford last week.**

16-12 win over the Bobcats. Cook got the win in relief of Kody Park while Cook and Hunter Mays had three hits each for the Knights and Evan Byers had two. River had 13 hits as a team.

On Thursday in Springwood, River fell behind early and lost to

Alleghany, 12-2. The Mountaineers jumped on Hammons for nine hits and eight runs in the first two innings and that was too big a hole for the Knights to climb out of. Cook, Andrews and John Austin had two hits each for James River.

## Region 2C soccer will open May 26

The James River soccer teams are tuning up for the Region 2C tournament with back-to-back games this week. River teams will play tonight against Rockbridge and Thursday against Glenvar.

The girls haven't played since dropping a 3-1 decision at Radford on May 8. The girls are at Rockbridge tonight and at Glenvar on Thursday. They come into the week at 7-8 overall.

The River boys will play the second game of a doubleheader at Rockbridge tonight, then host Glenvar on Thursday. The boys are 11-4 after winning at

Eastern Montgomery last Thursday, 2-0. Josiah Clark had both goals and Corban Wilhelm had the shutout in goal.

"Overall we played a good game," said coach Jared Whiting. "We played most of the game in their half which is always nice to see. We transitioned from defense to midfield to offense areas very well. The guys kept high intensity for the entire 80 minutes and wore East Mont down.

"Regions are on the schedule to start on May 26, but we don't have anything official yet. We will travel to either Radford or Nelson for the first round."

## Byrd sweeps BRD track meet

William Byrd High School won the team championships for both the boys and girls last Saturday at Staunton River High School hosted the Blue Ridge District track meet. Lord Botetourt finished sixth among both the boys and girls but had some solid performances.

For the boys, DJ Toliver won the discus with a PR of 132 feet while Seth Huard finished third. Toliver and Jaidan Dann went third and fifth in the shot put.

"Coach VanBuren has been making some adjustments to DJ's

technique and it looks like it's getting dialed in at just the right time," said LB coach Paul Craft.

Rye Craft finished third in the 800m and Carter Hudson finished 3rd in the 1600m. Zion Woody placed eighth in the 100m with a time of 11.3 and qualified for the state meet.

"For him to finish eighth and still qualify should give some insight into how strong the sprinters are in the BRD," said Craft.

For the girls, Jillian Harris won the BRD in the 100m hurdles. Alina Toliver and Meredith Griffin went third

and fourth in the discus.

"We had some kids with some light injuries that didn't compete Saturday," said Craft. "However, we expect to be at full force for the Region 3D meet at Cave Spring on Thursday, May 25. We've got plenty of time to heal up and fine tune some things. We've got to finish strong."

Also, it was announced that senior Elijah Rose has committed to the University of Lynchburg where he'll compete in the jumping events and hurdles. He

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PHOTOS BY JENN KING  
**LB's Seth Richards makes the big stretch at first against Staunton River.**

## LB baseball team will face Byrd in District semifinal

The Blue Ridge District baseball tournament final is scheduled to be played at William Byrd High School's Walthall Park on Thursday and, at press time, the Lord Botetourt team was getting ready to play in the semifinal.

LB had a first round bye as the second seed in the tournament. On Monday, William Byrd defeated William Fleming in a first round game and the semifinals were scheduled to Tuesday, although rain was in the forecast at press time. Top-seeded Franklin County was scheduled to host Northside in the other semifinal.

LB comes into the

tournament with a 13-7 overall record after splitting two games last week. The Cavs hosted Franklin County on Tuesday of last week and dropped a 3-2 decision.

This was close all the way. Trailing by a run in the bottom of the sixth, the Cavs had a chance to take the lead with two runners on and no outs. Noah Donaho hit shot to right field but the Franklin outfielder made a diving catch going towards the line that saved two runs.

Nolan Medley pitched and took the loss despite giving up just two hits in four innings. Seven walks hurt, and he also struck

out seven before Caleb O'Quinn relieved and finished the game. LB had just four hits, one each by Donaho, Jackson Smith, Noah Leonard and Brayden Wells.

On Friday in Daleville, Jack Vargo threw six shutout innings as LB wrapped up the regular season with a 3-0 win over Staunton River. Vargo held the Eagles to four hits while fanning six before O'Quinn pitched the seventh to earn a save.

Vargo also led the offense with two hits, including a double. JJ Tyree, Smith, Leonard, Medley and Wells all had one hit apiece.

## Seventh inning home run knocks Lord Botetourt out of Blue Ridge District softball tournament

William Byrd's Sydney Blewett jacked a two-run home run to dead center in the top of the seventh as the visiting Terriers upset Lord Botetourt in the first round of the Blue Ridge District softball tournament Monday. Byrd took a 6-4 win in Daleville.

The seventh inning homer ruined a comeback effort by the Cavaliers, who trailed 4-2 into the bottom of the sixth before rallying to tie the game.

"It was a devastating and frustrating loss to William Byrd in the district tournament opener," said LB coach Megan Cook. "I have so much respect for Greg Barton and the Terriers' program. They were very deserving of this win and fought extremely hard from start to finish."

Grace Thomas pitched for LB and took the loss. Riley Shupe, Autumn Russell, Bryanna Orange, and Jackson Kemper all had one hit each but the Cavaliers were out-hit by the visitors, 9-4.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
**Bryanna Orange fields a bunt and fires to first in Monday's BRD game.**

With the win Byrd, 7-14, advances to the district semifinal against top-seeded Franklin County. LB dropped to 10-12 with the loss. After defeating Franklin County last Tuesday, 8-5, the Cavs were shut out by Staunton River in Moneta Friday, 5-0.

"We have been struggling the last two games most definitely," said Cook, who hopes the Cavaliers can turn things around when the Region 3C tournament begins on Wednesday, May 24.

## Hildebrand, Jackets win ODAC softball at BSC



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James River graduate Cameron Hildebrand, a senior at Randolph-Macon College, was a key member of the Yellow Jackets team that won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament at the Botetourt Sports Complex last weekend. The Yellow Jackets won the best-of-three in two games, 4-2 on Thursday and 4-3 on Friday, to earn the ODAC bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. Randolph-Macon is now 33-7 and will host a three-day regional tournament beginning Thursday. In the photo, Cameron, an outfielder, is in the first row on the far right, holding the championship trophy.

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# James River will wrap up softball regular season with Three Rivers District game at Glenvar Thursday

The James River softball team will wrap up a memorable regular season with two games against Three Rivers District teams this week. The Knights were scheduled to host Floyd County on Tuesday and on Thursday they take on Glenvar in Roanoke County.

River comes into the week with a nine-game winning streak. Playing mostly larger schools in their non-district schedule, the Knights were 17-1 after going 3-0 last week. Their only loss was a Three Rivers District defeat by Carroll County, and they avenged that loss the second time around.

Last Thursday in Springwood they followed up an 8-5 win in Radford with an 8-1 win over Alleghany to run their district record to 7-1. The Knights used two big innings to put the Mountaineers away.

Kaycee Kincaid led off the bottom

of the second with a double, and consecutive singles by Ripley Barry and Sydnee Breeding scored pinch runner Abbie Wilson. A Keira Crawford groundout scored Barry, then a Jenna Pugh double scored Breeding, completing a three-run inning.

After scratching for a run in the fourth, the Knights used hits by Austyn Moran, Kincaid, Breeding, Cloey Joynes and Pugh to score four more runs in the fifth inning. Alleghany used three hits to score their only run in the sixth inning.

James River banged out 12 hits in the game. Moran allowed seven hits to the Mountaineers, but struck out eight with no walks.

"We played our best all-around game in a while," said coach Steve Austin. "Very solid on defense, really good pitching, and we got 12 hits."



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Jenna Pugh snags a long fly right in front of her photo on the James River outfield fence.



Andres Barroso of LB clears the ball.



PHOTOS BY JIM DEVINNEY

Emma Rice, 23, has been a big scorer for the Cavalier girls soccer team.

## LB boys open BRD soccer tournament with win, girls to host Staunton River after opening bye

The Blue Ridge District soccer tournaments opened on Monday at the sites of the third and fourth seeds and the third-seeded Lord Botetourt boys advanced with a win while the second-seeded girls had a first round bye.

The boys hosted Northside on Monday and shut out the Vikings, 5-0. Danny Kidd got things started for LB as he

rebounded a shot from Will Hall, and then Hall scored the next two for a 3-0 Cavalier advantage. The Cavaliers took a 4-0 lead into halftime after an "own goal" by the Vikings.

Calvin Hall solidified the win by draining a left-footed shot in the second half for the 5-0 final. The win lifted LB to 8-9 on the season along with a 1-0 win over Staunton River in Moneta last

Friday. The game was scoreless until the final 15 minutes when LB keeper JB Cook hit a massive punt from in front of his goal that bounced over the Staunton River back line and Hall was there to clean it up for the game's only score.

With Monday's win the Cavaliers advance to the district tournament semifinal against second-seeded Franklin County.

That was scheduled for Tuesday, with the BRD championship game at William Byrd's Highfill Field on Thursday.

The LB girls received a first round bye and were scheduled to host Staunton River on Tuesday. The girls' championship is also at Byrd on Thursday.

The Botetourt girls come into the tournament with an 11-2-3 record after shutting out two

Blue Ridge District foes to end the regular season last week. Botetourt took a 4-0 win over Franklin County in Daleville as Bria Harvey scored two goals and Kaylee West and Isabella Antivero had one each.

On Friday at home Mia D'Arpa had two goals, Emma Rice had a goal and an assist and Lyndsay Prillaman had her second straight shutout in goal.

## Tennis regular season wraps up this week

The Lord Botetourt tennis teams were scheduled to wrap up the regular season this week with two matches each, and the Region 3C tournaments could start as early as Saturday.

The Botetourt boys were scheduled

to host Franklin County on Tuesday and then host Staunton River on Thursday, both at Hollins University. Last week the Cavs lost to Northside, 5-4, then beat William Fleming, 5-0, and they lead the Blue Ridge District with a 7-1 district record and a 9-5

overall mark.

The girls were at Franklin County Tuesday and will play at Staunton River on Thursday. The girls beat Northside, 9-0, last week for a winning record on the season at 7-6 and second place in the district.



PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

LB number one Tyler Meade hits a big serve for the Cavaliers.

## Track

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joins Carter Hudson as the second Cavalier to commit to the Hornets this season.

### Region 2C track meet is May 25

The James River track team warmed up for the Region 2C meet with two meets last week. The Three Rivers District does not have a district meet.

River competed at Floyd County on May 10

as Glenvar swept the meet. The River girls were third and the boys were fifth.

For the girls, Navaeh VanBuren placed in five events. She won the discus, was third in the triple jump, fourth in the long and

high jumps and ran on the winning 4x100 relay team with Kaia Binns, Alise Orent and Kelsey Firebaugh. Binns took second in the 100 and 200 and Firebaugh was third in the 100 and fourth in the 200. Orent was fifth

in the high jump.

Emma Bobbitt won the shot while Catalyne Webb was third and Leighauna Lotts was sixth. Bobbitt also took sixth in the discus and Kyleigh Mills was fourth in the 400.

For the boys, Brian Moran won the long jump, was second in the triple, third in the 200 meters, fifth in the 100 and sixth in the high jump. Michael Jorgensen won the 800 and was second in the 1,600.

George Toliver took a second in the shot put and Gavin Binns took two fourth places, in the 100 and 200 meters.

River also competed in the Christiansburg Invitational on Saturday, with Emma Francis winning the discus and taking second in the shot as the girls finished eighth overall among over 25 teams competing. VanBuren was third in the triple jump and discus and Kaia Binns was seventh in the 200.

Christiansburg will also host the Region 2C meet on May 25.



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