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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 Ruritans 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

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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

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

At the meeting's onset, Mayor Mary Bess Smith shared thoughts about Town Manager former Tickner's time serving the town for the last 12 years. Scott Critzer, former town mayor and current head of the town's commission, planning 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 planning related 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

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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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

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 than more 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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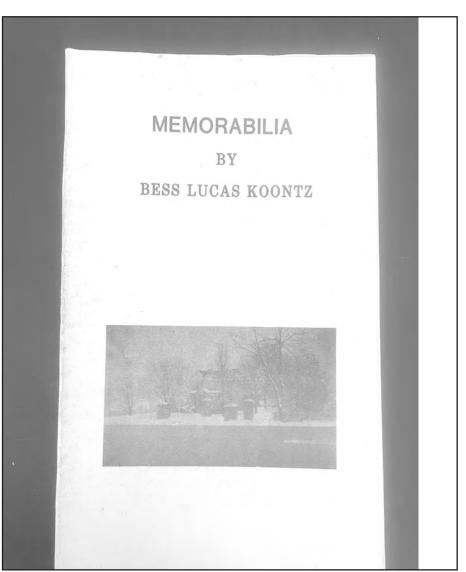


PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY & CULTURE

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





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 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

DELIVERY WILL BE: Friday, June 2nd Roanoke 7:30-8:15

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RRESTS

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
- 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

out-of-this-world events citizens won't want to 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 visiting botetourtva.gov/831/ Summer-Learning-

around the corner, and Botetourt County Libraries and Botetourt

Parks Recreation have some

County

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



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 Moon the 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 are launching the first giveaways for Summer

Learning prizes. Kids can enter to win a remotecontrol 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

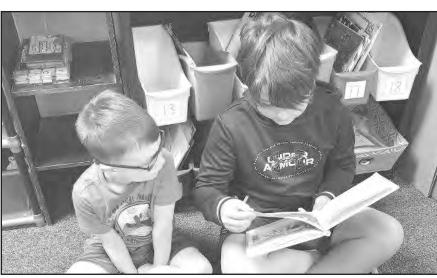
and fun. Questions? bocolibraries@ botetourtva.gov recreation@botetourtva.

- 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.

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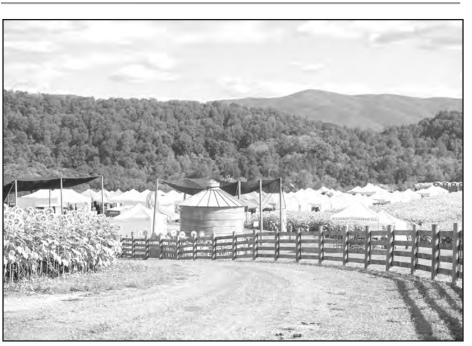


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Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival returns to Buchanan this September.

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

"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!"

foot traffic.

Using the hub and spoke tourism partnership model, Virginia entities partner to apply for funding. Partners 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.

"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."

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

For more information on Beaver Dam Farm Sunflowers, LLC, visit www. BeaverDamSunflowers.com.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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to understand what the commission planning 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." planning The

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 adjustment boundary 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 holding public

hearings and public park to handle trees in the Critzer provided several information meetings park. Council members

> 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 it's 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

aps for meeting attendees before being presented for thought having some trees in the park is a good idea.

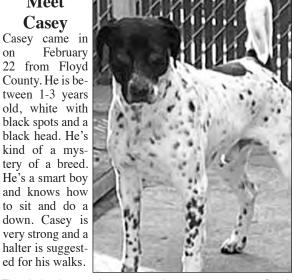
> Bordett said that hydroseeding is about to begin in the area of the trail that will soon feature wildflowers and an orchard. He noted that trees won't be planted until the fall or winter.

> 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 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 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



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

Third annual Wines and Roses Festival this Saturday

Wines and Roses Festival comes to beautiful Mountain Virginia 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 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 Borovich, an enormous amount of talent, and this was something we saw as an



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

vendors The displaying handcrafted goods are: Mountain Thyme Honey & Gifts, Sweet Magnolia Wax & Co., Valley Vet Goods, Stavroula Mountain Valley Art, Let's Graze Charcuterie by Kristen, Crazy Creations by Jodi, opportunity to organize 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 North Letterpress, 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

School board

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

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's (VSBA) Business Honor Roll in recognition

from page 1 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.



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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 allexpenses-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

Launch Event

summer!

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-

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Thu, May 18, 11am-1pm, Buchanan Library

Fri, May 19, 11am-1pm, Fincastle Library

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Space Art: DIY Galaxy Shirts

Thu, May 25, 2:30-3:30pm, Fincastle Thu, May 25, 3-4pm, Blue Ridge

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

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 Û.S. government to defeat an alien mastermind

trying to take over Earth. Recommended for families.

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

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Libraries Closed

for Memorial Dav All library branches will

be closed for the Memorial Day weekend – May 27-29.

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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 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 LGBTO+ 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 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 **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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

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.

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, unimaginable,

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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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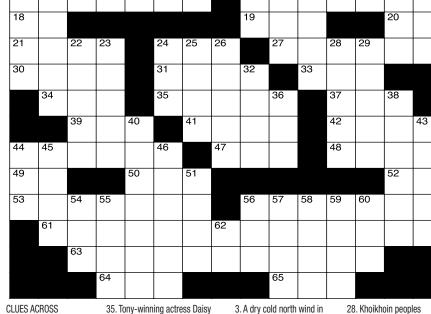
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50. A unit of plane angle 21. As fast as can be done 52. Argon 53. Fancy 24. Institute legal proceed-

64. Unhappy

1. Mentor

2. Lyric poems

56. Fried mixture of meat & spices 61. How green plants use sunlight

63. Without wills 65. Meat from a pig's leg **CLUES DOWN**

6. Cuckoos 7. Prefix "away from" 8. Seth McFarlane comedy 9. Not out

Switzerland

4. Trapped

10. "The Simpsons" bus driver 11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.) 12. Acclaimed Indian physicist

5. Used for road surfacing

13. Removes 14. One-name NBA player

25. American state

26. Keen

17. Revolutionary women 22. Smell 23. Ground-dwelling songbird 24. Midway between south and southeast

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

60. Former CIA

62. Yukon Territory

32. Samoan money

36. A sign of assent

40. Boat race

44. French coins

43. Trims

38. One from Somalia

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The free event was presented by the Eagle Rock Ruritans 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.





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.



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



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

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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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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-**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, 540-556-3504. Fincastle. 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-Valley View Baptist Church-

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

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

Bible Study and activities for

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 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 Chidren'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 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 Copps 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.-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.

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Watch Out For Pride

Read 2 Chronicles 24:1 through 26:23

After Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense (2 Chronicles 26:16). Uzziah became king in Ju-

dah at sixteen years of age. During his reign, he forti fied towers, dug wells, increased agriculture, invented weapons, and raised an impressive army. However, after forty blessed and prosperous years as king, he made a monumental mistake in judgment. He let pride settle in. He entered into the sanc-

tuary to offer incense on the golden altar, a ministry rite belonging to the consecrated temple priests, not him. When the high priest, along with a band of eighty priests, withstood him, Uzziah became furi ous. While screaming back at the priests, leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead. Sadly, he remained a leper, living in an isolated home until the day he died. Pride can slip into a believ-

er's life almost unnoticed. The consequences are never good. If pride ever raises its ugly head, deal with it immediately. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Thought for Today: Hu-

mility is our best defense against pride. Quicklook: 2 Chronicles

26:16-23

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 Rainbows, Meetings: 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 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study,

Athletic Club. Leave message 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

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News of Jesus. By clicking on

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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 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.

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

LUTHERAN

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

Church – 19559 Main St.

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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. 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.

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.

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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 Chapel United Andrew Methodist Church-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 Worship Clark, 992-3030. Times: Praise and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship often with presence of the choir-this service is live streamed and celebrates Communion on the first Sunday. Children and Youth Ministries meet for Sunday School at 10Am each Sunday! Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday 4 to 6pm unless we are doing a special monthly mission. Frogs and Tadpoles

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

Childrens Ministry meets on the

2nd and 4th Sundays of each

month from 4 to 6pm!

BITUARIES

Conner, Kathy Moore

Kathy Moore Conner, 67, of Blue Ridge, Doug (Julie) Conner and Robin Ridge, passed away Sunday, May 14, 2023 at her home following a brief illness.

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 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



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.

celebration honoring Kathy's life will be 2 p.m. Thursday, May 18 at Rader Funeral

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-

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 and wife, Joyce; Malcolm Dudley;

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 Higgins; grandchildren, 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

sisters, Linda Dudley and Judy Sue Hickman; numerous nieces and including nephews, special nephew, Norman Lee Dudley; special friends, Scott and Becky Hannah 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 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 Ĉlub, and the American Dental Association. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing and hunting, and was a fan of NASČAR.

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

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

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

long-time friends, Joe

and Karen Turner of

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.

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HURCH NEWS

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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 Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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,

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-

3uchanan 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.

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

All proceeds will benefit the Standing Rock Mission Trip in July. Reserve tickets by calling 540-797-2304 or texting jssweet04@ hotmail.com.

Saturday market, yard sales at Fincastle fire house

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

The Fincastle Volunteer Fire 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



known as Jockey Alley. The stories about it always 'Truth' Dodd, Sherman Cox, Jeem Welch and Shem fascinated me, and I thought that a story of Jockey Nininger to name a few. The real traders were hot Alley from my grandfather Robert A. Waid's book competitors and took great care to give each other

"The trading day was Saturday and Court Day.

Every Saturday to be sure the alley was full and he used to its up most. Mr. Bob Stoner said the lady wouldn't be caught dead on the alley on hear. ... Saturday or Court Day. This ritual went on for many years from my Grandfather Waid's time and fellow telling all the perspective traders what a before until WWII.

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 utilityscale 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

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 Way before my time, an area of Fincastle was timers. Some of the ones I remember were Otis a scurrilous reputation in order to rise above the "Jockey Alley was an area of Back Street that ran 'hoypoloy' of their brethren. Sherman Cox, while from the "Big Spring" west past the Presbyterian standing among his cronies, would shout out above Church to Roanoke Street, a little over two blocks. the din, "Well I do declare if it ain't ole 'Truth' It was truly special in that all of the farmers, horse hisself a'coming'" when he would observe Otis traders, hucksters and shysters of all kinds and Dodd approaching. Otis would retort with, "Sir, of every calling met. They drank, played music, do I owe you anything?" Otis would approach a fought but most of all traded livestock, mostly 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

Court Day everyone came to town and the overflow best election money he ever spent was to give Otis took in the "big Spring" lot also. If you had Dodd two dollars a week before every election to anything to sell or trade you went to "Jockey Alley." stand on the corner among all the loafers and speak It was strictly a male bastion, as a self-respecting about what a nice guy Bob Stoner was for all to "One story from 'the alley' was about one old

good mule he had for sale for forty dollars. This "Poppy Crowder ran a livery stable just east and 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

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

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

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

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. John-

son 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**

The Fincastle Herald

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Attic's next play begins May 25

Attic Productions' next play is Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express," adapted Ken Ludwig. This complex murder finds famous Belgian Hercule detective Poirot snowbound on Europe's most luxurious train, surrounded by an exotic cast of characters, one of whom has committed murder. Set in the art-deco period of the costuming, staging, lighting and sound effects make this production exciting for David Walton directs

this classic drama, and has assembled an outstanding cast of local talent. This show will be presented at Attic's D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, May 25-28 and June 1-4. Thursday and Friday shows begin at 7:30, Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30. Adult tickets are Stockyard Report Monday's sale at the

Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

117 Head

Graded Feeder Steers 400-499: \$150.00-234.50 500-599: \$170.00-241.00

600-699: \$163.00-206.00 700-799: \$179.00

Graded Feeder Bulls

400-499: \$190.00-218.00 500-599: \$175.00-214.00

600-699: \$189.00-201.00

Graded Feeder Heifers

500-599: \$191.00-192.00 600-699: \$165.00-180.00

Cows:

Bulls:

\$ 31.00-94.00

\$ 98.00-112.50

800-899: \$181.00

\$15, students and groups of 10 or more are \$12 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 Productions website by visiting www.atticproductions. info. For questions assistance purchasing tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001. Volunteers began staffing the box office for this show May 15, on Mondays 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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RADFORD News Journal

Yard Sales -**Radford City**

Multi Family

Yard Sale 1500 block of 2nd street. Radford, VA. May 19 - 20. 8am -4pm.

Yard Sales -**Botetourt County**

YARD SALE

MULTI FAMILY on SETTLERS Rd

Fincastle Sat., May 20,2023 from 8 -2 540-761-4052

Employment

Town of Troutville

The town of Troutville is seeking a new Park Manager. This position is responsible for overseeing and performing duties necessary to operate and maintain the Town Park of the Town of Troutville. This is a part-time position with a schedule that is both flexible and will have some variations from time to time. The following are duties and responsibilities but are not limited to other tasks as needed: Keep the park safe Mow Grass Weed eating Trimming bushes Weeding flower beds Clean shelters Clean bathrooms Empty trash Open/Closed Park Visual inspection Perform and log routine maintenance Provide a monthly report to Town Council General maintenance Please forward a resume to:

Field Engineer sought by TMEIC Corporation Americas in Roanoke, VA to provide Technical

Advisory Services (TAS) to

Laura.bumgarner@gmail.co

coord installation & commissioning activities for assigned projects while meeting project schedules & performance criteria. Availability to travel, domestically & internationally, more than 75% of the time, sometimes w/ limited notice. Min. Req: Bach's in Electrical Engg, Mechanical

Engg, or related field or foreign equiv deg. 2 yrs of metals, material handling, paper, or general industries as Field Engineer. 2 yrs of exp w/ process & automation controls. Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite. Send resume to recruitment@tmeic.com. Ref #8012

General Information

Piedmont Pentecostal Holiness Church

Sunday morning service 11am. 5007 Jewell Drr. Shawsville Va. Pastor Tim Clyburn. 8 miles from Shawsville rt 460, on Alleghany Spring Rd.

Legals - Botetourt County

ABC NOTICE

SHREE HARE RAM LLC. trading as ROADSIDE MARKET, 10761 W LYNCHBURG SALEM TURNPIKE, MONTVALE, VA. 24122.

The above establishment is

applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a WINE AND BEER OFF PREMISES license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. SAI KRISHNA

CHEERANJEEVI, OWNER

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.



Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE

RIVER CITY DISTILLERY, LLC., trading as RIVER CITY DISTILLERY, 92 HARVEY ST. RADFORD VA 24141.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a DISTILLERY license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

CHARLES COSMATO, Managing/Member

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317,20-104 Case No.CL23000084-00 CITY OF SALEM CIRCUIT COURT, 2 EAST CALHOUN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re GABRIEL SENTINELLAR SALAZAR V. MAY ANNE SALAZAR The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MAY ANNE SALAZAR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 31, 2023. APRIL 11, 2023 STACY L OWEN, DEPUTY CLERK

ALAMANCE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL **COURT OF** JUSTICE **DISTRICT COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK** 23 SP 74

NORTH CAROLINA

23 SP 73 NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY

PUBLICATION

OF BRANDON JOSUE ZUNIGA JUANES, A Minor Child. And IN RE CHANGE OF NAME

OF BRITNEY ZUNIGA JUANEZ, A Minor Child.

TO: WILMER FRANCISCO ZUNIGA, Respondent TAKE NOTICE that

pleadings seeking relief against you have been filed in the above entitled Proceedings pending before the Alamance County Clerk of Superior Court. The nature of the relief being sought in these **Proceedings are Petitions**

for the Name Change of the minor children, Brandon Josue Zuniga Juanes and Britney Zuniga Juanez to change the last names of the children to "Jimenez Juanez"

You are required to make

defense to such pleadings not later than the 5th day of July, 2023, said date being more than forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice and upon your failure to do so the Party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought herein.

TAKE NOTICE that you are further notified that in connection with this Action the following hearings are scheduled for hearing by the Court following the publication of this

Notice: July 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM: Hearing by the Clerk of the pending issues at the Alamance County Historic Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Graham, NC 27253. This the 4th day of May, 2023.

FREDERICK J. STERNBERG Attorney for the Petitioner NC State Bar No. 4155

OF COUNSEL:

FREDERICK J. STERNBERG, P.A. 38 S.W. Court Square Graham, NC 27253-2878 Telephone: (336) 228-0273 Fax: (336) 228-1932 E-Mail: efrederickjst@triad.rr.com

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

DBH Salem Concessions, LLC, trading as DBH Salem Concessions, 1004 Texas St. Salem VA, 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer ON and OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Chirag Mithani, VP/Secretary

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on May 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications. The request of Boone Thomas LLC, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-208.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 100 block Richfield Avenue, Tax Map # 120-1-3. The petitioners are requesting a 13 foot rearyard setback variance to allow for the construction of a house and deck. Section 106-208.3(B)(1) states that single-family dwellings shall conform with the setback requirements of Section 106-202.3(B)(1), which requires a 25 foot rear-yard setback. At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, cause why such requests

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines,

should or should not be

granted. For additional

information, contact the

21 South Bruffey Street,

Salem, Virginia (Phone

Office of the Zoning

Administrator,

3753032).

CZA, CFM Planning & amp; Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE Cellco Partnership and its

controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a centerline height of 82 feet on the rooftop of a building with an overall height of 90 feet at the approx. vicinity of 220 E Main St., Salem, City of Salem, VA 24153. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Elsie, e. boone@trileaf.com, 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21286,

Publication VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT

410-853-7128.

Order of

COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs

GEORGE W. WELCH, et al, Respondents Case No.CL 23-102 TO: THE RESPONDENTS:

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 39-2-5 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used

without effect to ascertain the location of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs,

Legals - City of Salem

devisees, and successors in title of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch, who may be deceased, whose names and

addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 5th of June, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann.

§8.01-321, that this Order of

Publication be published for two successive weeks in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 4th day of May, 2023. Chance Crawford, Clerk I ask for this: Mark D. Kidd, Esquire-VSB#24149 OPN Law

200-C Roanoke VA 24018 Phone: (540) 725-4700 Fax:(540)772-0126 Counsel for Complainant

3140Chaparral Drive, Suite

Order of **Publication**

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM CITY OF SALEM,

VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. MARY LUE GRAVES, et al, Respondents. Case No.CL 23-103 TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 160-3-4 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Mary Lue Graves and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs,

devisees, and successors in title of Mary Lue Graves, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties on or before the 5th of June. 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann

§8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for two successive weeks in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered

Chance Crawford, Clerk I ask for this: Mark D. Kidd, Esquire-VSB#24149 OPN Law 3140Chaparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke VA 24018 Phone: (540) 725-4700 Fax:(540)772-0126 E-Mail: mkidd@opnlaw.com

Counsel for Complainant

this 4th day of May, 2023.

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 **Process: Public Participation** T-Mobile proposes the

upgrade of a rooftop telecommunications facility at 220 E. Main St., Salem. VA. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Andrew Smith, RESCOM Environmental Corp., PO Box 361 Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 260-385-6999 Legals -

Montgomery County TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF 5070 GOLD RUSH ROAD, PILOT, VA 24138. In execution of a certain

Deed of Trust dated February 12, 2007, in the original principal amount of

\$324,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 07001815. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main

Virginia on June 23, 2023 at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as

Street, Christiansburg,

Legals -Montgomery County follows: ALL THAT

CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND **BEING IN MONTGOMERY** COUNTY, VIGINIA, MORE **PARTICULARLY DESCRIB** ED AS FOLLOWS: **BEGINNING AT A 1" IRON** PIPE FIFTEEN (15) FEET SOUTH OF A THREE (3) FOOT MAPLE TREE WHICH IS 502.5 FEET SOUTH OF STATE ROUTE 726 AND AT CORNER OF MRS. A. P. NAFF`S PROPERTY; THENCE S 04 DEG. 18` 18" E 585.50 FEET TO A 1" PIPE; THENCE IN A EASTERLY **DIRECTION 122.83 FEET** TO A 1/2" PIPE, THENCE CONTINUING IN AN **EASTERLY DIRECTION** 210.66 FEET TO A 1" PIPE; THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY **DIRECTION 84.87 FEET** TO A 9" HICKORY; THENCE CONTINUING IN A NORTHERLY **DIRECTION 79.58 FEET** TO A 14" WILD CHERRY; **THENCE** NORTHWESTERLY151.00 FEET TO A PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 200.00 FEET TO A 1" PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING IN

A NORTHWESTERLY **DIRECTION 34.17 FEETTO** THE EAST CORNER OF A CONCRETE CATTLE **GUARD; THENCE WEST** 46.2 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE HEREIN CONVEYED PROPERTY TO STATE **ROAD 726 FOR INGRESS** AND EGRESS TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO **ERECT OR PLACE UPON** THE PROPERTY ALL **UTILITIES NECESSARY** FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF SAID PROPERTY TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MAINTAIN, REPAIR, REPLACE AND IMPROVE ANY

AFORESAID FACILITIES. 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 chaser's deposit may 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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the

Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure 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

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-208631-2 Order of

Road, Suite 240, Richmond,

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317, 20-104

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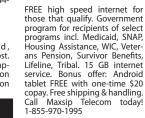
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Jones is All-Conference for UNC-Greensboro, Spartans will play in NCAA Regional at Clemson

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

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

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



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.

LB's Seth Richards makes the big stretch at first against Staunton River.

LB baseball team will face Byrd in District semifinal

tournament with

baseball District tournament final 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

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. Medley Nolan

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

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.

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 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

Maddox Offensively, 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

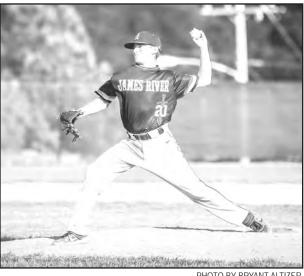


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16-12 win over the Bobcats. Cook got the win in relief of Kody Park while Cook and Hunter Mays had three hits each for the Knights and Evan Byers had two. River had 13 hits as a team. On Thursday

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

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

"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 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,



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.

Region 2C soccer will open May 26

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

The James River soccer teams are

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 technique and it looks like and fourth in the discus.

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 Jaidan Dann went third and "Coach VanBuren

finished third. Toliver and fifth in the shot put. has been making some

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the right time," said LB coach Paul Craft. Rye Jackson finished

it's getting dialed in at just

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

"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 See **Track**, page 12

Hildebrand, Jackets win ODAC softball at BSC



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

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 nondistrict 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

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

The James River softball team will 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 After scratching for a run in the

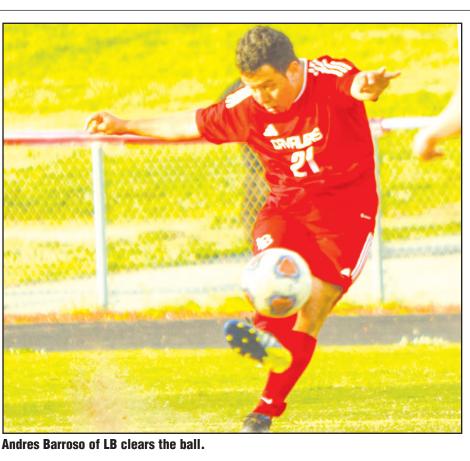
fourth, the Knights used hits by Austyn Moran, Kincaid, Breeding, Cloey Joynes and Pugh to score four more runs in the fifth inning. Alleghany used three hits to score their only run in the sixth inning. James River banged out 12 hits in

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."



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





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 thirdseeded 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

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

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.



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

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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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