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Scothorn and Michael win Republican primaries

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Botetourt County citizens made their choice last Tuesday for the Republican nominees in the primary elections for November's Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Mac Scotthorn, incumbent candidate in the Valley District, received nearly 70% of the votes, defeating opponent Robert Young. In Blue Ridge, Walter

Michael (58%) won the nomination over incumbent Blue Ridge District Supervisor Billy Martin.

The results from last Tuesday's elections were not finalized until Monday afternoon. Botetourt County

Director of Elections & General Registrar Traci Clark noted in a recent email that all votes that were postmarked by last Tuesday, June 20, had to be received by Friday, June 23 at noon. Clark added

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Valley District Supervisor Dr. Mac Scotthorn (left) and Blue Ridge District Republican candidate Walter Michael won the Republican nominations for Botetourt County Board of Supervisors last week.



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Botetourt County Fire & EMS held their second annual Girls Fire Camp in Daleville last Saturday.

'Girls can too' at Botetourt's Girls' Fire Camp

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Botetourt County Fire & EMS held their

second annual, award-winning Girls' Fire Camp last Saturday at Lord Botetourt High School in Daleville. Campers participated in various activities that included a crawl

maze, tying knots for special rescue operations, a zip line demonstration, relay races, fire hose operations, and more.

Girls that are rising 6th-10th graders

learned Stop the Bleed from Carilion Clinic Trauma Outreach that included

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Carilion's Life-Guard talked to campers about flight medicine.



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Campers had the opportunity to participate in numerous activities.

June Grand Jury indictments

A Botetourt County grand jury returned 37 indictments against 22 individuals in June:

DIRECT

- Richard Nathaniel Crawford of Buchanan, driving under the influence, third offense;
- Page Louise Curry of Conway, S.C., possession with intent to distribute MDMA, transporting drugs in Virginia, manufacturing marijuana, possession of a firearm with drugs
- Timothy Robert Gordon of Daleville, possession with intent to distribute MDMA, possession with intent

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The Rader-Muse Bank Barn in Troutville



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The Darby-Rader House (Maple Grove) in Troutville was recently added to RVPF's Endangered Sites list.

Botetourt locations included in RVPF's 2023 'Endangered Sites'

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In May, multiple locations in Botetourt County were

given the "Endangered Site" classification by the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation (RVPF). Some of the properties listed are The Rader-Muse Bank

Barn and The Rader House in Troutville and the Peck-Figgatt House in Fincastle.

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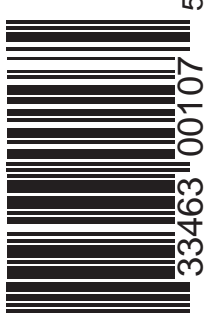
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Botetourt County History



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This hand-painted plate shows St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springwood (1885-1967). It was donated to the Botetourt History Museum by John and Ruby Leighton.

The Rev. Robert A. McRae's book "Sentinels of the Faith" provides further information about the history of this church and other Botetourt houses of worship. On page 175, McRae's research tells that the church's congregation dates back to 1815. Originally, it was "Jackson Lutheran Church and became St. Mark's during the 1880s after the area name also changed from Jackson to Springwood. The land on which St. Mark's stands today was donated to the Jackson Lutheran Church congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Obenshain." Since 1967 the building has not been used but is still standing on a hill.

Read "Sentinels of the Faith" to learn more about Botetourt County churches. Signed copies are available for purchase in the Botetourt History Museum bookstore.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Warner announces 'whopping' \$1.4 billion for broadband in Virginia

U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-VA) announced \$1,481,489,527.87 in federal funding to deploy broadband and expand access to high-speed internet in Virginia on Monday. This funding was awarded through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, which was created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – landmark legislation authored and negotiated by Sen. Warner.

"This whopping \$1.4 billion investment brings us a giant step closer to achieving our goal of universal broadband coverage in Virginia," said Sen. Warner. "We all know that access to fast, reliable, and affordable internet is crucial to ensuring our rural communities grow and thrive, and I'm thrilled that Virginia is receiving the investment we need to deploy broadband all across the Commonwealth. This funding is in no small part thanks to the Virginians that took time

out of their day to report their connectivity status. Because of these efforts, we were able to accurately report our coverage and access every cent to which Virginia was entitled."

The localities receiving additional broadband funding were not mentioned in the press release distributed by the offices of Sen. Warner last Monday afternoon.

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), seeks to expand high-speed internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment and adoption programs. Specifically, today's funding will be utilized by the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) to reach unserved and underserved locations throughout the Commonwealth – those lacking 25/3 internet speeds and 100/20 internet speeds.

Sen. Warner continues to expand access to broadband in Virginia, including by advocating for the accurate reporting of Virginia's connectivity status. Last year, he called on Virginians to contact the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding internet coverage in their communities. Following the FCC's reporting deadline, Sen. Warner called attention to a significant number of locations in Virginia that were incorrectly reported on the FCC broadband coverage map.

As an author and negotiator of the bipartisan infrastructure law, Sen. Warner secured \$65 billion in funding to help deploy broadband and decrease costs associated with connecting to the internet. As part of that funding, Virginia received \$5 million to help make a strategic plan to deploy coverage.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Fireworks in Fincastle this Tuesday night



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

A Fourth of July celebration takes place in Fincastle this Tuesday night at Breckinridge Elementary School. The town has hired the services of professional fireworks company Master Display once again this year. The town welcomes friends and families to join in on the festivities. Fireworks donations can be made by donation checks to

Town of Fincastle, P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, Va., 24090 or by contributing to the event using Venmo to @townof-fincastle. Donations will also be accepted that evening at Breckinridge.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Lawrence has successful blood drive

Lawrence Companies collected 17 units of blood on June 1 at an American Red Cross blood drive.

Employees who gave the gift of life were Barry Holland, Chip Lawrence, Tammy Swader, Dustin Cole, Jake McDowell, Warren Groseclose, Ashley

Dillon, Doug Cobler, Chris Padgett, Anna Muncy, Dyra Hodges, Aaron Kelly, Deidra Stultz and Mike McKnew, along with visitors Cindy Holland and JD Robinson.

Anna Muncy won the prize drawing and she chose a paid sick day.

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for June 20-24:

- Joshua P. Greenway, 38, of Fincastle, property damage, violation of a protective order; June 20
- Kevin R. Moran, 38, of Buchanan, driving under the influence, June 23
- Christopher K. Wagner, 40, of Roanoke, giving false identity to law enforcement, June 24
- Lisa J. Britt, 53, of Roanoke, possession of Schedule drugs, drunk in public, June 24

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to distribute Psilocybin, transporting drugs in Virginia, manufacturing marijuana, possession of a firearm with drugs

• Dashawn Maurice Casey of Christiansburg, assault and battery, third offense, violation of a protective order

CERTIFIED

• Steven Wayne Biggs of Buchanan, possession of a firearm by a felon

• Robert Thomas Chambers of Fairfield, eluding police

• Jeremy Madison Dunbar of Buchanan, destruction of property

• Melissa Faye Flowers of Blue Ridge, strangulation

• Amber Lee Gattis of Buchanan, two counts of assault on law enforcement

• Joel Herman Clarence Hall of Eagle Rock, failure to register as a sex offender

• Kevin Lee Harless of Covington, grand larceny, eluding police

• Seth Timothy James Hudson of Raleigh, N.C., possession of methamphetamine, failure to appear

• Sean William Kelly of Fincastle, possession of methamphetamine

• Thomas Floyd Landis of Covington, possession of amphetamine

• Lucas Taylor Moseley of Buchanan, malicious wounding, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a felon

• Levi Daniel Nolen, address unavailable, breaking and entering, grand larceny

• Warren Taylor Nutt of Moneta, credit card theft

• Dallas Tyler Poston of Bedford, providing false statement on gun application

• Tamara Puffenbarger of Whiteville, N.C., credit card fraud

• Jesse Ray Riley of Buchanan, eluding police

• John Dennis Sanford of Daleville, forgery, uttering

• Austin Stephen Tolley of Troutville, failure to register as a sex offender

- Office of the Botetourt County Commonwealth's Attorney

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Tuesday, July 4 – Cimmaron

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Botetourt County middle schools have released the following honor rolls for the fourth nine-week grading period:

CENTRAL ACADEMY

A HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Reilly Eason, Brennan Firebaugh, Richard Francis, Brooklyn Hayslett, Jay Hipes, Louisa Jamison, Ayden Jennings, Kristen Kessler, Cheyenne King, Rhaya Kitt, Joran Little, Jeremiah Mays, Brennen Monaghan, Kyleigh Napier, Brianna Patterson, Stacy Plumb, Ryleigh Scott, Gillian Smith, Vivian Vernon, Mark Voight, Samuel Wilson

SEVENTH GRADE: Kendall Aaron, Katelyn Barrett, Brooklyn Beckner, Carter Birkhead, Maggie Brewster, Cade Cook, Molly Dewhirst, Wyatt Dewhirst, Bella DiBenedetto, Grace Ferguson, Kayla Henry, Elizabeth Johnson, Kaycee Lemon, Nolan Linthicum, Kenaya McKenzie, Karly Mines, Barrett Pace, Khloe Robinson, Reagan Rowland, Ethan Serrano, Sonny Sharp, Paige Shotwell, Jacob Snare, Laighton Tate, Jeremy Tribble, Hailee Vassar, Jacey Walker, Holly Weddle, Gracelynn Wolcott

SIXTH GRADE: Julianna Banka, Charlotte Brock, Layla Bryant, Mirai Burton, Madelyn Davidson, Brookelyn Fadia, Peyton Frazee, Trevor Gilmer, Briley Goyer, Brody Helmandollar, Charlotte Hipes, Brianna Huthwaite, Evie Huwe, Mary Lipes, Andrew Monteith, Daniella Murray, Camden Newman, Colton Payne, Siena Riddle, Laken Robinson, Caroline Rushing, Zoe Serrano, Addison Shorter, Isaac Theimer, Emma Thurston, Charlie Tingler, Ava Updike, Carolena Williams

A-B HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Jeremy Albright, Khloe Austin, Olivia Ayers, Landon Bolling, Samuel Bolton, Orion Booher, Avery Carr, Alexis Cassell, Conor Childs, William Clark, Hannah Curtis, Christopher Daniels, Aidan Davis, Declan Duncan, Mason Gilliland, Emily Griswold, Adeline Hanna, Amiah Higginbotham-Sandidge, Haylee Hoffman, Gretchen Huffman, Braden Jones, Selene Kelley, Caleb Kinion, Paisley Kitt, Caleb Longley, Parker Melson, Crystal Muncey, Austin Myers, Noah Riley, Jason Rose, Avery Saunders, Camden Saunders, Jaelyn Shumate, Abigail Simmons, Abilene Simmons, Taylor Simmons, McKinley Sink, Lacey Smith, Leanna Steger, Cooper Stewart, Kyra Taylor, Corinthia Winfield, Pierce Woodyard

SEVENTH GRADE: Addison Bandy, Jayden Beale, Elizabeth Bosely, Gary Brunner, William Bryant, Kinzley Bunn, Caroline Church, Riley Dulaney, Kaylee Dunbar, Janiya Falls, Spencer Fornecker, Taylor Fridley, Landon Helman, Pepper Henderson, Autumn Holbrook, Sarah Jamison, Lydia Jones, Evan Joyce, Andrea Krecklow, Brianna Lowe, Sawyer Lucas, Katelyn Manspile, Mckenzie Marshall, Gracie Ann Mattox, Gabriel McCurry, Emerson Meador, Luis Morales-Tomas, Frederick Murray, Brooklyn O'Quinn, Whitleigh Ronk, Danikka Seaman, Jordyn Simmons, Easton Sink, Brody Stewart, Jacari Thomas, Virginia Thomas, Sierra Ware, Payton White, Benjamin Whitt

SIXTH GRADE: Abigail Angle, Easton Arnold, Adelynn Bankert, Peyton Basham, Frank Beard, Alexander Beauchamp, Hudson Beheler, Birdie Boblett, Hadleigh Breeden, Tyler Britnell, Abigail Browning, Laura Browning, Josiah Bryant, Kaelyn Bryant, Cohen Byer, Cheyenne Byrd, Jezreal Capo, Gavin Childs, Kendall Childs, Cora Clark, Elijah Copeland, Peyton Crowder, Mercy Croy, Dylan Davis, Adelyn Dooley, Brayden Dudley, Olivia Elmore, Mason Flannagan, Zaylen Fridley, Logan Galanes, William Hall, Harrison Hanna, Ava Hosey, Jarrett Jennings, Brianna Link, Nora Lotts, Kyla Martin, Harleigh Masters, Kinsley Matheny, Jordan Mathews, Landen McGough, Jackson Meador, Kinley Millman, Kishi Morales-Tomas, James Neale, Ashton Orange, Camden Parker, Joshua Peck, Brianna Petty, Charles Poff, Paul Powell, Daniel Pratt, Treavor Puffenbarger, Jacob Simmons, Coraline Sink, Ashton Wertz, Alexander West, Ashby Wilkes, Tobyann Windsor, Johnny Woods

READ MOUNTAIN

A HONOR ROLL

EIGHTH GRADE: Stephanie Akers, Lilah Barker, Lauren Barns, Asher Bolinsky, Aman Boston, Elaina Brown, Jayden Brubaker, Ava Burkholder, Lucas Carswell, Cody Dooley, Forest Dorsman, Madeleine Gantzhorn, Kevin Gergely, Fallon

Primaries

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JUNE 20, 2023 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY SUMMARY OF RESULTS							OFFICIAL
CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT							
	EARLY VOTING	VOTE BY MAIL	ELECTION DAY	POST ELECTION	PROV.	TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED	
WALTER G. MICHAEL	51	11	371	0	2	435	
BILLY W. MARTIN SR.	20	20	268	1	1	310	
CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VALLEY DISTRICT							
	EARLY VOTING	VOTE BY MAIL	ELECTION DAY	POST ELECTION	PROV.	TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED	
DONALD M. "MAC" SCOTHORN	143	24	448	2	3	620	
ROBERT R. YOUNG	50	7	226	0	2	285	
TOTAL ELECTION TURNOUT							
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	EARLY VOTING	VOTE BY MAIL	ELECTION DAY	PROV.	TOTAL VOTING		
10,259	264	65	1314	8	1651		
% TURNOUT	2.57%	0.63%	12.81%	3.03%	16.09%		

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The final results of the 2023 Botetourt County Blue Ridge and Valley Districts Republican primaries made available on Monday by the County Registrar's Office.

that there were not enough ballots still out last week that would have changed the outcome of the primaries.

Currently, Scothorn will run unopposed for re-election in the Valley District. Rick Painter has submitted his paperwork as an independent

candidate to run against Michael for the Blue Ridge District. Election Day is November 7. For more information about polling places and other election particulars, visit <https://www.botetourtva.gov/405/Election-Information>.

Gibson, Adyson Greathouse, Owen Hilgers, Maggie Hoover, Riley Howell, Sedona Humphrey, Rose Janosz, Torrence Jones, Briana Keith, Lila Leon, Aaron Lyle, Abigail Maddox, Sarah Meadows, Kinsley Milko, Maxton Mizuba, Anna Moore, John Moughrabi, Daisy Osborne, Jace Pippert, Summer Sharp, Serenity Shearer, Jordan Smith, Sadie Stowe, Addalyn Underwood, Preston Vaughn, Samantha Welch, Ember Wiley, Brody Wilhoit, Simon Williams, Morgan Wingler

SEVENTH GRADE: Reese Adkins, Maryn Barnes, Olivia Bergsten, Mason Boitnott, Dalton Bradley, Annika Brown, Thomas Burns, Cael Burton, Analise Buyalos, Ella Carpenter, Kennedy Carpenter, Chloe Clowdis, Rylee Crockett, Kensington Davis, Caleb Duncan, Jonah Dunker, Mia Etzler, Gwyneth Farrar, Madelyn Fields, Cohen Folks, Ella Foutz, Lois Frederickson, Strummer Giffin, Evan Grant, Zoey Harrell, Braeden Harvey, Evie Hogan, Holden Hooven, Chloe Hopkins, Phoenix Humphries, Bailey Hutchins, Braylen Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Hailey Knick, Archer Lee, Sadaf Lemar, Hannah Lewis, Jordan Lin, Wyatt Marion, Thomas Mattarocchia, Sharise McGowan, Neela Megow, Natalie Mullins, Addison Naff, Amelia Nicely, Mackenzie Nichols, Georgiana O'Bryan, Piper Osborne, Eliz Payne, Eva Pendleton, Olivia Pierce, Annabelle Puckett, Anna Radtke, Kaden Reczek, Haiden Reedy, Alexandria Rickman, Lucille Rock, Maddlynn Roop, Eleanor Rosine, Alexandra Salgado, Mason Scott, Autumn Sparks, Mathew Staley, Tyler Staley, Sam Stelter, Jackson Taylor, Paphada Thepsimuang, Ryder Toupe, Mason Tuck, Alyssa Walker, Cherie Westervelt, Finn Wilkinson, Nathan Winfield, Deacon Witt, Holly Wood, Lucas Young

SIXTH GRADE: Alexandra Amos, Skylar Andert, William Ariza Bishop, Jared Atwell, Alexander Barbour, William Bledsoe, James Blevins, Evelyn Bowden, Olivia Burger, Annalee Campbell, Carter Cecil, Emery Collins, Paityn Conley, Garrett Cooper, Mark Craig Jr., Brody Crigger, Annika Dale, Eric Damian-Mariano, Jady Deaner, Lucas Dehr, Callie Dozier, Camden Dudding, Kailyn Edwards, Karis Edwards, Kylee Fernandez, Olivia Foster, Jayleen Galvao, Mason Gates, Brynn Gentry, Cambridge Gibson, Jordan Gilbert, Aiden Gillespie, Avery Goad, Evan Gordon, Oliver Greene, Ethan Greer, Peyton Guy, Maddox Harrell, Aurora Hathaway, Lucas Higgins, Liam Hogan, Samantha Hoover, Boyd Jensen, Taylor Jones, Morgan Keleher, Kathryn Kidd, Porter Kincer, Lily Kitchens, Kendall Koloda, Mackenzie Kramzar, Kenzie LaVenture, Kennedy Lumpkin, Noah McCarren, Titus Megow, Arianna Moore, Noah Nagle, Wyatt Nicely, Alexa Olwage, Henry Ostendorf, Michael Pstrikos, Noah Patterson, Luke Peery, Ellie Persing, Gianna Pitzer, Evelyn Powell, Elena Preston, Gabriel Puckett, Emma Rickman, Madeline Sanford, Tenley Scharf, Madison Sealey, Landon Sharp, Ellie Shawn, Joshua Sherman, Sean Stewart Jr, Amelia Stump, Lyla Thomas, Madison Weppner, Jonathan Williamson, Gabriel Witt, Macyn Woody

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SEVENTH GRADE: Christian Adams, Nicholas Antivero, Autumn Atkinson, Ayanna Banks, Caylin Barrett, Ever Benavidez, Kaylee Bradbury, Drew Bralley, Jaclyn Broyles, Katherin Carranza Talavera, Chevy Carwile, Cole Cecil, Ava Cook, Lleyton Cook, Olivia Cook, Robert Dent, Kyra Dobbs, Wren Eggleston, Noah Estes, August Feeny, MaKenna Foster, Sara Foster, Alexis Garcia, Tanner Gore, Jacob Guzman, Kristen Hale, Khyler Hambrick-King, Reagan Helms, Jadeon Huffman, Nevaeh Jones, Davis Kidd, Trinity King, Avarie Kramzar, James Lane, Brennan Lewis, Warner Lewis, Ryan Lindsay, Isabelle Lucas, Blake Markham, Madeline May, Callum McCoy, Layla McGavock, Hannah McNamara, Brendon Miley, Madeleine Moore, Nicholas Morris, Nathan Moser, Grant Murphy, Mathias Newton, Brielle Nunley, Elizabeth Odell, Gabriel Osborne, Sullivan Paige, Diya Patel, Marshal Phillips, Carson Puckett, Adelle Roberts, Emilee Rogers, Hunter Schwallenberg, Audrey Sparks, Davian Sparks, Kylie Sutler, Josiah Tribble, Dylan Welch, Rylan Wilcher, Nicholas Wright

SIXTH GRADE: Matthew Alban, Carter Bierce, Rylan Blankinship, Khyron Brown, Landon Bryant, Misael Caballero, Jesse Caldwell, Geovani Castillo Calderon, Elijah Chittum, Siomara Clark, Matthew Collins, Landon Craft, Schaeffer Crane, Virginia Crawford, Jackson Crenshaw, Hayden Curtis, Carter Dalglis, Juliet Davis, Beahlen Deacon, Katelin Dent, Abigail Dillard, Connor Dooley, Brody Doss, Kaycyn Dull, Jessalyn Dunker, Elliana Foutz, Lillian Foutz, Avery Gilbert, Zachary Gilliam, Daniel Gray, Alyssa Grooms, Avery Huffman, Tinley Humphries, Jacob Jenkins, Ronnie Johansen, Aaliyah Johnson, Macy Johnson, Ciera Jones, Elijah Laffoon, Ahmad Lemar, Paige Lord, Yasmine Luckett, Molly Lusk, Bryan Martin, Dean McClung, Jayce McLemore, Ashton McMillion, Noah Meyer, Angel Mil-Pizano, Chase Nichols, Israel Nichols, Elwood Nixon, Charlene Olivier, Marie Olivier, Ariah Peterson, Wyatt Price, Joselyn Rivera Perez, Mason Rowland, Colby Salmon, Austin Sawyer, Bronson Shields, Tyler Sloan, Nicole Thomas, Phenix Tyree, Gage Vassar, David Wallace, Layla Weber, Olivia Whisnant, Kailey Whitson, Sophia Wolfe, Sophia Wood, James Yager, Bentley Young

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RVPF from page 1

The RVPF is a nonprofit organization preserving the historic, natural, and cultural resources of the Roanoke Valley. In the RVPF spring newsletter, the foundation profiled sites identified as endangered by RVPF 2023 Endangered Sites committee members Alison Blanton, Whitney Feldmann, Rob Logan, Angela Steifbold, Judy Harrison, and Mike Pulice.

Some of the locations on the list were identified by Pulice, a former RVPF board member who works occasionally with the foundation when it prepares a list of annual local sites of historic importance which may be threatened by development, demolition, or deterioration. This list doesn't serve as an indictment on the property, but more so serving as awareness for the locations' preservation.

"A lot of times, we don't really know the status of the building," Pulice explained in a recent interview. "We know that we've seen it, it's not looking so good... the one (bank) barn is really meant to be emblematic of all the barns we're losing. The bank barns have a higher level of craftsmanship than the barns that followed."

The Rader-Muse Bank Barn in Troutville is one of the newest locations added to the endangered sites. A bank barn is built into a bank (slope) so a person could drive in on either level. The top side usually has a large drive-in bay and the bottom side doesn't, but can be entered from ground level.

"Virginia is known for having a lot of (bank barns) in the valley," Pulice continued. "As you go north from Botetourt, (bank barns) used to be super-prevalent but, more and more, agricultural buildings have fallen by the wayside. People don't have any use for them. You can't blame a farmer or a property owner for not putting money into a building they have no use for. The Preservation Foundation has always taken pains not to make (the list) look accusatory... it's with a

full understanding that people often don't have the means (to preserve the property)."

Inclusion on the endangered list is a positive for property owners, Pulice explained. However, the "county isn't making handouts to private property owners to preserve old buildings."

Judy Harris is a RVPF board member who is also the chair of the Endangered Sites Committee. She explained the selection process.

"When (the foundation) chooses a site, we send the (property) owner a packet explaining that we're not here to judge or say that there is anything wrong with what they've done or haven't done," Harris said. "The foundation is here to make them aware that if they do want to reach out to us that sometimes, not always, but sometimes we can help them if the site is old enough, or eligible for the Virginia Historic Registers, that we can help them get those designations. We might be able to work with them on tax credits for rehabilitation and getting the property back on its feet a little bit."

Harris explained there are grant opportunities for properties depending on the circumstance and age of the property. It's up to the property owners to look into it, if interested. The foundation merely serves as a resource to better preserve these historic locations that appear on the list. She added that Pulice and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) are "invaluable resources" to the RVPF in an advisory role.

"(The foundation) is pretty confined by their name, 'Roanoke Valley,' but they've taken interest in Botetourt over many years, for a long time," Pulice added. "I guess its fair to say that maybe some areas of Botetourt drain into the Roanoke River and are a part of the Roanoke Valley. They try to take interest in areas close by."

Harris explained there are numerous members of the Roanoke



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Aspen Hill (The Peck-Figgatt House) in Fincastle was recently included in RVPF's 2023 Endangered Sites.

Valley community that work with the foundation to help them keep up with some of the historic locations and their preservation.

The Botetourt locations which appeared on this year's list of RVPF Endangered Sites recently appeared in RVPF's spring newsletter are listed as follows.

Rader-Muse Bank Barn – 6325 Lee Highway Troutville

The ca. 1900 Rader-Muse Barn is a rare surviving example of the German-style bank barn once found throughout the Shenandoah Valley. Designed with German ingenuity to take advantage of the topography, the two-level barn is nestled against a hillside to allow exterior access to the upper hayloft as well as the lower animal pens. These barns exhibit highly skilled craftsmanship, as they typically feature stone retaining walls, a canted queen-truss system, louvered wall openings, and latticework below the roofline to provide natural light and ventilation as well as structural stability.

According to Pulice with the Department of Historic Resources, bank barns are found in Augusta and

Rockbridge counties with Botetourt representing the furthest extent to the south and southwest that these barns are found in Virginia. Although several bank barns have been listed on the National Register (either individually or as part of a larger farm complex), these barns are becoming increasingly threatened as they fall into disuse and are allowed to deteriorate with the decline of agriculture in the region.

Following the 2003 demolition of the bank barn on the nearby Thomas D. Kinsey Farm (which was listed on the National Register in 2002), the Rader-Muse Bank Barn may be the last surviving example of this iconic building type in Botetourt County. The barn has not been used for many years and is currently in a ruinous state.

Peck-Figgatt House (Aspen Hill) – 322 East Main Street Fincastle

Located at the corner of East Main and North Hancock Streets, the Peck-Figgatt House (also known as Aspen Hill) stands at a prominent corner in the Fincastle Historic District. Originally built ca. 1822 by John

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Botetourt Worship Directory

ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

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

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

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

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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

Crossroads Baptist Church - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M.

Faith Baptist Church- 4258 Botetourt Rd., 4 miles N. of Fincastle; Dr. John W. Reynolds, pastor- teacher, 473-2325, jwr56fbc@yahoo.com. Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. fincastlefaith.com.

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church- Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., Pastor. 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. 540-556-3504. Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00a.m.

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

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

SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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

Buchanan Baptist Church - 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by

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

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

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

Fincastle Baptist Church- Located at 7330 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, Rt. 220, 1 mile south of Fincastle, 540-473-2861; www.fincastlebaptist.org; Sr. Pastor Kevin B. Cummings. Sunday Mornings, we offer a dual Bible Study/Worship Service at both 9:00 am and 10:45 am. On Wednesday evenings, we offer events for the entire family: Kids Club (3 years-5th grade) 6:15-7:30 pm; Middle School Ignite (Grades 6-8) 6:15-7:15 pm; Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm; Ignite High School Group (Grades 9-12) 7:45-8:45 pm; and childcare (birth-36 months).

Forest Grove Baptist Church- 693 Mt. Moriah Rd. (Rt. 681), Eagle Rock, Rev. Jerry Marsh, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:35 a.m., Wed., Bible Study 7 p.m.

Glade Creek Baptist Church - 3148 Webster Road, Blue Ridge, Virginia 24064. Pastor Steve McChesney. Phone 540-977-1686 or 540-798-7462. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m., to include Children's Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Troutville Baptist Church -P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, Pastor Dr. Jeff Ritchey. Sunday School 9:45 AM; Worship 11 AM. Wednesday: Adult Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30PM; Youth & Children Activities 6:30PM.

Zion Hill Baptist Church- Intersection of Zion Hill Road and Old Fincastle Road. Pastor Donald Goforth (540) 884-2285. Sunday School -10 AM Worship 11AM. Youth Activities (grades 6-12) and Kingdom Kids (preschool-grade 5) Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren- 4708 Read Mtn. Rd., 992-1060; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wed. (Sept.-May), Family Dinner, 6 p.m., Bible study, 6:45 p.m. Preschool, after-school care & summer day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna

Avoid the Mistakes

Read Judges 7:1 through 8:35

Does the following scenario point to any common details in people's lives?

Do people often pray hard and study Scripture in order to seek God's provision when struggling financially? Do these same people attend church weekly and ask other believers to pray for their needs. As their accounts increase to a comfortable amount, do they begin getting an early start on their workdays to put in more hours at the office. Do they cut back on prayer and Bible study.

Gideon made the gold into an ephod, which he placed in Ophrah, his town. All Israel prostituted themselves by worshipping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family (Judges 8:27).

Gideon, as a young and inexperienced warrior, was called by God to engage a vast invading army. Gideon's life had been tough, and his circumstances forced him to draw close to God. But, with the enemy's defeat and the rich spoils of the battle, Gideon misused his blessing.

Prayer Suggestion: When you enjoy a season of success, pray even harder that God will keep you in a deep relationship with himself.

Quicklook: Judges 8:22-27

Burkhart, preschool director.

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

ECKANKAR

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

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

NON-**DENOMINATIONAL**

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Buchanan Presbyterian Church - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390.

Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 9:30 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 6:30 p.m. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org

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

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

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

St. Mark's United Methodist Church - 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Rev. Terry Clark, 992-3030. Worship Times: Praise and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship 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 Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!

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

OBITUARIES

Hickman, Michael Allen

Michael Allen Hickman, 48, of Friday, June 30, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Stine officiating. Interment will follow in Rapps Mill Cemetery.



Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan. Those wishing to contribute, please do so at the funeral home to help with Michael's services. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Mary Hickman and Hiram and Josephine Dudley.

He is survived by his father, Carson "Pete" Hickman; special great aunts, Joyce and Vera Dudley; special uncle and best friend, Bobby Dudley; cousins, Debbie Ayers and Brenda St.Clair; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m.

Reavis, Paul Gray

Paul Gray Reavis, 83, passed away June 23, 2023, at his home in Cloverdale, surrounded by family and loved ones.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Higgins Reavis and Minnie Harmon Reavis; foster parents, William Benton Koontz and Bess Lucas Koontz; sisters, Joyce Reavis and Lucy Reavis Arnold.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carole Lakes Reavis; one daughter, Tamara Reavis Hall, and one son, Todd Reavis. He leaves behind four granddaughters: Marci (Nathan) Wimmer, Victoria Reavis, Lily Reavis and Elena Reavis; one great-granddaughter, Lynnlee; two brothers, Herm (Sue) Reavis and Edward Reavis; four sisters, Edna Dillion, Peggy Carr, Jere Bainter, Linda Dochterman; a foster brother, Garland Jones; a special sister-in-law, Sybil Young; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paul was born in Galax, Va., on October 9, 1939. In February 1951 he was placed in the Virginia Baptist Children's Home in Salem. In July 1951 he moved from the children's home to the Koontz farm in Botetourt County.

Paul graduated from Fincastle High School in 1957 and from National Business College in 1959. Paul was credentialed in 1974 as a Virginia State Licensed optician. He spent 59 years in the optical industry, serving families in Botetourt, Roanoke, and the New River Valley. He owned three optical shops, including Hughes

Optical in Radford and in Blacksburg and Reavis Optical in Botetourt County. In 2008 he was named Optician of the Year by the State of Virginia Opticians Association for his legendary expertise and skill. He retired from Vistar Eye Center in 2016.

He and Carole met at a 4-H Achievement Day in 1956 during their senior year in high school. He was a longtime member of Cloverdale Church of the Brethren where they were married on June 25, 1960. Paul and Carole loved to travel. They visited more than 30 countries and toured most of the United States.

Paul will be remembered for his kind heart, sharp wit, spontaneous songs and everlasting generosity. He blessed his family with decades of fond memories and hundreds of stories to share over the dinner table. He was a special Husband, Dad, and Papa who always made his family feel loved and supported. He will be truly missed.

The family will receive friends at Oakey's East Chapel on Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at Cloverdale Church of the Brethren on Friday, June 30, 2023 at 11 a.m. with burial following in Old Dominion Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Cloverdale Church of the Brethren. A special thank you from the family to Marylou and Maggie from Gentle Shepherd Hospice for their help in caring for Paul.

Poff, Virginia Ruth

Virginia Ruth (Cruff) Poff, 83, passed peacefully from this earthly life and into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, June 4, 2023.



She is survived by her sons, Ben Poff (Trisha), and David Poff (Deborah); her daughters, Sheila Ridgway (John), and Terri Meckes (Bryan); as well as 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express our most heartfelt thank you to the Compassionate Care Hospice staff of Akron, Ohio. Mom was treated with kindness and respect, and her comfort was their top priority.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m., and funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at Lotz Funeral Chapel, 1330 East Main Street, Salem. Interment immediately following in Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or your favorite charity.

Ruth was born July 23, 1939 in Salem, Va. She married Ralph Poff in 1957, and spent her life raising their children, and then shared her love for children with loads of kids who came and went through her at-home daycare. After Ruth retired, she enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S. with family and friends. She loved her family, music, watching sports, playing cards, and spending time in the sun.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Ralph B. Poff; her parents, Davis W. Cruff and Alma Toy Cruff; brothers, Raymond Cruff and Shannon Cruff; and sister, Mary Will (Cruff) Booth; her daughter, Ruth Virginia (Ginger) Poff; and three great-grandchildren.

Reed, Dawn McCullough

Dawn Renee McCullough Reed, 52, of Buchanan, passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2023. A Memorial Gathering will be held from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, July 1, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home.

Jehovah's Witness convention returning to Roanoke

Berglund Center to host the first large convention of Jehovah's Witnesses Since 2019

After a three-year pandemic pause, one of the largest convention organizations in the world has once again chosen Roanoke to host its global three-day event, the 2023 "Exer-cise Patience"! Convention.

Prior to 2019, summers in Roanoke were marked by Jehovah's Witnesses filling hotels and restaurants as they attended their annual conventions at the Berglund Center. In 2020, the pandemic interrupted that tradition in Roanoke when the Witnesses canceled their in-person events throughout the world and held their convention programs as virtual events in more than 500 languages. Beginning June 30, the

Witnesses will bring that tradition back to Roanoke.

"As much as we loved the convenience and quality of our virtual conventions, nothing can replace being together with friends, family and our local community," said Jordan White, spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "While our online conventions reached millions globally and kept our communities safe during the pandemic, we are eager and excited to resume this joyful event here in Roanoke."

Some 6,000 conventions will be held worldwide as part of the 2023 "Exercise Patience"! Convention series. In the United States alone, 708 conventions will be

held in 144 host cities. From Friday through Sunday, six convention sessions will explore the quality of patience, highlighting its modern-day relevance through Scriptural examples. A live baptism will be performed following the Saturday morning session and a prerecorded drama will be featured in two parts during the Saturday and Sunday afternoon sessions.

The convention is open to the public and no collection is taken. For more information on the program or to find other convention locations and dates, go to jw.org and navigate to the "About Us" tab.

- Jehovah's Witnesses

CHURCH NEWS

Lapsleys Run Homecoming July 9

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church will celebrate the annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, July 9. The morning service will begin at 11 a.m. with the message from the pastor, the Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr. Lunch will be served following the morning service.

The afternoon service will begin at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Sean Burch of the Spirit of Unity Baptist Church, with music by The Spirit of Unity Choir.

This year, David and Sandra Thompson will be honored for their dedicated service to Lapsleys Run Baptist Church.

Everyone is welcome to every one of the church's services, especially for Homecoming Day. Regular services are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a.m. Lapsleys Run Baptist Church is located at 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle.

Community Meal at Gala

You are invited to a Community Meal at Galatia EPC, 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, on Monday, July 10, at 12 noon. Barbecue (pork and chicken) and buns will be provided; also, tea, lemonade and coffee. Bring a dish or two to share and enjoy the fellowship.

Daleville Baptist VBS July 16-20

Excitement and adventure wait for children at Vacation Bible School where they will learn about the Kingdom of Light and standing strong in the battle for truth! Their presence is requested July 16-20 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Daleville Baptist Church, 375 Orchard Drive, Daleville. Ages preschool-8th grade (3-15) are welcome. Bring your friends and join in the games, treats, crafts, music and daily Bible lessons. Pre-register online at: <https://dalevillebaptistvbvbs.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom/>. Call 540-992-1570 for more information.

Gaslight & Gingerbread Christmas time in New Jersey

The Joyful Journey Travel of St. Mark's United Methodist Church invites you to join them on their trip to Cape May, N.J., December 4-6; 3 days, 2 nights, \$565 per person double occupancy (\$734 per person single occupancy). The package includes: 2 nights lodging at the Grand Hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, tour of 1879 Physick Estate, trolley tour of historic district, Holly Trolley Lights Tour of Cape May, free time on Washington Street Mall, visit to Towne of Historic Smithville, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities, motorcoach transportation and driver's tip.

Flyers and registration forms can be found on the church website, stmarksmethodist.com, or the church Facebook page or by calling Julia Greer at 540-330-7933.

A \$25 deposit (non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled), which is part of the total price, is required with the registration form.

Deadline for payment in full is due by October 13. Payments may be made in increments so that the final payment is not so large.

For more information and reservations contact Julia Greer, Joyful Journey Travel, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, 24083; 540-330-7933

Mt. Joy Church Homecoming

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, August 4. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. There will be special music by Family Circle. A potluck meal will be served after the worship service. The church is located at 2565 Buffalo Road, Buchanan. Everyone is welcome.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCHANAN LIONS

Buchanan Lions welcome new members

The Buchanan Lions Club has recently welcome three new members. From left are Lion Andre Peery (District Gov. representative), new Lions Susan Bratcher, Audrey Clark and Mark Lindsey, and Buchanan Lions First Vice President Tim Heinlein. The Lions Club International has several focus points, two of them being vision assistance, and diabetes education. Another big focus for the Buchanan Lions is community service. With that, members also participate in James River water testing, assisting with the Buchanan Food

Pantry, the Ironman Buchanan Theatre, and Race, Solomon's Mission, many other local events.



BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL at CAVE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

2233 Stoney Battery Road, Troutville, VA 24175

Saturday July 8th, 11am-3pm

Free Back Pack to be given to every child. Lunch will be provided.

Chance to enter for \$100 Walmart gift card



In Memory

In loving memory of Tina Bishop, who left us on July 29, 2022. Always loved, never forgotten. Love, Larry & Family

Serving With Compassion

Botetourt Funeral Home & Crematory

Buchanan | Eagle Rock
254-3000 | 884-2276
 14920 Lee Highway | 14777 Church Street

Karen S. Smith,
 Funeral Director
 Locally owned & operated
 by I. Ray & Bobbi Sloan

Fire Camp from page 1



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO. FIRE & EMS

Rescue workers (left to right) Karrie Minnix, Christina Blankenship, Jennifer Herriot-Trejo, Maria Vest, and Kayla Jones

lessons in suturing and a hands-on car extraction. Carilion's Life-Guard landed a helicopter and taught the campers about flight medicine.

The department took to Facebook last weekend thanking all of the fire camp volunteers who helped teach campers that "girls can too."

"We had 64 girls join us for our 2nd Annual Girls' Fire Camp," County Fire & EMS Retention Specialist Taylor Lunsford said in a recent email. "We believe this camp provides invaluable skills that builds confidence in the attendees, truly showing them that they can achieve any dream they have!"

"This year's Girls' Fire Camp once again proved to be a huge success," said Fire & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson when recently asked about the camp. "The momentum behind this event is one of a kind, from

staff and volunteers to parents and the girls themselves, this event is highly sought after and high energy. It has been a blessing to see the community's energy surround this unique event. It will be interesting to see how the lessons learned and the opportunities created for the young ladies from these events evolve into the future. Helping plant the seed for future firefighters, paramedics, doctors, and nurses, but most importantly, safety conscientious citizens.

"I am humbled to get the opportunity to support and promote the efforts of our department in connecting with the community this way and applaud the efforts of everyone involved in making this such a huge success."

Funding for this fire camp was provided by a FEMA SAFER grant with the International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer Workforce Solutions.

DAR from page 4



Ren Herdman



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NOTETOURT DAR

DAR Good Citizen Amy Alphin, Good Citizens Chair Dana Manos, Good Citizen Andrew Fowler and his father, David Fowler

Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political organization founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its

members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. To learn more about the work of today's DAR,

visit www.DAR.org. If you are interested or have questions about joining this organization, contact Membership Chair Emily Talbot-Guillote via email at eptg1019@gmail.com or Registrar JoElla Hall John at jjohnregistrar@gmail.com. Visit the website at <https://bocodar.wixsite.com/bocodar>.

- Botetourt County DAR

Simmons interns for Mountain Castles Soil & Water

Ainsley Simmons, a rising senior at Randolph College is Mountain Castle Soil & Water Conservation District's (MCSWCD) new summer intern. Simmons has taken on the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) for the district.

The program encourages stormwater management through cost-share programs that provide financial incentives to property owners installing eligible Best Management Practices in Virginia's participating Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Simmons says that she is excited to put her college education into effect and provide technical assistance regarding resource concerns and stormwater runoff. Some of these Best Management Practices the program covers include Impervious Surface Removal, Conservation Landscaping, Rain Gardens, Rainwater Harvesting, Bioretention, and more.

Through retrofitting the land for these practices, the amountS of sediment, nutrients, and other contaminants reaching streams and rivers are reduced. The properly managed stormwater can help recharge groundwater and protect the land and streams from erosion. The selection of the most effective practice depends on the nature of the terrain, the



Ainsley Simmons PHOTO COURTESY OF MCSWCD

intensity of development, and the sensitivity of receiving water.

Tim Miller, the District coordinator for Mountain Castles, said, "I am very excited to have Ainsley on board with us this summer. She has been a great help and seems truly enthusiastic about this program."

They would like to hear from citizens and talk about possible problems Botetourt County residents may have on their property, as well as solutions or even if the community is curious about the program. For more information, contact Simmons at ainsley.simmons@mountaincastles.org, or call 540-400-0707.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the requests listed below. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will make a final decision on the request. Complete information for each of the following items may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and is available online at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section.

Blue Ridge District: ML Properties LLC requests to rezone 2.052 acres of a 3.692-acre parcel from the Business (B-1) Use District to the Business (B-3) Use District and Jimmy & Leslie Jonsrud request to rezone 0.185 acres of a 3-acre parcel from Agricultural (A-1) to the Business (B-3) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, in accordance with Section 25-262.- Permitted Uses and Section 25-581. - Zoning map amendment—Owner-initiated. of the Botetourt County Code and a change of proffered conditions associated with the existing Business (B-3) Use District in accordance with Section 25-47. - Conditional Zoning of the Botetourt County Code, located at 2655 Blue Ridge Boulevard, (US Routes 460 and 221) and 111 Morning Dove Lane (SR 1411), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 108, Parcels 221A & 221B.

The Botetourt County Planning Commission has authorized consideration of text amendments to Chapter 25, Zoning of the Botetourt County Code that would amend the definition of "Church" to allow a daycare or private school operated by the church as a permitted accessory use, amend the definition of "Garage, Private" to remove limitations on the number of garage doors and garage units associated with multi-family dwellings, and to remove the use "Kennel, Private".

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of text amendments to Chapter 25, Zoning of the Botetourt County Code that would amend development standards of the Traditional Neighborhood District (TND).

Blue Ridge District: Murray Cider Co. Inc. and Murray Farm Properties LLC request to rezone three parcels containing 89.39 acres, 1.6 acres & 3.8 acres from the Agricultural (A-1) and Residential (R-1) Use District, to the Traditional Neighborhood District (TND) in accordance with Section 25-581. - Zoning Map Amendment—Owner Initiated, and Chapter 25 Zoning, Article II - District Regulations Generally, Division 9, Traditional Neighborhood District; a Special Exception Permit for private roads in accordance with Section 25-210(d) Public and private streets and Section 25-583 - Special exceptions of the Botetourt County Code; and a Commission Permit for streets and utilities in accordance with §15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia and Section 25-576. - Commission Permit ("2232 Review") of the Botetourt County Code; located at 103 Murray Farm Road and frontage along Cloverdale Road (ALT 220), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 108, Parcel 140 and Section 108(10), Parcels C and D.

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

NOTICE
Botetourt County Governmental Offices and Libraries will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in observance of Independence Day. The Office of Elections and the Botetourt County Landfill will also be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

TOWN OF TROUTVILLE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

PROJECTED REVENUE	
General Fund	\$173,600.00
Water Department	\$328,850.00
	\$502,450.00
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	
General Fund	\$173,600.00
Water Department	\$328,850.00
	\$502,450.00

A public hearing concerning the proposed budget for the Town of Troutville will be held during the next regular meeting of the Troutville Town Council on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Town Hall at 5419 Lee Highway.

This is a brief summary of the budget. For anyone desiring further information, a copy of the complete budget is available for inspection at the Clerk's Office in the Town Hall.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Botetourt County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Botetourt County Administration Building at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the following request. Information may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and is available online at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Board of Zoning Appeals section.

Buchanan District: Scott A. & Constance M. Booher request a front yard setback variance to Section 25-39(1)b. - Yard requirements for existing lots., Agricultural (A-1) in accordance with Section 25-551.-Variance procedure. of the Botetourt County Code. This 0.848-acre lot is located within the Agricultural (A-1) Use District, located at 445 Hardbarger Road, Buchanan, and is identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 76, Parcel 116A.

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Director of Community Development

Post
240
Notes



PHOTO COURTESY OF AL POST 240

At its general membership meeting on June 1, American Legion Post 240 in Daleville elected its new slate of officers who will serve through May 31, 2024. They are (from left) Warren Bennett, Commander; Dennis Craft, 1st Vice Commander;

Ed Bennett, 2nd Vice Commander; John Thomas, Finance Officer; and Ken Bagnasco, Adjutant. District 9 Commander Daniel Garrett swore in the new officers, who will continue the post's fine tradition of serving veterans in the surrounding areas.

FISH DAY
It's Time to Stock Your Pond!
DELIVERY WILL BE:
Friday, July 14th
Roanoke 7:30-8:15
@ SiteOne Landscape Supply
Troutville 9:00-9:45
@ Rockingham Coop
Bedford 10:15-11
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Individually frozen packages
Vacuum sealed
No Hormones, Steroids or Antibiotics
Website: RTSFarms.com

Stockyard Report
Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:
No report was received from the stockyard this week.
The stockyard will be closed on Monday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

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Yard Sales - Montgomery County

GARAGE SALE!

734 BLACKSBURG RD, FINCASTLE
This Friday Sat. 7:00 - 11:00 AM
A grill, lawnmower, home generator, glasses, Coffee mugs, dishes, Kitchenaid mixer, many Housewares, garden items, dog beds, crates, etc!

Yard Sales - Botetourt County

FAMILY FARM ESTATE SALE - Privately Listed

Estate Sale - Three Generations of Treasures to include limited items from the Old Lithia General Store
(privately listed for family)*

JUNE 30, JULY 1, 2 -- Each day - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. --
Please check EstateSales.org for photos and additional information
164 Bobblets Gap Road, Buchanan, VA

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR INJURY ON PROPERTY.

Beautiful antiques from the family farm. The sale will be limited to inside the house - will not include barn and outbuildings. There are two cameo settees, a wing back chair, club chair with ottoman, mahogany rocker, 3 seat bench, butter churn wood and one glass, old books, old prints, beautiful old wood brames, vintage jewelry, butter molds, "Buchanan Beyers Print" framed (small one), five of the ten landmark of Virginia series prints, candle stand, large spinning spinning wheel, Langaberger pottery pieces, two wood trunks, 1920s typewriter, depression green plates - 3 patterns, some vaseline glass, princess house, misc. crystal, ladder back chairs, old wood ladder, enamel blue pot, old plow (primitive) sewing machine, vintage kitchen items, oil lamps, Gone with the Wind lamp, misc. lamps, MCM lamps, end tables, vintage paint by numbers, beautiful and unique milk glass pieces and so much more. Please come see us. Bring help to load ...

Auctions

Notice of Public Auction

The contents of the following storage unit(s) will be sold at Public Auction to enforce our owner's lien:
Unit #129
Sale will be conducted at B&B Storage, At 515 Radford St., Christiansburg VA on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. All sales are final & CASH only

Lost & Found

LOST Ladies DIAMOND bracelet

In Roanoke or Salem If found contact: NSYARDCONDUCTOR @comcast.net

Services - Other

Fence Building & Repair

Wire, barbed wire, woven, and board
Waiteville, WV & Craig County, VA area
540-599-4421 or 540-922-6405

Apartments for Rent

Clearview Manor Apartments

Waiting List Open 62+ & Disabled Housing Available
(540) 342-5690
TTY/TDD: 711

General Information

Use ItchNoMore® shampoo

on dogs & cats to relieve hot spots, grass & flea allergies without steroids. At Tractor Supply® & Southern States.
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General Information

Use DD-33

on dogs & cats to kill fleas on contact without stressing internal organs. At Tractor Supply® & Southern States.
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Happy Jack® Skin Balm

provides relief for dogs & cats from hot spots, flea bites, and food allergies without steroids. At Tractor Supply® & Southern States.
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as an area spray to control deer ticks, fleas, stable flies, & mosquitoes where they breed. H&H Outdoors 254-2420
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Happy Jack

Use ItchNoMore shampoo on dogs & cats to relieve secondary dermatitis, promote healing, & eliminate doggy odor. At Tractor Supply
(www.happyjack.com)

Happy Jack

Use Kennel Dip as an area spray to control fleas, ticks, & mosquitoes where they breed. Biodegradable. At Tractor Supply.
(www.happyjackinc.com)

Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 8.01-316-.317 Case No. CL23-249
BOTETOURT Circuit Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Professional Foreclosure Corporation of Virginia v. Estate of Timothy D. May and Unknown Heirs of Timothy D. May
The object of this suit is to: Interplead funds from a Foreclosure case. It is ORDERED that The Estate of Timothy D. May and Unknown Heirs of Timothy D. May and the Unknown Heirs of Estate of Timothy D. May appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before July 3, 2023. JUNE 8, 2023 S. Perry Deputy Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

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

1. The request of Brittany M. Haddox, contract purchaser, and Juilliard Enterprises, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property of 1201-1203 Texas Street (Tax Map # 149 - 1 - 1.1) from HBD, Highway Business District with conditions to HBD, Highway Business District without conditions.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

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



To place your ad, call 389-9355

Legals - City of Salem

Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (Department) that will allow a surface water withdrawal from the Roanoke River in Salem, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper:

June 30, 2023 to July 31, 2023. PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by the Department, pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations. APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Salem Water Department, Attn: Larado Robinson; P.O. Box 869, Salem, VA, 24153; VWPP No. 15-0069. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Salem Water Department has applied for the reissuance of a permit for the City of Salem Water Treatment Plant and Intake, located at 1300 Tidewater Street, Salem, VA, 24153. The permit will allow the applicant to withdraw up to 8 million gallons per day from the Roanoke River, to serve as a public water supply. No construction activities or wetland impacts are proposed. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the Roanoke River in the Roanoke watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The Department's preliminary decision is to issue the permit. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: The Department accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by the Department during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 204 AMBROSE ROAD, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 21, 2004, in the original principal amount of \$64,647.33 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 04000813. 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 Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on July 24, 2023, at 11:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 1 INCH PIPE SET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF VIRGINIA ROUTE NO. 632, CORNER TO LUTHER LOVERN; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF LUTHER LOVERN, N. 60 DEG. 33 MIN. E. 63.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE CONTINUING WITH THE LINE OF LUTHER LOVERN, S. 46 DEG. 42 MIN. E. 105.00 FEET TO A 5/8 INCH TUBING SET ON HILLSIDE BY W. W. FENCE, CORNER TO CHARLES HENRY; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF CHARLES HENRY, S. 58 DEG. 32 MIN. W. 73.00 FEET TO A 5/8 INCH IRON SET IN W. W. FENCE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF VIRGINIA ROUTE NO. 632; THENCE WITH THE NORTH SIDE OF VIRGINIA ROUTE NO. 632, N. 41 DEG. 05 MIN. W. 105.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING 0.16 ACRE, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY DRAWN BY WILLIAMS, D. LARGEN, C.L.S., DATED FEBRUARY 5, 1970, AND REVISED MAY 27, 1970, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, ALONG WITH DEED DATED JUNE 18, 1970, FROM C. W. POFF AND N. THOMAS POFF TO LENARD RAY HOWELL, IN DEED BOOK 303, PAGE 180. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM LENARD RAY HOWELL AND JOYCE M. HOWELL, HIS WIFE, AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 406, PAGE 686, DATED 10/13/1978 AND RECORDED 10/20/1978, MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA. 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

Legals - Craig County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 146 HANNAH CIR AKA RR 2 BOX 1482, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$165,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.000000% dated March 6, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF CRAIG as Deed Book 154, Page 537, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the COUNTY OF CRAIG, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 303 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia

Legals - Craig County

on August 1, 2023 at 3:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit:

5.00 ACRE AS DESCRIBED ON PLAT RECORDED IN CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 135, PAGE 266 Tax Map No. 35-2-2 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 17-265489. PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800. Publishing Dates: May 24, 2023, June 28, 2023, and July 5, 2023

Legals - Montgomery County

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Legals - Montgomery County

sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the 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 Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. CL23001019-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re AUDREY HUMPHREYS v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR: ANGEL JUANDIEGO HUMPHREYS. It is ORDERED that MIGUEL JUANDIEGO GONZALEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2023. JUNE 8, 2023 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE

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Virginia Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 ("PPEA") and this public hearing is being held by the Authority to comply with the requirement of the PPEA that it hold a public hearing on any proposal being considered during the conceptual stage proposal review process. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to speak at the public hearing.

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Thursday, July 6, 2023. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, July 6, 2023 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item: CUP 23-0003-Conditional Use Permit Request for hotel use and for additional height in the Downtown Commercial DC zoning district at 501 South Main Street (Tax Map No. 257-A 94C) by Midtown Redevelopment Partners, LLC. A conditional use permit request for hotel use and increased height above 60 feet in the Midtown Development at 501 South Main Street. The request is for a 155-room hotel in the Downtown Commercial (DC) zoning district on the parcel known as Midtown DC Parcel 2 fronting on Main Street. This parcel is governed by the Midtown rezoning in Ordinance #1968. The height of the building is proposed to be a maximum of 75 feet, which is greater than the maximum 60 feet permitted in the DC zoning district and Midtown Development Pattern Book unless a Conditional Use Permit is requested per Section 3141 (c) of the Blacksburg Zoning Ordinance. The Future Land Use (FLU) is Downtown Commercial. The proposed use is consistent with the FLU designation. Persons affected by or interested in the conditional use permit request may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission will take action. Copies of the request and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

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Wells has a good year on the mound at Elon

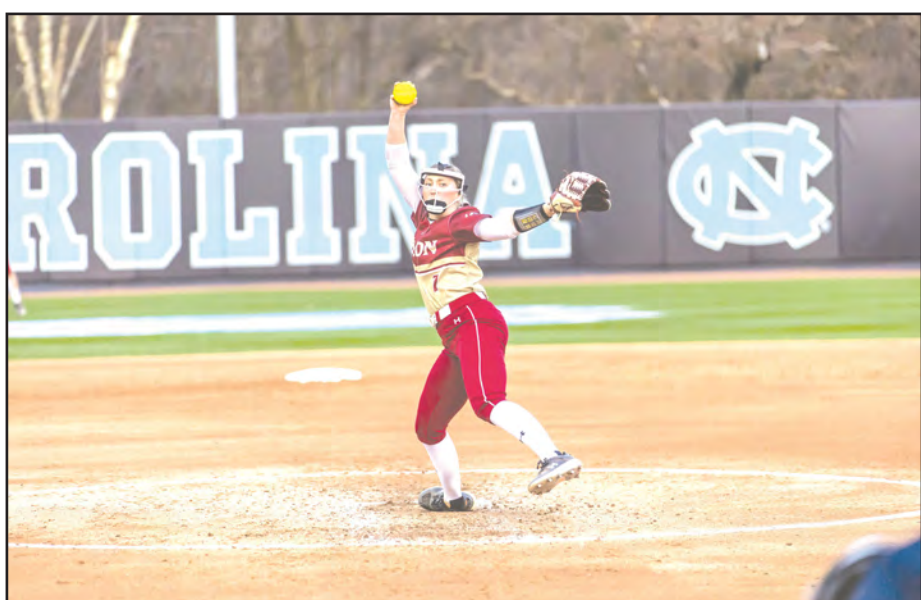


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Meredith Wells, a 2020 graduate of Lord Botetourt High School, had a solid year in her first season pitching for the Elon University softball team. Meredith was second on the team with a 3.96 earned run average and won four games for the Phoenix, who went 22-26 overall. Meredith appeared in

28 games, starting 12. She pitched 92 innings, which was also second on the team and she picked up one save in relief. Meredith was a junior this past season after transferring from James Madison University after her sophomore year. The rising senior is majoring in Public Health.

Ellis gets hole-in-one at James River tournament



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMES RIVER GOLF

The winning team at the James River Golf Tournament was, left to right, Jeff Hicks, Haden Parker, Dylan Hicks, Landon Bolling.

Buck Ellis of Roanoke, originally from Franklin County, scored his first ever hole-in-one on Saturday, June 24, at the annual James River High School Football Golf

Tournament.

Ellis used a 48 degree "gap wedge" on the Par 3, Number 10 hole at the Ashley Plantation golf course. This shot also won Buck the closest to the pin

award for the tournament and his team finished third overall.

The winning team was a foursome of Jeff Hicks, Haden Parker, Dylan Hicks and Landon Bolling.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Local teams have meets

The local swim teams will be back in action next Monday with Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association meets. Read Mountain will be at Castle Rock, Ashley Plantation is at Olympic Park and Limestone is at Hunting Hills. Here, girls from Ashley line up and wait their turn and dive in during last week's meet at Stonegate Swim Club in Salem.



Future Cavaliers have week of hoop camp

Lord Botetourt girls basketball coach Renee Favaro, along with her staff and players, conducted a basketball camp for girls at the LB gym last week. Among the guest speakers was Roanoke College coach Carla Flaherty (photo 2). This week, boys coach Andrew Hart is conducting a youth camp at LB.



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM MCCALLISTER & RENEE FAVARO

You can bet on it



Brian Hoffman
Sports Editor

I'm on a list to receive e-mails from a guy named Josh Barton, who puts out odds and results of polls on all kinds of sports. I don't know how I got on the list but I get a couple or more e-mails from Barton at www.BetOnline.ag every single day and they're usually interesting to look at.

A day after the NBA draft I got an e-mail from Barton with odds on who will make the NBA All-Rookie team and who will be Rookie of the Year. If you make a wild guess that Victor Wembanyama is at the top of both lists consider yourself a winner. I've just now learned how to pronounce his name and I better learn how to spell it soon. I still don't know how to spell Antetokounmpo without looking it up, and I'm resigned to the fact that may forever be the case.

Also on that e-mail are odds for who will win the NBA championship next season, and "Wemby's" new team, the San Antonio Spurs, have moved into 20th place among the 30 NBA teams, tied with Brooklyn and Portland and ahead of the Bulls, Jazz and Pacers. How times have changed, as back in October a lot of folks were picking Brooklyn to go to the finals and San

Antonio as one of the worst teams in the league. In fact, the Nets were third favorites behind only the Warriors and Celtics to win the championship back in October. The Nuggets, who actually did win, were 11th at +1,800. If you had bet \$100 that the Nuggets would go all the way back in October you won \$1,800 a couple weeks ago.

The current worst team, at 30th overall with the least odds to win the NBA championship, is the Charlotte Hornets. The Hornets are +30,000, so if you bet \$100 on the Hornets to win the NBA championship today and they do so next June, you'll win \$30,000. It's your money but I wouldn't endorse that bet. I was actually hoping the Hornets would draw the top pick in the draft. That would be really cool to have "Vic" on a team within easy driving distance of the Roanoke Valley. I wonder if Michael Jordan would still be selling the team if that were the case? And certainly they wouldn't be dead last on the championship list.

Looking back on Josh Barton's last e-mail before the draft, he had "WamBam-Yana" odds at minus 50,000 to be the number one pick. In other

words, you had to risk losing \$50,000 to win a \$100 bet that he would go first. That was probably a better bet than picking the Hornets to win it all, to be honest. It's like betting that the sun will come up. If it doesn't come up, you just deal with it and hope you didn't make the bet with a guy named Soprano.

Barton also sends me results of polls and surveys and I received an interesting one last week, ranking the current 10 most-hated teams in baseball. BetOnline.ag recently did a social media survey and collected more than 100,000 "negative sentiment" tweets, hashtags and direct keyword phrases for every MLB club over 60 days. For example, "I hate the Yankees," "Yankees suck," "screw the Yankees," "Yankees are garbage," "Yankees are overrated," "Yankees are awful" and "Yankees are

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Carter Smith receives VHSL scholarship



Carter Smith

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Carter Smith has won the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Vito Perriello Citizenship Award. It is a \$1,000 scholarship given by the VHSL to two people in the entire state each year and he was selected this year. Only students that work with their school's athletic trainers are eligible. Smith has worked with Tracey Driscoll at Lord Botetourt High School

for the past four years. He is the son of Lisa and Todd Smith of Blue Ridge and is headed to East Tennessee State University this year.

- Todd Smith

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horrible" all came up in the sampling. It then tallied up all of those tweets, hashtags and direct keyword phrases to discover which team is the most disliked in all of baseball.

That honor belonged to the Houston Astros since the cheating scandal that was discovered in 2019, when they were banging on a trash can to tip off pitches. However, as of this week the Astros have now slipped to third in the survey behind the Dodgers, with 9,016 negative responses, and Yankees, with 8,712. Houston is third at 7,658.

That's perfectly understandable, because the Yankees and Dodgers are usually good, and on top of that they're more likely to sign free agent players leaving YOUR favorite team. They don't always win the World Series, but they're rarely a "bad" team and have won more championships than most over the years. Remember, people often develop likes and dislikes as children and never let go, ie myself and the Dallas Cowboys. Doesn't matter what they've done lately, when I was a kid they kicked the Eagles' butts every year and I still remember.

So, rest assured the Yankees and Dodgers aren't bad people, it's just that fans of the Ind. . . . "Guardians" and Padres watched them beat their favorite teams like the proverbial drum. And by the way, Rest in Peace that Cleveland guy who beat the drum for years and died back in March. He was one of my favorites.

Completing the top 10 of Most Hated Teams, in order, are the Mets at four, followed by the Braves, Phillies, Red Sox, Padres and Royals. You'll notice they've all been pretty successful of late except for the Royals. What's the deal on that? How can you hate the Kansas City Royals, they rarely beat anyone. Maybe, just maybe, all the 3,642 negative responses came from the Kansas City area.

And the Cubs are 13th!! Who could hate the Cubs???

Who is the "least" hated team in the Major Leagues? Well, according to the survey, that honor belongs to the Arizona Diamondbacks. Next is the Orioles and the rest of the "Least" hated teams, in order through 10th, are the Marlins, Rockies, Blue Jays, Angels, Brewers, A's, Tigers and Rays in 10th, although that could change if they keep winning.

I can remember back in the late '60s and early '70s, when the Orioles were good, there were a lot of folks who didn't like them. Thought Wild Bill Hagy was an idiot. Wouldn't yell "O!!" during the national anthem. Considered Jim Palmer to be a stuck-up ass. Had Reggie Jackson for a while.

Maybe, if they're lucky, those days will return and folks will hate 'em again. As of my writing this column they're 18 games over .500, and four and a half ahead of the Yankees, so they should be moving up that most-hated chart any time now.

But I wouldn't bet on it.

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Peck, a large addition was constructed in 1839 by Captain Figgatt, a prominent local banker. The history of the Figgatt family and 19th century Botetourt County is well documented through Nanny Godwin Figgatt's collection of diaries, letters from her husband, and several family recipe books. Letters between Captain Figgatt and his wife during the Civil War have been chronicled in the play "Dear Nanny."

The house is designed in an adaptation of the Italian Villa style, also referred to as the Tuscan style. The DHR survey record in 2006 noted the house as being in excellent condition. The survey described the house as follows: "The main block of this brick house is a side gable, two-story structure that holds a one story porch with turned posts, decorative brackets, sawn balustrade, and triglyphs in the frieze. A one story porch is also found at the east side, with identical ornamentation. A gable ell lies on the east side, and a one story addition is at the southwest corner. Polygonal bay windows are found at the south and west sides."

A separate kitchen building was later connected to the main house with a hyphen that has been infilled with brick.

The house currently stands vacant and in disrepair. Several courses of bricks appear to be separating from the foundation. The once-landscaped yard is also overgrown. This neglected condition of such a historically and architecturally significant house situated on a prominent corner in Fincastle threatens not only the house itself, but the historic character of the town.

The Darby-Rader House - 102 Darby Road (Route 721) Troutville

The Rader House on Darby Road in Troutville, also known as Maple Grove, was constructed ca. 1830 by the Rader family, well-known brick masons and builders in Botetourt County. The two-story, single-pile, brick house features hand-made bricks laid in Flemish bond, accented by a beveled water table, molded cornice, and jack-arched window and door openings. The one-story entry porch, which replaced the original full-width porch, has a gable roof supported by chamfered and bracketed posts with a scroll-sawn balustrade. Two additions have been constructed to the rear of the original block.

Samuel, George W. and David Rader were brick masons and builders responsible for building numerous 19th century brick buildings in the county. Similar examples exhibiting their designs and workmanship include the Jonas Graybill House, the Christian Graybill House, the Joseph Graybill House, the George W. Rader House, the Roland Rader House, Hogshead-Carl House, and the Hays House. However, their legacy and contribution to the architectural character of Botetourt County has not been well documented by historians. The Rader House on Darby Road is a typical example of their work, and one of the oldest houses in the Troutville area. It is potentially eligible for listing on the state and national registers.

Unfortunately, the original, ca. 1830 portion of the Rader House is vacant and has been neglected. It is in poor condition, with broken windows and noticeable deterioration in the mortar joints of the brick foundation. This early Troutville building associated with the Rader family will continue to deteriorate without better maintenance and stewardship.

Historic Churches

Often one of the first structures to be built in a city or town, religious buildings represent the communal values and aspirations of its early founders. These buildings are typically located in the heart of the community and serve as part of its institutional framework. As congregations grow, larger and more architecturally refined facilities are constructed that reflect their growing prosperity and programs. In recent years, both nationally and in the Roanoke Valley, church membership is falling. While in the 1940s over 70 percent of Americans were members of churches, synagogues, or mosques, today that figure is less than 50 percent. As membership declines, many congregations suffer from a lack of financial resources that limits their ability to meet their continuing need to maintain the large and historic facilities that house them. The struggle to properly maintain them often leads to deferred maintenance that results in the need for larger, more expensive, and more difficult repairs.

sometimes it becomes necessary to sell their buildings, ideally to another congregation so the building can continue in its original function. The worst outcome is for the historic buildings to be sold, demolished, and replaced with new development.

An alternative is for these religious buildings to be adapted for another use. That new use will vary based upon the size of the sanctuary and associated buildings; the ability to preserve the historic elements of the building will depend on the new use and how skillfully the building is adapted for it. Nationally, examples of compatible new uses have included single-family residences, apartments/condominiums, museums, libraries, healthcare center, performance venue, offices, community center, art studios, co-working space, coffee shop/restaurant, computer server center, nightclub, and even a fraternity house.

Since RVPF first began listing endangered sites in 1986, 12 churches have been identified as threatened. These include: First Baptist Church, Salem (1998, demolished), Jefferson Street Baptist Church (2002, demolished), Mount Moriah Baptist Church (2003, endangered), St. John AME Church (2012, endangered), Christian Science Church (2017, music venue), and Calvary Baptist Church (2021, apartments planned), as well as six rural churches in Craig and Botetourt Counties (2019). Two additional churches identified this year that face challenges include Fincastle Presbyterian Church and the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Roanoke.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church, which dates back to the 1770s (with renovations and additions in 1813, 1840, and the 1940s) is working diligently to be good stewards of this historic landmark in the face of declining membership. The congregation recognizes the historical and architectural significance of the Greek-Revival style church and is committed to preserving it. They currently undertake much of the maintenance themselves and have recently applied to the National Trust of Historic Places for funding through their Sacred Places grant program.

For more information about these historic locations and the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation, visit <https://roanokepreservation.org>.

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