



# The FINCASTLE HERALD



## Local rescue staff recognized; new Tanker 7 revealed

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors recognized a group of recent graduates from the regional fire academy at the regular meeting at the County Administration Offices in Daleville on June 27. Chief Jason Ferguson introduced the fire academy graduates: Cameron Bigart, Evan Vega, Mitchell England, Joshua Purdy, Ethan Howard, Michael Brown, Jamal Amaliki, and Andrew Abbott; and five recent paramedic graduates: Jacob Gibbs, Kyle Forney, Nicholas Delaney, Ross Surratt, and Elliott Emerick.

The last set of recognitions were for the award recipients from the Western Virginia EMS (WVEMS) Regional Awards. The Outstanding EMS Leadership Award was given to Deputy Chief Jeff Powell for demonstrating various leadership skills

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Supervisors Richard Bailey (Fincastle, front) and Dr. Mac Scothorn (Valley) aboard County Fire & EMS's Tanker 7.



A group of the recent graduates of the regional fire academy was introduced to the board by Chief Jason Ferguson last week.

## New Virginia Laws effective July 1

Enhanced Penalties for Fentanyl Manufacturing or Distribution. Reeves SB1188 (Senate 35-5, House 50-42) provides that any person who knowingly and intentionally manufactures or knowingly and intentionally distributes a weapon of terrorism when such person knows that such weapon of terrorism is, or contains, any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

Universal Occupational License Recognition. McDougle SB1213 (Senate 40-0, House 99-0) establishes criteria for an individual licensed, certified, or having work experience in another state to apply to a regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and be issued an occupational license or government certification if certain conditions are met.

Police Chiefs May Enact Local Curfews during Disturbances.

Norment SB1455 (Senate 27-12, House 53-45) enables the chief law-enforcement officer of a locality to enact a curfew under certain circumstances during a civil disturbance.

Making Sure Every District has a Legislator. Suetterlein SB944 (Senate 39-0, House 99-0) requires special elections to fill a vacancy in the membership of the General Assembly be held within 30 days of the vacancy if the vacancy occurs or will occur between December 10 and March 10 which coincides with time right before and during the General Assembly session.

Pharmacist Initiation of Treatment. Suetterlein SB948 (Senate 39-0, House 65-34) allows pharmacists to initiate treatment with, dispense, or administer controlled substances or devices for the initiation of treatment of group A Streptococcus bacteria infection, influenza virus infection, COVID-19 virus infection, and urinary tract infection to persons 18 years of

age or older with whom the pharmacist has a bona fide pharmacist-patient relationship in accordance with regulations set forth by the Board of Pharmacy.

Prohibiting Deceptive Ticket Resales. John Bell SB2349 (Senate 40-0, House 99-0) prohibits an Internet ticketing platform or reseller from using or displaying any trademarked or copyrighted URL or other mark or symbol of an operator, a rights holder, or a primary ticket provider without the consent of such operator, rights holder, or ticket provider and prohibits the use or display of text, images, website graphics, website display, or website addresses substantially similar to an operator's website in a manner that could reasonably be expected to mislead a potential purchaser. A violation of the provisions of the bill constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

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"Artistry in Wood" is a studio furniture gallery in Fincastle that features clever, wood crafted art by furniture maker Jake Cress. "Oops" (right) is a piece now part of The Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.

## Fincastle furniture maker displays 'Artistry in Wood'

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One of the most playfully quaint businesses in Botetourt belongs to furniture maker Jake Cress, who crafts his own interpretations of classical furniture adding a dash of humor in various pieces.

Cress, a Navy veteran, began his woodworking business with his brother Joe in Abington in 1974. He later purchased a mill in Springwood that he and his late wife, Phebe, turned into their home. Then, Phoebe saw the house located at 110

S. Roanoke Street in Fincastle, and decided she didn't want to live in a mill anymore, according to Cress. The Fincastle home, built in 1856, also features the "Artistry in Wood" gallery on the lower level displaying various pieces of Cress & Son's

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Buchanan's RERC program kicks off on July 13.

## Buchanan RERC workshop July 13 & 14 on Lowe Street

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the Northern Border Regional Commission, and the Appalachian Regional Commission have selected Buchanan as a community to receive planning assistance through the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) program, which aims to help communities enhance outdoor recreation opportunities and strengthen downtowns. The Town of Buchanan was one of 22 other small communities in the U.S. to be awarded this planning grant.

Citizens are invited to a community workshop on July 13 and 14 to envision how the Town of Buchanan can enhance outdoor recreation to become more vibrant for its residents, business owners and visitors

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/RERC-BuchananVA>

July 13: Community Meeting - 5:30 p.m., refreshments, 6-8:30 p.m., meeting

July 14: Action Planning Sessions - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Wilson Warehouse/Community House, 421 Lowe Street, Buchanan

Questions: Harry Gleason, Community

Development Planner, hgleason@buchanan-va.gov

Workshop goals

- Physical Outdoor Recreation and Other Critical Infrastructure

Invest in priority projects for new parks, trails, river access, campgrounds, wayfinding/signage, and other needed physical infrastructure, so that residents, visitors, and especially youth can enjoy all that Buchanan has to offer.

- Business and Organizational Support and Connections:

Support existing and new businesses and organizations in the outdoor recreation realm, including hospitality, lodging, retail, and the arts and heritage sectors.

- Authenticity and Downtown Revitalization:

Consider placemaking strategies to make Buchanan's downtown a pleasant and authentic place to live and visit, with an intent to retain and conserve the culture, character, and small-town charm of Buchanan for existing residents and visitors alike.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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**JULY 8**

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**JULY 14**

**BOTTOM OF THE BARREL**

5-9PM

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## Botetourt County History

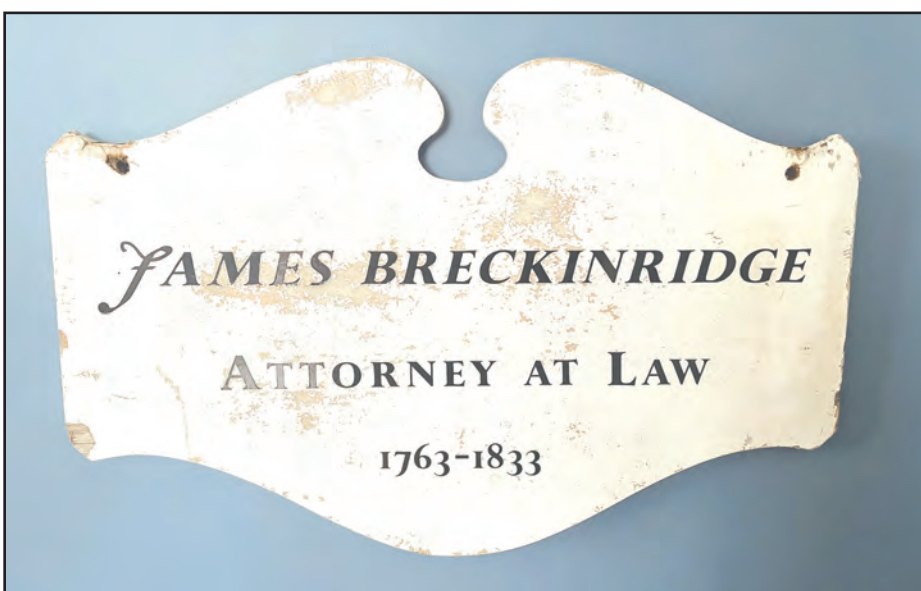


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James Breckinridge fought in the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, served in the Virginia House of Delegates, the US House of Representatives and had a law office in Fincastle behind the Courthouse. He served as Botetourt's Commonwealth Attorney until June 13, 1797. Additions to his law office include the Western Hotel in the 1850s. Botetourt County acquired the building in 1961 and in 1966 leased it to the Botetourt County Historical Society. The building was used as a museum to showcase Botetourt's history. In 2022 the museum moved to 26 East Main Street and this sign now hangs on the parlor wall. Botetourt County has plans to preserve the brick building and move it to make room for an enlarged Botetourt County Courthouse.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

## Bank of Botetourt announces Community Scholarship recipients



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Bank of Botetourt has announced the recipients of its Seventh Annual "Taking Care of You" Community Scholarships.

This year, the bank granted six recipients this scholarship, totaling \$2,000. This scholarship opportunity is available to

high school seniors and current college students with a GPA of 2.5 or

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A presentation at last week's Botetourt County Board of Supervisors public hearings revealed a proposed Sheetz in Blue Ridge. The board approved five land use changes to the location.

## Board holds public hearings regarding text amendments in Blue Ridge

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors approved five land use changes requested by Higginbotham Farms LLC, and Four H Investment LLC (Sheetz, Inc., contractual purchaser) for a proposed Sheetz gas station/convenience store in Blue Ridge at the corner of Laymantown Road and U.S. Route 460. Five items were on the table during the public hearing held at the June 27 meeting which included Comprehensive Plan amendments to water and sewer and future land use, a rezoning request to Business (B-2), a special exemptions permit (SEP) for a convenience store (with conditions), and to upholding or overturning the Commission Permit.

In a vote of 4-1, all five items were approved/upheld by the board. Blue Ridge Supervisor Billy Martin later stated that when speaking to his Blue Ridge constituents, his vote was determined on the residents' response to the proposed project when asked. Martin was the only board member to vote "No" on all five items.

The board authorized consideration of a property owner-initiated petition for text amendments to create a sewer and water service area within the right of way of Blue Ridge Boulevard between Coyner Springs Road and the Blue Ridge Parkway, which would connect three existing service areas together and to amend the future land use designation of several properties in the vicinity of the intersection of Blue Ridge Boulevard (U.S. 460 & 221) and Laymantown Road from medium density residential to commercial.

Sheetz is proposing to construct and operate a 6,139-square-foot convenience store with fuel sales and a drive-through restaurant on the 3.434-acre site. Maryellen Goodlatte, legal representative for the company, gave a brief presentation highlighting renderings of the site, a traffic summary/study, and lighting exhibit.

County Zoning Administrator Drew Pearson noted that there is an ongoing project to better the traffic at that specific intersection in Blue Ridge. There will be a taper off of Laymantown to access the proposed facility. No eastbound traffic will be able to access the site directly from 460 and will use the traffic light turning onto Laymantown. Westbound traffic will be able to access the store "right in-right out" from the highway.

Citizens spoke in opposition of the proposed project. Comments noted that there are five gas stations between the Sheetz on King Street in Roanoke and the proposed site in Blue Ridge, asking for a nice restaurant to be placed there instead, and referred to comments the Planning Commission received at the June 12 meeting.

One Blue Ridge resident said the project "makes no sense." The citizen noted that he went door-to-door in the Brookfield subdivision and said he received over 150 signatures of residents that didn't want the Sheetz. He thought the safety concerns "are not enough."

Another Blue Ridge resident noted "manipulations" in the company's presentation to the board. The man claimed the company is "appealing to emotion" in terms of the Sheetz representative sharing that it's a "family-owned" company, and the proposal is "losing (the county) in the weeds" regarding details he said were "omitted"

from the presentation.

Goodlatte stated that "it's not just a matter of trust" about the project. She noted that, in this instance, the new store is being modeled after the King Street and Daleville locations and due diligence will be applied before any construction begins.

Buchanan Supervisor Amy White asked Carl Hultgren, a traffic operation engineer with Gorove Slade working with Sheetz on the proposal, if his seal of approval on any project assures the study is objective. Hultgren noted VDOT's specific procedures and requirements on traffic studies. In the study, he said that most of the customers at the proposed Sheetz were "pass by" customers who aren't making a "special trip," but are already on their way to another destination. White also asked about the streambed near the site concerning protecting the surrounding environment. Another engineer on the project said that the state requires specific regulations on a filtering process to prevent any issues.

Amsterdam Supervisor Steve Clinton was curious about tractor-trailer traffic. An engineer stated that fuel tankers would have access the site, but the design is solely for passenger driver traffic. Goodlatte added that the fuel would be for automobiles, not tractor trailers.

Additionally, the board unanimously approved a Special Exceptions Permit (SEP) for a proposed behavioral health hospital located at the end of Avery Row in Blue Ridge. A representative from LewisGale made a presentation about the proposed project. She noted training opportunities for clinical staff and physicians and that the facility will create new jobs. She spoke about the landscape of mental health services in Virginia "lagging" behind other states in the country and that "more resources are needed."

The Botetourt Planning Commission unanimously voted to move the permit to the supervisors with the conditions that the proposed hospital: is constructed in substantial conformance with the concept site plan and building elevations included with the application, houses no more than 130 beds, the SEP approval doesn't exempt the use from meeting the requirements of the Botetourt County Noise Ordinance, and that all other specifications and general provisions shall be met as required by the Botetourt County Zoning Ordinance and in no instance shall the zoning conditions exempt a project from any local, state, or federal development requirements, except where allowed by the Zoning Ordinance.

The public hearing regarding the SEP saw comments about the county being "deceitful" when giving the general description of the project in its paid advertisement. County Director of Community Development Nicole Pendleton explained the advertisements listed in the June 14 and June 21 editions of The Fincastle Herald listed a link to where a person could read the entire packet.

Another Blue Ridge citizen who works in behavioral health had concerns about staff shortages in other localities and how this new facility can assure a full staff. The same gentleman had concerns about homeless patients who check themselves out hospitals with nowhere to go and the lack of a bus line running up to the proposed facility.



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County board approved an SEP last week for a proposed behavioral health hospital located at the end of Avery Row in Blue Ridge.

# HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

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

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### A HONOR ROLL

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### A-B HONOR ROLL

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## Upcoming Library Events

**...But, Aliens**  
 Thu, July 13, 6-7pm, Buchanan Library  
 Your Uncle Jimmy has seen one, but NASA can't find a trace. Learn about the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, the Fermi Paradox, and the challenges of interstellar travel (plus some special tips for citizen research) with astronomer Josh Urban. Recommended for adults and teens 14+.

**Mad Libs Live!**  
 Mon, July 10, 10-11am, Buchanan Library  
 Mon, July 10, 12:30-1:30pm, Blue Ridge Library  
 An acting experience with a twist, in the spirit of the "World's Greatest Word Game," our gang fills in the blanks with words from the audience! This truly interactive musical changes at every performance. Recommended for families.

life when an unmanned space shuttle crash lands on an uncharted planet. Recommended for all ages.

**Little Explorers**  
 Every Tuesday 10:30-11:30am, Fincastle Library  
 Every Thursday 10:30-11:30am, Blue Ridge Library  
 Bring your toddler to a special play space so they can explore with educational and soft play toys, as well as interact with other toddlers.

**Space Art: Nebula Jar**  
 Thu, July 6, 2:30-3:30pm, Fincastle Library  
 Thu, July 6, 3-4pm, Blue Ridge Library  
 Fri, July 7, 2:30-3:30pm, Buchanan and Eagle Rock Libraries  
 Use cotton balls, paint and a mason jar to capture the essence of the galaxy. Supplies provided.

**Stargazing Basics**  
 Fri, July 21, 8:30pm, Blue Ridge Park  
 On this evening, the crescent moon will be ideally situated along with a bright crescent Venus. Astronomy can seem daunting for beginners, but stargazing doesn't have to be hard. Members of Roanoke Valley Astronomical Society will be onsite with a variety of telescopes to try out and to teach you how to identify planets, star clusters, and constellations during the summer months. Recommended for all ages.

**Summer Learning Challenge: Find Your Place in Time and Space**  
 Through Aug. 5  
 Earn brag tags and tickets for amazing prizes with this reading challenge, activities and events all summer long! Pick up your events calendar at any library location and get ready to launch into summer!

**Little Critters Petting Zoo**  
 Mon, July 10, 10-11am, Eagle Rock Library  
 Mon, July 10, 4-5pm, Fincastle Library  
 Tue, July 11, 4-5pm, Fincastle Library  
 Wed, July 12, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge Library  
 Bring the family to see, touch, and learn about a wide range of animals, including sheep, miniature horses and donkeys, chickens, rabbits, pygmy goats, llamas and alpacas!

**Movie: Space Chimps (G)**  
 Thu, July 27, 2-4pm, Blue Ridge & Fincastle Libraries  
 Fri, July 28, 2:30-3:30pm, Buchanan & Eagle Rock Libraries  
 Three chimps who are sent into space to explore the possibility of alien

**Books & Ice Cream Party**  
 Fri, Aug. 4, 3-4pm, all branches  
 Anyone who participated in the online reading challenge in Beanstack can pick out a free book and earn their completion badge, plus get free ice cream to celebrate!

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

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Reader says Blue Ridge citizens 'blindsided' by county officials

Last week, I contacted the chairman of the Botetourt Board of Supervisors (Mac Scothorn) to request that the issue of the new Lewis-Gale drug rehab facility, proposed to be located in the Blue Ridge District near the Blue Ridge Library on Avery, be tabled based on the fact that the legal notices in The Fincastle Herald simply identified the facility as a "hospital." The county attorney said that, because the facility was identified as a drug and alcohol rehab on the county's website, the board had provided legal notification notwithstanding the misleading word used in the county newspaper.

I contend that many Blue Ridge citizens either do not own or use a computer and/or they would have no reason to visit the county's website if they had no idea they were being "blindsided" by their officials. My reasonable request of the board chairman to simply table the vote on this issue was ignored. I asked that the board provide a forum for citizens to give them complete information about this facility, and give them an opportunity to ask questions (beyond the pitiful three minutes allowed at board meetings). I also asked that a separate notice be sent to inform those who live very close to where the proposed facility is to be built, the same as they do for those who have close-by neighbors who want approval for a dog kennel.

I contend that the board was deceitful in not divulging this facility's true purpose - a drug rehab. It will start out with 80 beds and 893 vehicles per day and expand to 130 beds and 1,451 vehicles per day on this 15.197-acre property. It will also host an outpatient program that will result in heavy traffic in and out of the facility.

At last Tuesday's meeting, the board voted to approve this facility even though all citizens present opposed approval with many speaking against it. If it had been properly identified as a drug rehab, I believe the meeting would have been overflowing with citizens speaking against approval. The facility in Salem is being closed with the construction of this new proposed facility. It is feared that it will be a magnet for unsavory elements of society, which could result in a decrease in citizens' safety, an increase in crime in the area, and potentially a decrease in nearby property values. While it is claimed to

be a "lock down" facility, some clients would be able to sign themselves out. Any clients loose in the community could create a problem of panhandlers annoying or threatening citizens for money to support their habits, could result in cars or homes being broken into in their search for items to sell to support their habits, could pose a threat to children in the nearby Bonsack Baptist Church daycare, they could be loitering around in the nearby shopping center, perhaps resulting in an increase in shoplifting, and possibly they could create problems in the nearby Blue Ridge Library. There would certainly be a huge increase in the congestion of traffic on Avery to and from this facility.

I had also asked that the vote to approve the new Sheetz station at the intersection of Laymantown Road and Rt. 460 also be tabled. Everyone I spoke with about this issue was either unaware of it or, if aware, opposed it. Citizens want the property to be used for something they want and need - such as a nice restaurant. Blue Ridge citizens do not want a Sheetz station when there already exists one a few miles down Rt. 460 toward Roanoke. Another unneeded station would cause traffic congestion for anyone going up Laymantown Road to get to their homes, the shopping center, the doctors' office, and Rainbow Forest Baptist Church. Many petitions against approval were presented. The board ignored all of this and voted to approve the Sheetz station anyway.

The fact that the board voted to approve the rehab facility, without full disclosure and citizen support, including the vote to approve the unwanted Sheetz station, is indeed a glaring example that this is a "rogue" board that feels free to ram their agenda down the throats of the citizens they are supposed to represent and could care less about the citizens' safety and desires.

Look for this mischief to result in higher taxes. We taxpayers are their "cash cows." What do they have to gain by ignoring the safety and desires of those they are elected to represent? Wake up, citizens, and vote these people out of office.

Margaret R. Bailey  
 Blue Ridge

## Censorship is a beachhead to fascism

I couldn't agree more with Mr. Buchanan's earnest statement in his letter to The Herald (June 27), "Lying

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**League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week**  
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**CLUES ACROSS**  
 1. Plant of the mint family  
 7. Hand tool  
 13. Made of the color of gold  
 14. A volume of several novels  
 16. Type of degree  
 17. Good job!  
 19. Seventh tone in major scale  
 20. Fevers  
 22. One's mother  
 23. Fertile desert spots  
 25. Large integers  
 26. Plate for Eucharist  
 28. Tennis matches have them  
 29. Peyton's little brother  
 30. Monetary unit of N. Korea  
 31. Head movement  
 33. Twelve  
 34. Renaissance musical instrument  
 36. Behavior showing high moral standards

**CLUES DOWN**  
 1. Short stick used as a weapon  
 2. An alternative  
 3. Laws  
 4. Sense organs  
 5. One from Utah  
 6. Mariner  
 7. People in charge of cattle  
 8. Health insurance organization  
 9. Ornamental box  
 10. Forest-dwelling deer  
 11. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)  
 12. Atomic #71  
 13. Become less intense  
 15. Cowards  
 18. Body ornament (slang)  
 21. Applicable to all cases  
 24. Multiplied by 6  
 26. Afghanistan monetary unit

**CLUES ACROSS**  
 38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet  
 40. Notes to be sung  
 41. Women's garment  
 43. Coarsely ground corn  
 44. One point south of due east  
 45. A way to deplete  
 47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed  
 48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker  
 51. Hindquarters  
 53. Franz van \_\_\_\_, German diplomat  
 55. Liquid body substances  
 56. Rhythmic patterns  
 58. A beaver might build one  
 59. Police officer's tool  
 60. Indicates who you are  
 61. Pinwheel  
 64. Exist  
 65. Ornamental molding

**CLUES DOWN**  
 27. Calendar month  
 30. Cena and Lennon are two  
 32. Monetary unit of Serbia  
 35. First time on the market  
 37. Georgia rockers  
 38. Free from contamination  
 39. Coastal region of Canada  
 42. Clothing retailer  
 43. It rises and sets  
 46. Fathers  
 47. Stain with mud  
 49. Suitable for crops  
 50. Feels concern for  
 52. Orange-brown  
 54. Buddy  
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# Rescue

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**Tanker 7 was parked outside of the County Administration Offices in Daleville prior to last week's Board of Supervisors meeting.**

and administrative skills improving the overall delivery of EMS.

"Jeff has such a deep, innate ability to foster, develop, and teach anyone," Ferguson said about Powell's award. "He is a true image of a leader, steadfast in his efforts, no matter the challenges ahead."

The Regional Award for Innovation in EMS was jointly given to County Fire & EMS and the Sheriff's Office for establishing the rescue task force program and training to all Fire & EMS and Sheriff's Office personnel.

The Innovation in EMS Award is given to a provider, agency, or private/public organization that exemplifies innovative excellence and advancement at the local, regional, statewide, and national level.

The new 3,000-gallon tanker truck ("Tanker 7" - Read Mountain Fire Station) was introduced outside of the offices prior to the meeting. Administrative staff and meeting attendees had a chance to get a closer look to the newest member of the county's fleet.

# VFW Auxiliary has successful fundraiser



PHOTO COURTESY OF VFW POST 1841

**Raffle winners at the VFW Auxiliary fundraiser included Jean Boothe, winner of Zales jewelry, and Marvin Moore, winner of an Avon basket, shown with Auxiliary President Ruby Taylor.**

The VFW Auxiliary, Post 1841, had a successful fund-raising project (Home Interior auction, breakfast and lunch) for the benefit of veterans on Saturday, May 20.

Betty Anderson, a retiring Home Interior representative and VFW member, donated over 350 lots of Home Interior merchandise to the VFW Auxiliary for the auction.

The members thank

the auctioneers, Loren Bruffey and James Wells, for the great and exhausting job and Loren Bruffey, Jr. for clerical duties.

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary members and their family members volunteered to make the sale successful and fun. Thanks to family members of the Auxiliary's president who traveled from North Carolina and Christiansburg to

help with the auction. Food was served and enjoyed from the kitchen volunteers.

A raffle drawing was also held and the winners were Jean Boothe, winner of Zales Jewelry, Marvin Moore, winner of an Avon basket and Becky Crowder, winner of a Home Interior picture.

- VFW Auxiliary, Post 1841

# Recipients

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higher who actively utilize Bank of Botetourt services. Applicants wrote a two-page essay where they were asked to reflect upon how Bank of Botetourt has been able to take care of their banking and financial needs.

Michael Jorgensen, a James River High School graduate, is one of the six recipients.

Jorgensen plans to attend Virginia Military Institute where he will study Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Emma Lester also is a graduate of James River High School. She plans to attend a four-year university where she will study nursing and intends to continue her education by earning her

master's degree to become a neonatal nurse practitioner.

Rose Hasenstab is a graduate of Franklin County High School. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina Wilmington to pursue a Marine Biology degree.

Norah Jones graduated from James River High School. She

plans to attend Emory and Henry College to major in Equine Assisted Therapy while participating on the college's riding team.

Rachel Edwards is a first-year student who attends Hollins University. She is currently majoring in creative writing.

Ryan Steger is a graduate of

James River High School. He plans to pursue a Broadcasting and Sports Journalism degree while continuing his basketball career at Bridgewater College.

Bank of Botetourt will be offering this scholarship in the future and encourages interested applicants to apply in early 2024.

# Letters

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is never a benign offense."

As for his concern about materials in the Botetourt public libraries deemed harmful to our children, I encourage him to Google "BOCO Facts 4 U" and then under "Rumors vs. Facts" to check "BOCO Public Libraries." This should

help curb the spread of misinformation if minds are open.

Censorship under any guise (overtly religious, subtly political) is abhorrent to me. Fires become wildfires become bonfires, the books burned symbolic of "undesirables." This poem of mine says

it as forcefully as I can.

"Fascism's Beachhead"  
There is mobilization across the land to rid libraries of books deemed offensive.  
Eternal seems the need

to blot out things (or people) that most frighten.

See censorship as fascism's way of establishing a beachhead.

Charlie Finn  
Fincastle



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**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@cbcblueridge.org); website: [www.cbcblueridge.org](http://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](mailto:jwr56fbc@yahoo.com). Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. [fincastlefaith.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.phbcweb.com).

**Springwood Baptist Church** - 88 Cops Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email [pmike09@outlook.com](mailto: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

**Wits' End Corner**

Read Psalms 106:1 through 109:31

Life can be like riding a ship rolling in the midst of a stormy sea: up one second reaching for the stars, the next second plummeting to the depths. The Psalmist wrote about those who "went out on the sea in ships."

They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits' end. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress (Psalm 107:27-28).

A. G. Ward wrote in the Pentecostal Evangel eighty-three years ago, "We have passed through many tests in the past twenty-four years, often we have been at 'wits' end corner' but again and again we have found ourselves singing."

Are you at the end of your rope? Cry out to the Lord. Your prayer life will be different. Your praise life will open up.

Your prayer should be like that of Jehoshaphat as he led God's people when they were under attack: "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you" (2Chronicles 20:12).

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, I trust You to still the storms in my life.

Quicklook: Psalm 107:23-32

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.eck-va.org), [www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.buchananpresbyterian.org). Contact [www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 Reverend Jim Bollinger, office, 473-3001. E-mail: [office@fincastleumc.org](mailto: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

## Broughman, Elbert Eugene

Elbert Eugene "Pete" Broughman, buddies, Lil' Bud, BooBoo, and Miss Garfield; and special friends, Homie and Jenny West, Mustang, and Larry and Stephanie Falls.



Funeral services were held at 12 noon Saturday, July 1, 2023 in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home with Elder Cleatus Newcomb officiating.

Visitation was Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.

Pete was a Vietnam Veteran, a carpenter by trade, and loved hunting and fishing with his buddies. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elbert "Bud" and Evelyn Montgomery Broughman and son, Christopher Broughman.

Survivors include his son, Jamie Broughman; aunt, Estaleane Montgomery of Roanoke; companion, Dixie Tolley; fur

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.

## Watson, Ronald John

Ronald John Watson, 85, of Wayne; and Bradley Wickline; great-grandchildren, Ella and Brennen Monaghan, Haleigh and Addison Porter; and brother, Tom Watson and wife, Pat.



Ron was an avid hiker. He loved to bowl, read, and travel. He especially enjoyed being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at Oakey's East Chapel. The funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 7, at Oakey's East Chapel. Interment will follow at Old Dominion Memorial Gardens.

He was born in Shippensburg, Pa. on July 3, 1937, the son of the late Harry Bruce and Roxie Elizabeth Watson. Ronald was also preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Wickline; and brothers, Bruce Watson and his wife, Isabel, and Larry Watson.

Ronald retired from the United States Air Force. After retiring from the Air Force, he was employed by Lanier Business Products and Designed Telecommunications, Inc.

Ronald is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty Powers Watson; son, Danny Watson; son-in-law, F. Preston Wickline; grandchildren, Candace Monaghan and husband, Patrick; Kristi Porter and husband,

The family requests memorials be made to Friends of the Blue Ridge Library, 28 Avery Row, Roanoke, 24012.

## Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, July 8. Volunteers from the Buchanan Lions Club will be distributing food from 9-11 a.m. to anyone in need in Botetourt County.

## 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 pre-school-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://dalevillebaptistvbs.mysanwers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom/>. Call 540-992-1570 for more information.

## 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.

## 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](http://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

## Andrew Chapel ice cream/picnic July 22

Andrew Chapel UMC will hold its ice cream/picnic on Saturday, July 22, beginning at 5 p.m. This year's event will include hot dogs and Bratwurst, with full fixings and chips, and homemade ice cream and desserts. Music will be provided by Mike Lee and the Mill Creek Players. Proceeds benefit the church building fund. Andrew Chapel is located at 3936 Beaver Dam Road, just off Springwood Road, in Buchanan.

## VBS at Springwood Baptist

Springwood Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, July 26, through Friday, July 28, from 6-8:30 p.m. The theme is "Carnival Under the Big Tent with God!" for all ages. Go to the website to register: [Springwoodbc.org](http://Springwoodbc.org). There is a VBS registration to click on and fill out.

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

## Quinn Receives the Bauman Scholar Award from Bridgewater

Bridgewater College recognized more than 60 outstanding students during the annual College Awards ceremony in April.

Among the students receiving awards was Hannah Quinn, a sociology and history and political science major from Blue Ridge. Quinn received the Zygmunt Bauman Scholar Award, presented to a student who demonstrates outstanding scholarship, leadership in the classroom and exemplifies academic citizenship in the Sociology Department.

Quinn is a tutor in the Sociology Department, as well as a member of the Brethren Student Movement and Bridgewater College Spiritual Life Board. She completed two research projects during her time at BC, "Political Programs: Gender is Cold War Films" and "Beauty Standards in Children."

Quinn will be attending the University of Virginia this fall to pursue a master of public policy.

## Georgia

Lindsey Lambert Fenster was among the more than 7,000 graduates in the University of Georgia's Class of 2023. Fenster, of Buchanan, received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

## Local residents graduate from William & Mary

The following residents recently graduated from the College of William & Mary:

Jackson Mabe, Bachelor of Arts, and Tristan Robinson, Bachelor of Science. Both are of Troutville.

## Andrews graduates from Northfield Mount Hermon

Jerrel Andrews of Fincastle was among 219 students who graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon in Massachusetts on May 21.

## Butler receives degree from Washington and Lee University

Emma Claire Butler

of Fincastle received a Bachelor of Science degree from Washington and Lee University on May 25.

Commencement ceremonies for 453 Washington and Lee seniors were held on the university's historic Front Lawn. Butler majored in Neuroscience.

## Lloyd earns degree from Shenandoah

Shenandoah University in Winchester had 1,143 graduates receive their degrees and/or certificate during the 2022-23 academic year.

Those graduates include Elena Lloyd of Troutville, who earned a Bachelor of Business Administration

## Powell is APSU graduate

Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., recognized Sylvia Powell of Buchanan as one of the more than 1,400 graduates to receive degrees at the commencement ceremony on May 5, 2023.

## Spangler is E&H graduate

Emory & Henry College graduates in spring 2023 included Ryan Spangler of Daleville.

## Fenster graduates from the University of



### In Memory

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

# CHURCH NEWS

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## New Beginnings service at Limestone Park

New Beginnings Church will hold services at Limestone Park on Sunday, July 9, beginning at 10 a.m., with a cookout following the service. Everyone is invited.

## 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.

## Mill Creek VBS July 16-20

Mill Creek Baptist Church will host "Stellar" VBS Sunday, July 16, through Thursday, July 20, from 6-8:30 p.m. At

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## BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL at CAVE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

2233 Stoney Battery Road, Troutville, VA 24175  
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## Post 240 Notes

### American Legion Post meets Thursday

American Legion Post 240 will conduct its monthly meeting on July 6 at the VFV Hall, 4902 Roanoke Road, Daleville, on the corner of Rt. 220 and Country Club Road. Social hour and a light supper will be from 6-7 p.m. The business meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. and usually lasts one hour.

- AL Post 240

## Barkett graduates from the University of Mississippi

Abraham Barkett of Fincastle is among the more than 3,100 students who earned their degrees from the University of Mississippi in May 2023.

Barkett, who majored in Marketing,

received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the School of Business Administration.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

www.FincastleHerald.com

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of public hearing to be held on July 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Botetourt County Administration Center located at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request below.

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".

Complete information for each of the following items may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, 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.

Gary Larrowe  
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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 Districts, 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.

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## Cress

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whimsical woodwork.

His inspiration to design these "animated" pieces of furniture began when he visited an art show featuring art from woodworker Wendall Castle, when Jake and Phebe ended up in a studio furniture gallery in Washington, D.C.

"It was mind blowing— it was just absolutely wonderful stuff," Cress recalled. "It was in the winter time... I noticed that someone has left their car keys and gloves on one of the tables and noticed, oh, it's carved into the table. It was that convincing. He took himself very seriously, which was reflected in the price of these pieces. I thought, 'Well, I don't take myself very seriously and I would like to make something that

would delight people and not cost so much."

After visiting the Castle gallery, Cress thought about an old table he had in his shop at the time that was sent in for repair. One of the legs of the table was deteriorating, so he crafted a "crutch" as a clever replacement. Happy with the piece, Cress called a friend of his to come by and take a look at it. His friend suffered from Polio as a kid and got a kick out of it. That table went on to inspire Cress creating more whimsical designs that would eventually find their way into galleries as well.

Cress's Fincastle gallery houses several pieces of studio furniture and art. One example is a wood table found in the gallery which Cress titled "Peel Here." It contains a feature where a corner of the tabletop is "peeled" back revealing a chessboard design underneath.

When asked about where the inspiration for the table came from, Cress answered, "Bologna. As a matter of fact, I was having a bologna sandwich, looked at the package of bologna and it said, 'PEEL HERE.' So, I did, and I said (to myself), 'Ah ha!'"

Cress craftsmanship has been featured predominantly in galleries along the East Coast. Most notably is in the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum in

Washington, D.C. where his studio furniture piece "Oops," a ball claw chair come to life and reaching for one of its balls that has rolled out of reach, has become a part of the gallery's permanent collection. "Hickory Dickory Clock," a grandfather clock based on the nursery rhyme that has a wavy, warped to look to the framing, stretched its way to the Midwest and was acquired by the Indianapolis Children's Museum in 2000.

Cress has a creative mind that is driven by what he sees going on in world. He explained, "You know what fuels (my creativity), besides having a warped sense of humor? All of the tragedies that are happening in the world... I get in the shop and try to make something beautiful to counteract all of the ugliness going on."

His positive attitude when crafting is shown through the many fantastic pieces on display in his gallery. Recently, Cress has begun crafting flowers featuring butterflies from wood. Some flowers are peace lilies, and some, Cress said, he "just made up."

That said, the clever furniture designs of Jake Cress are no bologna.

To learn more about Jake Cress's "Artistry in Wood," visit [jakecress.com](http://jakecress.com). Anyone interested in stopping by the gallery may do so by calling 540-473-2974 to schedule a visit.



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"Peel Here" is a table that has a "peeled back" design revealing a chessboard that's inspiration came from a bologna wrapper, Cress said.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through [www.bcps.live](http://www.bcps.live). Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. July 13, 2023 at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe\\_7RLwHZW\\_3NnyIjzXaLbGjEjtyJ9vKaMBIL0m\\_fBjiYM4fyg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_7RLwHZW_3NnyIjzXaLbGjEjtyJ9vKaMBIL0m_fBjiYM4fyg/viewform)

or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at [salbert@bcps.k12.va.us](mailto:salbert@bcps.k12.va.us).

### 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 Districts, 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  
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### 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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#### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 394 SHERWOOD DRIVE, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated September 11, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$227,797.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180003372. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on August 11, 2023, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA: BEING LOT SIX (6), BLOCK THREE (3), ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SECTION NO. ONE (1), WHITE OAK ESTATES, MADE BY T. P. PARKER, SCE, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BETETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 31. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, 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.bwvsales.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

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#### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 17 ROYCE ROAD, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 17, 2021, in the original principal amount of \$190,646.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 210002058. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on August 11, 2023, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THAT CERTAIN 2.469 ACRE PARCEL, BEING ORIGINAL LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2) AND THREE (3), BLOCK TWO (2), PLAT OF SECTION NO. ONE (1), STEPPING STONE, MADE BY JACK G. BESS, C.L.S., DATED JANUARY 19, 1973, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 399, PAGE 112. A SURVEY OF SAID 2.469 ACRE PARCEL WAS PREPARED BY T. P. PARKER AND SON DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1998, A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 549, AT PAGE 579 OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, 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 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'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.bwvsales.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

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#### 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 and Unknown Heirs 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

#### ABC NOTICE

Family Dollar Stores of Virginia, LLC, trading as Family Dollar (#27282), 19026 Main Street, Buchanan, Botetourt County VA 24066-51053.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store License: Beer and Wine off premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Harry Rashad Spencer, Assistant Secretary

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

### Legals - City of Radford

#### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CR23007031-00**

RADFORD CITY Circuit Court, 619Second Street, Radford, VA 24141 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re DAVID FERRARO v. MERCEDEDS FERRARO The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MERCEDES FERRARO appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 24, 2023. JUNE 26,2023 MELISSA WHITE, 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 15.2-285 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

### Legals - City of Salem

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that a hearing will be conducted on July 7, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Salem General District Court, Located at 2 E. Calhoun Street in the City of Salem Virginia, to determine if ownership of a red Chihuahua dog found abandoned at 894 E. Main Street on June 23, 2023 should be forfeited to the Salem Animal Control Department.

#### AT&T Mobility, LLC

is proposing to modify the existing building wireless telecommunications facility located at 220 East Main Street, Salem, Salem City County, Virginia 24153 (N37° 17' 35.6" and W80° 03' 17.8"). AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. Parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking or with questions on the proposed facility should contact Impact7G, Inc. at 8951 Windsor Parkway, Johnston, IA 50131 or call 515-473-6256 and reference project #CS 689/JC. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

### 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 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

#### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CR23007031-00**

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS F. Craig Meadows County Administrator

### Legals - Montgomery County

#### 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

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING PROPOSAL FOR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECT RECEIVED BY THE MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PPEA REQUIREMENTS

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on July 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the conference room of the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority Recycling Facility, 555 Authority Drive, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073 concerning a proposal received by the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority (the "Authority") from Sun Tribe Solar that contained sufficient information for meaningful evaluation regarding the design, development, construction, management and operation of one or more solar photovoltaic systems at Authority facilities (the "Project").

The Authority requested proposals for the Project under the provisions of the 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.

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia

that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:15 pm or as soon thereafter, at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to receive citizen comments on the Board of Supervisors intent to adopt a resolution amending the FY 2023-2024 budget by more than one percent of the total expenditures shown in the currently adopted budget by adding carryover funding appropriated in FY 23 for various county projects/purchase orders/capital funds and various school operating and capital funds that were not completed at year end, not to exceed \$165 million.

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The foyer area in the Cregger Center was named for Allison over Alumni Weekend.

# Allison leaves lasting legacy at Roanoke College

If retiring Roanoke College Athletic Director Scott Allison crosses your path, make sure you give him a little “Howdy do” and a smile. It’s one of the reasons he’s been here so long.

“I remember the first time I came to Salem to look at the school,” said Allison, who retired at the end of June after a 34-year career as AD. “I’m walking across campus and a total stranger makes eye contact with me and says ‘How are you doin’? That caught me totally by surprise and I still remember it. That wouldn’t have happened in Baltimore.”

Allison decided to come to RC to play soccer and lacrosse in the friendly valley in Southwest Virginia. And, like many who came south to attend the liberal arts college, it not only shaped his career but became his home.

“Heck no,” replied Allison when asked if he thought he’d still be here 47 years after that first trip to the valley. “I expected I’d be here four years then I’d be back in Baltimore.”

He almost didn’t leave Crab Town. Scott grew up in Linthicum, Md., near the Baltimore-Washington International Airport. He was a two-sport standout at Andover High School in both soccer and lacrosse. He grew up playing baseball and rooting for the hometown Orioles and, in fact, he named his son, Brooks, after Hall of Fame Orioles third baseman Brooks Robinson. However, not making the school baseball team had a hand in his future at RC.

“If I had made the baseball team I never would have played lacrosse,” he said. “I played jayvee basketball and missed the baseball tryouts. The coach gave me a one-day tryout for the baseball team, but he already had the team picked and I wasn’t chosen.”

With a little extra time on his hands Scott attended a three-week “introduction to lacrosse” program he heard about from Jon Appelt, an earth science teacher at school.

“I had a lot of fun with it,” said Allison. “He heard I didn’t make the baseball team and he handed me some gloves and arm pads and said he’d see me ‘this afternoon.’”

While Scott enjoyed the old Native American game, soccer was his ticket. He was a standout player on the school team as a sophomore, then was named Anne Rundel County Player of the Year both his junior and senior seasons. He signed to play locally for the University of Baltimore, who had won the 1975 Division II national championship.

“That was where I wanted to go,” said Allison. “When they played at home I didn’t miss a game.”

Scott was all set to play soccer and lacrosse for the Bees when he got an unexpected phone call from BU coach Dick Adell.

“I had signed to go there in January, and in February he called to tell me the school was discontinuing intercollegiate athletics,” said Allison. “It was close to the end of my senior year and I wasn’t sure what I was going to do at that point. I knew I had to go to college.”

Roanoke College lacrosse coach Paul Griffin had Scott on a list of Baltimore prospects that Craig Schisler, who was a team manager at RC at the time, had provided. Allison reached out to Griffin to see if he was still interested.

“He said he never heard from me, so I was off the list,” Scott said with a chuckle. “But I decided to come for a visit and I met soccer coach Scott Anderson, who drove me around the area and gave me a good prospective on the South. Salem didn’t appear to be your stereotypical southern place. It looked like a

livable place.”

And so a 47-year love affair began. Scott went on to become captain of both the soccer and lacrosse teams and was a member of the 1978 national championship Maroon lax team. In soccer, Scott was the Jeffrey Childs Willis Award recipient as team Most Valuable Player his senior year and he was an All-Virginia Intercollegiate Soccer Association (VISA) selection for the 1975, ’76, and ’78 seasons. He was also named the school’s Male Athlete of the Year his senior year. However, what was most important to him was that he was regarded as a great teammate and unselfish player in both sports, and that would serve him well in future endeavors.

“He ran on the same midfield with me and Doug Horn,” said Salem’s Joe Dishaw, another northern transplant who came to RC to play lacrosse and stayed. “I really enjoyed playing with him. He was a good player, and probably an even better soccer player. He was a good guy to have on a team.”

The highlight of Scotty’s lacrosse career is when he scored the tying goal in the fourth quarter of the 1978 lacrosse championship game against Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y., in front of over 13,000 screaming fans. Roanoke was trailing the defending champion Statesmen late in the fourth quarter, 13-12, when Allison scored off a clear.

“Hobart was known to play aggressively, but sometimes against a team with good sticks they would give up a layup,” said Allison. “We had a clear and Richie Graham found a seam and cut to midfield and found me breaking to the crease. His pass was a little low but I was able to handle it and keep my balance and I had an easy shot.”

And how did that feel?

“AWESOME,” he said, still savoring the feeling after all these years.

Bob Rotanz, who owns Mac & Bob’s Restaurant in Salem along with Dishaw, scored the winning goal on a trick play moments later and that’s the one most folks remember. However, if not for Allison’s goal Bob’s score would have only tied the game instead of giving RC the 14-13 win.

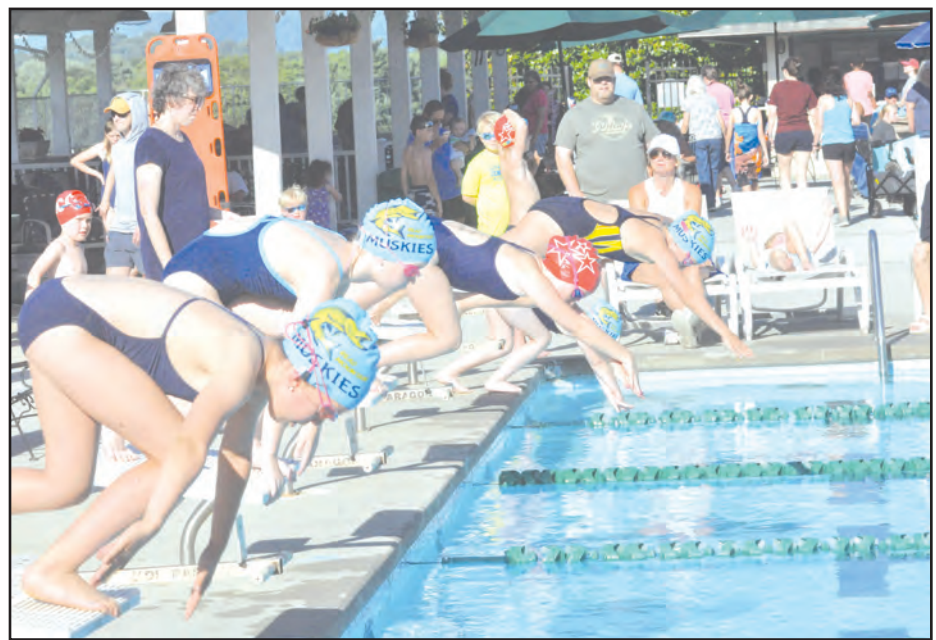
“Scott played a very important role in our national championship game,” said Rotanz. “I think he had two goals. The level of play an individual has in a lacrosse game is not always measured by goals and assists. Scott played a complete game that day under immense pressure.”

When his playing career ended with graduation in the spring of 1979, Scott found himself needing a job.

“I went home for the summer and my mom said if I was still living at home in the fall I would have to pay rent,” he recalled. “I got a job working at the Tecumseh Lacrosse Camp at Salisbury University, and that’s when I fell in love with coaching. I started to look into jobs and had a choice between Washington College and the Naval Academy. I accepted the job at the Naval Academy but when I found out I had to go to boot camp I decided on Washington. I got \$500 for the whole season and I was also working at the Chestertown Fire Equipment Company, where the boss was friends with the head coach.”

Scott’s next move was to Salisbury U., where he got his master’s degree while serving as a graduate assistant in both soccer and lacrosse. A full-time job at the Naval Academy followed for two years, sans boot camp, where

## Read Mountain swims at Hunting Hills next week



The Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association swim season continues next Monday with Read Mountain at Hunting Hills, Limestone at Olympic Park and Ashley Plantation at home against Our Lady of Nazareth. Read Mountain swam at the Roanoke Country Club last week. Here, Elijah Weaver (aka Batman) swims the breast stroke and girls take off from the blocks.



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he was a lacrosse assistant for the 1982 and '83 seasons.

In the late spring of '83, Allison found out about an opening at Dartmouth College for a head lacrosse and soccer coach. Dartmouth is an Ivy League school in Hanover, N.H., more known for outstanding academics than outstanding athletics.

"I think I was one of only two people both qualified and interested," he said. "I had a good time there, but our lacrosse team struggled."

At the time the late John Pirro, who would posthumously be inducted into the national lacrosse Hall of Fame, was coaching both lacrosse and soccer at RC. John decided to leave the college and take a job in business after the '86 spring season, and Scott was a perfect choice to replace him.

"Again, I was one of the few qualified to do both," he said.

It wasn't a tough choice to leave the Ivy League and return to the Roanoke Valley, and he's been here ever since. He raised two children here with his first wife, Robin, and Brooks and Claire both graduated from Roanoke College. Claire now lives in Maryland and Brooks is a writer for Jimmy Fallon on The Tonight Show in New York. Scott married his current wife, Bonnie, in 2000.

Scott coached both soccer and lacrosse at RC for two seasons. Then, when Maroon athletic director and basketball coach Ed Green left to become AD at Coastal Carolina, Scott stepped down from the lacrosse position and accepted the job as athletic director. He remained soccer coach and continued to coach the sport at Roanoke through the 2012 season.

During his time on the sidelines, Allison led the Maroon soccer team to eight ODAC championships and six appearances in the NCAA Division III tournament. For his efforts, he was named the ODAC Coach of the Year seven times and Virginia College Division Coach of the Year four times. Allison was also named the NSCAA Division III South Atlantic Regional Coach of the Year in both 1993 and 2012. He's a member of the college Athletic Hall of Fame.

When Scott decided to hang up the whistle and concentrate on his AD responsibilities, he didn't have to look far for a replacement. He was succeeded by Ryan Pflugrad, who played for the Maroon soccer team under Allison.

"Given the immense effect that he's had, it's actually very hard to find the specific words to describe the deep positive impact Coach Allison has had on his players and student athletes, our men's soccer program, the athletic department, and Roanoke College," said Pflugrad. "I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to play for Coach Allison,

have him as a mentor in my professional life, work under him at Roanoke College, and develop a meaningful relationship with him as a peer. He has had a remarkably profound impact on my life."

Allison has seen a lot in his years leading the department. He hired all the current head coaches except lacrosse coach Bill Pilat, and Bill was on his staff when Scott was coaching the lax team. During his tenure the school upgraded facilities with the Cregger Center, the Kerr-Cregger Fieldhouse and Kerr Stadium.

"Scott Allison is known for many accomplishments," said retired RC President Mike Maxey. "He innovated new programs. He guided our successful existing programs. He was the coach of the coaches at Roanoke. But most of all he was a leader of student athletics, of alumni, of the entire college. What a mark of Maroon he has made on his alma mater."

During Allison's tenure Roanoke College added eight intercollegiate sports that weren't there when he took the job in 1989. He's been popular with his coaches and easy to work with.

"Coach Allison was a big part of me going into coaching," said RC women's soccer coach Phil Benne. "He helped me get a grad assistant with his brother at Alfred and I was fortunate that he would take a chance in hiring a young coach at Roanoke. They talk about being a players' coach. Scott was a coaches' coach. He let you run your program and was always there for advice and help. I wish him the best in his next chapter."

Athletic trainer Jim Buriak preceded Allison on the staff at RC and was there for Scott's entire run as coach and AD before retiring himself last year.

"I was fortunate to work with Scott and serve the athletic department as an athletic trainer and NCAA Faculty Athletics representative," he said. "Scott trusted my judgement when dealing with athletic injuries and never questioned my decisions. He was open and receptive to discussing any concerns I had.

"As Faculty Athletics representative, I traveled with Scott to several NCAA Conventions. We discussed NCAA legislation, and he was willing to listen to my thoughts regarding voting matters. He always tried to do the right thing for both the student athletes and Roanoke College. He served the college well."

Old Dominion Athletic Conference Commissioner Brad Bankston has also worked closely with Allison. Salem, RC and the ODAC have hosted many NCAA events and championships over the years and Scott was always there to be a part of things.

"Scott has been a vital part of the ODAC's operations for a number of years," said Bankston. "He has served the board of directors in a leadership role twice during his tenure while providing valuable mentoring to a number of new Division III/ODAC directors of athletics. He has excelled in this profession due to his approach of always treating people with respect and dignity.

"Scott has been a resource for many during his time at Roanoke regardless of their role - student-athlete, coach, administrator or conference colleague. That includes me, a young inexperienced commissioner who he helped on numerous occasions during my 20 plus years with the conference. I know I speak for all the members of the BOD when I say he will be sorely missed."

Allison announced his pending retirement in November. In April, during Alumni Weekend, the foyer of the Cregger Center was named in his honor. Pflugrad was one of the speakers.

"As both a coach and athletic director, Coach A has prioritized care for student athletes and others," said Pflugrad. "The Roanoke Athletic Department and College as a whole has benefited tremendously from these values. It has allowed our student athletes and coaches to flourish, and programs to find success. Coach A bleeds Maroon! Because his service to the college is so vast, it's hard to picture a Roanoke College athletics department without him in it."

But alas, the Scott Allison era comes to an end with incoming AD Curtis Campbell taking over this week. With two weeks to go on the job Scott had still not cleaned out his office, or met the new AD. He was still dealing with responsibilities that many would have been glad to pass on to the next guy. The new football team is not one of them, as that will be Campbell's baby.

What was the hardest part of his job? "Dealing with personnel," said Allison. "I've had to make some tough decisions, and bring people along to think as a Division III coach."

The most fun part? "Being with our teams at ODAC or national tournaments," he said. "It's been fun to be around the kids and just be part of the ride. I've always enjoyed being around student athletes, and I tried to attend as many of the games as I could."

He won't be looking over any shoulders, but Scotty will still be around. He's made many friends during his time as AD, but the best friends are still the ones he bonded with on the field of competition. The 1978 lacrosse team still gathers for golf tournaments, alumni outings and special occasions like when Pirro

was inducted into the Lacrosse Hall of Fame or when Rotanz went into the Virginia Hall of Fame in April. Although it's been 45 years it feels like yesterday when that group gets together.

"I've never taken any more pride in anything than the four years I was on that lacrosse team," he said. "I was never the one Griff (coach Paul Griffin) gave the ball to but I did my best to contribute. Those memories of my time on the field, and the teammates I played with, are one of the most special things in my life."

Rotanz remembers as well.

"Scott and I have remained friends since our Roanoke College days," he said. "In fact my senior year I was dating my wife Wendy and Scott was dating her roommate. We did a lot of double dating. We try to golf when we can and when we do we always wind up talking about retirement. Well it finally has arrived for my dear friend and I can't be happier for him and Bonnie. I have a feeling that he is going to beat me pretty bad in golf later on this summer when he is finally retired."

That time has come, as Scott contemplates the next chapter of his life. It's going to seem strange not seeing him around the gym when students return to school later this summer.

"It probably won't hit me until August," he said. "I usually take July off, anyway, so that won't seem any different. But when August comes around I won't have to worry about what needs to be done and what happens next.

"I'm looking forward to that," he added with a smile.

And if you see Scotty walking down the street, give him a little "Howdy Do." He's come to expect it after all these years.

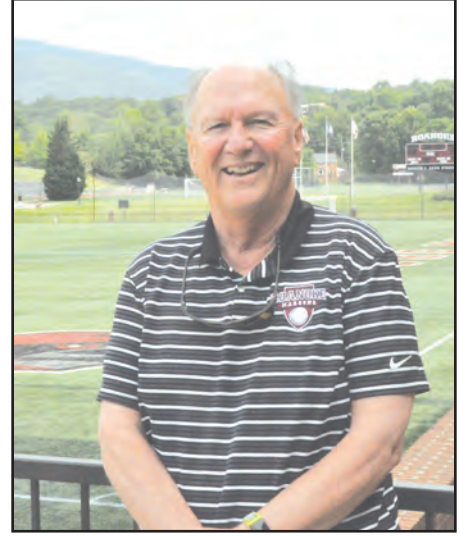


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One of the many improvements to the college during Allison's tenure is Kerr Stadium.

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Notification of Automatic Renewal or Continuous Service Offers. Dawn Adams HB1517 (House 100-0, Senate 40-0) requires suppliers of automatic renewals or continuous service offers that include a free trial that lasts more than 30 days to, within 30 days of the end of any such free trial, notify the consumer of his option to cancel the free trial before the end of the trial period to avoid an obligation to pay for the goods or services. The bill provides that failure to notify a consumer of such option is a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The bill also makes it a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act for a supplier to fail to disclose the total cost of a good or continuous service to a consumer, including any mandatory fees or charges, prior to entering into an agreement for the sale of any such good or provision of any such service.

Increased Political Action Committee Transparency. Suetterlein

SB1247 (Senate 40-0, House 97-0) closes gaps in Virginia's political action committee filing requirements that were previously exploited by bad actors.

Foreign Adversaries Prohibited from Acquiring Agriculture Land. Stuart SB1438 (Senate 23-16, House 64-25) prohibits any foreign adversary, as defined in the bill, from acquiring or transferring any interest in agricultural land, as defined in federal law, beginning January 1, 2023, and requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to compile a report annually with certain information regarding agricultural land that is under foreign ownership and submit such report to the Governor and General Assembly.

Flexible Financial Supports for Virginians with Developmental Disabilities. Suetterlein SB945 (Senate 40-0, House 99-0) directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to

take steps to amend the Family and Individual Supports, Community Living, and Building Independence waivers to provide greater financial flexibility to individuals with developmental disabilities who are receiving waiver services.

Increasing Coordination for Special Education Transition. Suetterlein SB943 (Senate 38-0, House 99-0) requires each public high school in the Commonwealth to publicly identify on its official website the faculty member responsible for special education transition planning and coordination.

TikTok Prohibited on State Government Devices. McDougle SB1459 (Senate 20-20-Lt. Gov. Sears Broke the Tie--,House 74-25), prohibits any employee or agent of any public body or person or entity contracting with any such public body from downloading or using any application, including TikTok or WeChat, or accessing any website developed

by ByteDance Ltd. or Tencent Holdings Ltd. on any government-issued device or government-owned or government-leased equipment.

Replacing Absentee Witness Requirement with Social Security Number. Bloxom HB1948 (House 100-0, Senate 35-4) removes the witness requirement for absentee ballots and replaces it with the requirement that the voter provide the last four digits of his social security number and his birth year. The bill provides that the unique identifier assigned to the voter in the voter registration system will be accepted in place of the last four digits of the voter's social security number for such purposes for those voters whose registration includes a statement of affirmation that they have never been issued a social security number.

Extending Moratorium on City Annexation of Counties. Hodges HB1676 House (100-0 Senate, 40-0)

extends by eight years, from 2024 to 2032, the current moratorium on city annexations and county immunity actions.

Small Business Tax Relief. McNamara HB1456 (House 98-0, Senate 39-0) makes changes to the elective entity level tax on pass-through entities effective beginning with taxable year 2021. The bill would impose the tax only on the share of income, gain, loss, or deduction attributable to eligible owners as opposed to imposing the tax on the entire entity. The bill defines "eligible owner" as an owner of a pass-through entity that is a natural person, estate, or trust. The bill also removes the requirement that to qualify for the tax election a pass-through entity must be 100 percent owned by natural persons or persons eligible to be shareholders in an S corporation.

Increasing Paid-Work Based Experiences for English Learner Students. Suetterlein

SB1430 (Senate 39-0, House 58-36) requires the Department of Education to review removing barriers to English language learner students accessing paid work-based learning experiences..

Blue Headlights Prohibited. Spruill SB855. (Senate 38-1, House 87-11) prohibits the use of headlights on motor vehicles, motorcycles, autocycles, bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, personal delivery devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, mopeds, and motorized skateboards or scooters with aftermarket modifications that make such headlights appear as a blue light.

Enhanced Penalties for Catalytic Converter Theft. McDougle SB1135 (Senate 39-0, House 75-24) makes it a Class 6 felony for any person to sell, offer for sale, or purchase a catalytic converter from a motor vehicle exhaust system that has been detached from a motor vehicle, except when such sale, offer for sale, or purchase is made to or by a scrap metal purchaser that has adhered to the required compliance provisions.

Carrying a Switchblade Concealed Legalized. Ware HB2298 (House 61-32, Senate 40-0) removes switchblade knives from, and adds stiletto knives to, the list of concealed weapons the carrying of which is prohibited in public.

Submitted by Virginia State Senator David Suetterlein

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