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WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023



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# Learning beneath a sea of stars

Botetourt Libraries put on Astronomy Festival in Daleville

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Botetourt County Libraries presented its annual Astronomy Festival at the Botetourt Family YMCA last Thursday morning in Daleville. The educational event took place inside of the YMCA's gymnasium and saw many families and friends enjoying the different stations offering information about constellations, planets, and NASA.

The event saw a bigger turnout from the festival last summer with

approximately 300 attendees, according to Blue Ridge Branch Manager Jaime

"The families seemed to enjoy themselves both inside the dome and with the activities we had available,' Duval said in a recent email. "My son said there was one little boy who couldn't contain his excitement while standing in line. He said it was contagious and he was excited for the kid to experience the dome for the first

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PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

The StarLab planetarium returned this year featuring a presentation on constellations.

# School Board seeking solutions for traffic on Jay Ridge Road

Matt de Simone

report period of last week's of being able to leave Botetourt County School Board's regular meeting, District School member Tim Davidick talked about meeting with Botetourt County officials, Fire & EMS, and VDOT about the "challenge" of parents picking up Read Mountain Middle School students on Jay Ridge Road in Cloverdale.

At last month's Board of Supervisors meeting, a Cloverdale resident spoke during public comments about the issues of cars of

parents waiting to pick up students, lining Jay Ridge Road when school lets During the committee out, disabling residents

their homes and causing potential dangers in case emergencies where

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The Botetourt County School Board recently addressed

concerns about the traffic on Jay Ridge Road (red) in Cloverdale during the time when Read Mountain Middle School lets out. **JULY 22** 

# Board approves rezoning for proposed Cloverdale development

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Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the rezoning proposed traditional neighborhood mixeduse development on Cloverdale Road in the Blue Ridge District during its continued public hearing on Monday night from the June 29 regular meeting. The development, "The Harvest at Blue Ridge," would be built on the

site of the former Murray

Cider Farm property,

bringing approximately

400 new homes to the



The Board of Supervisors approved rezoning amendments for a proposed Traditional Neighborhood District (TND) on the former Murray Cider Farm property in Cloverdalé.

area. The development would consist of a mixture of residential housing commercial types, businesses, civic and open space throughout the development, according to the project summary provided by the county.

Additionally, the board

unanimously approved a Special Exception Permit (SEP) allowing private streets for the property and a commission permit on the basis that the proposed streets and public utilities are in accord with the

See **Rezoning**, page 4

# Jam on the James during Buchanan's Reggae By the River

**Sol Roots** 

Jam on the James during Buchanan's Sixth Annual Reggae by the River with an evening of live music featuring Sol Roots and Lazy Man Dub Band on Saturday, July 22.

Reggae By the River takes places in the

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCHANAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMEN

Fincastle Town Council begins to address speed limit signs, provides update on Big Spring Park, introduces new town clerk

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

Councilman John Thomas spoke about requests he's currently working on regarding the speed limit signs within town limits. None of the requests have been presented to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) formally. Thomas noted these are the "beginning stages" before any direct contact with the department.

Citizen comments from the June meeting brought forth concerns about loud noises caused by jake brakes on 18-wheelers in the early mornings. Other comments from council were about the overall speed of vehicles traveling on Route 220 within town limits. Thomas mentioned last month further disruptions, which he presented to council last week.

The proposed request will ask for the 45 MPH signs to be moved up to the town limits sign as opposed to their current positions north and southbound. Thomas stated that this request could "enhance the sight distance" for the current speed limit

signs. "It would be ideal to move 45 MPH signs to the intersection of Route 220 north and Brughs Mill Road," Thomas said in his list of requests. "This would reduce noise from trucks entering Fincastle. There is a high volume of traffic in this area with Fincastle Baptist Church, Attic Productions, and The

Church of Transfiguration." Additionally, Thomas proposed to request a "No Thru Trucks" sign on Main Street in Fincastle with box truck deliveries being the exception.

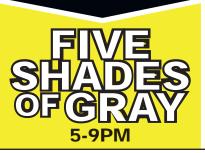
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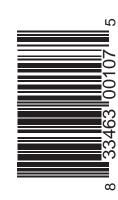
The Town of Fincastle hopes to soon have a celebration for the grand opening of the nature trail.









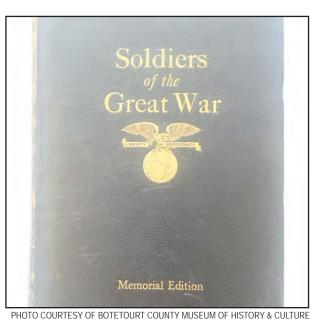


# Botetourt County History

"Soldier's of the Great War-In 3 Volumes" is a Memorial Edition donated to the Botetourt County Historical Society Museum by Dr. John Keith Bohon. They were published in 1920 by Soldier's Record Publishing Association. They contain pictures of those soldiers who were wounded, killed in action, died of disease, wounds or accidents during WW I. There are sections for every state, but not all soldiers' pictures are included since some families would not part with their photographs

Under Virginia, there are Pvt. Thomas H. Hickman from Eagle Rock, who was killed in action; Pvt. Samuel J. Austin from Fincastle, who died of his wounds; Pvt. John F. Anderson from Oriskany, who was Pvt. William Dygent from

or didn't have one.



Iron Gate, who died of his wounds. There could be other men from Botetourt and these books are a special resource for genealogists.

The Botetourt History wounded in action; and Museum has a section for Genealogical Research that is available for free Monday-Saturday, 10-2, and docents are there to help.

Botetourt County Museum of History &

# Fincastle man dies in car crash on Route 11

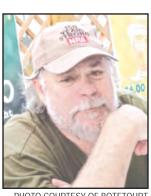
are currently investigating at the time of impact, a crash that occurred on Route 11 last Friday involving two vehicles.

The head-on crash happened just south of Route 11 and Mountain Pass Road. A Dodge Ram pick-up truck was traveling north, when the truck struck while wearing crossed the centerline hitting a southbound Ford F-250 pulling a cattle life-threatening injuries.

Dodge truck, was not in the crash.

The Virginia State Police wearing his seatbelt according police. He passed away while receiving at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Jeffrey Camper, 61, of Buchanan, along with a female passenger, were their seatbelts and were later treated for non-

Several of the cattle Mark Simpson, 62, had to be euthanized of Fincastle, driving the due to injuries received



**Mark Simpson** 

- Fincastle Herald staff

July Senior Social event with Sheriff Matt Ward this Friday



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The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office Senior Focus Outreach Program has announced its next "Senior Social" event. The event is focused on bringing seniors and law enforcement together to provide a platform to showcase the many services available to the 50+ community. This event will be held on Friday, July

21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fincastle Baptist Church, 7330 Roanoke Road, Fincastle. A free buffet style lunch will be served by the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Matt Ward will present an overview of preventative measures that will help seniors from becoming victims of crime. The sheriff will be followed by guest speaker Robbie Boyd, Director of Elder Rights and LTC Ombudsman with the Local Office on Aging during the lunch.

Seniors will be able to visit with many of the public and private services available. Services such as daily wellbeing checks, general health, and financial wellbeing

will be on site. Governmental services will be on hand to answer questions and help seniors navigate their future needs. The event and all services are provided free of charge to the senior community.

We remain committed to partnering with our senior community through our Senior Focus Outreach Program," said Sheriff Ward. "Our Senior Social event allows us to network with our seniors, allows our seniors to network with each other, and it facilitates the opportunity for us to provide information to our senior communities in order to prevent them from becoming victims of crime."

Sheriff Ward invites the senior community to join him at the Senior Social event Friday, July 21, at Fincastle Baptist Church at 11 a.m. For more information on the event, contact Andrea Mundy in the Services Division at 540-928-2233.

- Botetourt County Sheriff's Office

# RRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for July

• Gary M. Wimmer, 42, of Eagle Rock, grand larceny, July 10

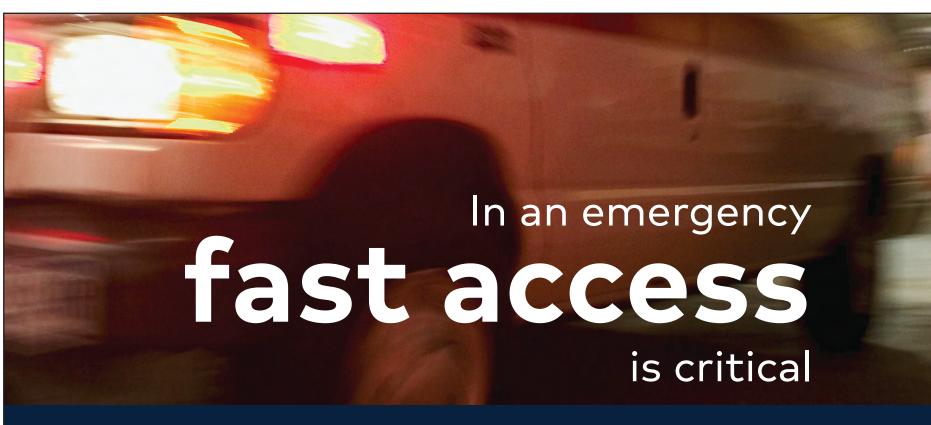
• Christopher E. Dunbar, 42, of Eagle Rock, grand larceny, July 10

• David P. Sisson, 43, of Blue Ridge, burglary, July 11

• Michael A. Tucker, 54, of Buchanan, simple assault, property damage, July 12

• Todd D. Lawson, 42, of Troutville, domestic assault, July 14

 John A. Flowers, 28, of Tampa, Fla., driving under the influence, eluding law enforcement, felony hit and run, July 15 • Skylar S. Tabor, 27, of Blue Ridge, domestic assault, strangulation, July 16



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# **Botetourt County launches** Remote Worker Survey, public hearings scheduled for July 31



Living in a post-COVID19 world, many workers have shifted to a remote work environment. According to Forbes Magazine, 12.7% of full-time employees work from home, while 28.2% work a

Botetourt County recognizes the growing remote workforce, so in 2023, the county formed a Remote Worker Focus Group to

identify and support remote and hybrid workers living in the county as well as be an attractive place to reside for the remote The goal is to make Botetourt a state-

certified Remote Work Community and develop initiatives to support remote workers and attract new talent to the area.

The county has collaborated with the

Roanoke Regional Partnership (RRP) to develop a brief survey. The goal is to capture accurate data and honest answers from those that work remotely in the community.

The survey will be active from Monday, July 17 through July 31, and can be found www.botetourtva.gov/remotework. Botetourt County is teaming up with local businesses to provide gift cards to four lucky individuals that complete the survey.

The survey is open to only Botetourt County residents.

Questions? Email communications@ botetourtva.gov or call (540) 928-2004.

#### **Public hearings on July** 31 about various budget amendments

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on seven different items on July 31 at 7 p.m. at the County Administration Building in The board advertises this week that

the supervisors will consider amendments to the FY 23-24 budget to appropriate: remaining funds for the Circuit Courthouse Renovation project; the remaining portion

of two primary installments of ARPA funding; carryover funds for Fire & EMS, the Economic Development Authority (EDA), and the Assessor Department; funds included in several discrete funds, including Sheriff's funds property seizure funds, and the Greenfield Preservation Fund; and an amendment to provide an appropriation for funding in the Fire & EMS Capital Reserve

The total budget amendments included for consideration regarding this public hearing are \$35,626,281.45. These budget amendments relate to items that were previously included in prior years' budgets which require new appropriations since previously approved appropriations expired on June 30.

Any interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing to comment on the proposed Budget amendments. County supervisors intend to take action on the budget amendments after following the public hearing.

For more information, please contact Anthony Zerrilla at the County Financial Services Office in the Greenfield Administration Building or 540-928-2102.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

# AND TRANSFERS

June. The names of only one seller and one buyer are listed; others may be involved Fred W. Akers to Lisa Sloane Daughtery, lot, Village at Tinker Mountain,

The following land transfers were recorded in the Botetourt County Courthouse in

- Cody Allen to Joshua Gardner, lot, Sherwood Acres, \$153,000
- Anderson Desimone Green PC to Jeffery L. Dinsmore, lot, Orchard Hill, \$265,000 \$350,000 Dennis R. Anderson to Jean Anne Parrella, 20.28 acres, \$460,000
- - Victor Wyatt Beasley Sr. to Tracy J. Wright, 1.772 acres, \$35,000 Christopher T. Booth to Wyatt W. Anderson, lot, Cambridge, \$305,000
- William Joseph Borges to Justin David Borges, 5.958 acres, \$225,000 Botetourt County Virginia to Economic Development Authority, 3 parcels,
- gift deed John Brouhard to Brandon Avery Diggs, 2.3340 acres, \$455,950
- - Carolyn W. Brown to Joshua Evan Maness, lot, Rainbow Forest, \$265,000 Judy Hambrick Cahoon to Michael Brandon Alls, 1.250 acres, \$31,500
  - Ryan Dean Clayton to Kanwal Singh, 6.3602 acres, \$620,000
    - Nathan Clements to Jbayse Homes Inc, lot, \$100,000
  - John Berkeley Conner to Timir Patel, lot, Ashley Plantation, \$145,000
  - Countryside Land Company LC to Sur B. Sutar, 1.478 acres, Glades End,
- deed

Botetourt County School Board to Botetourt County Virginia, 3 parcels, gift

- Bryan A. Daly to Mark Arbogast, 0.763 acres, \$111,000
- Drue A. Danz to 5252 Starkey Rd. LLC, 1.5 acres less 0.094 acres, \$250,000

David Allen Crane to Samuel Creed Delp, 2.69 acres, \$191,000

- Sheila B. Delp to Alexander Clark Delp, 3 parcels, gift deed Rawley N. Dillon to Andrew A. Butler, lot, Duffield Estates, \$196,700
- Neal Dorsman to Joseph A. Weddle, lot, Knollwood, \$415,000 Ernest A. Downey Jr. to Melissa A. Downey, three parcels, gift deed
- John H. Draeger to Lexington Enterpirses, 21.336 acres, \$520,000 Eagle Rock Volunteer Fire & Rescue to Glen Wilton Volunteer Fire Dept., 2
- Economic Development Authority to EDA Six Forty, 3 parcels, gift deed EMB Properties to Douglas L. Smith, 0.940 acre, \$25,000
- Jay Engstrom to Brian K. Robinson, lot, Orchards of Ashley, \$599,900 William J. Epperly to William Joshua Taylor Epperly, 2.045 acres, gift deed
- Erbo Construction to Jack R. Whittington Jr., lot, The Preserve at Ashley,
- Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Joshua Brauns, lot, \$55,000
  - Derek Wade Ferguson to ĎeĎorah Ĵ. Fine, trustee, lot, Shawnee Village, gift
- deed
  - First Bank to PCK Properties, 0.689 acre, \$385,000 Barbara Ann Gabay to Jason W. Kibbe, 14.786 acres, \$325,000
  - Heather C. Gilbo to George Hayfield, 2.250 acres, \$203,000 Ashley Goad to Barry Mortland, lot, Orchard Hill, \$375,000
  - Nicholas R. Grant to Phillip Jacob Dunn, lot, Heatherstone, \$355,000 Joseph E. Hammond III to Joshua S. Harvey, lot, Phase II Wetherwood,
- \$463,000 Jacquelyn L. Harbaugh to Artie Burton, parcel II, \$55,000
- James Julia Harris to Sandra L. Harris, 1.211 acres, gift deed Chance M. Hartman to Taylor M. Deleu, 3 parcels, \$213,900
- Mary E. Hinman to Eric L. Spangler, lot, Sanderson Ridge, gift deed Hungate Fields LLC to Larvy Bullock, lot, The Preserve at Ashley, \$90,000
- Hungate Fields LLC to Steven W. Dillon, lot, 0.309 acres, The Preserve at
- Ashlev. Brian J. Hurt to Jeffery Coles Masters, lot, 0.574 acre, gift deed
- J & L Properties Lots and Land to Flagship Properties LLC, 3 parcels, \$55,000
- Gary L. Johns to Matthew James McBane, 5.42 acres, \$605,000
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- Alyssa N. Jones to Alyssa N. Jones, 2.250, gift deed Howard E. Klink Jr. to Carol Ann Ritchey, parcel, \$0
- Kerry James Krause to Cynthia Kaye Zuberer, 2 parcels, \$110,000
- Lakeview Loan Servicing to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,
- - Ann H. Lee to Donna Jo Kennedy, 0.184 acre, gift deed Raymond B. Lingle to The Crouch Team Inc., lot, Apple Tree Village,
- Hunter Lowe to Ethan J.Humbert, 0.513 acres, 227,000
  - Justin R. Merlie to Elliott Thomas Emerick, 1.819 acres, \$188,500
- Collin Andrew Metz to Lawrence V. Sweet, 4.750 acres, Stonelea Estates,
- \$625,960 David Keith Miller to Kasey Whitaker, 2.272 acres, \$450,000
  - Misty Creek Lodge to Stephen L. Parker, 6.405 acres, gift deed
  - Joshua Mark Moyer to Mitchty, no description, \$143,000
  - PJ Mundy to Scott Morrison, 7.4635 acres, \$300,000 Steven J. Narro to DKCM Holdings LLC, 1.00 acre, \$148,000
    - Marc C. Nichols to Robert Aaron Divers, lot, Blue Ridge Heights, \$310,000 Rachel R. Nichols to Hal Thomas Bailey Jr., lots 6 & 7, \$195,000
  - Barbara J. Noel to Barbara J. Noel, two parcels, \$0
  - Old Fincastle Road LLC to Devon Allen Roatenberry, 2.251 acres, \$69,950
  - Ivy M. Owen to James Julia Harris, parcel, gift deed
  - Peter M. Pearl to Carl H. Benson Jr., two parcels, \$347,596.62 Peter M. Pearl to George C. Moore Sr., three parcels, \$134,974.35
  - Peter M. Pearl to Cheorge Chirstopher Moore Jr., no description, \$575,382.15

Joseph A. Overbay to Evan Mason Overbay Jr., lot, Rainbow Forest, \$15,000

- Frank P. Penn to Ashley Goad, lot, \$625,000
- Pineapple Properties LLC to DPC Living, parcels, \$125,000 Donna M. Powell to William G. Powell, trustee, lot, Medallion Hills, gift
- deed
- Mark K. Pugh to AMS Venture LLC, lot, Blue Ridge Heights, \$132,500 R. Fralin Homes II to Frabo LLC, lot, The Cottages at Steeplechase,
- \$220,420,90 Read Mountain Swim Club to Read Mountain Swim LLC, lots, \$540,000
  - Lee Richter to Randy L. Fellers, 5.34 acres, \$72,500
  - Stephen Grey Shepherd to Johnny Nates, no description, \$318,000
- Mark Allen Simpson to Ernest Nelson Stacey Jr., no description, \$65,500
- Judie C. Stewart to Craig J. Bauer, lot, Rainbow Forest, \$325,000
- Jeffery D. Stinson to Jeffrey D. Stinson, lot, Stepping Stone, \$0 Katherine Brandemu Strickland to Tinker Top LLC, no description,
- - Lloyd Scott Sutphin to Tyler W. Bower, lot, Apple Tree Village, \$464,000 Matthew W. Tait to Van M. Lian, lot, Deer Haven, \$626,000
- Richard D. Thompson to Phillip A. Bonelli, 0.839 acres, \$0
- Richard D. Thompson to Phillip A. Bonelli, 3 parcels, \$295,000
- Matthew Tomblin to Wilson L. Webb, 2.252 acres, gift deed Joel Ryan Walker to Jason R. Sturdenvant, lot, Apple Tree Village, \$519,000

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Willis R. Watts Sr. to Daniel E. Eichelberger, 2 parcels, \$248,500

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# **UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS**

#### **Movie: Gravity (PG)**

Fri, July 21, 11am, Fincastle Library Two astronauts work together to survive after an accident leaves them stranded in

# The Moon, Musk, and

Thu, July 20, 6-7pm, Blue Ridge Library While visiting another star is (currently) impossible, humanity has set its sights on returning to the Moon. Elon Musk even wants to go to Mars. Can we make the leap to another planet? Join astronomer Josh Urban for an exciting discussion of space travel, a look at the moon through a telescope (weather permitting) and hear how an astronaut stuck Josh with an \$80 lunch bill. Recommended for adults and teens 14+.

#### **Moon Day Celebration:** Phases of the Moon

Thu, July 20, 3-4pm, all branches The moon fully orbits around Earth about once every month. During its orbit, we can see the moon in different phases. The phases are controlled by the amount of sunlight reflected off the moon. Join us for a fun children's craft using Oreo cookies to visualize the phases of the moon.

#### **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

Waif of the Week

**Meet Billy** 

months. Recommended for all ages.

#### **Improv with Mill Mountain Theatre** Fri, July 28, 12:30pm, Buchanan Library

Thu, Aug 17, 4pm, Fincastle Library Improv is acting and reacting in the moment. Learn how to collaborate and make confident choices. Recommended for tweens/teens.

#### **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 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.

#### **Books & Ice Cream** 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 for more great events. League for Animal Protection's

#### Submit all Letters to the Editor to

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mainstreetnewspapers.com

# **UCHANAN EVENTS**

#### **Buchanan Farmers/Community Market vendors wanted**

Be part of Buchanan's Saturday, July 29 Shop Small, Shop Local efforts as a vendor during the monthly Farmers/Community Market. The town is accepting application for locally produced food and goods. The market also offers opportunities for educational and charitable activities for the area. For additional information or an application, call 540-254-1212, Ext. 5, or download an application from the town website at www.townofbuchanan.com.

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Buchanan Town Park, 485 Lowe Street. Gates open to the public at 4:30 p.m. with performances by Sol Roots from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and Lazy Man Dub Band from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Admission is \$10 at the gate. Bring lawn chairs; but no pets, no outside coolers or outside food. Food will be available, including

Buchanan Burgers & Fries, Island Wheel Food Truck, Smooshed Ice Cream Food Truck and more. There will be activities for children, the opportunity to tie die your own Festival Shirt for \$15, as well as beverages from PA Short and Virginia Mountain Vineyards. Organizers thank corporate sponsor

Bank of Botetourt and business sponsor Twin River Outfitters.

Harry Gleason, Buchanan Community Development

#### Rezoning county's comprehensive plan.

The board and developers heard comments from six citizens with questions concerning stormwater runoff, traffic issues, road conditions, the types of housing, and the use of the land. One of the project's developers, David Spigle, community engineer Bobby Wampler, and traffic engineer Joe Wallace addressed some of the Spigle said that the volume of water

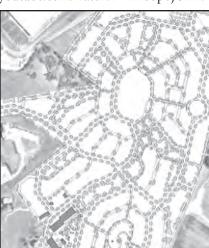
in the "farm pond" on the property shouldn't be of concern and that they are planning to work around the pond to ensure there aren't any issues. One comment referred to developers leaving the area once a project is completed to which Spigle emphatically stated, "That's not who we are. We're residents here. We intend to stay here and back these things up with our reputations." Each type of residential use found

in the zoning ordinance is proposed within the neighborhood, including 122 single-family detached units, 24 duplex units, 30 cottage units, 99 single-family attached (townhome) units and 162 multi-family (apartment) units. Commercial uses are limited to no more than 60,000 square feet and will be comprised of uses that are permitted by right from the Business (B-1 & B-2) Use Districts. No specific commercial use has been

proposed yet and no SEP commercial uses are proposed with the establishment of the Traditional Neighborhood District. An additional public hearing would be required for any SEP commercial use proposed later. The "master plan" (www.harvestatblueridge. com/masterplan) includes a plan sheet for the residential and commercial use types that shows the typical arrangement of the uses on parcels and other sheets provide representative building elevations for the structures that will house the different types of uses and contain design guidelines that contain criteria on required building materials, architectural, and other building elements.

Access is provided from Cloverdale Road (US Alt. 220) via two proposed public street intersections. The primary access is proposed across from Cortland Road, which is proposed as a signalized intersection, and the other is planned as a right-in/right-out that is located on the northern most connection of the property with Cloverdale Road.

To watch the livestream of Monday's public hearing, visit the Botetourt County's YouTube channel, www. youtube.com/watch?v=4nr68p0jUlM.



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A concept of the proposed development featured in the project's summary.

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Witt Ranch Properties to Christopher Brent Witt, parcel, \$0

Michael Wolfe to Matthew W. Puryear, 2.858 acres, gift deed David William Wright to David William

Wright Jr., 2.024 acres, gift deed

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Jeremy 23. Famed island 25. Parent-teacher groups 26. Distributes

29. Ad 30. Circulation problem (abbr.)

31. Brother or sister 33. A famous "Squad" 34. Stage actor Anthony 36. Violent seizure of property

38. Saclike cavities

40. Sound units

69. Judged 70. Static balance between

47. Polish Baltic peninsula 48. Recipe measurement 51. Requests out of dire need

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55. The immaterial part of a person 56. Anoint 58. Golf score 59. Supernatural 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual 60. Northwest Territories

61. Can be made suitable 64. A professor's helper 65. Having a toothlike edge 67. Got atop a horse

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Merchant 53. Precious stone weight unit 7. Hosts film festival 8. State of agitation of fuss 9. A way to praise

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Most valuable player

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27. Title of respect

13. Famed designer Lauren 15. Occupies 18. Small island (British) 21. Misuse of the sacred

54. Subway dwelling rodent 55. Sources 57. Mild Dutch cheese 59. Spanish city 62. Consumed

63. Ballplayer's tool

66. Midway between north

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68. Atomic #3

37. Music genre 38. Indicates one is in mourning 39. Secured forever 42. Bodily cavity 43. A dog is one 46. Chose to do something 47. Annoy persistently

49. Large hotel rooms 52. Docket

Thurs., July 27 10 a.m., 1 p.m.,

www.FincastleHerald.com

7 p.m.

See **Answers**, page 8

#### Groendyk picnic August 26 at Limestone Park

The Groendyk Family Picnic will be held August 26 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Limestone Park in Buchanan. Bring family and a dish or dessert to share. The pool is open and admission price

for that is \$4 per swimmer. Come early and make a day of it.

Pass the word along and invite anyone that was ever an employee of Groendyk Mfg. Co., Inc.

For more information, contact Jerrah McKemy, Rhonda Cox, or Missy Dudley.

- Rhonda Cox

#### Council

He mentioned that Poor Farm Road could be used as an alternate route for those deliveries with an additional request for similar signage on Church and Herndon Streets.

Thomas mentioned that he spoke with Sheriff Matt Ward about his requests and that the sheriff was "all for" these proposed requests.

Mayor Mary Bess Smith and Thomas noted that they would like for Del. Terry Austin, Fincastle Supervisor Dr. Richard

Bailey, and the town residents on board with these proposed requests.

Councilman

Bordett gave an update about Big Spring Park. The town is hopeful for a grand opening celebration for the park once some finishing touches are made. Bordett mentioned a local Eagle Scout is working on improving the park's kiosk displaying information about the park. He said that the park's "wildlife is active" with frogs and turtles

being recently spotted habituating the area and that the town is working on getting signage for the upcoming pollinator garden featured in the park.

County Botetourt Public Schools requested the addition of a white board to the outdoor classroom. Council agreed that an enclosure of some sort will be needed if the classroom were to feature a white board.

Smith added that Councilman Bill Gaul is making efforts to get estimates for the park's aerator and electrical work still needed that includes some trenching and adding an additional electrical box for outlets.

Fincastle's new Town Clerk Morgan Keith was introduced by Town Council. The mayor noted that Keith's already enjoying her new position.

For more information on the Town of Fincastle, visit the town's newly refurbished website at townoffincastle.org.

## **Traffic**



rescue workers need to access homes, or residents who need to leave their homes.

"For years, there has always been a challenge with students being picked up by their parents and it's caused a traffic jam in that area," Davidick said. He noted that residents of Jay Ridge are "very concerned" about general emergencies on the road and having to navigate around the traffic.

Davidick and the individuals he spoke with are currently developing strategies and he wants the residents along Jay Ridge Road to know that the traffic issue "isn't something (the School Board) is just passing off." He stated that he hopes to have a solution soon.

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PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE Kids had the chance to work on crafts including constellations string art and learning about the size of planets.

Children were given the opportunity to participate in craft stations where they could put together astronomy-themed crafts like charting constellation patterns with "connect-the-dot" worksheets and constellation string art.

StarLab returned with an inflatable planetarium where groups got to enjoy a short presentation about constellations and how they got their names

based on characters from Greek mythology.

Attendees were also given the chance to learn more about the planets, stargazing apps, and citizen sciences opportunities. "Those who attended last year

still found the dome entertaining as we had added several different projection drums to the rotation so that everyone was able to see something new," Duval continued. "The Botetourt Family YMCA has been such a great partner in working with us to provide quality programming for our community.

The day before the public event, county library staff met with 75 kids attending the YMCA Summer Camp. Campers had an early opportunity to experience the inflatable planetarium.

For more information about Botetourt Libraries upcoming events, please visit https://www. botetourtva.gov/161/Libraries.

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# Botestourt Vorship Director

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

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

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

#### **PROPHECY Botetourt Church of God of**

**Prophecy** - (formerly Flatwoods COGOP & Fincastle COGOP), Roanoke & Academy Streets, Fincastle, Va 24090, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship 11.00 AM, Sun. Evening 6:30 PM, Wed. Evening 7:00 PM, Pastor Peggy Brown, 540-992-**INDEPENDENT** 

#### **BAPTIST** Colonial Baptist Church -

221 Hillcrest St., Blue Ridge, VA 24064. Phone 540-977-5683. Senior Pastor Joel A. Wegner; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Adult Bible 10:30 Fellowships; Worship (Nursery, Tots' & Children's Church) - broadcast on Facebook Live; One Sunday evening worship per month at 6 p.m. Wednesday schedule during the school year: 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Studies; 6:45 p.m. WOL Teens, 7 p.m. WOL Gopher Buddies & Olympians (Age 3-Grade 6), 7 p.m. MERGE (College Age). E-mail: office@ cbcblueridge.org; website: www.cbcblueridge.org; On Facebook, Instagram, YouTube Crossroads Baptist Church -1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M. Faith Baptist Church 4258

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

Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr.,

Pastor. 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. 540-556-3504. Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00a.m. New Hope Baptist Church-2315 Blue Ridge Blvd. (US

460), 977-6610, Pastor David McNeill; Sunday School, 9:45AM; Worship, 10:45AM, 7PM; Wed., Bible Study 7PM; Kings Kids, 7PM; Daycare and Preschool, Mon-Fri. 6:30AM-Valley View Baptist Church-

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

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST** Bonsack Baptist Church -4845 Cloverdale Rd. (Alt. 220)

Dr. Chris Cadenhead, 977-5701, Sunday School, 8:30a.m. and 11a.m.; Worship 9:45a.m.; Wed. Buchanan Baptist Church -19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all

a.m. Wednesday Fellowship

Meal at 6 p.m. followed by

Bible study, 6 p.m. ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site buchananbaptist.com; Phone -254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Been There**; **Done That** Ecclesiastes

Read through 4:16

The familiar phrase "been there; done that" is often said by those who feel they've seen it all and done it all, and they're bored by it. This appears to be the outlook of the author of Ecclesiastes.

He concluded that every-

thing he had experienced was meaningless, including the pursuit of wisdom and pleasure—things many in our modern culture seek. Even the hedonistic lifestyle of "wine, women, and song" proved to not be satisfying. These indulgences created only fleeting enjoy-

Much of happiness depends on attitude.

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God (Ecclesiastes 3:12–13). Once we determine to find

satisfaction in life's simple things, including what God has given us to do, we will no longer base our worth or our hope in the accumulation of more things. Thought for Today: "Peo-

ple are just as happy as they make up their minds to be." —Abraham Lincoln

Quicklook: Ecclesiastes 3:1-

Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna Burkhart, preschool director. Mt. Bethel Church of the

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

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

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

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

7165 Cloverdale Rd., Roanoke,

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

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

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

Lutheran **Church**– 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;  $teem wheat land @\,gmail.com$ 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

Church - 19559 Main St.

Buchanan

for more information). **PRESBYTERIAN** 

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Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. AA meetings are held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian. org. Contact www.admin@ buchananpresbyterian.org

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Fincastle

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

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.

gmail.com or (540)473-2042.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

**UNITED METHODIST** Chapel Andrew 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. St. Mark's United Methodist

Church – 19 Cedar Ridge Drive,

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

often

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

mission. Frogs and Tadpoles

Childrens Ministry meets on the

2nd and 4th Sundays of each

month from 4 to 6pm!

# **BITUARIES**

#### Rakes, Kenneth Leroy

Daleville passed away at his home on July 14, 2023, after a short battle with glioblastoma.

Waiting to welcome Ken into heaven were his Mom and Dad, Glen and Elsie Rakes; brother, Carlton; niece, Whitney Rakes Vesterfelt; brotherin-law, Jere Pearsall; and sister-in-law, Doris Cox.

Ken was born and educated in Ferrum, Va., and moved to Christiansburg with his bride in 1963. There he founded Ideal Cabinets Design Studio in 1970 with a desire to create superior designs and workmanship in the kitchen and bathroom cabinet industry. At that time, his designs were detailed pencil sketches, which he then transferred into works of art with a limited amount of equipment. The business grew and he added locations, equipment, and design automation. He was a teacher and an influencer in a quiet, unassuming way and was

proud of Ideal's employees and the

beautiful work they do.

In regular life, there are many who benefitted from his driving, boating, and fishing lessons, suggestions for lowering the golf score, and his anonymous gifts or help for someone in need. He enjoyed beach trips, golf, and cruises, singing and playing guitar, but most of all, he was happiest when he spent time with his favorite neighbors, his grandchildren. Whether he had a lunch date with a rising superstar designer, attending serious baseball games with the most talented player ever, attending swim meets to watch his champion do it again, or appreciating the detailed lawn mowing of his youngest apprentice, you can bet he was in his

Kenneth Leroy Rakes (Ken) of happy place when he was with his grandchildren. He was proud to have them all employed in the family business.

He is survived by his best friend, business partner, and wife, Virginia Cox Rakes; son, Pat Rakes (Jana); daughter, Regina (George) Cecil; and grandchildren, Sydney, Sophie, Patrick and

Davis Rakes, and Taylor and Logan Cecil. Also surviving are his brothers, the Rev. Elwood Rakes (Glenna) and Dexter Rakes (Jennifer);and several brothers-in-law, sisters-inlaw, nieces, and nephews who were incredibly special to him.

The family will greet friends from 11a.m.-12 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at Bonsack Baptist Church, 4845 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke. The funeral service will follow at 12 p.m.

The Rakes family extends special thanks to Barbara Lemmon and precious family members, friends, and the amazing employees from Ideal Cabinets who provided support and care for Ken during his

Appreciation is expressed to Carilion's Dr. Marvin and the Community Hospital Rehab for their expertise and kindness. Also, Good Samaritan Hospice provided compassionate in-home care to Ken and the family. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation in memory of Ken to Good Samaritan Hospice, 2408 Electric Road, Roanoke, 24018, or online at http://www. goodsamhospice.org/. condolences may be made to Ken's family at www.rader-funeralhome. com/tributes/Kenneth-Rakes.

# Simpson, Mark Alan

Mark Alan Simpson, 62, of Fincastle, passed away Friday, July 14, 2023.

Mark was preceded in death by his wife, Deborah Ann Wood Simpson, in April 2020.

Mark and Debbie will have a combined memorial service in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt



Funeral Home, 14920 Lee Highway, Buchanan, on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Richard Ronk officiating. Interment will be private. Online condolences may made at www. botetourtfuneralhome. com or 540-254-3000.

# Museum visioning workshop July 27

The Botetourt Museum Advisory Board invites citizens to actively participate in shaping the future purpose and content of a new museum celebrating Botetourt County on Thursday morning, July 27 at the Family Life Center at Fincastle United Methodist Church, 137 S. Church Street, Fincastle.

In the summer of 2022, Delegate Terry Austin was successful in procuring \$6 million from the State Legislature for the establishment of a permanent museum in Fincastle.

In April 2023 the AECOM team, including Riggs Ward, was selected to work with the Advisory Board to prepare an initial feasibility study that would demonstrate the scale, content, architectural objectives, recommended operational structure and costs (both capital and operational).

Citizen input at this Visioning Workshop is critical to the success of this project, both short term for informing the feasibility study, and long term for the continuing operational success of the future museum. No additional preparation is required from citizens for this workshop. The board asks that attendees come ready and willing to collaborate - listening to and communicating with others who also desire a successful outcome for this

Agenda 9:00-9:15 Welcome & Introductions

9:15-10:30 Workshop #1 What's the 10:30-10:40 Break

10:40-11:45 Workshop #2 Tell the

11:45-12:15 Lunch 12:15-1:15 Workshop #3 Fill Your

1:15-1:30 Summary and Wrap-Up

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

# Tomato Festival on July 29



The Botetourt County Farmer's Market hosts two upcoming events at Buchanan Town Park.

The third annual Tomato Festival takes place next Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Join all the market vendors to celebrate one of summer's most popular

icons. Live music will feature Trinity Tree. Food trucks and the Homestead Ice Cream Truck will be a part of the event for attendees to enjoy. Plus, plenty of tomato-themed activities.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

### Church news to share? Share it with us! fincastle@ourvalley.org

open Saturday

The Buchanan Church Presbyterian Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, July 22 from 9-11 a.m. Volunteers from St. Marks United Methodist Church in Daleville will be handing out food to those in need in Botetourt County. Food staples including bread and milk will be distributed curbside at the church, 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

#### Ice cream social this Saturday

PleasantDale Church of the Brethren's ice cream social is coming up this Saturday, July 22, at 5 p.m.

Austin Myers will be there to play us some music. A love offering plate will be set out for Austin.

Supper is not planned, nor a potluck. But if anyone would like to bring a plate to share, please feel free to do so.

The church will be providing the ice cream. And perhaps some surprise refreshments as well. All are invited.

#### 'Back-to-School Fun' at Troutville Park Troutville Baptist Church

will host "Back-to-School Fun Time" from 11 a.m.p.m. Saturday, July 29. In addition to a free bag of school supplies and free hot dogs, students will participate in games with prizes and drawings.

#### Bible Time at Colonial Baptist

What time is it? It's Bible Time! Ready to Dino stomp to a place kids dream about? Join the whimsical adventure at Colonial Baptist Church in

Colonial Bible Time July 23-26. The theme this year for boys and girls age 4-grade 6 is "Stompers & Chompers" where they can hop on a triceratops, run with a raptor, and soar with a pterosaur.

Kids will enjoy crafts, snacks, games, and a nightly stomp & chomp jungle assembly. Kids will meet Sunday-Wednesday from 6:45-8:30 p.m. An adult class is also offered each night from 7-8:15 p.m. entitled "A Faith Worth Fighting For." Call the church office at 977-5683 for a ride. Preregistration is optional at www.cbcblueridge.org. CBC is located at 221 Hillcrest Street in Blue Ridge just off Rt. 460 at Mountain Pass

#### Mt. Joy Homecoming

Church

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

#### 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

Pantry Blue Ridge in the upcoming 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 website to register: Springwoodbc.org. There is a VBS registration to click on and fill out.

#### Movie night at Trinity

Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a family movie night in the fellowship hall on Friday, July 28. The movie, "One Foot in Heaven," starring Fredric March and Martha Scott, will begin at 6:15 p.m., with doors opening at 6. Bring your favorite non-

alcoholic beverage to enjoy with the free popcorn. Trinity UMC is located

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#### 'Noah' coming Woodland Church

Woodland Church is presenting the spectacular "Noah" by Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, Pa., on Thursday, August 3, at 7 p.m. The threehour video presentation includes an intermission with light refreshments. church spokesman said this is a wonderful opportunity to see this production at no cost it's the church's gift to the community

Gaslight Gingerbread Christmas time in New Jersey

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

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

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

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

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

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# Our Patriot Ancestors

In recognition of the upcoming 250th celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the DAR America 250! Committee of the Botetourt County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is placing a spotlight on members' Patriot ancestors who helped the country achieve American Independence.

Jacob Harshbarger is one of the Patriot ancestors of member Rebecca Barnes. Jacob Harshbarger was born in 1757 in Lancaster County, Pa. He married Margaret Keller and they settled in Washington, Maryland. Jacob, at that time, was a weaver. During the Revolutionary War he joined the 7th Battalion Militia, Lancaster, Pa., under the command of Captain Robert

After the War and the death of his wife, he sold everything and settled on a farm around Hollins, Va. His brother Samuel Harshbarger was living here and together they owned and operated the Harshbarger Mill. At the mill lumber was sawn, grain was ground and barrels were made. Groceries and whiskey were sold at their store. The road leading to the mill is called Harshbarger Road, named after the men who opened it. Jacob married Elizabeth Sullenbarger in 1820, and they had a son, Henry Harshbarger. Jacob, my third great-grandfather, died in 1850, in Cloverdale, Botetourt County.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political organization open to any woman who has lineage to a patriot who contributed to the success of the American Revolution. Founded over 125 years ago, it is focused on service to the community and fosters Patriotism, Education and Service. If you are interested or have questions

about joining the chapter, contact Membership Chair Emily Talbot-Guillote via email at eptg1019@gmail.com or Registrar JoElla John, jjohnregistrar@ gmail.com.

- Botetourt County DAR

# Central Academy offering softball and baseball for 6th graders; new track project underway at Lord Botetourt



Last month, work began on improvements to the track and field stations at Cavalier Stadium in Daleville.

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Building, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia. The public hearing is for:

A. Consideration of an amendment to Botetourt County's FY 23-24 budget to appropriate remaining funds for the Circuit Courthouse Renovation project in the amount of \$26,720,280.00.

B. Consideration of a budget amendment to Botetourt County's FY 23-24 budget to appropriate the remaining portion (\$4,665,242.07) of the two primary installments of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funding received and \$30,000.00 of funding received as an ARPA Tourism grant.

C. Consideration of a budget amendment to Botetourt County's FY23-24 budget to appropriate carryover funds for Fire & EMS apparatus and equipment in the amount of \$1,737,937.00.

D. Consideration of a budget amendment to Botetourt County's FY23-24 budget to appropriate carryover funds to Transfers to EDA in the amount of \$919,150.

E. Consideration of a budget amendment to Bote-

tourt County's FY23-24 budget to appropriate funds included in several discrete funds, including Sheriff's funds, property seizure funds, and the Greenfield Preservation Fund. The total amount included in these discrete funds is \$846,832.97. F. Consideration of a budget amendment to Bote-

tourt County's FY23-24 budget to appropriate carryover funds to Assessor Department in the amount of \$472,630.00, and

G. Consideration of an amendment to the FY 23-

24 budget to provide an appropriation for funding of \$234,209.41 in the Fire & EMS Capital Reserve Fund. The total budget amendments included for con-

sideration regarding this public hearing are \$35,626,281.45. It should be noted that these budget amendments relate to items that were previously included in prior years' budgets which require new appropriations since previously approved appropriations expired June 30, 2023.

Any interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing to comment on the proposed Budget amendments. The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors intends to take action on the Budget amendments after the public hearing is concluded.

For further information, please contact Anthony G. Zerrilla at the County Financial Services Office in the Greenfield Administration Building or 540-928-2102.

Persons wishing to make comments about these proposed amendments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Suite 200, Daleville, VA 24083, e-mail their comments to lbess@ botetourtva.gov or submit comments through the on-line form available at www.botetourtva.gov

Comments by mail must be received by noon on July 27, 2023.

Gary Larrowe

**Botetourt County Administrator** 

Sixth grade students at Central Academy Middle School (CAMS) will have the opportunity to try out for softball and baseball as team sports in the spring. The school's eighth graders will still be eligible to tryout/play for JV sports, if selected. "This has been a long-

time request of parents at CAMS, so thank you to our director of operations [Andy Dewease] superintendent [Dr. Jonathan Russ] making this happen for our students," Buchanan District School Board member Jenny Wilson said in a Facebook post last week.

The updates to Cavalier Stadium at Lord Botetourt High School (LBHS) continue. Last month, work began on the track, high jump area, and pole vault pit. An asphalt base has since been laid on the track. The School Board hopes that the project is completed by August. ATC Corp. is handling the paving.

- Fincastle Herald staff

#### **Stockyard Report** Monday's sale at the

Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

81 Head

**Graded Feeder Steers** 

400-499: \$246.00 500-599: \$248.00 600-699: \$213.00

**Graded Feeder Bulls** 600-699: \$209.00

**Graded Feeder Heifers** 

400-499: \$182.00 500-599: \$224.00

600-699: \$194.00

Cows: \$ 69.00-96.50 \$109.50-111.00 **Bulls:** 

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#### Run like Baron 5k! This inaugural event is hosted by

Friends of Botetourt K9. The trail run is dedicated to Botetourt County's first K9 to pass while on active duty. Baron served his community with distinction until his end of watch August 31, 2017 He loved to run and catch the bad guys, so let's honor him and RUN LIKE BARON!

All proceeds benefit active and retired K9s in Botetourt County.

Register at FOBK9.org





## Run Like Baron 5K at Greenfield

Friends of Botetourt K9 recently announced the inaugural "Run Like Baron 5K" cross-country running/ walking event dedicated to Botetourt County's first K9 officer to be lost while on active duty - Baron, who served with distinction until his end of watch on August 31, 2017. The event is organized by Friends of Botetourt K9, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial support to the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department The 5K will be held on August

12, starting at 8:30 a.m. Participants have the option to choose between an in-person race, a virtual race, or a fun walk event. The in-person race and walk will be held at the Greenfield Recreation Park in Troutville, offering scenic views along the 5K cross-country course. The virtual option can be completed from anywhere and the fun walk event is perfect for families and anyone who wants to participate in a

non-competitive atmosphere. All proceeds from the Run for Baron 5K will go towards Friends of Botetourt K9, which supports the K9 unit by providing financial aid for equipment, training, and other essential needs. This event is a great way to show your support for the brave K9 officers who serve and protect our community.

The Friends of Botetourt K9 was created as a 501©3 organization to facilitate educational opportunities, raise awareness of police K9s and their active accomplishments, foster community support of police dogs and K9 officers, and provide assistance in meeting the needs of retired and activeduty police dogs in Botetourt.

Starters and seasonal runners are all welcome. Register now at https:// runsignup.com/Race/VA/Troutville/ RunLikeBaron5K and be a part of this memorable event.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

# Roanoke Valley poll shows alarming trend concerning young adults and fentanyl

The Roanoke Area Youth Substance Abuse (RAYSAC) conducts an annual phone Valley adults to monitor trends and attitudes regarding substance misuse and medication disposal. poll The 2023

highlights an alarming trend. When asked if they believe pills obtained from somewhere other than a licensed pharmacy might contain fentanyl, nearly one in three (31%) 18-24 year olds said "no." Just last year, only 1 in 8 said this, representing a sharp increase of over This statistic coincides

with the sharp rise in

(aged 15-24) deaths from opioid overdose across the country (1999-2021). poll of 500 Roanoke Youth overdoses have in pills and other drugs in occurred in Culpeper, Arlington, and Big Stone Gap in Virginia, and as recently as May of 2023, a Tennessee teen was charged with murder after the fentanyl poisoning of two of her classmates. RAYSAC has created

educational handouts on this topic that explain the origin, proliferation, and risks involved with fentanyl and counterfeit pills that may contain fentanyl. RAYSAC is also introducing a new community education program, opioidWISE, geared toward AARP Fraud Alert: Door-to-Door Sales Scams

youth and young adult school-aged that explains the risks involved with fentanyl and how it may be hiding undetectable, yet deadly

> From 2019 to 2021, 84% of youth overdoses involved fentanyl, and with news stories like the ones referenced above becoming more frequent, the public is interested in learning about this topic

For more information, contact Adam Neal, RAYSAC director, at (540) 982-1427, Ext. 5123; www.raysac.org.

- Roanoke Area Youth Substance Abuse Coalition

#### Summer means door-to-door sales crews or pay for in advance – it not a deal at all. Your

they're selling isn't always legit. Be cautious anytime a stranger comes knocking, especially if the visitor is trying to sell

are here. But buyer beware because what

you goods or services. Be wary of contractors who say they stopped by because they just happened to be in the neighborhood. They might even offer you a free roof inspection. One thing to remember is that good contractors are usually too busy to roam

around in search of work. And any deal that you can only get if you sign up immediately Goad-Martin trial continued to Sept. 27

best bet is to proactively seek out the services you need and tell the next person who shows up at your door that you don't do business Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam,

you can stop a scam. Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360

or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork. ~ AARP

#### arraignment on and Blue Ridge Supervisor records, the Class 1 Billy Martin (defendant) criminal claim filed by

misdemeanor assault and battery case involving Danny Goad (plaintiff) AFFORDABLE MINI STORAGE, LLC

1250 Lee Highway, Roanoke, VA 24019 Date: Saturday, July 29, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. Units: I04, J28, G04, I13 and G20

to remove items from unit. Cody Manspile, Auctioneer, has been continued to September 27 in Fincastle. waived his Martin CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Danny Goad on June 7. The alleged incident took place in Troutville, outside of the Food Lion on Laymantown Road. - Fincastle Herald staff report The

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#### Garage Sale -**Botetourt County**

#### **GARAGE SALE!** FINCASTLE!

734 BLACKSBURG

**ROAD** This Friday & amp; Sat. 7/21 & 7/22

7:00 - 11:00 AM

A true garage sale - under cover. Owner is downsizing and must sell home contents including: Pots & amp; pans, Electric Grill, Pfalzgraff dish set, Crystal d'Arques

faceted glassware, some Barbie collectibles Star Trek Hallmark ornaments, Honeywell room heater,

Tupperware and Pampered Chef Items, Mugs of all varieties, dog crates, beds, pet

flowing water fountain. Shepherd hooks, dried arrangements, gardening items.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS: Artificial Christmas Trees, Tree lights, Ornaments, and Many Christmas/Winter Decorations as well. These weekend morning sales are expected to continue until smaller items

#### are sold. **Auctions**



Online Only Estate Auction of Mr. Milton Hale in Daleville, Va

Bid on Collectibles, Tools, Furniture, and MORE! Bidding Begins to Close July 27th @ Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Preview will he

Wednesday, July 26 th and Thursday, July 27 th from 4-6 p.m. Pick-up will be Saturday,

www.CircleCAuction.com to register and Bid

July 29 th from 1-6 p.m.

#### **Services - Other**

#### Fence Building & Repair

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

#### **Employment**

#### **MEALS ON** WHEELS **SUPERVISOR**

#### **Daleville**

Local Office on Aging, Inc. (LOA) seeks a flexible, dependable person to coordinate Meals-on-Wheels deliveries for 20 hours per week (Monday-Friday), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The job is located at Mark's Methodist Church Daleville. Supervising the Meals-on-Wheels program includes deliveries to homebound seniors. routing new clients:

if they so desire

#### Employment

managing volunteers and assisting with the FSWVA Food Box Program. Must be able to lift up to 25 lbs. provide own transportation reimbursed at \$.50 per mile. Benefits include Paid Time Off 14 paid holidays. Must be sensitive to the needs of the elderly. \$13.16 per hour.

Older workers are encouraged to apply. For an application or further information contact the LOA Central office at 540-345-0451 or online at www.loaa.org. applications Completed

p.m. July 31, 2023 at the Office on 4932 Frontage Road, NW, Roanoke, VA

must be received by 4:30

24019.

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#### **SENIOR TEST ENGINEER**

TORC Robotics, Inc. seeks Senior Test Engineer based out of U.S. headquarters in Blacksburg, VA; however, this is purely telecommuting/work-fromhome employee may reside anywhere within U.S. Requires domestic travel up to 10% of the time. Position will support real-world testing of TORC's automated vehicles and provide feedback to development team and perform analysis of test data, generating reports to communicate performance issues and capability improvements over time, among other duties. To apply, email resume to careers@torc.ai. Reference job number 736.

#### Services - Elderly Care

#### **Non-Medical Care Giver for Elderly**

Full Time For the Catawba, VA area. 15.00/per hour We are seeking a Non Medical Care Giver For Elderly to join our team. You will assist in the daily care of elderly or disabled individuals. Responsibilities:

Assist clients with daily living activities Communicate ongoing care results and updates to relevant parties Collaborate with clients and families for best care

Maintain a healthy and comfortable living environment Qualifications:

Previous experience in personal care or other related fields Compassionate and caring

demeanor Ability to build rapport with clients

Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Contact Melissa Boone 540-440-0571 or boonemelissa@aol.com

#### **Events**

#### **Chittum Family** Reunion

Sunday, July 30th 2023 Charles Hill Community Center (Senior Citizen Building). 820 E Washington Ave. Vinton Va

ABSOLUTE ESTATE AUCTION

SAT., AUG. 12th, 2023 – 10:00 AM

**LOVELY 1.5 STORY WOOD SIDED A-FRAME HOME** 

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OPEN HOUSE: SUN., JULY 30th from 2pm until 4pm

1.5 sty. home features a great room (living/kitchen/dining) w/fireplace and spacious decks on both

front & back, 2 bdrms and a full bath on the main level. Upstairs has an add'l 3rd bdrm and ¾ bath.

Lower level is partially finished to include a den w/fireplace, 2 rooms and garage. Heat pump and

public water & sewer. Home sits on a wooded lot in the Timberlane Subdivision. Note: Potential

buyers will have from Aug. 2nd until Aug. 11th to conduct a lead-based paint contamination test

NOTE: HOUSE WILL BE SOLD FIRST AT 10:00 AM. ALL VEHICLES, MOTORCYCLES,

#### Legals - Botetourt County

#### Order of **Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 8.01-316.-317 Case No. CL23-249 BOTETOURT Circuit Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Professional Foreclosure Corporation of Virginia v. Estate of Timothy D. May and Unknown Heirs of Timothy D. May The object of this suit is to: Interplead funds from a Foreclosure case. It is ORDERED that The Estate of Timothy D. May and Unknown Heirs of Timothy D. May and the Unknown Heirs of Estate of Timothy D. May 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

#### Order of **Publication**

Deputy Clerk

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CWF210000018 **BOTETOURT COUNTY** Circuit Court, 5 WEST MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ESTATE OF NEWSOM ELLYSON VIA.

The object of this suit is to: SHOW CAUSE AGAINST **DISTRIBUTION OF** ESTATE. It is ORDERED that the CREDITORS OF. AND ALL OTHERS INTERESTED, IN THE ESTATE OF NEWSOM ELLYSON VIA, JR., so show cause, if they can, on the 26th day of July, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in Fincastle Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Newsom Ellyson Via, Jr. deceased, to the legatees entitled thereto under the Last Will and Testament of Newsom Ellyson Via, Jr., without requiring bonds, subject only to the retention by the Executor of sufficient funds to satisfy the remaining

JUNE 29, 2023. Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

costs of administration

#### **ABC NOTICE**

**NEW BELGIUM BREWING** COMPANY INC., trading as NEW BELGIUM BREWING COMPANY, 555 Daleville VA 24083.

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

BRIAN WOLF, **SECRETARY** 

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.

NOTE: Objections to the

#### 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** 

#### Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-Case No.JJ004181-01-03 RADFORD J&DR-

JUVENILE DIVISION Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Commonwealth of Virginia. in re VELAZQUEZ, DAMIAN XALVADOR, MADRID, ANGEL RAMOS v. ALVARADO, NICOLE MICHELLE The object of this suit is to: AMEND CUSTODY ORDER AND HAVE A SHOW CAUSE ISSUED. It is ORDERED that the defendant ALVARADO, NICOLE MICHELLE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before 8/11/2023, 3:30 PM.

7/05/2023 SALLY DAVIS, CLERK

#### **VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT** OF THE CITY OF **RADFORD**

In re Last Will and Testament of Hywyn Russell Owen Churchill dated July 12, 1997. Petition to Establish Holographic Will and to Qualify Executor Case No. CL22006832-00 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is proper under Va. Code 8.01-316(A)(1). An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Respondent Michael Robbins cannot be found and that due diligence has been used without effect to ascertain his location and last known mailing address is unknown. Upon Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above-named Respondent shall appear in the Circuit Court of Radford City on or before 31st day of July, 2023, after proper publication of this Order, to protect his interest in this cause.

Entered: 6/2/2023 Teste: Melissa White DEPUTY CLERK CIRCUIT COURT, RADFORD, VA. Written Answer may be filed in lieu of Court appearance. Reply should be received by 31st day of July, 2023. Kristen L. Mynes (VSB No. 94905) Counsel for Petitioner 323 Second Street SE #700 Charlottesville, VA 22902

#### Legals - City of Salem Notice is hereby

(434) 977-2569

#### given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on

Monday, July 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to 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 NOTE: Objections to the

without conditions. Salem City Council will consider adoption of the ordinance associated with the above item on first

reading, with a second

reading of the ordinance at

#### Legals - City of Salem

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

a subsequent meeting.

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

#### Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. CA23-04, CA23-05 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

**CRYSTAL YVONNE** TERRY, petitioner IN RE: Children to be known as: Landon Jordan Pierce Birth certificate: 145-16-

074993 DOB: 9/21/2016 And Lukas Wayne Pierce Birth certificate:145-16-074992

DOB: 9/21/2016

The object of this suit is to: Enter a Final Order of Adoption allowing Crystal Yvonne Terry to adopt Landon Edward Scott Pierce and Lucas Roman Wayne Pierce and change their names to Landon Jordan Pierce and Lukas Wayne Pierce. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the biological parent, Stephanie Marie Hudgins, cannot be found and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the address of Stephanie Marie Hudgins, for service purposes.

It is ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the SALEM TIMES REGISTER, 1633 W. Main Street, Salem, Virginia 24153. It is further ORDERED that

Stephanie Marie Hudgins appear at the above named court located at 2 E Calhoun Street, Salem Virginia on or before August 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Entered this day 28th day of June, 2023 Chance Crawford, Clerk

#### **ABC NOTICE**

Stave & Cork. LLC., trading as Stave & Cork, LLC, 115 E. Main Street, Salem, Roanoke County, VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) **AUTHORITY** for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application-Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Bobby and Susan Baker, Owners

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.

> Montgomery County **ABC NOTICE**

Legals -

#### THE BURG RESTO-BAR CORPORATION, trading as

THE BURG RESTO-BAR, 204 DRAPER RD NW, BLACKSBURG, The above establishment is

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# Henry named baseball coach at James River

The James River Knights have found a new baseball coach, and they didn't have to look far. River plucked Chance Henry off the Lord Botetourt staff to replace Matt Gouker, who stepped down to take an assistant principal's job in Roanoke County following the spring baseball season.

Henry comes Springwood after teaching and coaching the jayvee baseball team at LB. He pitched for Cavalier coacĥ Todd Smith as a student, earning first team All-Conference 31 honors as well as second team All-Region 3A and second team All-Blue Ridge District. He also earned second team All-Conference as a designated

Henry went on to play baseball at Roanoke College, where he pitched in six games as a freshman in 2016. Unfortunately, a shoulder injury ended his pitching career but he continued with the team as a student assistant, then joined the RC staff after graduation. He was a student assistant on the 2017 team that went to the NCAA Division III World Series.

"Chance was a part of our program for five years, one as a player and four as a coach," said former RC coach Matt McGuire. "He had career-ending shoulder surgery that he never fully recovered from, so he decided to be a student assistant for us while he signing to play for North was finishing his degree, then in 2020 he was one of our assistant coaches. The year we went to the World Series he was recovering player and a coach.

Henry and then-McGuire assistant Evan Noell as having a big influence on

his career. "Matt McGuire and Evan Noell have both been huge role models and the best baseball minds I've ever been around," said Henry. "They both recruited and coached me at Roanoke College and I was fortunate enough to coach with Coach McGuire for a bit as well to really give me an inside look at how coaching goes behind doors away from the players. They both taught me how to look at the game from different plan of development can players and better people. I've been blessed to be able to speak with them about baseball and life in general as they've helped

high school alma mater, Chance got a chance to be in charge as the head to building relationships jayvee coach. LB coach Smith was impressed with getting started. the job he did for the young Cavaliers.

situations in life."

Chance," said Smith. "He is going to be greatly missed, but I know he will do a great job. He's done a great job running our jayvee program for the past two years and is anxious to run his own program. I'll help him any way I can."

Henry takes over a James River team that went 9-14 this past season. Most of their wins came when senior Heath Andrews was on the mound, but he'll be gone next season after



Chance Henry is the new baseball coach at James



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHANCE HENRY & ROANOKE COLLEGE Chance Henry pitches for RC during the 2016 season.

Carolina State.

during "Obviously, these days when you talk about James River, the first person people bring up from the shoulder surgery. is Heath Andrews," said During his time he was Henry. "He's one of the an integral part of our better baseball players to program's success both as a come through this area in a while and has a real shot to to do something special with how well he can play baseball. So, with having a player that caliber on the mound, you're obviously going to win games and have success, but one thing I want to point out is baseball is a team game. It's tough to win with just one guy and these boys that have been playing with him have learned how to win as well, and it's up to myself and the coaching staff to develop them and point them in the right direction so James River can have continued success, and hopefully win a championship."

Having just taken the angles and how a good position, and in the middle of summer, Chance has turn kids into better ball yet to meet the team or assemble a coaching staff. "I haven't been able

to meet with any of the players yet, but I'm planning on setting that me through numerous up once school starts up in August so I can get in Upon returning to his front of them as soon as I can and meet with them," he said. "I look forward with the players and "The assistants that

James River has in place "I'm super excited for are great guys from what I've heard," he continued. "I plan on reaching out to them all soon so we can get together and get things started. I need to get to know them just as well as the players, so I'm looking

forward to that." River Athletic Director Chase Davidson is excited

about adding Chance to the James River athletic family. "Coach Henry is looking forward

helping the young men

of James River baseball continue improving their baseball skills through leadership development, teamwork, and effective communication, as well as helping students hone necessary life skills that they will need upon their completion of high said Davidson. "Coach Henry looks forward to working with the student-athletes and coaching staff to continue to build an environment accountability and responsibility."

McGuire, who became close to Chance at Roanoke College, feels like he's the perfect choice to lead a high school program.

"Chance is a baseball guy," he said. "He is very knowledgeable and passionate about the game. He always showed a keen baseball IQ during games of when to make moves, call pitches, and could foresee things happening before they actually did. He's also very good at developing pitchers, making a staff better and seeing potential in players. There's no doubt Chance will make a good high school coach and I'm excited for him to get to lead his own program at such a great place like James River. That is a special community. Chance is a special person, so it's a perfect combination." Henry is excited to get

started and appreciative of the opportunity.

"I've known for a long time that I've wanted to be in charge of a program and try to build something that's going to last," he said. "Everyone loves to win, as do I, but I'm really looking forward to helping the players as much as I can and trying to prepare them for baseball, but also to hopefully come out of high school with the ability to look back at playing baseball and love it

as much as I have."



Lord Botetourt's Jesse Knight will play for the red team in "The Last Inning."

# 'The Last Inning' games are Saturday at Salem Memorial

On Saturday, July 22, the Salem Red Sox and Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame will once again sponsor "The Last Inning" senior baseball games at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

The event was initiated in 2020 when the COVID virus wiped out the high school baseball season. An event was held during the summer to give that year's seniors a chance to play one last time in a high school game, and it proved to be so successful it was decided to make it an This Saturday there will be two teams

playing a doubleheader of seven innings each. Teams will wear blue or red shirts provided by the Red Sox. James River will be represented by Colin Cook, Nate Park and Taylor Wilson and will play on a team with players from Staunton River, William Byrd, Liberty, Cave Spring and Alleghany on the navy blue team. Jesse Knight will represent Lord Botetourt on the red team and play on a team with players from Patrick Henry, Northside, Jefferson Forest, North Cross, Glenvar, Christiansburg, Salem, Auburn and Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy.

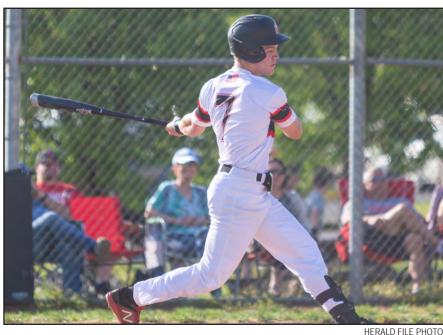
The first game will start at 4 p.m., followed by the Hall of Fame's recognition of the Ray Bellamy High School Player of the Year finalists and the announcement of the winner. The Bellamy Award is given annually to the top high school player in the area covered by the Salem-Roanoke Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame covers the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties.

Also, two scholarships will be awarded in memory of two of the hall's founding fathers, Posey Oyler and Kelvin Bowles. Oyler was the first president of the Hall of Fame and served for 17 years before passing in January of 2008. An annual scholarship in his name goes to an area player of good character, nominated by his high school coach, who plans to play college baseball. This year's winner is Damien Boyd of Auburn High School.

Bowles was a charter member of the Hall of Fame Board of Directors who passed away in 2022 after serving for over 30 years. He owned the local Carolina League baseball team for 21 years and served as a professional scout for several big league teams. His scholarship goes to a senior who has shown a great love for the game, and this year's winner is Preston Crowl of Franklin County High

A second seven-inning game will follow the awards ceremony. There is no admission fee and concessions will

The Hall of Fame building is located on the grounds of the James E. Taliaferro Complex, next to the Salem Red Sox administrative office behind the third base seating area of Salem Memorial Ballpark. It is open to the public on selected nights during the 2023 season and upon request.



Colin Cook is one of three James River graduates who will play in the Seniors'



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# **Sports**

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# Swimmers look to City-County



The Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association had the last Monday night meets of the season this week as they prepare for the annual City-County Meet

at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center on July 28 and 29. Read Mountain hosted Stonegate Swim Club this week. Here, Emily Stakor competes for the Muskies.

# James River High School among those recognized for sportsmanship by Virginia High School League

The Virginia High School League (VHSL) has recognized schools outstanding sportsmanship during the 2022-23 Spring season, including James River High School. These schools had no player or coach ejections, nor were their programs placed on warning status.

Dr. John W. "Billy" Haun, Ed.D., Executive of commended the players, coaches, administrators, and fans who contributed to this achievement.

"We are extremely proud of all the players, coaches, administrators, and fans who worked very hard to make this happen," said Dr. Haun. "Each school and community should be proud to be on this honor roll. Sportsmanship reflects positively on the individuals, schools, and

Haun

encouraged all VHSL member schools to aim for the 2023-24 honor

"VHSL activities are an extension of the classroom, and instilling sportsmanship is one of the most significant skills we can teach our student-athletes," said Dr. Haun. "Let us celebrate VHSL spring's Honor Sportsmanship Roll and continue to promote sportsmanship in all VHSL activities."

# Honey Fest coming to Buchanan Town Park

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Food vendors will be on site with live music by Shanolan. Parking and admission are free. This festival is rain or shine. For more information, contact Kandyce Sherman kandycesherman@gmail.com.

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# 2022-23 National Guard Cup champions are announced

announced the 2022-23 National Guard Cup winners, presented by the Virginia Army National Guard for year-long athletic and academic success. First awarded in 1990, the Cup represents 34 seasons of excellence, with six Cups awarded for academic activities and athletics in each of the VHSL's six enrollment classifications.

point system determines the winners on overall performance in VHSL championship competitions. athletics, first place earns 50 points, second place earns 45 points, third place earns 40 points, fourth place earns 35 points, fifth place earns 30 points, sixth place earns 25 points, seventh place earns 20 points, and eighth place earns points. Schools earning the League's Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award earn 50 points each.

For the five academic activities involving team champions — scholastic bowl, creative writing, debate, theatre, forensics, and robotics — points are awarded on the following basis: first place, 50; second place, 45; third place, 40; fourth place, 35; fifth place, 30; sixth place, 25; seventh place, 20; and eighth place, 15.

In athletics Auburn High was the Class 1 winner with 310 points, edging George Wythe by just five points in the closest race among the six VHSL classifications. Glenvar won in Class 2 for the second year in a row. This year the Highlanders recorded 582.5 points, the most among the six champions in the athletic competition.

High James River 21st among 38 schools that scored points in the Cup competition. The Knights scored 85 total points, with 40 in the fall and 45 in the spring with a state runner-up finish

in softball. In Class 3 Abingdon was the winner with 442.5 points. Lord Botetourt High was 15th overall among 45 schools that scored. The Cavaliers had 135 total points with 22.5 in the winter and

112.5 in the spring. Western Albemarle was the Class 4 champ. Deep Run won the Class 5 championship and, in Class 6, James Robinson High of Fairfax was the winner.

the In academic competition winners were Appomattox Regional Governor's School in Class 1, Marion High in Class 2, Charlottesville in Class 3, Jefferson Forest in Class 4, Princess Anne in Class 5 and Thomas Jefferson S&T in Class 6.

#### An Update on the Upper James, Shenandoah Valley, and Northern Virginia Fisheries

By Bruce Ingram

Like every part of the state, the Upper James, Shenandoah Valley, and Northern Virginia section of the Old Dominion features numerous quality fisheries as well as challenges. Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Regional Fisheries Manager Steve Reeser focuses on the latter in this update.

"We've closely followed the northern snakehead since it showed up in the Potomac," he said. "In this region, right now, snakeheads are in lakes Burke, Brittle, and Frederick, the upper Rappahannock River, and several other small impoundments as well. We have not yet documented snakeheads as having a negative impact on most sportfish species, but the long-term impact to the overall fish community is not known.

"Regarding snakeheads, one positive is that populations in some waters seem to have declined somewhat because of angler harvest. Also a factor is that when new fish species are introduced, there is typically a surge in numbers, next populations level off, and then the species reaches its carrying capacity," Reeser

Reeser strongly urges anglers not to transplant either nonnative (as has been the case with snakeheads) or native fish from one body of water to another.

"Some anglers think that they can make fishing better by transplanting snakeheads, Alabama bass, or whatever species from point A to point B," he said. "We have to educate people about the pitfalls that can occur because of those transplants. Even introducing native fish into a different watershed can cause disease to spread, for example."

Another area of concern is the series of poor spawns on the upper James.

"We aren't exactly sure what is going

on with the declining smallmouth bass population on the upper James," he said. We know that there have been spring high-flow issues that have negatively impacted spawning success. But is there something going on with young smallmouths after the hatch?

"Two years ago in the Shenandoah watershed, we received reports of baby smallmouth under stress in the shallows. And when three-inch bass don't feel well, they don't last very long. We sent those bass off to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for testing. But it was hard to connect the dots. Was it bacteria, contaminants, some soup of chemicals or a synergistic effect?" Reeser said.

The biologist relates that a major focus of the DWR in his region is to continue to educate landowners on the importance of riparian zones. Several important aspects of this objective include the need to fence cattle out of streams and to establish lush buffer zones instead of that

"golf course look."

"Healthy riparian zones are nature's filter," Reeser said. "They keep sediment and silt out of a stream and are a win-win for landowners who then don't have their banks washing away and for anglers who will experience better fishing. They also filter out excessive nutrients and other pollutants that can degrade water quality and affect the health of aquatic organisms. Riparian zones are important not only on flowing, perennial streams, but also on ditches, temporary streams, and vernal pools—they all need to be protected in order to have healthy waterways." Reeser praised the numerous

organizations in the region that over the years have worked with DWR to improve habitat and water quality. Groups such as the Shenandoah Riverkeeper, Friends of the Rappahannock, the James River Association, and Piedmont

Environmental Council have accomplished a great deal, but the region still has a long way to go.

"We're still having blue-green algae blooms in places like the North Fork of the Shenandoah River and Lake Anna," Reeser said. "On the other hand, a great success story is the South River in the Waynesboro area, which was essentially dead in the 1960s because of industrial pollution. Now, the South River has a very vibrant

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