



Fincastle Town Council approves zoning ordinance incorporation

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Fincastle Town Council met at the Fincastle Fire & EMS Training Room last Thursday holding a public hearing to discuss the ongoing voluntary boundary adjustment agreement between Botetourt County and the Town of Fincastle.

The first hearing came at the town's Planning Commission recommendation that the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, B-1, B-2, A-1, and AR zoning classifications be incorporated into the Town of Fincastle's zoning ordinance, to be applied to those

area taken into the town as a part of agreement.

Over the last few months, Fincastle planners completed a review of all such zoning classifications. Planning Commission member Scott Critzer updated council in June about the proposed incorporation. Council agreed to hold public hearings at last month's meeting to avoid "challenges" from residents concerning the ordinances.

Critzer noted last Thursday night that "this (incorporation into the Fincastle zoning ordinance) is an administrative step... (the town has been) borrowing

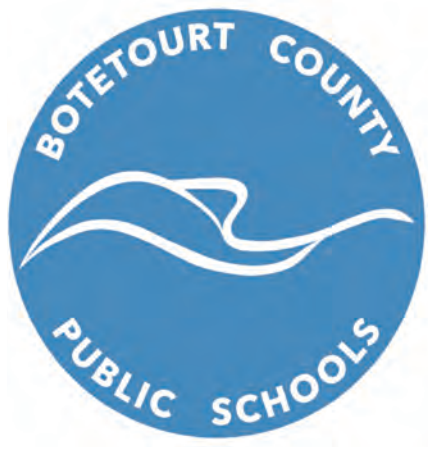
Botetourt County zoning for five years but couldn't changes. This is just a starting point. (The new classifications are) very changeable."

Critzer added that this decision was "practical." Prior to council's decision, a resident may have to reach out to four different places to find out the zoning ordinances in the town. Planners wanted to have all of the information about the town's zoning ordinances available on the town's newly refurbished website (townoffincastle.org). He added to pay

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School Board hears final report about school facilities

Taskforce developed possible scenarios on facility management

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The Botetourt County School Board heard the final report of the Botetourt County Efficiency & Facilities Taskforce from Dr. Robert Avossa, who has been working with BCPS while putting together a community-led engagement during this process. Avossa presented the recommendations based on the planning.

One of the main takeaways from the data review was the taskforce developing four scenarios which includes one where BCPS would look into

combining the campuses of one of the high schools with the Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC), a new "secondary campus" combining a BCPS middle and high school, and potentially consolidating elementary schools with two closing.

"There have been zero decisions that have been made," noted BCPS Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ during last Thursday's School Board meeting. "There are many steps that have to be taken before there are any changes. These are decisions that won't be made without community input. This

will be a transparent process."

The goal of the taskforce was to examine current BCPS facilities and related operations to recommend ways to increase efficiencies while providing safe, modern and learning focused environments and preparing an Executive Report of Recommendations to the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

Taskforce members were invited to attend a series of four working sessions over the course of January through May to build a foundation of knowledge on current

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PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

The gallery looks on during the horse pull event during the Botetourt County Fair in Buchanan last Saturday.

County Fair livestock and 'Farm House' show results

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Botetourt residents and friends packed Buchanan Town Park over the weekend as another successful Botetourt County Fair entertained and educated those in attendance.

The annual event provides a chance for guests of all ages to learn more about the Botetourt's agriculture community, 4-H programs, and the provisions provided by local farmers.

Visitors were able to shop from local

vendors, the younger attendees were entertained with a automated bull ring and kids corral, and adults had the opportunity to participate in a food walk for an Ertle ham.

Saturday's vendors and organizations in attendance included Roanoke Master Gardeners, Mountain Castles, Friends of NRA, Chic Cowgirl, Buchanan Lions Club, Wildwood Workshop, Wellfarm Vets, Valley Vet Goods, Nona's Friendship Bread, Jacob Martin

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Botetourt grand jury returns indictments

A Botetourt County grand jury met on Monday, August 7, and returned the following true bills:

DIRECT

- Greg Lee Austin of Eagle Rock, possession of methamphetamine, possession of ammunition by a felon
- Phillip Lynn Coffey of Eagle Rock, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a firearm with drugs
- Storm Vincent Creasy of Eagle Rock, eight counts of possession of child pornography
- Crystal Settles Goff of Bedford, credit card larceny, credit card fraud, uttering, two counts of petit larceny, six counts of forgery
- Fuquan Antonio Goode of Bedford, failure to appear on a felony offense
- Clayton Gray of Roanoke, embezzlement
- Robert William Hurd of Roanoke, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine
- Michael Wayne Jeffries of Troutville, object sexual penetration, aggravated sexual battery
- Michael Bernard Kidron of Southern Pines, N.C., hit and run
- Dylan Blake Looney of New Castle, possession of cocaine
- Chyle Andrew Meadows of

Staunton, 10 counts of forgery

- Madeline Claire Payne-Jones, address unavailable, possession of methamphetamine
- Alexandra Krystine Weaver of Deland, Fla., four counts of forgery, four counts of uttering, four counts of false pretenses
- Ashley Ruth Wright of Alexandria, three counts of identity theft/fraud

CERTIFIED

- Daniel Mason Arthur of Daleville, destruction of property
- Greg Lee Austin of Eagle Rock, destruction of property (plus direct indictments)
- Brandon James Dobson of Angier, N.C., unauthorized use
- Tia Elizabeth Franks of Troutville, assault and battery on a law enforcement officer
- Crystal Settles Goff of Bedford, credit card theft, credit card fraud (plus direct indictments)
- Tesha Camelle Joyce of Roanoke, embezzlement
- Quandre Lamar Lewis of Bedford, eluding
- McKenzie Lee Linkenhoker of Bedford, eluding
- Grosbin Marzariego Ponce of

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'Tanker 7' apparatus officially revealed at in-servicing ceremony



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT FIRE & EMS

Botetourt County's Department of Fire & EMS held an in-servicing ceremony for a new apparatus, "Tanker 7," last Saturday at the Read Mountain Fire Station.

The brief presentation and ceremony gave guests an opportunity to see the new unit as it

gets placed in service. Tanker 7 is a 2023 Pierce Freightliner that has a 400HP Cummins engine with an Allison transmission. It has a water hauling capacity of 3,000 gallons and a pump capable of supplying 1,000 gallons per minute.

Overall, this is a much-needed truck for

the community and completes the system's capability of having one tanker at each of the seven stations. While the Read Mountain service area is mostly covered by hydrants, there are some segments that do not have access to a hydrant for water

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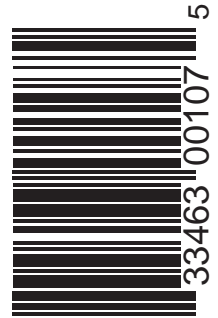
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Botetourt County History



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Margaret H. Fluke (1918-2022) donated this walnut desk to the Botetourt History Museum in 2022. The raised top over the two drawers is unique and the woodwork is beautiful. Margaret was a philanthropist who gave many historical artifacts to BCHS. She was a 1937 graduate of the National Business College and worked for Jefferson Standard Life and then Shenandoah Life. She was a life-long member of Glade Creek Lutheran Church and is buried in the cemetery there. The Vinton History Museum donated two models of her church to the Botetourt History Museum. The log cabin Margaret attended was kept, but the large model was donated to Glade Creek Lutheran Church in Blue Ridge.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Lord Botetourt FFA members compete at State Convention



PHOTO COURTESY OF LORD BOTETOURT FFA

Lord Botetourt FFA members who competed at the State Convention included (from left): front, Ally Morris, Neveah Lawson, Jonah Duncan and Sylvana Cavinder; back, Elizabeth Hodges, Hailey Lusk, Kirin Miller, Raegan Carter, and Nathan Badgley.

The Lord Botetourt High School FFA Chapter had 10 members join the over 1,500 members from across Virginia who attended the 97th annual State FFA Convention on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg June 20-23. They were Nathan Badgley, Raegan Carter, Sylvana Cavinder, Jonah Duncan, Elizabeth Hodges, Neveah Lawson, Hailey Lusk, Kirin Miller, Alyssa Morris, and Andrew Seibel.

The FFA members competed in various State Career and Leadership Development Events, toured a career show, attended leadership development workshops, and attended sessions hearing from current state offices and motivational keynote speakers.

Andrew Seibel, who is currently serving as the National President for the FFA, shared the stage with Suzanne S. Youngkin, the first lady of Virginia, as one of the keynote speakers to a packed Burriss Auditorium. Andrew also provided leadership workshops for many of the members in attendance.

Kirin Miller was selected to be the 2023-24 State FFA Vice President for Virginia after spending the week going through a vigorous interview process as she spent the week running for office which include written exams, personal interviews, extemporaneous

public speaking, and held stakeholder interviews, all part of the interview process.

Elizabeth Hodges placed fifth in the State Employment Skills competition where she had to go through the process of filling out applications, participating in job interviews, and participating in various extemporaneous employment skills activities.

Nathan Badgley, Raegan Carter and Jonah Duncan competed in the Agricultural Mechanics competition where they had to take an in-depth written exam, perform various mechanical exercises including welding, electrical wiring, concrete, construction and power equipment set up and repair. Badgley was the second high individual in the state and received a plaque and welding supplies from Lincoln Electric.

Sylvana Cavinder, Neveah Lawson, Hailey Lusk and Allyshia Morris competed in the Food Science Career Development Event, where they took a comprehensive exam, completed various practicums, developed a new food item and made a presentation. The team placed fifth in the state with Cavinder being named the seventh high individual in the state.

- LB FFA

Breckinridge is back to school



Mrs. Schulz helps her third graders Alyssa Ware, Sydney Walker, and Addison Sprinkle get settled in their new room.



Twins Orian and Killian Willis are ready for their first day as first graders.



Breckinridge Principal Wyatt Turner greets Logan Thomas as he arrives for the first day of school.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRECKINRIDGE ELEM.

Botetourt Libraries 2023 'Star Readers'

Botetourt County libraries recently released the 2023 "Star Reader" list. These local readers read 4,000+ pages this summer. Each year Botetourt libraries have a digital challenge for participating patrons. This year local libraries challenged their patrons to read 500,000 pages as a community. They more than doubled that number and read 1,256,209 pages this summer.

This year's "Star Readers" are: Desmond

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M., Natalia M., Afton P., Ellie P., Ember P., Josiah P., Olivia P., Ronin P., Avery R., Caroline R., Eli R., Ellie R., Payson R., Sam R., Alora S., Daisy S., Ingrid S., Kaidence S., Nate S., William S., Wyatt S., Malachi T., Asher W., Carson W., Charlotte W., Hannah W., Isaac W., Jackson W., Juliana W., Mateus W., and Sydney W.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Cassell celebrates 97th birthday



PHOTO COURTESY OF LEE HENRY

On Thursday, August 3, close to 30 people celebrated Veteran Jack Cassell's 97th birthday, with a meal and cake provided by Mission BBQ. The restaurant invites all veterans to come there on Saturday, November 11 for a free meal in honor of Veterans Day.

The Troutville Sunshine Girls will have their annual Veterans Day program and lunch on Friday, November 10, at 11 a.m. in Troutville. For more information to sign up a veteran for the program, call 540-819-6335.

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Open Studios-Botetourt

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- Saturday, August 19**
Dan Jones
Jim Stadlander
- Sunday, August 20**
Dan Henderson
- Saturday, September 23**
Robin Poteet
Brett LaGue
- Sunday, September 24**
Judith Lochbrunner

Lord Botetourt students and alumni compete at DCI



Riley Rothwell



Kenzie Wilson and Troy Buchanan



Julia Garber

PHOTOS COURTESY OF LB BAND

This summer two current Lord Botetourt Marching Cavaliers and two alumni got an early start to band. Troy Buchanan, Kenzie Wilson, Riley Rothwell (‘22), and Julia Garber (‘21) spent their summer training, learning, and competing with Drum Corps International (DCI).

Troy is a trombone and baritone player. Kenzie is a tuba player. Riley is a percussionist and piano player and also a member of JMU’s Marching Royal

Dukes. He was also earned a spot his senior year at LB in the Virginia All State Band. Julia is a Color Guard member and was one of the featured guard members at Lord Botetourt. This will be her second year marching with Spirit. Julia is also a member of the Bridgewater College Marching Band.

Both Troy and Kenzie, seniors at Lord Botetourt, are members of the Spartans. The Spartans compete in DCI’s Open Class and are a non-profit independent

performing group from Nashua, N.H. DCI’s Open Class Championships took place August 8 at Indiana Wesleyan University’s Wildcat Stadium. The corps has been breaking records all summer and won the Open Class Championships. Both Troy and Kenzie received a gold medal and performed last Thursday at Lucas Oil Stadium in DCI’s World Championships. Thursday’s event was a quarterfinal round.

All three corps (Spirit of Atlanta -

Garber’s corps, The Spartans - Buchanan and Wilson’s corps, and Jersey Surf - Rothwell’s corps) advanced from the quarterfinals to the semifinals on Thursday.

Groups that advanced performed on back-to-back days with the final’s event taking place last Saturday.

- Chris Caldwell, Director of Bands - Lord Botetourt High School

Our Patriot Ancestors

Col. Stephen Adams Bayard

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 our Patriot ancestors who helped our country achieve American Independence.

Colonel Stephen Adams Bayard is the Patriot ancestor of member Kathy Stevens Austin. Col. Bayard is her fourth great-grandfather. Col. Bayard was born February 23, 1744, in Bohemia Manor in Cecil County, Md. to Samuel Bayard and Francina Mauldin Bayard. He married Elizabeth MacKay, the daughter of Revolutionary War Col. Aeneas Mackay.

Col. Bayard registered to serve in 1776 at age 32 at the same time Thomas Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence was endorsed by Congress, signed in Philadelphia and the colonies declared

their independence.

After Col. Bayard’s military service, in 1787 he, his wife and her brother, Samuel Mackay, founded Elizabeth, Pa., a town on the banks of the Monongahela River; they named the town after Elizabeth Mackay Bayard. The Bayards remained there the rest of their lives.

Col. Bayard died December 13, 1815. His final resting place is Allegheny Cemetery in Allegheny County, Pa.

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 Historic Preservation.

- Botetourt DAR



The Friends of Botetourt K9 held their inaugural “Run Like Baron 5K” event at the Botetourt Sports Complex last Saturday morning.

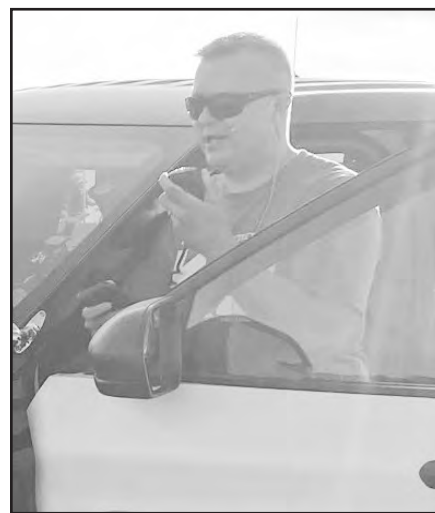
Friends of Botetourt K9 ‘Run like Baron’

Friends of Botetourt K9, a 501(c)3 facilitating educational opportunities and raising awareness about police K9s and officers, held its inaugural “Run Like Baron 5K” run/walk event at the Botetourt Sports Complex.

The event was in memory of Baron, a German shepherd who came to the Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office in 2011 certified in patrol and narcotics detection. Baron was diagnosed with inoperable cancer and passed away in 2017. He was the only K9 to pass away while on active duty.

All proceeds from the Run Like Baron 5K went towards Friends of Botetourt K9, supporting the K9 unit by providing financial aid for equipment, training, and other essential needs.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

Dep. J.C. Claterbaugh speaks to the runners before the start of the run/walk event.

Friends of the Eagle Rock Library yard sale August 19

A fundraising yard sale will be held at the Eagle Rock Library from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, sponsored by the Friends of the Eagle Rock Library. Donations will be accepted August 14-18. Yard sale spaces in the parking lot

are available for \$10; call Amy Baker at 540-250-2660.

- Friends of Eagle Rock Library

Open Studios-Botetourt preview ‘Art on the Porch’ at Ikenberry Orchards August 19-20

Open Studios-Botetourt’s Preview Event “Art on the Porch” returns August 19 and 20 at Ikenberry Orchards, 2557 Roanoke Road, Daleville. On Saturday morning, photographer Dan Jones will share his photos and process. That afternoon, wood carver Jim Stadlander will work his master craft. Sunday afternoon, photographer Dan Henderson

will set up a cyanotype or sun print demonstration.

For the past few years, Open Studios-Botetourt has partnered with a local Botetourt business to highlight what visitors can expect on the open workshop and studio tour scheduled for October 21 and 22. Ikenberry Orchards is preview location this weekend with the final preview weekend September 23

and 24.

Visitors to “Art on the Porch” will have a chance to meet some of the Open Studios-Botetourt artists, ask questions about the tour, view the artwork, learn about the artists’ process and perhaps even see a short demo. Check the Open Studios-Botetourt Facebook page for specific updates.

Open Studios-Botetourt a

is free self-guided driving art tour that returns on October 21 and 22. “Art in the Country” will feature 16 artists in seven locations opening their workshops, studios and homes to the public. For more information go to <https://openstudiosbotetourt.com> or Facebook: Open Studios-Botetourt and

Instagram @openstudiosbotetourt;

email openstudiosbotetourtinfo@gmail.com.

Sponsors are Botetourt County, Bank of Botetourt, Virginia Mountain Mortgage, remod-elingroanoke.com, Ikenberry Orchards, Visit Virginia’s Blue Ridge, Town of Fincastle and Bible Accounting.

- Judy Lochbrunner

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office reported the following arrests August 7-13:

- Richard E. Beverly, 48, of Salem, eluding law enforcement, driving under the influence, refusing breath test, August 7
- Steven D. Hiffner, 67, of Titusville, Fla., driving under the influence, August 7
- Steven E. Payne, 26, of Lynchburg, eluding law enforcement, reckless driving, August 7
- Zeke E. Leonard, 43, of Vinton, driving under the influence, possession of Schedule drugs, possession of a firearm with drugs, removal or altering firearm serial number, no operator’s license, refusing breath test, August 8
- Sasha M. Suttle, 33, of Peterstown, W.Va., domestic assault, August 9

- Donna J. Rose, 51, of Cloverdale, domestic assault, August 9
- Nikie L. Bowers, 31, of Goodview, simple assault, drunk in public, August 12
- Ronal Linarez-Lopez, 28, of Roanoke, driving under the influence, law enforcement, obstruction of justice, child abuse, simple assault, August 12
- Remington M. Wright, 31, of Goodview, drunk in public, August 12
- Christopher C. Seeds, 24, of Hurt, simple assault, drunk in public, August 12
- Adrianna M. Shepherd, 23, of Hurt, malicious wounding, drunk in public, August 12
- Sammie L. Byrnes Jr., 25, of Goodview, simple assault, August 12

- Ethan C. Bryant, 21, of Troutville, driving under the influence, August 13

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Library Buzz

Board of Supervisors addresses concerns surrounding library materials

For several months, we have listened to community concerns on opposing sides of questions surrounding materials in our Botetourt County libraries. We have investigated the library collection, sought legal counsel, and explored all avenues to respond to citizens' varied opinions.

After careful consideration and thorough analysis, we have concluded that Botetourt County Library's existing collection policies and practices are more than satisfactory. We found no evidence of a "liberal agenda," pornographic or obscene materials, or materials that could be deemed "harmful to minors" under the law.

On the contrary, we discovered that from 2020-2022, Botetourt community-driven demand for LGBTQ subjects increased by 427%. Even after staff efforts to accommodate the spike in demand, LGBTQ materials comprise only .04% of the children's collection, compared with .51% of Christian materials. In the entire Botetourt collection, LGBTQ subjects make up .29%, compared with 19x that in Christian titles. Botetourt libraries have half the percentage of LGBTQ titles and a higher percentage of Christian titles than any other library in our consortium. These facts and many more demonstrate that Library Director Julie Phillips and her staff have been exceptionally responsive and thoughtful in meeting the varied and evolving needs of our Botetourt citizens.

On July 31, 2023, we made our final decision regarding this issue. In

a unanimous resolution, we expressed our full support of the protection of citizens' First Amendment and parental rights in Botetourt County libraries, including:

- Protecting citizens' right to read and access information freely and to form their own opinions.
- Defending parental rights to choose content that is suitable for their own families and children, but not to determine what is appropriate for other families and their children.
- Affirming the Botetourt County Library's existing policies and practices to protect minors by requiring minors under the age of 13 to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, and by providing for collection transparency and parental/guardian access and control in minors' use of library materials, services, resources, and events.
- Supporting the Botetourt County Library's existing policies and procedures guiding the selection and deselection of materials reflecting the needs and interests of the community, without discrimination against or preference for specific individuals, groups, or viewpoints.
- Affirming the Botetourt County Library's vital role in protecting citizens' constitutional and parental rights and enabling all citizens to understand and navigate a complex world.

On July 17, we unanimously affirmed our full support for Library Director Julie Phillips and her staff. We again reiterate that we will not tolerate any level of abuse or slander directed toward any county employees for carrying out the duties they are charged to do. For more information, please visit www.BoCoFacts4U.info.

Supervisors Mac Scothorn, Amy White, Steve Clinton, Billy Martin, Dick Bailey

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library Director adds clarification to August 9 letter

An August 9 letter to the editor contained misinformation that has been repeated for some time by multiple people. I'd like to add some clarity to this discussion.

When I worked in Greenville, S.C., the public library received a meeting space use request from a community group hosting their own Drag Queen Story Hour. This was not a library program, it was not at the branch I managed, I had no connection with the group, and it was a one-time event. My only role was privately expressing my concern that if the group was denied equitable use of the space (as they initially were), the library would certainly lose a First Amendment lawsuit. Evidently, the library's attorney agreed, as the event was quickly reinstated.

It would be inappropriate for me to criticize publicly any former employer for their actions or decisions. However, I am happy to share the details of my background with anyone who contacts me directly. I was extensively vetted by the Botetourt County hiring team regarding my history, and I welcomed the scrutiny.

The theory that I am part of a supposed agenda driven by the American Library Association (ALA) is interesting, since I am not a member of the ALA, nor does the ALA or any similar organization have any involvement in

our library's policies, activities, or collection. Furthermore, I have openly expressed concerns that for all its benefits, the ALA does not adequately support librarians serving conservative, rural communities.

As for the statement that I intend to "sexualize young children" by including specific materials in our children's collection, may I remind our readers that I do not select materials; YOU do. Every title in our collection is a response to community needs and interests. Many of the same titles that some citizens identify as "harmful to minors" have been acquired in direct response to requests by Botetourt patrons, including parents of young children. They are taxpayers, too.

The August 9 letter describes me as an "activist." I am a product of Christian fundamentalism, a graduate of Bob Jones University (two degrees), and a professional librarian with over two decades of experience serving conservative, Christian majority communities in school, university, and public library settings. The idea that I am an activist on any side is amusing to anyone who knows me. I consume media regularly from all sides of the spectrum, I listen to feedback from our patrons, I seek first to understand, and I set aside my personal beliefs and opinions to deliver what our community wants. This isn't about me; it's about our citizens. That means we also respond to minority voices, which include both our LGBTQ patrons AND individuals who agree with the aforementioned letter writer's opinions. Libraries are for everyone.

Across the U.S., librarians are being harassed, threatened, and targeted by groups seeking to remove specific ideas from public discourse. In recent months, I've been labeled a pedophile and groomer, been the target of misinformation campaigns, received unpleasant messages, been stalked on social media, and more. Seeing this behavior, our Botetourt County Board of Supervisors clearly stated in their July 17 resolution that they "will

not allow Ms. Phillips or her staff to be persecuted for doing the job that they are tasked to do, and that job is to serve all citizens of Botetourt County."

Our public library stands firmly for the rights of all citizens to access information freely, decide what is suitable for themselves and their children, and disagree civilly with their neighbors. My responsibility is to serve this community without bias or prejudice, according to the wide variety of needs throughout the county. It is not my job, nor the library's, to tell people what they should think, believe, or do. We provide a broad variety of materials to help citizens navigate a complex world, accessed purely of their own volition.

If you hear a rumor and wonder if it's true, please reach out to me or visit www.BoCoFacts4U.info. I am happy to answer questions, and I welcome feedback and constructive criticism. However, like our county administrators and the vast majority of our wonderful community, I do not condone bullying tactics, the deliberate spread of misinformation, or any attempt to infringe on others' constitutional rights.

I confess I do have some bias: I think Botetourt stands head-and-shoulders above every other locality in the U.S. I'm truly humbled and #BOCOGrateful to serve this amazing community. Thank you for all YOU do to make it so exceptional.

Julie Phillips, Executive Director Botetourt County Libraries

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Meet Sassy

Sassy came to the LAP Shelter with several of her kittens. She is now spayed, looking up to date on vaccines and is felv/fiv negative. She is about 2 years old.

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

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Citizens need to educate themselves about library policies

The letter to the editor published in The Fincastle Herald on August 9, 2023, about the Botetourt County public library issue demonstrates that the issue is not about truth and facts; it's about lies and half-truths. The issue

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- Sun up in New York
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- Czech name for Prague
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- Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
- Scots word for "home"
- Upper class young woman (abbr.)
- Monetary unit of Albania
- Raise
- Drain of resources
- Uncultured, clumsy persons
- Hikers use them
- Retrospective analysis (military)
- Tibetan form of chanting
- Influent European statesman
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Monetary unit of Romania
- Round green vegetable
- Well acquainted with
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Basics
- "The Godfather" actress Keaton
- Snakelike fish
- Tall deciduous tree
- Russian river
- Long Balkans river
- Ancient Greek coin
- Senegal's capital
- Unwell
- Snout
- Low bank or reef of coral

CLUES DOWN

- Abstain from Congress (abbr.)
- Vast desert in North Africa
- Cover the crown of a tooth
- A major division of geological time
- Urban center
- Crook
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Questions
- A pack of 52 playing cards
- Recording of sound
- Pithy saying
- Atomic #22
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Plant with ridged seedpods
- Innate
- Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
- Soda receptacle
- Spanish stew: ___ podrida
- Viet Cong offensive
- Large body of water
- Beginning military rank
- Dissimilar
- Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
- Shows who you are
- Chinese dynasty
- Type of verse
- African nation
- Quite
- Former Bucks star Michael
- Showed again
- Body part
- Steal

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Fri. & Sat. Aug. 18 & 19 7 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 20 3 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 24 7 p.m.

www.FincastleHerald.com
 See Answers, page 10

Put The Classifieds To Work!
 Call 389-9355

Upcoming Library Events

Improv with Mill Mountain Theatre
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.

Self-Defense Class
Thu, Aug 17, 5-7pm, Buchanan Bujinkan Dojo (beside Buchanan Library)
Botetourt Sheriff's Deputy and martial arts instructor Joseph Rae will

teach situational awareness and basic self-defense techniques. Wear comfortable clothing/shoes and bring water. Ages 14+; participants under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Program offered by Botetourt County Parks & Recreation. Class size is limited, go to botetourtva.gov/823/fitness-classes to register.

Puzzle Sale
August 21-25, normal library hours, Blue Ridge Library

Find your next favorite puzzle for 50 cents! Proceeds will benefit library programs and projects through the Friends of the Blue Ridge Library.

BOCO Eclectic Readers
Thu, Aug 24, 11am-12pm, Eagle Rock Library
Join a book discussion of "As Bright as Heaven" by Susan Meissner, a novel about love, loss, and family during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918. Coffee provided.

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.

StoryTime
Weekly, 10:30-11am
Tuesdays - Blue Ridge Library
Wednesdays - Eagle Rock Library
Thursdays - Fincastle Library
Fridays - Buchanan Library
Improve literacy, motor skills, and school readiness through books, songs,

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Letters

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is not about how the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors governs; it's about how some citizens engage in bullying.

Contrary to the writer's patently untrue statement, the Board of Supervisors did NOT pass a resolution recommending that the Library Board modify its policies. Rather, Botetourt County leaders unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the protection of citizens' First Amendment and parental rights in Botetourt County libraries. The July 31 Resolution specifically – and unanimously – affirms the Botetourt County Library's existing policies and practices.

During the July 31 meeting, Supervisors Chair Dr. Mac Scothorn simply made a suggestion that he very clearly stated he was sharing on his own personal behalf. He made it crystal clear he was not speaking for the board. His personal suggestion was to merely ask that the Botetourt County Library Board consider prohibiting minors (under age 18) from visiting county libraries unaccompanied except for 16- and 17-year-olds who have been granted written permission by a parent to do so. The Botetourt County libraries' current policy, which was unanimously endorsed by the Board of Supervisors in its July 31 Resolution, is that children under the age of 13 must be supervised by a parent or responsible adult over the age of 18.

The August 9 letter writer, like some other misguided, ill-informed, uninformed, and/or willfully ignorant citizens, also continues to ignore the widely and readily available truthful facts and to bray about Botetourt County libraries containing "pornography"

and "pedophilia" and promoting the sexualization of young children. He, like some of his fellow citizens, continues to spout and disseminate demonstrably false "facts."

In stark contrast, Botetourt County has spent much time and money conducting its due diligence and thoroughly investigating these claims. Library Director Julie Phillips, Supervisor Steve Clinton, and County Attorney Mike Lockaby each gave exceptional, detailed, factual presentations at the board's July 17 meeting, directly rebutting these lies. The county's and the library's websites are replete with truthful, factual information that refutes these lies. We will not repeat here the vast amount of actual, verified facts easily available to anyone who really cares about the truth and about actual facts.

Citizens need to educate themselves and refuse to rely on misstatements, half-truths, and outright lies of others. All of the facts discovered during the county's investigations are available online at botetourtva.gov, Botetourt County's official website. Read for yourself the board's minutes. Carefully read the board's July 17 Unanimous Resolution in Support of Library Director Julie Phillips and Botetourt County Library Staff and the board's July 31 Unanimous Resolution. Take the time to read Attorney Lockaby's statements and comments. Peruse BOCO Facts For U.

It is utterly shameful and completely beyond the pale that Ms. Phillips and the Botetourt County Library staff have come under bullying personal attacks by members of our community in person, in local media, online, and again in

the August 9 letter to the editor. Fear does not drive these actions and words; ideology, misplaced/misdirected anger, intentional ignorance, and/or just plain hatefulness do.

Although none of the many valuable services Botetourt libraries offers to children includes a so-called "Drag Queen Story Hour," the August 9 letter writer tries to suggest that clownishly made-up men who dress up as women in outlandish clothes should never be around a child, much less read a book to a group of children. The writer fails to recognize the good work done by men dressing up as women for worthy causes – for example, the Womenless Beauty Pageants used as fundraisers and open to all – including children. Indeed, as recently as February 2023, a Womenless Beauty Pageant was held in Botetourt County to benefit a resident who has been fighting cancer for nearly 10 years.

These citizens' claims about Botetourt libraries containing "pornography" and "pedophilia" and promoting the sexualization of young children have been repeatedly heard, thoroughly investigated, and soundly debunked. There can be no "compromise" with people who insist on remaining intentionally oblivious to true factual information. Their minds are made up, and the facts be damned.

We are 100 percent in support of the board's July 17 and July 31 Resolutions. We are proud of the board for unanimously passing the Resolutions. We are proud of and unequivocally support Botetourt libraries, Library Director Julie Phillips, her staff, the Library Board of Trustees, and the library's current policies, procedures,

and practices.

Jonnie Speight
Leonard McGee
Fincastle

Thank You to the supporters of the Botetourt County Youth with Character Academy

On July 11-13, 21 rising sixth graders, representing each of the seven elementary schools, attended the Botetourt County Youth with Character Academy held at Fincastle Baptist Church. The academy was sponsored by the Botetourt County Character Counts! Leadership Council.

The attendees participated in team building activities at Camp Bethel on the first day of the academy and on other days participated in hands-on activities for each of the six pillars of character. On the third day of the academy, the attendees took Character Counts! into the community by volunteering at the Botetourt Food Pantry, participating in a mock trial led by Judge Paul Tucker, and playing Bingo with the residents at the Brian Center.

We would like to thank the following businesses and organizations who provided funding for the academy: Bank of Botetourt, Botetourt County Town and Country Women's Club, Botetourt Education Foundation, Botetourt Recreation Department, Catawba Masonic Lodge 342, Daleville-Fincastle

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Botetourt Worship Directory

ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

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

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA

I Do Not Understand

Read Leviticus 11:1 through 13:59

God's Law seems obscure. Reading kosher requirements or cleanliness rules is difficult. Following them must have been even more so.

"I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy" (Leviticus 11:45).

In the middle of God's requirements stands this abrupt justification. What God demanded may not appear reasonable. Purification requirements seem tedious. Differences in provisions are not explained. We seek answers and might find solace in some explanations, but questions remain. Why must relationship with God demand obedience to things not understood?

God knew about health concerns when humans still had no clue. Much of the Law was for the benefit of the body, emotions, and society even when the foundations of infectious disease were not known. But it is not understanding that assures compliance. God deserves obedience. God provided deliverance as an example that God's holy nature looked to their benefit. It still does!

Challenge for Today: Demonstrate fidelity to God even if you do not understand why.

Quicklook: Leviticus 11:44-47

24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

ECKANKAR

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EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Buchanan Presbyterian Church - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor.

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

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

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

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

St. Mark's United Methodist Church - 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Pastor Samuel Plymale, 992-3030. Worship Times: Prayer and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship often with presence of the choir- this service is live streamed and celebrates Communion on the first Sunday. Children and Youth Ministries meet for Sunday School at 10Am each Sunday! Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday 4 to 6pm unless we are doing a special monthly mission. Frogs and Tadpoles Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!

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

OBITUARIES

Hostetter, Eva Moore

Eva Rhonalda "Ron" Moore Hostetter, 65, of Buchanan, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2023 surrounded by her loving family.

Eva "Ron" retired as a certified nursing assistant, she was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William R., Sr. and Edith Mae Vest Moore; and her brother, Steve Moore.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, William Eugene "Billy" Hostetter; daughter and son-in-law, Starlene and Joseph Kelly; son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Penny Hostetter; grandchildren, Shasta and Dustin Armentrout, Matthew Kelly, Clinton Hostetter and his girlfriend, Angela Young; great-grandchildren,



Harley and Josee Armentrout, Nova, Wesson, and William Kelly; sister, Juanita M. Moore; brothers, Buddy and Barbara Patterson and W.R. "Bill" Moore, Jr.

The family will receive friends Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home, 14920 Lee Highway, Buchanan.

Her memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. with Pastor Randy Clarks officiating.

The family requests that you wear Eva's favorite color, purple, in some fashion. Also those wishing to make a contribution, please consider the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome@gmail.com or 540-254-3000.

Tranchese, John

John "Johnny Boy" Tranchese, 88, of Fincastle; daughter of Fincastle, passed away Sunday, August 6, 2023 at his home following a long illness.



John was the son of the late Angelo and Carmela Viola Tranchese, born in Brooklyn, New York, November 20, 1934 and lived in Fincastle since 2005. He was a printer for 55 years, owning Sure Shot Print Shop on Long Island for many years. However he was most proud of his work for 40 years of being a lobsterman, owning two 42-foot lobster boats.

John served in The United States Army and was a member of Church of the Transfiguration in Fincastle. He enjoyed working with his hands and was very meticulous when building things.

John is survived by his wife of 23 years, Jackie Tranchese; son, Addison

Tranchese of Fincastle; daughter of Fincastle, Linda Putney of Long Island, New York; brother, Anthony (Luella) Tranchese of New York; and a sister, Madeleine LaFavi also of New York; and many nieces and nephews.

A service honoring John's life was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 17 at Rader Funeral Home, Daleville with the Rev. Fr. Paul Lagco officiating. Burial with full military honors was in Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to League for Animal Protection, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

Online condolences may be made and service live stream may be found at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/John-Tranchese.

Richardson, Larry Allan

Larry Allan Richardson, affectionately known to his grandchildren as "Poppy," went to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at age 78. He was born April 2, 1945 in Marion, Va., and resided for most of his life in Roanoke and Fincastle. Larry was a caring and giving husband, father, brother, grandfather, and uncle.



As an entrepreneur and small business owner in the Roanoke Valley, Larry ran a successful dental prosthetics laboratory, Custom Design, for more than 30 years and maintained professional certification as a dental technician throughout his career. Prior to coming to Roanoke, he worked at Burlington Industries in Marion. He thoroughly enjoyed recounting tales of misadventure during his youth and early adulthood in rural southwestern Virginia when the family got together.

Larry was an active member of his church, volunteered for the free health clinic at Fincastle Baptist Church, and donated generously to the Roanoke Rescue Mission. With his previous church family at First Baptist in Roanoke, he also volunteered with the children's AWANA program and managed their weekly store. His favorite places to vacation were Pigeon Forge, Tenn., and Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he took his family frequently. As an avid collector of folk art, Susan and he were also members of Moss in the Country in Daleville since 1998.

Larry loved animals and could be found every morning in the barn on his property feeding his horses, Crystal and Samson, and every evening, in his recliner in the den, with a cat or two

on his lap and fond of being outdoors, whether it was trying to keep the deer away from his flower beds, planting vegetables, or restocking the many bird feeders he and Susan kept. He would have been gratified to know that, shortly before he passed, those tomatoes he planted and didn't think would survive bore a profusion of fruit.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse James and Effie Lorraine (neé Hutton) Richardson; brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Ann, Robert and Barbara, and Allan Richardson; and brother-in-law, Lee Bearman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Susan Kasey Richardson; sister, Patricia Bearman; sister-in-law, Lisa Richardson; son and son-in-law, Christopher Richardson and Keith Garrett; son, Kasey Richardson; stepdaughter and son-in-law, Whitney Pinion and Derek Briggs; stepdaughter and son-in-law, Deana and Chad McGhee; grandchildren, Madeline, Lucas, and Ava; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Fincastle Baptist Church, 7330 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, with Pastor Joe Pantaleo officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the League for Animal Protection (603 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, 24090), the Roanoke Rescue Mission (402 4th Street Southeast, Roanoke, 24013), or the charity of your choice.

'Oliver!' begins Thursday at Attic Productions



Cast members in "Oliver!" include (from left) Chris Shepard as Bill Sykes, Emery Groth as Artful Dodger, Bob Toven plays Fagin, Annelise Campbell as Bet, and Madolyn Wurth as Nancy.

Attic Productions is opening its summer musical production, Lionel Bart's "Oliver!" on Thursday, August 17. This Tony and Olivier Award-winning musical adaptation of the classic Dickens novel springs to life with memorable characters and songs.

The story of a child who dares to trust in others, search for love, and ask for more in London's seedy underworld, Bart's coming-of-age classic is brought to life with a large cast of local talent, directed by Katerina Yancey, assisted by Heather O'Bryan, choreographer Will Smith, and musical director Rachel Bremner.

This show will be presented at Attic Productions' D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, August 17-September 3; Thursday and Friday shows begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30.

Adult tickets are \$18, students and groups of 10 or more are \$15 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. A \$2 convenience fee per ticket will be added if paying with a card.

Tickets may now be purchased on the Attic Productions website by visiting www.atticproductions.info.

For questions or assistance with purchasing tickets, call the box office at 540-473-1001. Volunteers are staffing the box office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Leave a message at other times and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

This show is produced with special permission from Music Theatre International. Partial funding support comes from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Tues. Morning Club holds August meeting

The Tuesday Morning Club met on August 8 at Troutville Church of Brethren with 11 members and one guest. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order, Nancy Goad was hostess and had devotions. Ruby Taylor won the hostess gift. Nancy Waddell read minutes, Faye Kessler gave treasurer's report. Rita Bruffey sent a Get Well card to Gale Webb.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TUES. MORNING CLUB
Tuesday Morning Club members at the August 8 meeting were (from left): front, Dot Hillard, Linda Harris, Nancy Waddell, Faye Kessler, and Priscilla Hedrick; back, Rita Bruffey, Cheryl Wood, Ruby Taylor, Nancy Goad, Pam Obenchain, and Barrie Knox.

Teresa Rothwell, the guest, gave a presentation about Solomon's Mission in Buchanan.

August's project was a donation to the Greenfield preschool program. September's project will

be donations to Keep Fincastle Lit and the Botetourt Resource Center in Buchanan.

Game prizes were won by Nancy Waddell and Waynette Johnson. After the meeting a pot lunch

was enjoyed.. Teresa, Pastor Terry, Waynette and Serena Johnson also joined the members. The next meeting will be on September 12.

Submitted by Nancy Waddell

Library Events

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and tactile activities. Activities follow our summer theme of space and time. Recommended for preschoolers.

Kids' Activities
Arts & Crafts: Fridays 2:30-3:30pm, Eagle Rock Library

How to Draw: Fridays 3-4pm, Blue Ridge Library
Art Club: Fridays 3:30-4:30pm, Buchanan Library

Get creative with various artistic activities! Recommended for ages 6-11.

Computer Basics
Mondays in August, Eagle Rock Library
Tuesdays in August,

Blue Ridge Library
Join Humankind's Chris Becke for presentations with lots of hands-on practice! Laptops provided or bring your own. Registration required, class size limited to 6. Call 540-928-2900 to register.

Yoga for Beginners
Tuesdays 10-11am, Eagle Rock Library
Yoga instructor Kathy Austin guides attendees through gentle yoga stretches. This program is offered in partnership with Botetourt County Parks & Recreation. Class size is limited, call 540-928-2800 to register.

See our calendar at BOCOLibraries.info for more great events.

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Manager, Vinton Chapel

When not serving families at Oakey's, Josh is spending time with his own busy family. They love to hike, explore the Valley's amazing outdoor activities, attend festivals, visit new local spots, boat, fish, swim and spend time with their extended family at Smith Mountain Lake.

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The Wilson Community House on Lowe Street was converted into “The Farm House” displaying the homemaking and youth exhibits.



The annual livestock show saw numerous events featuring Botetourt youth showing their animals.

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Woodworking, Grumpaw’s Tackle, Greater Roanoke Workforce, Va. Farm Bureau, Rockingham Cooperative, Brogan Maintenance, Paul Jesteadt Honey Products, Alans Woodcraft, Beaver Dam Farm, and Brandy Franklin Tie Dye.

One of the big highlights of the weekend featured the annual livestock show and homemaking contest. The livestock show consisted of six categories and multiple presenters. Here are the results:

2023 Botetourt County Fair Youth Livestock Show

SWINE SHOW

- Champion Intermediate Showman: Schylar Zollman
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman: Gracie Stull
- Champion Junior Showman: Sawyer Zollman
- Reserve Champion Junior Showman: Stella Zollman
- Third Place Junior Showman: Nick Meyer
- Champion Novice Showman: Noah Meyer
- Market Hogs Class 1:
 - 1st: Schylar Zollman
 - 2nd: Stella Zollman
- Market Hogs Class 2:
 - 1st: Sawyer Zollman
 - 2nd: Stella Zollman
- Market Hogs Class 3:
 - 1st: Sawyer Zollman
 - 2nd: Noah Meyer
- Market Hogs Class 4:
 - 1st: Gracie Stull
 - 2nd: Nick Meyer
 - Champion Market Hog: Sawyer Zollman
 - Reserve Champion Market Hog: Stella Zollman
 - Best of Botetourt Swine: Sawyer Zollman

BEEF SHOW

- Champion Senior Showman: Shanna Adkins
- Champion Intermediate Showman: Ethan Furrow
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman: Schylar Zollman
- Champion Junior Showman: Wren Manbeck
- Champion Novice Showman: Layton Lily
- Champion Senior Heifer Calf: Ethan Furrow
- Reserve Senior Heifer Calf: Wren Manbeck
- Champion Senior Commercial Heifer: Layton Lily
- Champion Senior Yearling Hereford Heifer: Shanna Adkins
- Grand Champion Female: Ethan Furrow
- Reserve Champion Female: Wren Manbeck
- Grand Champion Market Steer: Schylar Zollman
- Reserve Champion Market Steer: Layton Lily
- Best of Botetourt Beef: Wren Manbeck

DAIRY SHOW

- Champion Intermediate Showman: Colton Bennett
- Champion Junior Showman: Addison Kelly
- Reserve Champion Junior Showman: Mavis Martel
- Third Place Junior Showman: Jasmine Montgomery
- Champion Novice Showman: Elle Wadkins
- Reserve Champion Novice Showman: Averie Chisom
- Third Place Novice Showman: Avery Kelly
- Dairy Heifers Class 1:
 - 1st: Colton Bennett
 - 2nd: Juliana Hatch
- Dairy Heifers Class 2:
 - 1st: Jasmine Montgomery
 - 2nd: Mavis Martel
- Dairy Heifers Class 3:
 - 1st: Avery Kelly
 - 2nd: Addison Kelly
 - Champion Dairy Female: Elle Wadkins
 - Reserve Champion Dairy Female: Colton Bennett
 - Best of Botetourt Dairy: Jasmine Montgomery

LAMB SHOW

- Champion Senior Showman: Drew Whitson
- Champion Junior Showman: Riley Potter
- Champion Novice Showman: Layton Lily
- Champion Commercial Ewe: Riley Potter
- Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe: Riley Potter
- Champion Market Lamb: Riley Potter
- Reserve Champion Market Lamb: Layton Lily
- Best of Botetourt Lamb: Drew Whitson

GOAT SHOW

- Champion Intermediate Showman: Schylar Zollman
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman: Katie Grace Barrett
- Champion Junior Showman: Wyatt Manbeck
- Reserve Champion Junior Showman: Wren Manbeck
- Third Place Junior Showman: Stella Zollman
- Commercial Does Class 1:
 - 1st: Wren Manbeck
 - 2nd: Stella Zollman
- Commercial Does Class 2:
 - 1st: Wyatt Manbeck
 - 2nd: Schylar Zollman
 - Grand Champion Commercial Doe: Wyatt Manbeck
 - Reserve Champion Commercial Doe: Wren Manbeck
- Market Goat Class 1:
 - 1st: Schylar Zollman

- 2nd: Katie Grace Barrett
- Champion Market Goat: Schylar Zollman
- Reserve Champion Market Goat: Katie Grace Barrett
- Best of Botetourt Goat: Wren Manbeck

POULTRY CHAIN CONFIRMATION

- Grand Champion: Best Pen of 3 and Best Individual Pullet: Owen Jeter
- Reserve Champion: Best Pen of 3 and Best Individual Pullet: Riley Martino
- Third: Best Pen of 3 and Best Individual Pullet: Sedley Jeter
- Poultry Chain Showmanship, Juniors
 - Grand Champion Showmanship: Stella Zollman
 - Reserve Champion Showmanship: Sawyer Zollman
 - Third: Kenzie LaVenture
- Poultry Chain Showmanship, Intermediate
 - Grand Champion Showmanship: Schylar Zollman
 - Reserve Champion Showmanship: Sawyer Zollman
 - Third: Katie Grace Barrett
- Open Poultry Conformation, American Division
 - Grand Champion: Plymouth Barred Rock Rooster, Shea Wilson
 - Reserve Champion: Americauna, Ashley Whitson
- Open Poultry Conformation, Bantam Division
 - Grand Champion; Silkie Bantam, Blakely Whitson
- Open Poultry Conformation, Asiatic Division
 - Grand Champion: Brahma, Riley Martino
 - Reserve Champion: Brahma, Charlotte Brock
- Open Poultry Showmanship, Junior
 - Grand Champion: Blakely Whitson
- Open Poultry Showmanship, Intermediate
 - Grand Champion: Charlotte Brock

“The Farm House,” located inside of the Community House on Lowe Street hosted the homemaking contest. Approximately 10 divisions made up several categories of homemaking items. Below are the contest results.

2023 Botetourt County Fair Homemaking Contest

- Division 1: Baked Goods**
- Class 1: Cookies
 - Brooklyn Focht, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Green Open:
 - Kelly Denison, Oatmeal Raisin Cream Pies, Blue
 - Jenna Lawrence, Peach Cobbler Cookies, Blue
 - Kim Martin, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Red
 - Colleen Lewis, Brownie Bars, Red
 - Kim Martin, Ginger Crackles, White
 - Emily Zollman, Preacher Cookies, White
- Class 2: Cakes (Not Iced or Decorated)
 - Grace Parker, Lemon Blueberry Pound Cake, Red
 - Jordan Lawrence, Peach Pound Cake, Red
- Class 3: Iced Cakes
 - Wren Manbeck, Candy Bar Cake, Blue
- Class 4: Pies
 - Kim Lawrence, German Chocolate Pie, Blue, Best in Show, Best of Botetourt
- Class 5: Yeast Breads
 - Lindsey Brock, Wheat Loaf, Blue
 - Kyla Foster, Sourdough Loaf, Red
 - Karen Trembley, Sicilian Peasant Loaf, Red
- Class 6: Quick Breads
 - Katie Jones, Blueberry Muffins, Blue
 - Kelly Denison, Banana Nut Muffins, Red
 - Jane Huff, Zucchini Bread, Red
 - Kim Lawrence, Lemon Zucchini Bread, Red
- Division 2 : Canned and Preserved Goods**
- Class 1: Apple Butter
 - Lindsey Brock, Blue, Best in Show, Best of Botetourt
 - Lori Martin, Blue
 - Grace Parker, Red
 - Treva Campbell, Red
- Class 2: Jams
 - Jamie Barnett, Peach Jalapeno Jam, Blue, Best in Show, Best of Botetourt
 - Jenna Lawrence, No Sugar Added Strawberry Jam, Blue
 - Jennifer Montgomery, Pepper Jam, Blue
- Class 3: Jellies
 - Emily Bailey, Peach Bourbon Jam, Blue
 - Pat Jasper, Blueberry Lemon Honey Jam, Red
- Class 5: Cucumber Pickles
 - Alexandra Bona, Dill Pickles, Blue
 - Michelle Wolven, Spicy Dill Pickles, Blue
 - Amy White, Lime Pickles, Blue
 - Whitney Hogan, Sweet Pickles, Blue
 - Clara Holland, Dill Pickles, Red
 - Jennifer Montgomery, Bread & Butter Pickles, Red

- Red**
- Jane Huff, Sweet Pickles, Red
- Lindsey Brock, Dill, Red
- Class 6: Other Pickled Items
 - Open:
 - Whitney Hogan, Beets, Blue
 - Amy White, Beets, Red
 - Amy White, Okra, Red
- Class 8: Canned Vegetables
 - Open:
 - Michelle Wolven, Stew Tomatoes, Blue, Best in Show, Best of Botetourt
 - Jane Huff, Green Beans, Blue
 - Amy White, Green Beans, Blue
 - Michelle Wolven, Salsa, Blue
 - Michelle Wolven, Green Beans, Blue
 - Whitney Hogan, Tomatoes, Red
 - Treva Campbell, Green Beans, Red
- Class 9: Canned Fruits
 - Open:
 - Lindsey Brock, Peaches, Blue
- Division 3 : Honey**
- Class 1: Liquid Honey
 - Cloverbud:
 - Shea Whitson, Green
 - Youth:
 - Grant Gilbert, Blue
 - Blakely Whitson, Red
- Open:
 - Jane Huff, Blue, Best of Botetourt, Best in Show
 - Sarah Melendy, Blue
- Division 4: Needlework and Sewing**
- Class 1: Needlework
 - Youth:
 - Savannah Lamb, Blue
 - Kally Henson, Red
 - Open:
 - Jordan Lawrence, Blue, Best of Botetourt
 - Anna Muncy, Blue
 - Rena Wright, Blue
 - Mary Beth Rush, Blue
 - Tricia Kidd, Red
 - Kate Stevens, Red
 - Brittany Turman, Red
 - Treva Campbell, White
 - Rosanna Henson, White
- Class 2: Sewing
 - Open:
 - Treva Campbell, Red
 - Rosanna Henson, Red
- Class 3: Machine Quilting
 - Open:
 - Courtney Martini, Blue, Best in Show
 - Lori Martin, Blue
 - Cathy Henderson, Red
 - Susan Brancher, Red
 - Treva Campbell, White
- Class 4: Hand Quilting
 - Open:
 - Treva Campbell, Red
- Division 5: Crafts**
- Class 3: Home Décor
 - Open:
 - Jo Edwards, Blue, Best in Show, Best of Botetourt
- Botetourt**
- Katie Jones, Blue
- Class 4: Miscellaneous Craft
 - Youth:
 - Schylar Zollman, Blue, Best in Show, Best of Botetourt
- Botetourt**
- Stella Zollman, Blue
- Elowen Anderson, Red
- Laylynn Skyy Nikkole Brammer, Red
- Open:
 - Jo Edwards, Blue
 - Treva Campbell, Red
- Division 6: Woodworking**
- Class 2: Furniture
 - Youth:
 - Kyle Stull, Blue
 - Class 3: Miscellaneous
 - Youth:
 - Kyle Stull, Red
 - Blakely Whitson, Red
- Division 7: Photography**
- Class 1: Black and White Agriculture
 - Youth:
 - Schylar Zollman, Red
 - Katie Grace Barrett, Red
 - Open:
 - Chelsea Anderson, Blue
 - Emily Zollman, Red
- Class 2: Black and White Open
 - Youth:
 - Schylar Zollman, Blue
 - Bentley DeMoss, Blue
 - Katie Grace Barrett, Red
 - Camden DeMoss, Red
 - Gracie Stull, Red
 - Alexandra Bona, Red
 - Open:
 - Susan DeMoss, Blue, Best in Show
 - Chelsea Anderson, Red
- Class 3: Color Agriculture
 - Cloverbud:
 - Addy DeMoss, Green
 - Youth:
 - Schylar Zollman, Blue, Best of Botetourt
 - Katie Grace Barrett, Red
 - Gracie Stull, Red

BCPS School Board recognizes spring athletes



Austyn Moran (left) and BCPS Buchanan District representative Jenny Wilson

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James River and Lord Botetourt students were recognized for their athletic accomplishments last spring during the Botetourt School Board meeting last Thursday. Emma Francis (JRHS) - Girls Shot Put State Champion, Austyn Moran (JRHS) - First Team All-State Softball, Elly Lackey (JRHS) - First Team All-State Softball, Jenna Pugh (JRHS) - First Team All-State Softball, Heath Andrews (JRHS) - First Team All-State Baseball, and Kendal Howard (LBHS) - Boys Discus State Champion.

James River Athletic Director Chase Davidson introduced Francis, Moran, Lackey, and Andrews for their recognitions. Davidson noted Francis' Class 2 state championship in the shot put, Moran's, Lackey's, and Pugh's performances in the 2023 softball state championship tournament, and Andrews' 1st team All-State recognition and his preparations for playing baseball at N.C. State this upcoming season. Lord Botetourt track coach Paul Craft introduced Howard for recognition of his state title win with a 164-foot toss during the championships. He also holds the school record in discus (172 feet).



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Kendal Howard (left) and BCPS Blue Ridge District representative Matt East

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Facilities

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facilities and plans, while creating a collaborative space to discuss future needs.

Collectively, the team developed a set of values that included recognizing the future implications of current investments, with the aim of reducing long-term facility costs, efforts to transparently communicate fiscal decisions and addressing constituent needs, expanding access to existing programs, building new spaces for innovative programming, and reinvesting funds in ways that directly impact students and staff, and actions to balance capacity filled across sites and maximize usage of existing facilities/previous fiscal investments.

The taskforce made several site visits to Lord Botetourt High School and Cloverdale and Colonial Elementary Schools. In those visits the team walked through each building during the school day to see how the buildings are being used, talked with students and staff about their experiences, and evaluated specific aspects of the facilities – such as the exterior, entrance, hallways, cafeteria, classrooms, and common learning areas, and gym/athletic spaces.

A data review was conducted focusing on facility factors (age of buildings), population statistics, operational costs, and cross-campus comparison. Avossa spoke about the history of ongoing maintenance projects and identified needs for school buildings but there is currently no funding established on some of the facility needs.

In their findings, Avossa spoke about the current state of Botetourt schools. He shared that BCPS is currently experiencing aging and deteriorating infrastructure across all levels and school sites. Leadership and the School Board have made many financial decisions and tradeoffs to support small school facility operating costs to keep all sites operational regardless of enrollment numbers. Facilities have been well maintained by the division. However, aging infrastructure leads to an increase in risk related to finance and safety. Many parents and community members have personal experiences with high levels of emotional attachment to individual schools, expressing concerns/fears about change.

“Kids don’t come to school in perfect little packets of 20,” Avossa stated. “There are places that are going to grow and there are places that are going to shrink. There are communities that age and there are communities that draw younger families. This is not unique to Botetourt.”

Avossa went on to explain in his presentation that critical capital improvement projects remain unfunded at most buildings, with the community paying particularly close attention to the necessary upgrades for Lord Botetourt. Available capacity exists at a majority of elementary schools in both north and south areas of the county. The population of school-aged children has remained stagnant or has decreased over the last 10 years. Beginning with the FY 2024 budget, current county leaders

plan to provide funds for capital improvements to replenish funds in the BCPS Capital Reserves. There is increasing interest in career and technical education programs. BTEC is at maximum capacity and is unable to expand to offer new programs on its current site.

He went through the scenarios for taskforce planning that included identifying ranges of potential outcomes and impacts when making decisions, allowing individuals to evaluate a variety of outcomes and manage for both positive and negative possibilities. Avossa noted that scenarios were evaluated based on how the scenario aligned to taskforce values, as well as the associated risk and implications.

In the scenarios identified for evaluation, the taskforce came up with three categories (“Capital Improvement Only,” “Secondary School,” and “Elementary School” scenarios) featuring seven “high priority” scenarios based on the alignment with the established values. The taskforce then looked for “additional expertise” from division leaders.

Out of the seven scenarios, the team narrowed them down to four – funding the existing CIP, combining a high school campus with BTEC, a combined secondary campus (middle and high school), and consolidating elementary schools with two elementary schools closing.

Additional considerations included a combination of these scenarios with each one not being mutually exclusive, with benefits achieved by combining multiple scenarios, a timeline to initiate, deeper evaluation of new school construction, partnerships with local business to “co-design” educational learning spaces for career preparation, and engaging in a countywide conversation building awareness, understanding concerns, and identifying ways to contribute to change.

Avossa shared that working together and being transparent will help achieve a common goal for the county and reminded the board that “this is just the first step.” He noted the longer BCPS waits on facility issues, the more expensive these projects will become.

Valley District School Board representative Tim Davidick added that the board will “take a breather and soak this in... maybe reach out [to the community] and talk a little about.”

Davidick liked the recommendation of the scenarios and that these “are not mutually exclusive.”

“Our school system does a phenomenal job of educating our students with what we have,” he said. “If we could do something to improve the facilities for our teachers and our staff, where we can go is an amazing place.”

To read through the slideshow presented by Avossa to the School Board, visit https://www.bcps.k12.va.us/school_board > Board Docs.

Council

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attention to the stated purpose of each purpose of the zoning classification as it’s something “often overlooked.”

Mayor Mary Bess Smith noted that “people don’t do boundary adjustments. We’re in a very new area here with (incorporating) what (the Fincastle Planning Commission has) taken in after the fact. We do think the time has come.” She noted the town simply wants

more specificity around things close to Fincastle.

Town Council unanimously approved incorporating the county classifications into the town’s zoning ordinance. Additionally, the town unanimously approved the Fincastle planners’ recommendation to adopt a Light Manufacturing zoning classification for the area along Route 220 north of the

intersection of N. Roanoke Street and 220, and on a supporting amendment to the Town Comprehensive Land Use Plan supporting such an ordinance.

The new classification is a merger of the M-1, M-2, and M-3 categories. Planners discovered that they ended up with a “mixed use corridor” limiting new use for the area north of Route 220 and N. Roanoke Street intersection. The

new Light Manufacturing classification would apply to future use conditions.

Critzer also made note that this merely incorporates the already established zoning ordinances by the county and that planners will continue to review the inclusion. Town council voted Critzer as the new interim Zoning Administrator for the town until a new town manager is hired.

Fair results

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- Open:
 - Chelsea Anderson, Blue, Best of Botetourt
 - Jenna Lawrence, Blue
- Class 4: Color Open
- Cloverbud:
 - Addy DeMoss, Green
- Youth:
 - Gracie Stull, Blue, Best in Show
 - Bentley DeMoss, Blue
 - Katie Grace Barrett, Red
 - Alexandra Bona, Red
 - Camden DeMoss, Red
 - Schylar Zollman, Red
- Open:
 - Chelsea Anderson, Blue
 - Emily Zollman, Red
 - Danielle Bona, Red
 - Susan DeMoss, Red
 - Division 8: Fine Arts
- Division 8: Painting & Drawing
- Cloverbud:
 - Liviana Anderson, Green
 - Addy DeMoss, Green
 - Samuel Zollman, Green
- Youth:
 - Layla Bryant, Blue, Best of Botetourt
 - Bentley DeMoss, Blue, Best in Show
 - Brianna Link, Blue
 - Elowen Anderson, Red
- Open:
 - Susan DeMoss, Blue, Best in Show
 - Treva Campbell, Blue, Best of Botetourt
 - Jo Edwards, Blue

- Ellen Gilliam, Red
- Class 2: Pottery & Sculpture
- Youth:
 - Elowen Anderson, Red
- Division 9: Produce
- Class 2: Tomatoes
- Open:
 - Jennifer Montgomery, Blue
 - Jenny Graham, Blue
 - Jo Edwards, Red
 - Lori Martin, Red
- Class 3: Yellow Squash
- Open:
 - Amy White, Blue
- Class 4: Zucchini
- Cloverbud:
 - Lily Holland, Green
- Class 5: Peppers
- Open:
 - Lori Martin, Blue
 - Jennifer Montgomery, Red
- Class 8: Vegetable Basket
- Open:
 - Lori Martin, Blue, Best in Show, Best of Botetourt
 - Jenny Graham, Blue
- Class 9: Miscellaneous Vegetable
- Open:
 - Amy White, Crowder Peas, Red
 - Amy White, Cucumber, Red
 - Clara Holland, Cucumber, White
 - Amy White, Garlic, White
- Division 10: Crops

- Class 3: Field Corn
- Open:
 - Lori Martin, Blue, Best in Show, Best of Botetourt
 - Travis Bryant, Blue
- Division 11: Floral Arrangement
- Class 1: Cut Flowers
- Cloverbud:
 - Owen Jeter, Green
 - Janna Malone, Green
- Open:
 - Ashleigh Kritzberger, Blue, Best in Show, Best of Botetourt
 - Robin Fridley, Red
 - Rose Jeter, White
- Division 12: Eggs
- Class 2: Dozen Brown Eggs
- Cloverbud:
 - Samuel Zollman, Green
 - Brooklyn Focht, Green
- Youth:
 - Scholar Zollman, Blue, Best in Show, Best of Botetourt
 - Layla Bryant, Blue
 - Kelly & Jackson Henson, Blue
 - Kenzie Laventure, Blue
- Open:
 - Lori Martin, Blue
- Class 3: Dozen Colored Eggs
- Youth:
 - Stella Zollman, Blue
- Open:
 - Lori Martin, Blue

Eagle Rock Ruritans hold summer meetings



Sgt. Andy Mioduszewski



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New Ruritan member Priscilla Vaughan

Among the summer activities of the Eagle Rock Ruritan Club was an enthusiastic welcome to a new club member Priscilla Vaughan. Priscilla grew up in Eagle Rock and, after spending many years in Northern Virginia, has moved back to Eagle Rock and has made it her home once again.

The program for the June Ruritan meeting was presented by Sgt. Andy Mioduszewski of the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department. He talked about ways to recognize fraud and he gave members a list of do's and don'ts concerning senior fraud. He informed members that according to FBI statistics the average loss per fraud victim is \$35,000. He also said that the largest case that he had investigated in Botetourt

County was \$200,000. His presentation was very worthwhile, especially in light of the rise in senior fraud in recent years.

The July meeting was the annual Ruritan picnic. There was no program, but committee chairs and members were encouraged to conduct a mid-year review of objectives.

As always, Eagle Rock Ruritan members invite others in the area to visit the club meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Community Center. The Eagle Rock Community Center is available for use by individuals and groups for a nominal fee to help with utilities. To make reservations, call 540-884-2775.

- Eagle Rock Ruritan Club

LAP shelter needs cattery volunteers

The League for Animal Protection (LAP) in Fincastle is looking for volunteers to help in the cattery. The cattery work is done every morning from about 9-11. It entails feeding the cats, cleaning all food dishes, replacing water bowls, cleaning out and replenishing the litter boxes, sweeping and mopping the floor, laundering of any towels and blankets, administering medications if needed and, most of all, playing with the felines.

Volunteers need to be at least 18 years

of age, and some time working with a volunteer is required to get you familiar with the routine. They do not need to commit to every week or month unless they want to. LAP currently could use some people to fill in when needed, as volunteers like to take vacations, too.

Anyone interested may call the shelter at 540-473-3853 and leave a message or email lapinformation@aol.com.

- LAP

Tanker 7

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supply. Additionally, neighboring areas of Blue Ridge, Troutville, and beyond have a great need for mobile water supply support that a water hauling apparatus like a tanker can provide during a fire.

The cost of Tanker 7

was just under \$360,000, of which \$100,000 was donations received by the Read Mountain Fire Department from the community was applied towards the purchase. The remaining cost was funded by the Board of Supervisors through the

local tax base. County Fire & EMS thanked the entire community for helping support this much-needed apparatus to continue to serve citizens.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Indictments

from page 1

Roanoke, three counts of assault and battery on a law enforcement officer

- Joshua Alan Mitchell of Roanoke, eluding
- Christopher Warren Patsel of Roanoke, construction fraud
- Diego James Privette-Galarza of Roanoke, eluding

- Hunter Montague Roberts of Elliston, false pretenses
- Josue Salinas-Valdez of Roanoke, driving under the influence – third offense; driving suspended – third offense
- Edward Wayne Schumate Jr. of Buchanan, three counts of shooting into

TOWN OF FINCASTLE REQUEST FOR CANDIDATES FOR TOWN COUNCIL

There is currently a vacancy on the Fincastle Town Council. According to the Town Charter and State Code, the position will be filled by a vote of the other members of Town Council and the Mayor. The Town is seeking qualified individuals for consideration. A candidate must be a resident of the Town of Fincastle.

Anyone interested is asked to send a letter of intent and relevant qualifications to the Fincastle Town Council, P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, Virginia, or email at: townmanager@townoffincastle.org. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

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

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Botetourt County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Building at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the following request.

Fincastle District: Wesley A. Hodges is appealing a determination included in a May 26, 2023 notice of violation that certain development and uses are prohibited in the floodway sub-district. The appeal is made in accordance with Section 25-552.- Appeals of administrative officers and § 15.2-2311 of the Code of Virginia. The notice of violation was issued in association with property located at 191 Bridge Street, Eagle Rock and identified on the Real Property Identification Maps as Section 4A, Parcel 46.

Information may be reviewed at the Community Development/Planning & Zoning office (540.928.2080) at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and is available online at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Board of Zoning Appeals section.

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Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard: 156 Head

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Graded Feeder Heifers
400-499: \$216.00
500-599: \$223.00
600-699: \$222.50
700-799:

Cows: \$ 69.00-119.00
Bulls: \$101.50-112.50

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on August 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in the Botetourt County Administration Center located at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the requests listed below. Information may be reviewed at the Community Development Office at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Amsterdam District: The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors have authorized consideration of a property owner-initiated petition for an amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map #9 in accordance with Section 25-581.3 Comprehensive plan amendment-Owner initiated and Section 25-581.4 Comprehensive plan amendment and review, to amend the future land use designation from Mixed Use Highway Commercial to Industrial / Flex for a 49.9-acre parcel, located on Lee Hwy (US Route 11), approximately 0.10 miles southwest of its intersection with Old RT 604 (SR 811), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 101, Parcel 145.

Amsterdam District: SR Investments Inc. requests to rezone a 49.9-acre parcel from the Business (B-2) Use District to the Industrial (M-1) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, in accordance with Section 25-323.- Permitted Uses and Sec. 25-581. - Zoning map amendment—Owner-initiated., as well as a Special Exception Permit pertaining to building height in accordance with Section 25-326(d) Building Requirements and Section 25-583. - Special exceptions of the Botetourt County Code, located on Lee Hwy (US Route 11), approximately 0.10 miles southwest of its intersection with Old RT 604 (SR 811), identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 101, Parcel 145.

Amsterdam District: 1645 Roanoke Road LLC requests a Special Exception Permit for a Medical Care Facility, with possible conditions, in the Business (B-1) Use District and Gateway Corridor Overlay District, at 1645 Roanoke Road, Daleville and identified on the Real Property Identification Maps as Section 101, Parcel 19.

Amsterdam District: Charles T. & Whitney C. Clemens request to rezone portions of two parcels totaling 25.65 acres from the Residential (R-1) Use District to the Agricultural (A-1) Use District, with possible proffered conditions and a Special Exception Permit for a Special Events Facility, with possible conditions, at 408 Wendover Road, Daleville and identified on the Real Property Identification Maps as Section 101, Parcel 83 & 84.

Valley District: Martlet Group Properties LLC requests a Special Exception Permit for Commercial Recreation Uses, Indoor, with possible conditions, in the Shopping Center (SC) Use District and Gateway Corridor Overlay District, at 2708 Lee Highway and identified on the Real Property Identification Maps as Section 101, Parcel 175A.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the Citizen Comment Form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by August 17, 2023. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2023.

Gary Larowe
Botetourt County Administrator

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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3772 LITHIA ROAD, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 30, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$136,694.30 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 120001762. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on September 11, 2023, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND DESIGNATED AS NEW PARCEL 38A-1, CONTAINING 1.250 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE FULLY SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN "FAMILY DIVISION FOR RALPH L. JR. AND REBECCA S. WATTS", DATED OCTOBER 31, 2006, PREPARED BY KYLE D. AUSTIN, LAND SURVEYOR, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 39, PAGE 20. SUBJECT TO THE WELL AGREEMENT RECORDED NOVEMBER 6, 2008 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 080005516. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-339902-2.

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 61 BOUNTY CT, ROANOKE, VA 24019.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 8, 2009, in the original principal amount of \$271,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 1000476. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on September 11, 2023, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 15, BLOCK 3, ACCORDING TO PLAT SHOWING "THE ORCHARDS", SECTION NO. 3, "BOTETOURT SOUTH", DATED JUNE 21, 1993, PREPARED BY LUMEDEN ASSOCIATES, P.C., ENGINEERS-SURVEYORS-PLANNERS, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 66 AND 67. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-359160-2.

Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
 Case No. CL23000124-00
 BPTETOURT CIRCUIT COURT COURTHOUSE, 1 WEST MAIN STREET, #120, FINCASTLE VA 24090,
 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* JENIFER M. ARRINGTON and AARON M. MUSSELWHITE, plaintiffs
 v. AARON W. SELLS, KRISTIN COLLINS, RICK G. WILLIAMS, EVALYN M. WILLIAMS, BENJAMIN I. GIMBERT, ELIZABETH M. GIMBERT, JEFFREY S. WRIGHT, MORGAN R. WRIGHT, AND UNKNOWN PARTIES, defendants
 TO THE DEFENDENDANTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES, This matter before the Botetourt County Circuit Court upon the filing of a Motion for Quiet Title on the 15th day of March, 2023, asking that the Court to confirm the ownership of real property located in Botetourt County known as Tax Map No. 108-1A comprising approximately 5.971 acres, currently titled in the name of Jennifer M. Arrington and Aaron M. Musselwhite, as more particularly described in the Deed dated July 7, 1997 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt in Deed Book 533, Page 865.
 It appearing to the Court that because all parties with a potential claim to said property are unknown and based off the Affidavit filed by Plaintiff's counsel in this case, it is hereby Ordered that this Order of Publication shall be posted as an Order of Publication at The Botetourt Circuit Court Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, #120, Fincastle, VA 24090, and published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Botetourt.
 Any person with an interest in the aforementioned property should appear, answer or otherwise respond to the allegations set out in the Motion in this matter no later than the 15th day of September, 2023. Entered this 25th day of June, 2023.
 Joel R. Branscom, Judge I ASK FOR THIS:
 John K. Prillamen, ESq. VSB #81306
 OPN LAW, PLC
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 P: 540.725.8194

Legals - City of Salem

Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.
 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
 BY: H. Robert Light
 Clerk of Council

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, and Case No. 23-03-0152P.
 The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons

that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, August 28th, 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. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Jesse Spence, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 128 Bellevue Avenue (Tax Map # 78-1-1).
2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises Ltd., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 105 St. John Road (Tax Map # 155-3-2) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing.
3. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Doyle Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 2005 East Main Street (Tax Map # 78-2-2.1) from RSF Residential Single Family to HBD Highway Business District.
4. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Neal Wall, property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1139, 1133, and 1127 Highland Road (Tax Map # 230-2-7, 230-2-6, and 230-2-5) from RSF Residential Single Family to HBD Highway Business District. If approved, Salem City

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1155 KING STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 18, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$133,257.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 13010149. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on September 18, 2023, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF LOT 2, BRUMFIELD HEIGHTS CONTAINING 0.581 ACRE, AS SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON A MAP ENTITLED, "MAP OF SURVEY OF 0.518 ACRES IN CAMBRIA TO BE ACQUIRED BY KENT R. CARLSON AND LORRAINE H. LANDIS FROM LEIGH C. GARRISON, TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA," PREPARED BY ANDERSON AND ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED JULY 29, 1993, DESIGNATED AS DOCUMENT NO. 10645002. A COPY OF WHICH MAP IS RECORDED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 801, AT PAGE 31. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-364339-1.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316
 Case No. J100376703-03
 RADOFRD CITY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Miranda Sue Simpkins. Toney Lee Martin, Christopher and Christa Simpkins, Tammy Sue Davidson
 v. Karen Sue Webb
 The object of this suit is to DETERMINE CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE MINOR CHILD. It is ORDERED that TONY LEE MARTIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 22, 2023.
 July 21, 2023
 Sally Davis, CLERK

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Brian Hoffman

Sports Editor

Volleyball season opens Monday with intra-county match

The high school volleyball season will open on Monday, August 21, when James River plays host to Lord Botetourt in Springwood in an intra-county showdown.

James River has a new coach in Linsey (Bailey) Firebaugh, a 2018 graduate of James River High. The Knights participated in a jamboree in Salem on August 5 and last Saturday they

competed in a preseason tournament at Bassett and won the whole thing.

Teams played two-set matches at Bassett and River beat Patrick County and Tunstall and split with Blacksburg to make the championship game against Bassett. They split that one, winning 25-21 and falling 25-23, but the tie-breaker was total points and River had 48 to the Bengals' 46, giving them the

tournament championship.

"Our girls are workhorses," said Firebaugh. "We have a very talented group."

Lord Botetourt is scheduled to scrimmage Hidden Valley at home on Thursday of this week. The jayvees will start at 5:30 p.m. with the varsity to follow.

Last Wednesday the Cavaliers were at

Brookville for their first scrimmage. It went five sets with LB winning the first two, losing the second two, and winning the fifth to win the scrimmage.

"Our girls came out on fire," said coach Julie Conner. "We did a lot of good things."

Look for a preview of both teams in a special Fall Sports section of The Fincastle Herald next week.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Cavaliers prepare for the 2023 season during a summer practice.

Botetourt football has home benefit game this Thursday

The Lord Botetourt football team will host Jefferson Forest in a benefit football game on Thursday, August 17. The game will be played at Cavalier Stadium, and fans should note some policy changes at the stadium for the coming season.

"We have enjoyed many renovations and updates to our stadium this summer and invite you all to stop by at some point this school year and check them out," said LB athletic director Tim Fulton. "These investments have required us to update our stadium procedures to reroute pedestrian traffic and access to seating."

All elementary and middle school students attending the games will be required to have adult supervision. Tickets will not be sold to elementary and middle school students not accompanied by a supervising adult. Elementary and middle school students attending a game are also expected to stay with their supervising adult during the entirety of the game or event. This means these students should refrain from congregating behind the stands, on the hill and grassy areas, or roaming around the stadium.

Thursday's benefit game will begin at 6 p.m. and the new rules

apply, in addition to all home games at LB this season. The Cavaliers' first home game is September 8 against Pulaski County.

Botetourt scrimmaged Doby's Bennett High School of Tennessee last week at Emory & Henry University. It was a controlled scrimmage.

"It was your typical first scrimmage," said LB coach Jamie Harless. "We had some bright spots but we made a lot of mistakes that we'll be working on this week."

Look for a preview of both the Lord Botetourt and James River football teams in a special Fall Sports section of The Fincastle Herald in next week's edition.

Countdown to kickoff on DirecTV



Brian Hoffman

Sports Editor

Here's some concerning news for football fans with DirecTV. You may not have command of the NFL games you're excited to see this season.

Last Saturday the Baltimore Ravens hosted the Philadelphia Eagles in a preseason game. Granted, it was just an exhibition game, and the starters weren't even going to play, but as an Eagles fan I was excited to see how their draft choices and new additions looked in a live game. I check the Philly website every day for reports on training camp, who is looking good and who is moving up or down the depth chart. And hey, it's football and I've been waiting for it since February.

I was excited to see the game was scheduled to be on the NFL Network live at 7 p.m. Not all the NFL exhibition games are live, and when you watch the replay they run scores at the bottom of the screen. So, you can be watching a game in the second quarter and the final score of that game will be crawling across the bottom and impossible to avoid. Again, it's just a preseason game but it makes it even more meaningless if you know the final score while you're watching the game.

When I tuned in to the NFL Network at 7 p.m. Saturday it informed me that game was blacked out in this area, I guess because Baltimore is close enough to Roanoke to make it one of our "home" teams. I have the baseball package as well on DirecTV and the Nationals' games are blacked out and you have to watch them on the MASN channel. I'm not crazy about the Nationals' broadcasters but at least I can watch the games.

With the Ravens-Eagles game blacked out on the NFL Network, it directed me to WWCW, Channel 5 on my DirecTV. However, that's a Nexstar-owned station and Nexstar is currently in a contract dispute with DirecTV, so all I got was a notice telling me they're working on a new deal. At this point, I started getting aggravated.

One of the reasons I got DirecTV in the first place was so I could watch all the NFL games on Sundays. However, beginning this year the NFL package has moved to YouTube. I've already signed up for the YouTube deal, and I opted for the cheapest package that includes all the regular season games but nothing else. For that, it will cost me about the same thing I was paying when the NFL games were on DirecTV.

YouTube also offers a more expensive package, where they include the preseason games and a bunch of other channels we already get or

don't need. My wife, who is good at stuff like this, reminded me that they're offering a 10-day free trial for that service, so she went about the hassle of signing up for that trial with hopes that we could get the preseason football game Saturday night. When she finished all the rigmarole of doing that, it was to no avail, as the game was also blacked out on YouTube.

Now I was really getting frustrated. My grandson had come over to watch the game with us and he's also very good at today's technology. He was somehow getting the game on his phone, but when he tried to relay it to the TV we got the audio but no video, and it was now midway through the second quarter.

My wife tried several other things, hooking up our "Apple Box" and using all three of our remotes to try and find the game. If it was just me I would have given up long ago, but she doesn't let modern technology defeat her like I do. Finally, and I don't know what she did, she was able to find the game on our computer and get it on the TV, but it was now halftime and even the second stringers were done for the evening. It took almost an hour to get to that point.

I point this out because our local Fox station, WFXR Channel 27 on DirecTV, is also in a dispute with Nexstar. DirecTV customers haven't been able to get Channel 27 since July 1, missing the Major League All-Star game, the women's soccer World Cup and other shows I used to enjoy on that station.

When you turn to Channel 27 it tells you to go to "tvpromise.com" for an explanation of why the station is not on. I've done so, and all it pretty much tells me is that two organizations who overcharge already are at odds because one wants to charge even more and the other isn't budging.

Hopefully, this dispute will be over by the first week of September when the NFL starts for real. Channel 27 is our home Fox station for NFC Football, and if the impasse is still going on that means Washington football fans won't have their games on DirecTV if they're playing an NFC opponent at home or anyone on the road. On days when Fox has the doubleheader you're likely to be blacked out of games with the Cowboys, Giants, Eagles, 49ers, Vikings or whatever NFC team is on Fox Sports that day.

I hope the DirecTV and Nexstar folks can settle this dispute soon. I can get by missing reruns of "Young Sheldon" but I want my football on Fox.

River golfers will host District Thursday at BG&SC

The James River golfers will be at home for a Three River District match on Thursday. Tee off time is 1 p.m. at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club.

The Three Rivers teams opened the regular season at the Old Mill course last week in a match hosted by Carroll County High School. The Knights finished second with a team score of 343.

"I was extremely pleased that we finished second among our seven district schools," said coach Donna Cox.

Floyd County won the opening round with a 327. River was next, followed by Radford at 348 and Glenvar and Carroll tied for fourth at 369. District newcomer Patrick County had 372 and Alleghany brought up the rear at 380.

River freshman Landon Bolling had a good day, tying Trace Reavis of Carroll

County for medalist with a 76. Also scoring for River were Mason Gilliland at 86, Haden Parker at 90 and Evan Mines with a 91.

On Monday, Radford hosted the district at the River Course and the Knights lowered their score to 342. That was good for third behind Floyd at 322 and the host Bobcats at 325. Carroll was fourth at 348 followed by Patrick at 352, Alleghany at 372 and Glenvar at 381.

Bolling and senior Dylan Hicks both shot 83 on the difficult River Course to lead the Knights. Four golfers shot 79 to tie for medalist honors, Payton Mason and Isiah Cantrell of Floyd, Lucas Beeler of Radford and Carroll's Reavis. Also scoring for River were Gilliland at 86 while Parker and Mines both carded a 90.

Letter

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River hosts scrimmage, will play at Bassett Friday



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

The James River football team will play a benefit game at Bassett High this Friday night, August 18, beginning at 7 p.m. The Knights hosted Nelson County and Gretna in a controlled scrimmage last Friday. "We saw a lot of good and a lot of stuff to work on," said coach Tim Jennings. "Gretna had an athletic advantage on us but our kids played hard. The effort was very good." River will open the season at home against Buffalo Gap on August 25.

LB golfers are fourth in first Blue Ridge District match



Lord Botetourt senior Caleb O'Quinn watches his drive on the par three fifth hole at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club last week.

The Blue Ridge District golf season teed off last week and Lord Botetourt finished fourth as a team. William Fleming hosted the first match at the Ole Monterey course in Roanoke.

Franklin County took the early team lead in the season tournament with a four-man total of 313. Northside was second at 319 and William Byrd took third with 326, one stroke ahead of LB's 327. Staunton River shot 399 and host Fleming had just two golfers in the field.

Botetourt's best score was a 79 by Jeremy Simmons, who tied for sixth place individually. Northside's Nick Crawford was the first medalist, shooting a one-over-par 72 at Ole Monterey. Nathan Carter of Byrd and Nick Messenger of Franklin County tied for second at 75.

Also scoring for the Cavaliers were Garrett Honts with an 81, Aiden Mitchell at 82 and Hayden Firestone at 85. Also playing for LB, but not in the top four scorers, were Caleb O'Quinn at 86 and Ben Wilkinson at 89.

The Cavaliers also hosted a nine-hole match with Blacksburg at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club last Thursday. The visiting Bruins shot 144 to Botetourt's 165 among the top four from each team.

Mitchell led LB with a 37, followed by Firestone at 41. O'Quinn had a 42 and shooting 45 each were Honts, Simmons and Dylan Goncse.

The Cavaliers were scheduled to return to action on Tuesday of this week with a Blue Ridge District match at Franklin County.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Sid Witt II and Averie Jones practice infield grounders.

Special needs kids take the challenge to play baseball, fund-raising golf tournament is at Ashley Plantation

The District 12 Little League Challenger program had its best year ever in terms of participants this summer. That's a good thing, but it's also a sad thing.

"We had 104 sign up," said Sid Witt II, District 12 Assistant Administrator for Challenger Little League Baseball in Virginia. "It's good to have a lot sign up, but that also means we have a lot of disabled kids."

The Challenger program is a non-profit division of Little League Baseball that provides boys and girls 4 years of age and older, with mental or physical disabilities, the opportunity to experience the fun of playing baseball. Botetourt County is part of District 12 and kids in the county qualify for the program.

"Challenger allows every child the chance to experience the rewards of being part of an athletic team while motivating and increasing emotional development, high self-esteem, confidence, and pride, regardless of their ability," said Witt.

Sid has been with the program since its inception in 1989. At the time the late Willis Walrond, who was heavily involved with Little League Baseball, and Sid's dad, Sid Witt, Sr., had a meeting on the back porch to talk about the idea of starting a Challenger program here.

"It all started on Dad's back porch," said Witt II. "They started talking about it and I got up to go in the house and Dad said, 'Stay here, I want you to be involved

in this.'"

All three have since been inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame for their unselfish dedication to these less-fortunate kids, Walrond in 1998, Witt, Sr. in 2005 and Witt II in 2014. Witt, Sr. passed away two years ago but was involved with the program right up until the end.

Witt II continues the tradition 34 years later. He shows up to play with the kids on hot days and rainy days, organizes banquets and fund-raisers, gives out and receives many, many hugs and is a deserving hero to special needs kids of all ages. And his only pay is the satisfaction he gets from being a part of it.

"My dad told me you take home more than you ever bring," said Witt II. "I was called into doing this."

The District 12 Challenger team has had a good year. The program has grown from eight players in 1989 to a six-team league with about 17 players per team. Recently 60 players participated in the Commonwealth Games at Liberty University in Lynchburg. They split up into four teams for a doubleheader in the "Able Games."

"They call it Able, as opposed to disabled," said Witt. "It was hotter than blue blazes but the kids had a great time. They all got a T-shirt and a big ol' medal, and the Commonwealth Games provided lunch. It didn't cost us a dime."

The next item on the agenda is the annual Challenger Benefit Golf Tournament. It will be held on September 30 at the Ashley Plantation

course in Daleville. There are about 150 spots for golfers and it's also a great way to promote a business through advertising.

"The annual expense for a single Challenger baseball season for six teams is approximately \$25,000," said Witt. "Please know that any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated by all of the Challenger athletes and their families."

Cost to play is \$85 per golfer or \$340 for a team of four. It's a Captain's Choice tournament with lots of prizes and gifts. The price includes greens fees, cart, range balls, lunch and beverages.

Sponsorships are also available from a \$100 "On Deck Batter" to a \$2,500 "Home Run" sponsor. The latter will get you two team entries (total 8 players), a 3x5 Company Banner, your name as a title sponsor on the tournament shirt given to all participants, four Tee or Green sponsor signs and lots of good will.

"All proceeds from this annual event will assist in providing registration fees, uniforms, equipment, team pictures, trophies, an awards banquet and many other benefits for the Challenger athletes in our community," said Witt. "Together we can continue to make the goals and ambitions of the Challenger athletes a reality."

To sign up for the tournament, become a sponsor or to learn more about Challenger Baseball, go to challenger-baseball@comcast.net.



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Lord Botetourt's Hayden Firestone hits a drive down the second fairway against Blacksburg.

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