



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE
Jim Reynolds (left) is introduced as the newest member of Fincastle Town Council by Mayor Mary Bess Smith last Thursday.

Fincastle Town Council introduces new council member, adopts preservation ordinance

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Fincastle Town Council introduced Jim Reynolds, its the newest member, during the October meeting last week at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room. Reynolds will complete the term of Richard Flora, who resigned from the position on July 14.

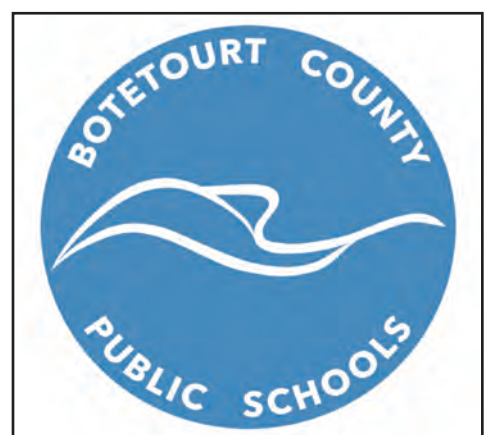
Council adopted a proposed preservation ordinance establishing a procedure to protect historic properties during last Thursday's meeting. The ordinance will establish requirements prior to the issuance of a demolition permit by the town's Planning

Commission for any historic building within the Town of Fincastle built prior to 1900. Town planners worked over the last five months on coming up with a solution that will allow the town to "hold onto" its historic resources and avoid any negative impacts to the town's economy, according to the comprehensive packet of information related to the ordinance provided by town planner Scott Critzer.

Town planners held a public hearing on the matter at their September 14 meeting. There was a concern that the original cutoff date of "100 years" would be too new as the old ordinance

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County School Board reveals FY25 budget timeline, program of studies



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The Botetourt County School Board unanimously approved the FY 2024-2025 budget timeline at the regular meeting in Fincastle last Thursday.

Last month, Director of Finance Brandon Lee presented the School Board with the proposed budget timeline sharing that the only change (final approval on budget, March 28) is thrown off by a week due to 2024 being a leap year.

The following dates are being proposed as a budget timeline for the development of the FY25 School Board budget:

- October 16, 2023 - Distribute budget priority requests to building administrators and central office department administrators.
- November 1, 2023 - Budget priority requests are due to the superintendent
- Nov.-Dec., 2023 - Superintendent reviews budget requests and develops budget

recommendations

- November 9, 2023 (5:30 p.m.) - First reading for Proposed Capital Improvement Plan.

- December 14, 2023 (5:30 p.m.) - Adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan

- January 11, 2024 (8:30 a.m.) - School Board Budget Committee Meeting

- February 15, 2024 (8:30 a.m.) - School Board Budget Committee Meeting

- February 29, 2024 (8:30 a.m., if necessary) - School Board Budget Committee Meeting

- March 14, 2024 (5:30 p.m.) - FY 2024-25 School Board budget reading and public comment

- March 21, 2024 (8:30 a.m., if necessary) - School Board Budget Committee Meeting

- March 28, 2024 (5:30 p.m.) - Public hearing and vote on the FY2024-25 School Board Budget

Assistant School Superintendent Dr. Janet Womack presented the board with the middle and high school program of studies for 2024-2025. She shared some of the new programs added which include:

- a Unified Physical Education course that provides a variety of recreational activities that appeal to a wide representation of the student population including students with and without disabilities. The course provides inclusive leadership opportunities, community partnerships, physical activity, and a focus on the social, emotional, and mental health of all participants. Students will engage in functional fitness and fitness planning, nutrition, aerobics, individual sports, team competition, and other recreational activities.
- a second Sports Medicine/Athletic Training course that builds upon basic knowledge acquired in "Sport Medicine I" on

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Botetourt County announces upcoming fall programming

Fall is in the air, which means some great fall programming for the Botetourt community from Botetourt County Libraries and Parks & Recreation Departments. Here are some highlights of what is planned:

- October 1-31: October Reading Challenge "Fall in Love with Reading"

- October 19 (Eagle Rock Branch, 6 p.m.): "Life of Sorrow" - Gary Reid will present a performance of the one-man show called "A Life of Sorrow, the Life and Times of Carter Stanley." The program uses a mix of storytelling and music to bring to life the saga of an Appalachian Mountain Music Treasure.

- October 21, 10 a.m. (Fincastle Branch) & 1 p.m. (Buchanan

Branch): Stella Luna: The Musical - Stellaluna the bat, Verdi the snake, and Pinduli the hyena all seek refreshment at a watering hole one hot day, only to find themselves the subjects of a bullying lion's ridicule. This show will be presented by Mill Mountain Theatre.

- October 27 - Trunk or Treat! - BOCO Parks & Rec will partner with the Buchanan Elementary PTA to host this free spooktacular event. Wear costumes and visit the trick-or-treat booths around the track. There will be a showing of the film "Monsters, Inc." beginning around 7:30 p.m.

- October 27 (Eagle Rock Branch, 2:30 p.m.) Wings of Fire - This program will introduce

and expand the world of Pyria, in Wings of Fire, to fans of the series and entice those who have never read it to give it a try. Registration is required.

- October 28, 10 a.m. (Blue Ridge Branch) & 1 p.m. (Eagle Rock Branch): Stella Luna: The Musical - Stella Luna the bat, Verdi the snake, and Pinduli the hyena all seek refreshment at a watering hole one hot day, only to find themselves the subjects of a bullying lion's ridicule. This show will be presented by Mill Mountain Theatre.

- October 28 (Troutville Town Park): "Spooky Storytelling" - This is the big event of the season complete with food trucks, bounce house, Halloween games,

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National Red Ribbon Week October 22-28



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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in support of Red Ribbon Week from October 22-28 at the September meeting.

The resolution reads, for the 31st year, citizens of the Roanoke Valley and surrounding areas are asked to take a stand against drug use and risky behaviors through the observance of Red Ribbon Week.

RAYSAC (Roanoke Area Youth Substance Abuse Coalition) and Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare requested the Board of Supervisors to proclaim October 22-28 as Red Ribbon Week.

Some of the events scheduled for the Roanoke Valley include:

- Participation of elementary,

middle, and high schools in awareness campaigns using this year's theme "Be Kind to Your Mind, Live Drug Free!" This will be an opportunity for schools to raise awareness about the dangers of and health risks associated with substance abuse, as well as ongoing issues related to mental health.

- RAYSAC sponsoring valley-wide Red Ribbon Week contests and awards for schools, with in-school trophy celebrations with the winners to celebrate their programs.

- The community at large will be encouraged to support the essence of Red Ribbon Week.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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Botetourt County History



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This rare pine table has well-worn bottom boards and one drawer. It was used by early settler Peter Flook in the Mountain House Tavern he built along a major route that once was a Native American trail. Settlers came by horseback and stagecoach to stay in his tavern. Eventually, railroad tracks were laid next to what became known as Fluke's Tavern. Today the area is known as Blue Ridge. This table was kept in the family and donated to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture by Margaret Fluke (1918-2022). With the Botetourt County Historical Society's purchase of an 1871 house on Main Street in Fincastle, there is room to display Margaret's generous gift.

- Botetourt Museum of History & Culture

Festival Quilt Show winners announced

The Quilt Show during the Fincastle Fall Festival was a treat for visitors' eyes. Quilts both old and new were on display in the Old Baptist Church sanctuary. Each visitor was given the opportunity to vote for their favorite quilt. Thank you to Cathy Henderson and Marsha Campbell for their hard work organizing the show and to Jay and Yvonne Saunders for the use of the church.

Winners were:

First Place: Kathleen Walker (top photo)

Second Place: Cathy Henderson (Route 66)

Third place: Kathleen Walker (Eagle)

- Historic Fincastle Inc.



Kathleen Walker stands with her prize-winning quilt.



Cathy Henderson's "Route 66" quilt



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'Clue' continues on the Attic stage Thursday

"Clue On Stage," based on a screenplay by Johnathan Lynn, with script by Sandy Rustin, continues this week on the Attic Productions' stage. This show will be presented at Attic's D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center, 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, October 19-22. Thursday and Friday shows begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m.

A legendary murder mystery takes the stage in "Clue On Stage" with a cast of talented actors, state-of-the-art set design and special effects, and a captivating story that will leave you on the edge of your seat. Join the cast on a journey of intrigue and suspense, where you'll have to uncover the truth about the murder and try to solve the case before the night is over – with a chance to win prizes. Get experience the thrill of playing detective.

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, "Clue" is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party with murder and blackmail on the menu. When someone turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth – the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White,

Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. "Clue" is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out...who did it, where, and with what!

Adult tickets are \$15, students and groups of 10 or more are \$12 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. A \$2 convenience fee per ticket will be added if paying with a card.

Tickets may now be purchased on the 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 by special arrangement with the Araca Group, Work Light Productions, and Michael Bana/Lively McCabe Entertainment. Partial funding support comes from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

- Attic Productions



PHOTO COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

All of the suspects are waiting in the lounge at Boddy Manor; from left, Wadsworth, David Boyer; Mrs. White, Kathy Boyer; Mr. Green, Gene Marrano; Mrs. Peacock, Carolyn Alvarez; Professor Plum, Jeremy Teubert; Yvette, Grace Winters; Colomel Mustard, Mark Noell; and Miss Scarlett, Dixie Hartvigsen.

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for October 9-15:

- Frank I. Rosati, 34, of Buchanan, domestic assault, October 9
- Jose Cruz, 30, of Roanoke, domestic assault, October 9
- Eric Whitney, 21, of Roanoke, grand larceny, October 11
- Barry W. Mills, Jr., 49, of Blue Ridge, possession of controlled drugs, eluding law enforcement, obstruction of justice, driving on a revoked license, October 12
- Donise J. Newton, 34, of South Boston, drunk in public, October 13
- Glenn R. Bieszcz, 41, of Dandridge, Tenn., drunk in public, petit larceny, obstruction of justice, simple assault, October 13
- Matthew R. Fisher, 38, of Christiansburg, domestic assault, October 15
- Amy K. Fisher, 38, of Christiansburg, domestic assault, October 15
- Alexi S. Portillo, 22, of Cloverdale, domestic assault, October 15
- Freddie C. Wilson, 42, of Eagle Rock, driving under the influence, carrying a concealed weapon, October 15

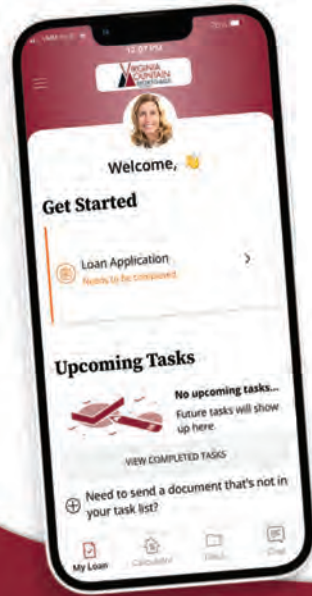
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League for Animal Protection receives welcome donations

Emma Lugar visited the League for Animal Protection in Fincastle on October 8 and presented LAP Shelter Director Pat Shaver (right photo) with a check to assist with the care of all the animals at the shelter. Emma and her mother created beautiful jewelry to sell and raised \$315.

Dennis and Barbara Harris (bottom photo) visited the League for Animal Protection on October 10 and brought lots of needed donations from the Tuesday Morning Club.

- League for Animal Protection



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topics such as exercise physiology, biomechanics, exercise program design and injury prevention, assessment, treatment and management. Students completing this course will be qualified to serve as student assistants in the Sports Medicine Department

- the current Aerospace Technology advanced training program is now separated into two courses: "Aerospace Technology" and "Unmanned Aircraft Systems" with the latter preparing students to fly drones under the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Part 107 guidelines. Students get an overview of the national airspace system, FAA regulations, and the design and operation of small drones. Students monitor weather, address loading and performance of drones, and coordinate flight operation logistics. They perform administrative tasks, train to fly, and, finally, fly small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS).

- the current Cybersecurity program will also now be offered as two courses: "Cybersecurity Fundamentals" - focusing on the evolving and pervasive technological environment with an emphasis on securing personal, organizational, and national information. Upon successful completion of the course, students will have the opportunity to earn the Security Pro Certification through Test Out; and "Cybersecurity Systems Technology" - explore foundational cybersecurity principles, security architecture, risk management, attacks, incidents and emerging technologies. Certification will be earned similar to the previous course.

- The current Veterinary Technology program will also be offered as two courses: "Veterinary Technology I" - students learn how to care for and manage small animals, focus on animal health, nutrition, management, reproduction, and evaluation. Course content also includes instruction in the tools, equipment, and facilities for small animal care; "Veterinary Technology II" - students will develop the knowledge and skills necessary for training and grooming companion animals, in line with required safety practices and protocols. Instruction includes grooming, required care,

technical and maintenance functions related to animal health, animal first aid, and office management procedures used in the companion animal care industry.

- Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow II is an additional course where students continue to explore careers in the education and training career cluster and related pathways. This course provides hands-on opportunities for students to examine careers in education, observe professional practice, and apply professional standards and educational theory. In an authentic practicum experience, students will be able to teach lessons, manage classrooms, create learning opportunities, and build their professional portfolio in the process.

Parent/guardian registration information meetings will begin on Oct. 24 at James River High School at 6 p.m. for rising 9th graders, and at 7 p.m. for rising 10th-12th graders.

Botetourt County Secondary Schools Parent/Guardian Registration Information Meetings:

- James River High School - Oct. 24 - rising 9th at 6 p.m.; rising 10th-12th at 7 p.m.
- Lord Botetourt High School - Oct. 25 - rising 9th at 6 p.m.; rising 10th-12th at 7 p.m.
- Central Academy Middle School - Nov. 2 - Rising 8th grade at 6 p.m.; rising 7th grade at 6:45 p.m.; rising 6th grade at 7:30 p.m.
- Read Mountain Middle School - Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC) and Virtual Academy information will be made available at both high school and all middle school registration meetings.

The admissions process begins for Roanoke Valley Governor's School (RVGS) and Jackson River Governor's School (JRGS) by attending one of the informational sessions during January. Students should attend one of the five informational sessions with at least one parent/guardian beginning on January 9 at RVGS at 6:30 p.m.

The School Board's October meeting agenda packet is located at <https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/bcps/Board.nsf/Public>.

School Board provides Strategic Direction progress report, survey now available

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Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ highlighted initiatives taken by county schools when revealing the BCPS 2022-2027 Strategic Direction Progress Report at the School Board's regular meeting last week.

Throughout the report, Russ explained the initiatives, status, and accomplishments in BCPS's mission to "ensure that all students participate in quality learning experiences necessary to grow, to adapt, and to meet the challenges of responsible citizenship in a changing global society."

Some of BCPS's initiatives include providing a consistent approach to K-8 literacy, enriching curriculum with real-life experiences, providing new personal growth opportunities and professional pathways, publicly sharing their progress and telling their story, increasing students' access to technology,

and developing a plan to provide safe, modern, and learning-focused facilities.

Russ announced a new survey provided by BCPS for community members and parents to start the conversations relating to where the school system moves forward as it relates to facilities and buildings.

"This survey is to get the interest of our community members," Russ stated during the meeting. "We (BCPS) will not make decisions just based on this survey. There will be lots of discussions as we move forward—lots of meetings. We are not going to make decisions on buildings whether that be building new buildings or closing current buildings. We're not going to make those decisions without community input, without public hearings—people will have their opportunity to express their wishes."

"I've seen this in many, many divisions. I've seen how it can go. I'm just going to ask

that we work through this with patience, that we work through this professionally. We're all in this for one reason and one reason only and that is to give our students the best education possible while they're a student at BCPS. I know emotions will be high. I know opinions will be sometimes loud.

"These are decisions that are tough... decisions that, again, if we based them on what's best for kids, I think we're making the right decision. There's no way everyone will be in agreement with any decision that is recommended. These are big time. I just want our community, our school system, our parental support to remain as high as it has. We have a great thing going here and I think we can get better."

A Google Form survey was made available last Friday and can be accessed by visiting https://www.bcps.k12.va.us/announcements/community_input_survey.

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Stellaluna: The Musical

Sat, Oct 21, 10-11am, Fincastle
 Sat, Oct 21, 1-2pm, Buchanan
 Sat, Oct 28, 10-11am, Blue Ridge
 Sat, Oct 28, 1-2pm, Eagle Rock
 Stellaluna the bat, Verdi the snake, and Pinduli the hyena all seek refreshment at a watering hole, only to find themselves subject to a bullying lion. But by sharing stories about building self-confidence, these three misfit animals find wisdom, peace, and friendship. Based on popular books by Janell Cannon, this delightful musical is a treat for both children and adults. Presented by Mill Mountain Theatre.

Spooky Storytelling

Sat, Oct 28, 6-9pm, Troutville Town Park (or YMCA if bad weather)
 Great for families! Enjoy spooky stories, bounce house, Halloween games, face painting, pumpkin painting, and more. Food trucks will be onsite, and school-age children get free hot dogs and hamburgers from the Kiwanis Club of Botetourt. Kid-friendly storytelling begins at 6:00pm, with Victoria Town, Joelle Shenk, and Al Chewing (who will incorporate Botetourt history into his stories). At 8:00pm, Kim Weitkamp will tell extra-scary stories for adults (if you let the kids stay, you have been warned!).

Life of Sorrow: The Life and Times of Carter Stanley

Thu, Oct 19, 6-7pm, Eagle Rock
 Gary Reid will present a one-man performance with storytelling and music to

bring to life the saga of an Appalachian mountain music treasure.

Beekeeping

Wed, Oct 25, 11am-12pm, Fincastle
 Learn about beekeeping, products made by bees, and the important role bees play as pollinators in our gardens and agriculture. Presented by Julie Baker of Blue Hive Apiary.

Wings of Fire

Fri, Oct 27, 2:30-3:30pm, Eagle Rock
 Enjoy trivia and activities from this popular children's book series. Longtime fans and newbies welcome! Recommended for ages 9-13. Call 540-928-3005 to register.

Kids Activity Club

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm, Fincastle
 Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm, Buchanan (Art Club)
 Fridays, 2:30-3:30pm, Eagle Rock
 Fridays, 3-4pm, Blue Ridge (How to Draw)
 Dive into arts, crafts, and fun activities with a weekly theme! Recommended for ages 6-11.

Teen Time

Thu, Oct 19, 4:30-5:30pm, Eagle Rock & Fincastle
 Tue, Oct 24, 4:30-5:30pm, Buchanan
 Mon, Oct 30, 4:30-5:30pm, Blue Ridge
 Tweens/teens meet twice each month for socializing and fun activities, such as crafts and escape rooms. Recommended for ages 13-17. Call 540-928-2800 to register.

Chess Club

Tuesdays 10:30am-12pm (adults) and 4-5:30pm (teens), Eagle Rock
 Tue, Oct 24, 5:30-6:30pm (teens), Blue Ridge
 Learn and improve your chess game. Call 540-928-2900 to register.

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supports Nicely for Fincastle District Supervisor

I am writing this letter in support of Brandon Nicely, the Republican candidate for the Fincastle District Board of Supervisor seat. Each district in Botetourt County is different, and has different priorities and needs. The Fincastle District is no exception. Brandon understands the importance of thoughtful and planned development; supporting our local law enforcement, Fire and EMS departments and schools; being a champion for our local farmers

and small businessmen and respecting our natural and historic resources. He has a broad range of experience in the workings of local government, and has been involved in his community through his work with the Botetourt Education Foundation, local philanthropic organizations and as a small businessman and farmer. Brandon understands that we have many challenges and opportunities before us, and has pledged to listen and consider citizen input on the issues that we are facing. The Fincastle District is my home, and I trust Brandon Nicely to represent

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Book sale at Blue Ridge Library

Friends of the Blue Ridge Library are having a used book sale from October 19-21. Hours for the sale are: Thursday, October 19, 5-8 p.m.; Friday, October 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Most hardcover books are priced at \$1 each and most paperbacks

are priced at 50 cents each. Saturday is bag sale day when customers may fill a bag with books for just \$3. The sale will be held at the library at 28 Avery Row just off US 460 about half a mile east of the Bonsack Walmart. All proceeds from the sale are used to support the library

including the Summer Learning Challenge and other programs and items that are not included in the library's budget. For further driving directions, call the library at 540-928-2900.

- Friends of the Blue Ridge Library

Friends of the Eagle Rock Library receive charitable donation

Carol Brown, an employee at Carris Reels, nominated the Friends of the Eagle Rock Library to be the recipient of a \$1,000 donation made by her employer. The ER Friends group is a nonprofit organization that supports the local Eagle Rock Library with monies for projects. The children's area painted by a local artist was financed by the Friends. The donation from Carris Reels was used toward this project. The Friends are grateful to Carris Reels for donating needed funds to be used at the community



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library. From left are Friends Vice-President Treva Campbell, President Amy Baker, Carris employee Carol Brown, and Library

Branch Manager Chelsea Wood.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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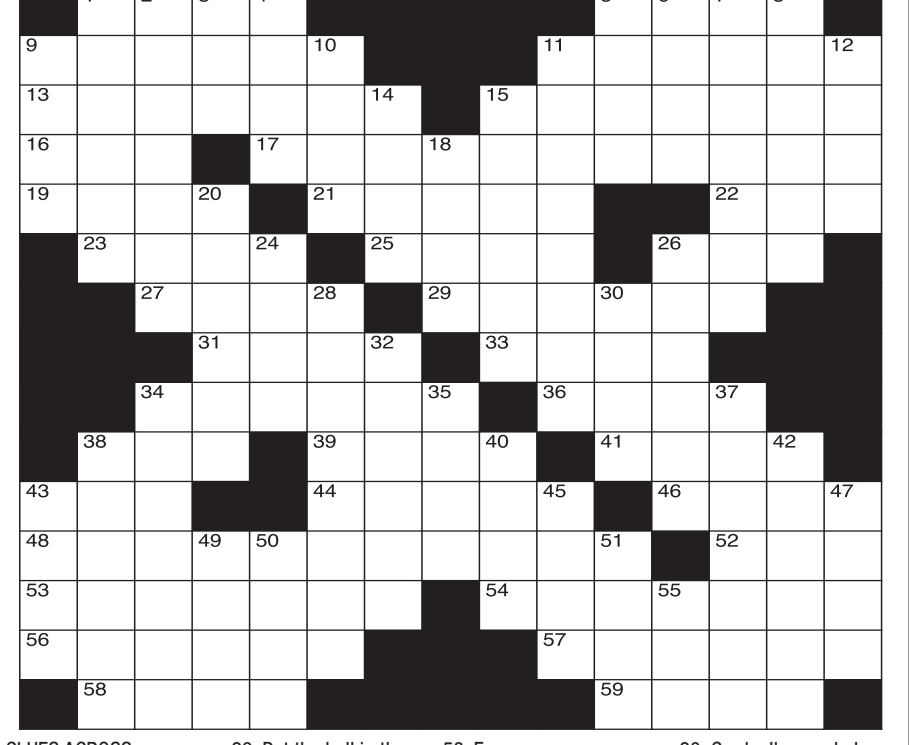
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 5. Historic city
 9. Not the same
 11. Hitting a horse to clear a jump
 13. One hurt the Titanic
 15. Fine dense cloth
 16. Architectural structure
 17. Where Serena works
 19. Stringed instrument
 21. Estimate
 22. Where sailors work
 23. Popular Terry Pratchett novel
 25. Popular slow cooked dish
 26. Twisted Sister's Snider
 27. "Office Space" actor Stephen
 29. Put the ball in the net
 31. Ancient Greek city in Thrace
 33. High school math subject
 34. Looked into
 36. Rhode Island rebellion
 38. A pea is one type
 39. You can put it on something
 41. Where golfers begin
 42. Make a mistake
 44. Semitic Sun god
 46. Ancient Greek City
 48. Beheaded
 52. A place to stay
 53. Inanely foolish
 54. Most unnatural
 56. "Dennis" is one
 57. Soothes
 58. Exam
 59. Leaked blood
CLUES DOWN
 1. Triangular bone in lower back
 2. Building toy
 3. Pointed end of a pen
 4. Insect repellent
 5. College army
 6. Highly spiced stew
 7. Exploited
 8. Main course
 9. A bottle that contains a drug
 10. The most worthless part
 11. Everyone needs one nowadays
 12. Japanese wooden shoe
 14. Antelopes
 15. A way to cut
 18. Brooklyn hoopsters
 20. Gradually receded
 24. Ripped open
 26. College grads get one
 28. Amino acid
 30. Unruly gathering
 32. Legislative body
 34. Resembling pigs
 35. Russian assembly
 37. Take over for
 38. Put in advance
 40. Satisfy
 42. Felt
 43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
 45. Witnesses
 47. Some build hills
 49. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
 50. Ancient people of Scotland
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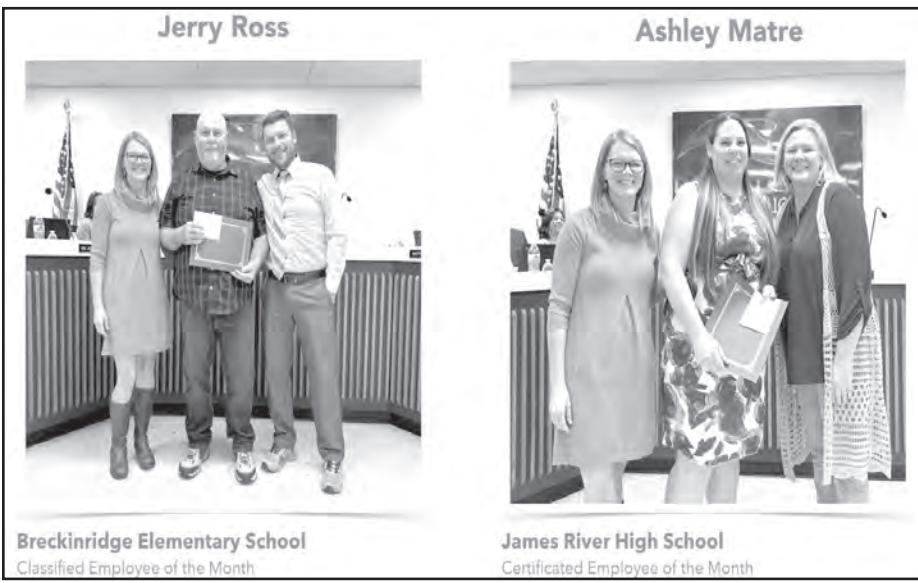
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BCPS September Employees of the Month



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Jerry Ross, head custodian at Breckinridge Elementary School, and Ashley Matre, a Special Education teacher at James River High School, were announced as the September 2023 Botetourt County Public Schools Employees of the Month at the October School Board meeting.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Our Patriot Ancestors: James Trenor

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

James Trenor is one of the Patriot ancestors of member Rhonda Bandy. James Trenor was born on March 24, 1757 in Dublin, Ireland. He arrived in Baltimore, Md., in April 1775. He made his way to Bedford County and wasted no time becoming involved in the fight for his new country. In May 1776 he volunteered in the Cherokee Expedition, under the command of Col. William Christian from Botetourt County. He was appointed sergeant on November 7, 1780 in Col. Gibson's Company of the Virginia Troops.

Trenor served in the Virginia troops as needed for about 18 months. He was promoted to Commissioner of Spies on May 1, 1781 and also served as Issuing Commissary until his



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honorable discharge on January 1, 1782, at the age of 24. This information was taken from his application for a pension that was executed November 11, 1833 as a resident of Botetourt County.

He took advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Colonial government as it applied to land grants for military service. He owned many hundreds of acres in Virginia and West Virginia and Kentucky.

He served as a deputy sheriff in Botetourt County from 1810 to 1812, recorded in the Deed Book 10, page 458, found in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County.

Trenor married Elizabeth Groggin in Botetourt County, then established his home in what is now Craig County, in the Sinking Creek Valley. He raised a family of five children and appears to have been prosperous by the inventory list contained in his estate settlement documents. He died in Fincastle of a sudden

illness, unfortunately without family with him. He is buried in the Trenor Family Cemetery in Craig County. There are at least 11 women, Daughters of the American Revolution, who trace their ancestry to this Patriot. His Patriot number is A116452.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political organization open to any woman who has lineage to a Patriot who contributed to the success of the American Revolution. Founded over 125 years ago, it is focused on service to the community and fosters Patriotism, Education and Service. If you are interested or have questions about joining the chapter, contact Membership Chair Emily Talbot-Guillote via email at eptg1019@gmail.com or Registrar JoElla John, jjohnregistrar@gmail.com.

- Botetourt Chapter of DAR

Cline staff to hold office hours in Fincastle

A member of Congressman Ben Cline's staff will hold mobile office hours at the Fincastle Library, 11 Academy Street in Fincastle, on Tuesday, October 24 from 3-4:30 p.m. A staff member will be available to meet with citizens to assist with problems they might have with a federal agency and hear their views on current issues before Congress.

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OBITUARIES

Goad, Roger L.

Roger L. Goad, Sr., 78, of Troutville, Roanoke, and Joyce Ann Goldston of Salem, passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

Roger was born March 5, 1945 in Botetourt and lived in the area all of his life. He was the son of the late Denny E. and Annie Mae Grubbs Goad. Roger was a carpenter for many years who enjoyed hunting, cutting wood, and playing cards.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret L. Spence Goad; son, Roger "Buddy" (Daisy) Goad, Jr.; daughter, Christy Goad Dawson (Jason Crockett) of Roanoke; grandchildren: Paislee Goad, Blair Dawson, Jaylen Dawson, and Candace Dawson; brothers: Steve (Patricia) Goad and Arthur (Carol) Goad, all of Roanoke; sisters: Doris Walker of Troutville, Mary Wyrick of



Roger's family would like to extend a thank you to Carilion Hospice staff and his nurse, Megan, for their wonderful care during Roger's final days.

A memorial service honoring Roger's life was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 15 at Rader Funeral Home, Daleville with Pastor Elmer Clemons officiating.

The family received friends one hour prior to the service Sunday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Carilion Clinic Hospice, Carilion Clinic Foundation, P.O. Box 12187, Roanoke, 24023. Online condolences may be offered to Roger's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Roger-Goad.

Painter, Agnes Landers

A Celebration of Life Service for Agnes Landers Painter will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 11 a.m., Bonsack Baptist Church, 4845 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke.

The family will greet friends after the service.



November 1 is the deadline to pay real estate, personal property taxes

The Botetourt County Treasurer's Office reminds residents that the deadline for payment of real estate and personal property taxes is November 1. Payment for these taxes must be postmarked or received by the Treasurer's Office by that date to avoid penalty for late payments. Payments also can be made at Botetourt

County branches of Bank of Botetourt and First Bank. Additional information and payment options can be found on the Treasurer's Office website at www.botetourtva.gov/payments.

- Botetourt County Treasurer's Office

Tuesday Morning Club has October meeting

The Tuesday Morning Club met at Troutville Church of Brethren with 11 members on October 10. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order. Nancy Waddell was hostess and had devotions. Faye Kessler won the hostess gift, Nancy Waddell read the minutes and Faye Kessler gave treasurer's report. October's project was cleaning supplies and cat and dog food for the League for Animal Protection in Fincastle. The November project will be food to prepare food baskets. Game prizes were won by Barbara Harris and Barrie Knox. A potluck lunch followed the meeting. Pictured are (from left): front, Dot Hillard, Faye Kessler, Linda Harris, Nancy Waddell, and Priscilla Hedrick; back, Barbara Harris, Gale Webb, Ruby Taylor, Pam Obenchain, and Barrie Knox.



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HALLOWEENIES

Tuesday, October 31st
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Family Life Center at
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CHURCH NEWS

Christmas sale at Cloverdale Thrift Shop

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is having a Christmas sale through October gift items, jewelry, Christmas sweaters and lots of decorations. Fall and winter clothes are available for the entire family. The shop open every Saturday from 9 to 12; donations are welcomed.

Springwood Food Pantry open October 21

The Springwood Baptist Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, October 21 from 9-10:30 a.m. The pantry is located at 88 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan. This pantry is a drive-through pantry, so clients may remain in their cars and volunteers will load the food for them. The pantry is open each month on the third Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m. It is a partner with Feeding America Southwest Virginia and anyone in need of food is invited.

Family fellowship time at Troutville Brethren

Family fellowship time at Troutville Church of the Brethren begins at 5 p.m. on October 22, and includes food, fellowship, and a movie. The church is located at 5133 Lee Highway in Troutville.

Mt. Joy hosting Cowbell Service

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren will host a Cowbell Service on Saturday, October 21, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 2565 Buffalo Road, Buchanan. Everyone is welcome.

Pork BBQ Dinner at Springwood Baptist

Springwood Baptist Church is sponsoring its annual Pork BBQ Dinner on Saturday, October 28, from 4-6 p.m. at the church, 88 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan. Each meal costs \$10 and consists of two pork barbecue sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, and a drink. The barbecue is being prepared by Aaron's Smokehouse. There will be an extra charge for desserts. This event will be takeout only from the church's fellowship hall. No tickets will be pre-sold, nor are reservations being taken for meals. Dinners are available until the food is gone on a first-come, first-

serve basis. The community is invited to this event. Proceeds from this dinner will be donated to the Springwood Baptist Food Pantry.

Homecoming, anniversary celebration at Lapsleys Run

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church will celebrate the annual Harvest Homecoming and 155th Church Anniversary on Sunday, November 12. Homecoming begins at 11 a.m. The church pastor, the Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., will be the speaker for this service. Dinner will be served after the morning service.

The 155th Church Anniversary service will begin at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Amy Hodge, who will be accompanied by the choir from Mt Zion A.M.E. Church of Roanoke. Everyone is welcome to these celebrations.

Regular services are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Everyone is invited to attend all services at Lapsleys Run Baptist Church, 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle.

Flu Shot Clinic, other activities at Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will be holding a Flu Shot Clinic on Saturday, November 4 from 8-10 a.m. Anthem, Optima, Medicare, and Cigna will be accepted. Call the church line to reserve a time, (540) 992-5556. Walk-ins are also welcome, first-come, first-served.

PHBC has started a new Discipleship Class for young men and women, ages 13-18. The classes meet Sundays at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. No materials or registration needed. The Young Men's Discipleship Class has already begun and the Young Women's Discipleship Class will begin Sunday, November 5. Join in if you are interested in a better understanding of the Bible and how to consistently live and share the gospel with others.

The PHBC Food Pantry is currently accepting donations for upcoming holiday meals such as canned/boxed potatoes, canned gravy, canned green beans, peas, carrots, yams, and other vegetables, boxed stuffing, turkey/chickens (able to freeze) and canned meat items, and dessert items. It is also accepting paper goods such as plates,

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We'd like you to meet
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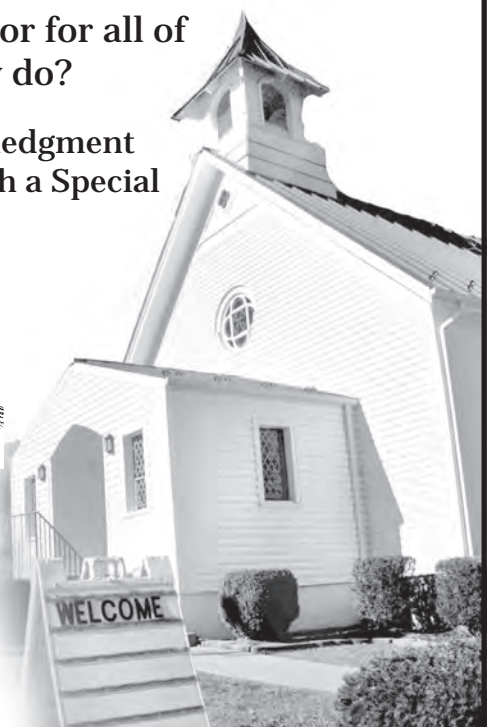
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Botetourt Chorus to present 45th anniversary concert

The Botetourt County Chorus will present "Journey Down Memory Lane" on Sunday, October 29 in the Mill Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 3 p.m. The chorus is celebrating its 45th anniversary. It began in 1978 under the direction of Garland Stevens and

Louise Hyde Ale with 48 members. They envisioned a county choral group that would last for many years. The current chorus numbers about 30. This concert is directed by Stephen Harris and accompanied by Lillian Cook. The songs were chosen from the

extensive files of the last 45 years. Included are "We're Gonna Put on a Show," "Bye Bye Love," "Que Sera, Sera," "He Touched Me," "Because He Lives," "Go Light Your World," "Silver Bells" and many more. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of music and

maybe a bit of comedy. The concert is free and donations are welcome at the door to help with chorus expenses.
- Botetourt County Chorus

New Freedom Farm board announces reopening in January



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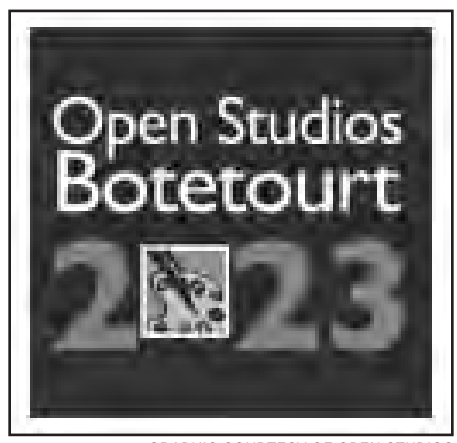
The Board of Directors of New Freedom Farm is sharing some important and transformative news. After careful consideration and planning, the directors are excited to announce some exciting changes coming to their beloved nonprofit. Change is a constant, and as an organization dedicated to serving veterans, first responders, and our community, we recognize the need to evolve to better meet the needs of those we serve. New Freedom Farm will be taking some time over the next several months to plan and implement significant steps forward in our commitment to our mission and the people we aim to support. Here are some key highlights:

- 1. **Enhanced Focus on Impact:** Planned changes will enable us to sharpen our focus on our core mission, ensuring that every action we take has a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.
- 2. **Streamlined Operations:** We are taking steps to streamline our internal processes and improve efficiency to maximize the resources we can direct towards our programs and initiatives.
- 3. **Refreshed and New Programs and Initiatives:** We are excited to explore and implement new programs and initiatives to enhance the organization's mission.
- 4. **Continued Transparency:** We are committed to being transparent in our operations, financial management, and decision-making processes. We want our community to know how their support is making a difference.
- 5. **Strengthened Partnerships:** We will actively seek out and collaborate with like-minded organizations and individuals who share our vision, enhancing our collective ability to create positive change.
- 6. **Engaged Governance:** Our board of directors is more committed than ever to upholding the highest standards of governance and accountability. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude

to each of you who has supported us throughout our journey. Your support has been invaluable, and we wouldn't be where we are today without you. Effective immediately, New Freedom Farm will be closed through early January 2024. Please look for an announcement about the reopening. Any veteran or first responder in crisis should call or text 988. As we embark on this exciting new chapter, we invite you to stay engaged and continue to be part of our mission. These changes will empower us to make an even more significant impact in the future. Stay tuned for more updates as we roll out new initiatives, programs, and opportunities for involvement in early 2024. Thank you for being part of the New Freedom Farm family.
- Board Chair Alison Jorgensen and New Freedom Farm Board of Directors

Open Studios workshop tour Oct. 21 & 22

Open Studios - Botetourt, Art in the Country, returns for the annual open studio and workshop tour on Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, October 22 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Photography, jewelry, painting, wood carving, print making, and woodturning will all be featured. Various studios, workshops and residences around Botetourt County will feature 16 art-ists in seven locations. The Open Studios-Botetourt art tour will extend from Daleville into Fincastle with several stops in between that will feature more artists at each location. One new artist is participating along with the return of many favorite artists. Botetourt artists include Lois Bisese, Ed Bordett, Vera Dickerson, Dan Henderson, Dan Jones, Brett LaGue, Cheryl Miller Lackey, Judith F Lochbrunner, Kim Paderick, Willie Sim-mons, Jim Stadlander and Mark Woodie. Guest artists are Karin Carlson (new), Courtney Cronin, Susan McLaren, and Robin Poteet. The community can learn more about the artists, the art



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and the tour locations at <https://openstudiosbotetourt.com>. The website features a map with addresses and contact information. Open Studios-Botetourt brochures can also be picked up in Lexington and all Roanoke Valley Bank of Botetourt locations. The art tour can also be found on Facebook (Open Studios - Botetourt) and Instagram (@openstudiosbotetourt). For questions or additional information 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.
- Open Studios - Botetourt

Blood drive held at Lawrence Companies

Lawrence Companies held a blood drive on October 6 and collected 23 units of blood. Giving the gift of life were Barry Holland, Mike Stevens, Tammy Swader, Anna Muncy, Elizabeth Jackson, Randy Dennis, Ashley Dillon, Mike McKnew, Donovan Witcher, Brian Turner, Morgan Hommel, Dyra Hodges, Nick Tollerson, Thomas Sheets, Chip Lawrence, Warren Groseclose, David Jordan, Chris O'Dell, Matt Keffer,

Robert Willie and Matt Assenant, and visitor Cindy Holland. There were three first time donors, Donovan Witcher, Nick Tollerson and David Jordan, and each will receive a paid sick day. Winners of the regular prize drawings were Tammy Swader, a \$15 Visa gift card, and Matt Keffer, a paid sick day.
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us on the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors. Please join me in supporting him with your vote on November 7.
Mary Bess Obenshain Smith
Fincastle

Funds needed for Fincastle Christmas Parade

The Fincastle Christmas Parade will be held this year on Saturday, December 2, at 2 p.m. This beautiful weather we have been having makes it hard to believe that the holiday season is quickly approaching.

We are once again asking for monetary donations to help cover the expenses for the Christmas Parade. Each year we have three prizes in two categories, traditional and religious. First place is \$50, second place is \$35, and third place is \$25 for each category. School bands, rescue squads, and fire departments will get \$50. Please make checks payable to Fincastle Christmas Parade and send to: Town of Fincastle, P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, 24090. Many thanks and have a blessed holiday season.
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AARP Fraud Alert: Open enrollment season means medicare scams

It's open enrollment season, which also means it's Medicare fraud season. Eligible beneficiaries have until December 7 to shop for the best deal for their health care dollar. Unfortunately, some of the deals offered won't be deals at all.

Just like in other years, Medicare scams spike during open enrollment season with criminals posing as insurance providers calling and emailing about free gifts or limited time offers. These ploys are designed to capture information that criminals can use to bill Medicare for bogus services and treatment.

Be suspicious of anyone who calls, emails or visits you promoting a Medicare plan. Legitimate health plans can only contact you if you've requested information or if you have an existing relationship with them. Lastly, always review your Medicare or Explanation of Benefits statement to ensure fraudulent charges aren't included.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. Learn how to proactively spot scams or get guidance if you've been targeted. Visit www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the dedicated helpline to speak to a fraud specialist at 1-877-908-3360.

- AARP



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Pork loin dinners at Limestone Park

Limestone Park will be having a pork loin dinner on Saturday, October 28 and dinners will be available from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The dinners will consist of a pork loin sandwich, baked apples, green beans, dessert and a drink for \$10. All proceeds from the dinner will benefit Limestone Park Ministries.

To reserve tickets or for more information, call Nancy Epperly at 540-254-2616 or Pat Shotwell at 540-254-1616.

-Limestone Park Ministries

Mike Lee's students in recital October 29

The 18th Annual Music Recital for the students of Mike Lee will be held at D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts

Theatre/Attic Productions on October 29 at 2 p.m. Ages 6 to 60 will perform with surprises along the way. This event is free to

the public with donations accepted.

- Mike Lee

Church News

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napkins, utensils, cups, etc. as well as toiletry items. To drop off or have them picked up, call the church line at 540-992-5556.

St. Mark's UMC Trunk-or-Treat

Have some Halloween fun at St.

Mark's United Methodist Church's Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 28 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's UMC is located at 19 Cedar Ridge Drive in Daleville. In case of bad weather, Trunk-or-Treat will be held inside the Family Life Center. Everyone is encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and bring a container for treats.

Daleville Baptist Fall Festival, Trunk-or-Treat

Daleville Baptist Church will host a Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat on October 29 from 3-5 p.m. on the church grounds, 375 Orchard Drive, Daleville. Activities will include bounce house, hayride, cake walk, face painting, games, hot dogs and candy. This is a free event

for the whole family.

Troutville Church of the Brethren Trunk-or-Treat

Troutville Church of the Brethren is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on October 31 from 6-8 p.m. The church is located at 5133 Lee Highway in Troutville.

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face painting, crafts and spooky stories for all age groups. The event kicks off at 6 p.m.

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Council

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technically considered buildings built in 1923 and later. Critzer explained that following a discussion of several possible alternatives, a consensus decided to set a different cutoff date of 1900. After the September 14 meeting, the commission held a work session and agreed to change the cutoff date to "prior to 1900."

According to the packet information, property rights in Virginia do not allow a locality to deny the right to demolish dwellings. However, the Code of Virginia allows a locality to adopt an ordinance that requires the owner of a designated historic dwelling to make the property available for sale at a fair market

value before a demolition permit can be issued.

The packet goes onto explain that Fincastle is currently in the process of applying for a Community Development Block Grant with the focus of the grant relating to town's economic enhancement. The proposed demolition ordinance is based of the belief that if the town "doesn't have it, (the town) can't preserve it."

Councilman John Thomas asked about the types of architecture included with the ordinance. Mayor Mary Bess Smith explained that any type of structure built in 1900 and later are included. The town currently has a recent architectural survey that

will help with future identification of the town's historic properties.

Thomas asked about a scenario if a person didn't want to sell the property where a historic structure was located. Smith explained that the property owner now has the option to sell off pieces of the old structure (dismantle the house) in order to build a new structure on the property.

New council member Jim Reynolds spoke about the log house on Main Street that was demolished earlier in the year. He explained that the home was "hundreds of years old" and fell into disrepair. If the proposed ordinance would have already been in place, the home owner "would

have been better off to go through this process." The house was eventually deconstructed and the logs were relocated and repurposed elsewhere.

Smith stated that the town "saw a desire to preserve the integrity of Fincastle... at least we get awareness out in the community that this (process) is available and if no one wants it, they may do with they want with it - demolish it."

Critzer added that "this is a one-shot deal. If it (the property) doesn't sell in the specified time and you still want to tear it down, you ask for the demolition permit, you get it, and you move on down the road." He also stated that this isn't going to be a regular occurrence,

but it could come up. The preservation ordinance is another option that local homeowners may take.

Smith noted the "desire" of the Planning Commission that's largely made up of residents who live in newer homes to preserve the town's historical structures. She also reached out to homeowners who do live in structures considered to fall within the new ordinance who she said were "all in favor" of the proposed preservation of those structure.

"I've been on council for a long, long time... we've talked for years about what makes Fincastle 'Fincastle,'" the mayor added. "It's all about these places and these properties and now

we have a place to do something and I think the time has come for us to do it."

"I think we've worked hard on a comprehensive plan that says that we need to preserve our history in the town and I believe that this is a step towards doing that," Council member Pam Binns said.

Town Council adopted the proposed ordinance with a vote of 5-1 with council member John Thomas voting no (Bill Gaul was not in attendance at the October meeting).

To review the October 12 meeting info packet, visit <https://www.townoffincastle.org/agenda-minutes-packets.php>.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on October 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the request listed below. Information may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Blue Ridge District: Six Forty requests a Special Exception Permit, with possible conditions, for a private school in the Residential (R-1) Use District on and adjacent to 2941 Webster Road, identified on the Tax Maps as Section 109, Parcels 127, 128, 129.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by October 19, 2023. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on October 24, 2023.

Gary Larowe
Botetourt County Administrator

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-1800(B) of the Code of Virginia of 1950 as amended, a public hearing will be held by the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors on October 24, 2023, at 2:45 p.m. at the Greenfield Education and Training Center, 57 S. Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia, for the purpose of considering conveyance of a telecommunication rights easement agreement to Lumos Networks, Inc., d/b/a Segra, for County-owned parcel identified as Botetourt County Tax Map No. 108-218B. This easement will be used for the construction and operation of certain telecommunications facilities.

A copy of the proposed agreement is available for public viewing in the Botetourt County Administrator's Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by October 19, 2023. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on October 24, 2023.

Gary Larowe
Botetourt County Administrator

NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

For information regarding this meeting, please see www.botetourtva.gov or contact the County Administrator's Office at 540-928-2006.

Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

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Legals - City of Salem Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem

Legals - City of Salem Crystal Lowery, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1000 Blk Ohio Ave

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia

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

Legals - Craig County NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 13978 Potts Creek Road, Paint Bank, Virginia 24131

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated September 14, 2017 (the "Deed of Trust")

Legals - Montgomery County Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia

Legals - Craig County conveyed unto Judith Smith Bess by Karen Smith Denny, et ux., by Deed dated December 15, 2015

Parcel C subsequently was subdivided into Tax Map Nos. 20 A 11 and 20 A 11B. These two tracts will be sold as one (1) parcel.

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Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104

The object of the complaint in the above styled case is to quiet the title via adverse possession to that certain parcel identified as 4792 Piney Woods Rd., Riner, VA

It is ORDERED that any of the following persons shall appear at the above named Court and take such action as he/she deem necessary

Any person desiring a copy of the Complaint, Survey, or any additional information should contact Ryan L. Pry, counsel for plaintiffs, at P.O. Box 3785, Radford, VA 24143

I ask for this Ryan L. Pry (VSB#74181) RYAN L. PRY PC P.O. Box 3785 RADFORD VA 24143

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THIS DAY came Justin Steele, Counsel for Plaintiff, Kimberly Reed, and filed a complaint to probate will for the Estate of Charles F. Bowles

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LB Hall of Fame will induct five this week

Five more Lord Botetourt High School greats will be inducted into the school Athletic Hall of Fame this week. There will be a ceremony in the high school auditorium at 10 a.m. Friday and the inductees will be introduced between the first and second quarter of Friday night's home football game with William Fleming. This year's inductees are Chester Adams, Lexie Janney, Zack Kelly, Lewis Merchant, Jr. and Stanley Taylor.

Adams has worked for Botetourt County Public Schools for 26 years as a teacher and administrator. While at the school level, Chester served in several capacities as a coach. He spent time as an assistant junior varsity basketball coach, an assistant football coach, head football coach, and head volleyball coach.

In 1987, Chester became the head football coach, completing the year with a 5-5 record with all five losses to district champs and two teams who were AAA Teams. He recorded a win over a Bassett High team that featured Maurice Deshazo, who went on to start at quarterback for the Virginia Tech Hokies. From 1988 to 1990 Chester remained on staff as an assistant.

It was in volleyball where Chester guided the varsity volleyball team to great heights. He served as the head varsity volleyball coach from 1986 to 1990, leading the team to three consecutive regional championships. He was voted Region 3 VHSL Coach of the Year three times, and in 1988 he was named The

Roanoke Times Volleyball Coach of the Year.

Janney, a 2012 graduate, competed on the women's track and field and women's cross-country teams during her time at Lord Botetourt. During her high school tenure she was a 10-time Blue Ridge District Track and Field champion, Blue Ridge District Girls Outdoor Track Runner of the Year (2012), and competed at multiple VHSL 2A State Track and Field Championships. Her best place was a sixth place finish in the 100-meter dash with a school record that still holds today (12.44).

Janney also set the 600-yard school record for indoor track and field and was part of the record-setting indoor track and field 4x200-meter relay team. She was named Most Valuable Runner for both track and field and cross country and served as a multi-year, multi-team captain. After graduation, Janney competed at Roanoke College ('16) where she competed in both indoor and outdoor track and field and earned many more honors.

Kelly, a 2013 LB grad, was a stand-out athlete in both basketball and baseball. He was a member of the 2011 and 2012 Blue Ridge District regular season championship baseball teams. Also, he was a member of the 2013 Blue Ridge District tournament championship basketball team.

In baseball, Zack was selected as a first team member of the Blue Ridge District, as well as first team All-Region

and honorable mention All-State in both the 2012 and 2013 seasons. After the 2013 season, Zack was named first team All-Timesland and was selected to play in the Virginia High School Coaches Association All-Star Game in 2013.

Wrapping up his senior year, Zack was a finalist for the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame Player of the Year and was selected to play in the Virginia Commonwealth Games. When Zack graduated from high school he was the career record holder for doubles and had the single-season record for doubles, RBIs, and win/loss percentage as a pitcher at Lord Botetourt.

After graduation, Zack attended Concord University where he played baseball, then transferred to Newberry College in South Carolina. In 2017, he was named to the first team South Atlantic Conference and ECAC, then was signed by the Oakland Athletics and began his professional baseball career.

Zack signed a contract with the Los Angeles Angels in 2018 and by 2022 he was signed with the Boston Red Sox. It was with the Red Sox that Zack's professional career took off. In 2021 and 2022, Zack was named to the SoxProspects.com Postseason All-Star Team. In August 2022, he was named the Red Sox Minor League Reliever of the Month. On August 29, 2022, he had achieved the ultimate dream with his Major League Baseball debut against the Minnesota Twins.

His 2022 season ended with Zack

receiving the Lou Gorman Award. This is an annual award given to someone "who has demonstrated dedication and perseverance in overcoming obstacles while working his way to the Major League Team." The 2023 season started and ended with Zack on the Boston Red Sox big league roster.

Merchant played basketball for two years and wrestled for one year at LB. He also ran track and threw the shot put and discus for three years, earning first team All-District each year. Lewis played football for four years, earning first team All-District each year.

Merchant attended Concord College in Athens, W.Va., where he played football until his collegiate career was cut short due to injuries.

Taylor, a 1980 LB graduate, played football and basketball. As a basketball player Stanley was a key member of the varsity team but it was on the football field where he excelled. As a running back for the varsity football team he earned the nickname "Tank."

Stanley was a member of the varsity football team for all four years of high school. During his senior year he had a standout season, being voted the team's Cavalier Award for the most valuable player and was voted first team All Blue Ridge District. During his senior football season, Stanley set the school rushing record at the time of 1,374 yards.

Friday's ceremony honoring these LB greats is open to the public.

River returns to gridiron with rocking chair on the line

The James River football team will return from their bye week with a Three Rivers District game at Glenvar this Friday. River will be trying to snap a four-game losing streak while the Highlanders lost to Alleghany last Friday, 27-10.

"The bye week was good, we had a good couple of days of practice," said River coach Tim Jennings. "We worked on getting better, got some kids some reps that normally don't get as many during the week. We also had some fellowship and team time. We had some parents get together and feed us one night, so that was a special opportunity for our guys."

The Knights started the season with three wins but injuries played a big role in River dropping their last four. They've fallen to ninth in the Region 2C rankings

with the top eight making the playoffs, and a win over third-ranked Glenvar would be big as the teams in the fifth through 10th spots all have either three or four wins.

"Glenvar is always the standard by which the Three Rivers District is measured," said Jennings. "They are always well coached, the kids are good at what they do, and they always have answers to anything you give them."

The Glenvar game is played annually for the Virginia Media Rocking Chair. The game was started in 1996 when Glenvar left the Pioneer District to join the Three Rivers. River and Glenvar had been big rivals in the Pioneer and the battle for the rocker was an attempt to keep

See **River football**, page 13

Hicks is 15th in state Class 2 golf

James River's Dylan Hicks shot an 81 at the state Class 2 golf tournament at the Great Oaks Country Club in Floyd on Tuesday, Oct. 10. That was good for 15th place in the state. Dylan Olinger of Bruton was the medalist with a 71 and Lee County won the state team championship.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

LB, River runners will compete in Metro CC today

The Lord Botetourt and James River runners will be competing in the annual Metro Cross Country race in Blacksburg today. The race has been held since the mid '70s and has been run at several different locations, with Blacksburg serving as the home base in recent years.

Lord Botetourt warmed up for the Metro by running in a quad-meet at the Salem Municipal Golf course last week. Host Salem, Glenvar and Cave Spring also competed. The Salem boys and Cave Spring girls were team champs with the

LB boys taking third and the Cavalier girls were fourth.

LB's top boy runners were Tristan Marshall and Rye Jackson, finishing one millisecond apart. The top girl runner was Addison Purser, running a time of 22.45, followed by Erna and Amelia Dietrich.

"This is a fun race for our runners," said Botetourt coach Elizabeth Wilson. "All of our runners are able to race in the same race at once. We are looking forward to racing our varsity runners this week in our final regular season race."

Next Wednesday, Oct.



PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Lord Botetourt's Tristan Marshall races at the Salem Municipal Golf course last week.

25, the Greenfield course in Daleville will be the site of the Blue Ridge District cross country meet. The Three Rivers District does not have a district meet.

James River volleyball is at Glenvar Thursday for big match



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Breia Anduiza serves one up for James River.

The James River girls will get ready for the volleyball post-season when they travel to Glenvar Thursday to take on the two-time defending state champion Highlanders. It's the last regular season match for both teams.

The Three Rivers District varsity and jayvee tournaments will be held next week, with the top four varsity teams and top two jayvee teams competing. The varsity semifinals will be Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the top two seeds with the championship on Thursday at the site of the highest remaining seed. The jayvee championship will be held at Alleghany High next Wednesday. If a school is playing in the jayvee and varsity championship and both have the higher seed, the jayvee championship will be moved to the 26th and games will be at 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Thursday's River-Glenvar match is a big one, as with one win to go those two are tied for the fourth spot and the top four make the tournament. Alleghany leads the 3RD as of Monday with a 9-1 district record followed by Carroll at 8-3 and Radford at 7-3. River and Glenvar both come into the week at 5-5 while Floyd, at 1-9, and Patrick, at 1-10, have already been eliminated from the tournament. On Tuesday River was at Patrick while the Highlanders had to play Alleghany at home.

Alleghany has clinched a spot in the

jayvee championship with River, Glenvar and Patrick battling for the other spot with a week to go.

The Knights' varsity team picked up a big win last Thursday when they defeated Radford at home in four sets, 30-28, 22-25, 25-18 and 25-15.

"We started out the night slowly with the first three servers missing their serve and Radford taking a big lead," said coach Linsey Firebaugh. "Luckily, the girls got out of their funk and started to play. We started getting digs and putting the balls in their places, which took Radford out of their system. When we are smart and strong with the ball good things happen."

Ava Thacker led the Knights with 18 kills and 28 digs. Breia Anduiza had 34 assists and 28 digs and Konner Myers had 28 digs as well.

The Knights also played a non-district match with Riverheads last week and won in four, 25-11, 25-12, 20-25 and 25-13. Anduiza had 32 assists, Myers had 20 digs and Jady Miller had a dozen kills.

"We got a jump on Riverheads early and took the first two sets," said Firebaugh. "We were solid defensively and Avery Williams stepped up big in the third and fourth sets and got crucial kills for us."

The two wins lifted River to 11-7 overall.

Blue Ridge District volleyball tournament is next week

The Lord Botetourt girls were at Franklin County for a volleyball match Tuesday hoping to clinch the Blue Ridge District regular season title and top seed in next week's BRD tournament. The tournament is scheduled to start Monday at the sites of the third and fourth seeds.

LB comes into the week with an 8-0 district record and a 15-4 overall mark, but the Cavaliers still had a trip to Rocky Mount on Tuesday where the Eagles were waiting with a 7-1 district record. Results were too late for publication, but if LB took care of business the

Cavs clinched the regular season title and top seed in the tournament. They have one more regular season match remaining, at Staunton River Thursday.

The top two seeds in the district will get a first round by next Monday while the third seed hosts the sixth and the fourth seed is home to meet the fifth. The top two, which will be LB and Franklin, join the tournament for the semifinals on Tuesday of next week and the championship match is Thursday, Oct. 26, at the site of the highest remaining seed.

The Cavaliers stayed hot with two

more district wins last week. They traveled to Northside on October 10 and beat the Vikings in three sets, 25-14, 25-14 and 25-19. Erica Gergely had 11 kills and 13 digs while Becca Huddleston had seven kills and five blocks. Skylar Morris had 30 assists, Bria Harvey had 14 digs and five aces and Gracelynn Clark had four kills.

On Thursday of last week the Cavs hosted William Fleming and made short work of the visiting Colonels, winning 25-4, 25-4, 25-4. Emma Rice had nine kills, Christina Ellis had seven and Savanna Johnson and Gergely had five each.

Cavs will host William Fleming in big district game Friday

The Lord Botetourt football players are hoping to get up off the mat and get back to their winning ways after dropping a 16-0 game to William Byrd in Vinton last Friday. The Cavaliers will be back home to host William Fleming at 7 p.m. in Daleville.

This will be a big test of character for the Cavs, who lost for just the second time this season and the first time in the last seven meetings with Byrd. In the eyes of LB coach Jamie Harless, the Terriers won in more ways than one.

"We got beat by a good football team, who did a fine job on both sides of the ball and out-coached us and out-played us," said Harless. "Not to take anything away from the

Byrd people, but we had some unsavory behavior on the Botetourt side and it had nothing to do with Byrd."

The Cavaliers, who had been running up big scores prior to Friday, were shut out for the first time since a 23-0 playoff loss to Byrd in 2012 in Harless' first year as coach. However, a fired up Terrier team held the Cavs to 141 yards rushing on 40 carries, an average of about three and a half yards per attempt. Jakari Nicely had 105 yards on 31 carries and was four for 11 passing for another 39 yards, including two completions to TJ McGinnis for 22 yards.

The Terriers scored both of their touchdowns in the second quarter, one on a halfback pass that

fooled the LB defense and another on a run by quarterback Israel Hairston just before the half. The Terriers then drove the field for a field goal on their first possession of the second half and LB never sniffed the end zone.

With the loss, Botetourt fell to 5-2 and William Byrd passed them in the Region 3D standings, with Byrd taking the third spot. Botetourt is now fourth and this week's game with Fleming is a big one, as the Colonels are a Class 5 team with four wins, putting a bunch of VHSL points out there for the taking.

"They're a good football team and they do a good job of coaching," said Harless. "They come right at you."



Dean Webb of LB punts for the first time since the opening game against E.C. Glass.



Sam Grooten of LB dives to trip up the Byrd quarterback.



Kendal Howard (0) of Lord Botetourt contests a pass by Byrd's Israel Hairston.



Lord Botetourt's TJ McGinnis is guarded tightly as he reaches for a pass against Byrd.

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Davidov qualifies for state girls' tournament

Lord Botetourt's Alicia Davidov qualified for the girls state golf championship Monday when she shot a 79 and came in second in the zone qualifier at the Auburn Hills course. The girls state championship, including girls from all VHSL classifications, will be played at the Twin Lakes Golf Course in Clifton, Va., next Tuesday, Oct 24.



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BRD cheer competition is today

William Byrd High School will be the site of the Blue Ridge District competitive cheer competition this evening, October 18. The Lord Botetourt team, pictured here at the recent "Battle at Byrd," competed at Pulaski County High last Saturday and finished second.

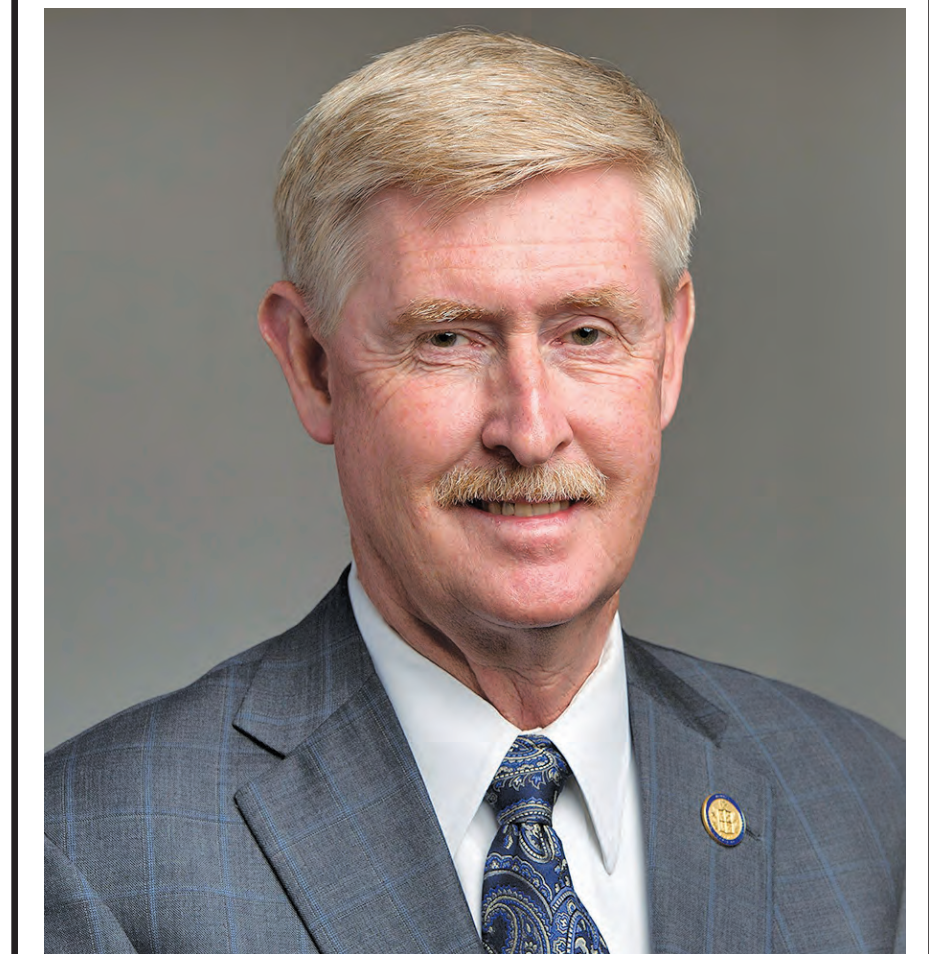
River football

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the rivalry thriving. It was continued when James River joined Glenvar in the 3RD and the Highlanders have dominated the rivalry in recent years. The rocker, painted in the green and gold of Glenvar and the red and black of River, has resided in the GHS office since 2014. Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford painted the current chair after the original was broken, and it includes the scores of all the games since 1996, when River won 16-14.

"I do not think our kids even know anything about the rocking chair," said Jennings. "We haven't had the chair in our possession in more than a decade, so it's probably a unicorn for them. We don't even talk about it, to be honest. The chair would obviously be nice, but that is more of an external goal, and we need to spend more time focusing on internal motivators - being better, being the best version of our team for Friday."

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