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Botetourt Chamber addresses concerns about current status



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The Botetourt Chamber of Commerce held a special town hall meeting at Rader Funeral Home last Thursday evening in Daleville addressing the entity's current standing.

In September, the chamber announced that Khari Ryder was "no longer employed" as the organization's executive director. This decision led many in the county wondering what was going on internally at the chamber.

Chamber President David Williams ran the audience through a timeline of events that led to Ryder's removal. He explained that following an annual financial report in July from an outside CPA, the chamber noticed "a discrepancy" which wasn't initially reported by the accountant. The chamber's executive committee "began to ask questions,"

according to Williams. At that point in time, the chamber president claimed that the former executive director told the committee that the chamber "didn't need to be audited" despite the chamber's bylaws stating that "the treasurer of the chamber is to cause an audit annually."

"No matter what my personal relationship might have been with the former executive director, or with anyone, if that person is starting to get hedgy about having an audit, my gut says, we're going to have an audit," Williams said.

He shared that the purpose of the audit is to get information. The chamber recently discovered it's low on funds.

"We don't have as much money as we thought we did," Williams shared. "We have Brown Edwards (accounting services) looking into the books and due

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Maag Gala, Inc. and the Dover Foundation contributed \$30,000 towards 10 new welding booths at the Botetourt Technical Education Center.

Maag Gala contributes to BTEC welding program

Maag Gala, Inc. in Eagle Rock and the Dover Foundation pledged their support for the expansion of the Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC) by contributing funds towards the construction of 10 new welding booths last Thursday in Fincastle. This multi-year agreement, totaling \$30,000, celebrates a shared vision of creating

educational opportunities that benefit the students and the surrounding region.

"We see this collaboration as a win-win situation," stated Bob Patterson, president of the Botetourt Education Foundation. "This partnership not only emphasizes the generous support of local industry, but also underscores the

importance of workforce development training offered by BTEC, benefiting Botetourt County students and the surrounding community."

To celebrate this contribution and the opportunities it presents, Maag Gala, Inc., the Dover Foundation, and the Botetourt Education

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PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office hosted the last Senior Social for 2023 last Friday. The next event will be held May 3, 2024.

Sheriff Ward, Sheriff's Office host another Senior Social

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) presented another Senior Social event for county citizens last Friday at Fincastle Baptist Church.

"Our overall goal is to make you aware of senior fraud," Sheriff Matt Ward said during his presentation, "so that you are aware and educated on the latest trends that are going on."

The event created by BCSO focuses on bringing seniors and law enforcement

together to provide a platform to showcase the many services available to the 50+ community. A free buffet lunch was provided to attendees. Sheriff Ward presented an abbreviated summarization of the last Senior Social fraud presentation that was followed by a brief presentation by Bank of Botetourt's Kelly Focht, who served as the social's guest speaker.

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Beaver Dam Farm holding Christmas event Dec. 2

The second annual Country Christmas takes place again Saturday, Dec. 2, at Gracely Hill, home of the Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival, in Buchanan from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Visitors can enjoy shopping with past Sunflower Festival vendors and all of their Christmas goodies. There will be food and coffee available along with photos with Santa (don't forget to bring a camera). Hartlight Photography will also be onsite offering family photo Christmas sessions. Reach out to Jason at hartlightphoto@gmail.com to schedule an appointment soon.

Admission is \$5 cash at the door.

"I'm so excited to have everyone back out to kick off this Christmas season," event coordinator Candace Monaghan said in a release. "Our Country Christmas



PHOTO COURTESY OF BEAVER DAM FARM

Gracely Hill, home of the annual Sunflower Festival, in Buchanan hosts Country Christmas from 1-5 p.m. on Dec. 2. Photo opportunities with Santa will be available for attendees.

event is a great time to come out and enjoy holiday shopping with some amazingly talented handmade vendors."

"A Country Christmas at Gracely Hill in Buchanan is a magical

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Botetourt County History



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As meals are being prepared to celebrate Thanksgiving, the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture is highlighting this local basket. It was hand made from coiled rye straw and measures 4" high by 11" in diameter. It was woven so tightly that it was used by the Trevey family as a bread-rising basket. The weave would show when the risen dough was turned out and baked. The inside shows the wear on it from constant use. Bread recipes today can also be found that use a bread-proofing basket. Mary Harris Bishop donated her family's basket where it can be seen in the Museum at 26 East Main Street, Fincastle.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Eagle Rock man charged with attempted murder

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office is investigating a shooting incident that occurred on Wednesday, November 15.

According to the Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to the 500 block of Cabin Hallow Road, Eagle Rock, at approximately 9:45 p.m. after the Botetourt County Emergency Communications Center-911 received a call that a firearm had been discharged at a known acquaintance.

While en route to the scene, a second call to 911 was received from the victim, who was at the Dollar General in Fincastle. Deputies who arrived at the store were told by the victim that he had been shot by his roommate. Botetourt County Department of Fire and EMS personnel transported the victim to Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Upon arrival at Cabin Hallow Road, deputies encountered a suspect who was

taken into custody. The suspect was identified as Bruce Wenn Reese, 57, of Eagle Rock.

Reese has been charged with attempted murder-second degree, malicious wounding, shooting at an occupied motor vehicle, and reckless handling of a firearm. As the paper went to press, he was being held in the Botetourt-Craig Regional Jail without bond.

Preliminary investigation suggests that the two roommates were in an argument over rent at the time of the shooting, according to a press release from the Sheriff's Office.

Anyone who may have information pertaining to the case or who may have witnessed the incident is asked to contact Detective Bolton at 540-928-2252.

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Kilos 4 K9's holds its second annual fundraiser



Big Lick CrossFit hosted the 2nd annual "Kilos 4 K9's" fundraising event on Nov. 11.

The second annual Kilos 4 K9's fundraiser for Friends of Botetourt K9 (FOB K9) was held this past Saturday in Bonsack.

Ronnie Clay, a local lawyer and CrossFit coach, along with many local volunteers, put on a challenging and fun day at Big Lick CrossFit located at 4509 Bonsack Road.

The Polumbo family once again donated their facility all day so the participants could test their fitness and strength, and raise money for a great cause. Teams of two competed for seven hours, doing nine grueling workouts throughout the day while being cheered on by friends and family and raising money for Friends of Botetourt K9 (FOB K9), a local 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. FOB K9 has dedicated the last several years to helping support the Botetourt County Sheriff's K9 department.

"These K9's along with their handlers work hard every day to help keep Botetourt County safe," the organization shared in a recent release. "As a community, we are fortunate to have them as they help track missing persons, identify dangerous drugs, and chase down criminals. A demonstration of these amazing dogs' skills was done at

the end of the competition by Deputy Kevin Smusz, his German Shepherd Axin, and playing the role of "criminal" was Deputy Casella."

This event would not have been possible without all the support of the community and the local merchants, the release went on to say. FOB K9 appreciates the support of the Daleville Kroger who stepped up to help them with the annual event, along with other Botetourt County merchants: Sheetz, Heritage Market, Donnie D's Bagels, The Pie Shoppe, the Town Center Tap House, Ikenberry's Orchard, and The Green Hive. The organization asks that next time residents visit one of the participating stores, thank them for their donation that went towards raising money for FOB K9.

Kilos 4 K9's plans on holding the third annual fundraiser in the summer of 2024. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating can contact friendsofbotetourtk9@gmail.com. Individuals interested in supporting FOB K9 can go to the website fobk9.org to donate and/or purchase merchandise featuring the organization's logo.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KIMBERLY CLAY

Some of the competitors and volunteers of the end of the second annual Kilos 4 K9's event.

Buchanan Christmas Home Tour December 10

The Town Improvement Society of Buchanan will host the annual Christmas Home Tour on Sunday, December 10 from 1-5 p.m. This year's tour will feature four homes in Buchanan, conveniently located on or near Rt. 11. After the home tour, everyone is invited to end their tour with finger foods served at

the Community House, 2-5 p.m., on Lowe Street in Buchanan.

The proceeds from the Christmas Home Tour will be used for the preservation of the Community House. The Town Improvement Society is working towards re-opening the Community House to be used again as a social gathering event center for the Botetourt

County community.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available for purchase at Austin Electrical Construction at 17566 Main Street, Buchanan, from members of the Town Improvement Society or at the four homes the day of the tour.

- Susan Davis, Town Improvement Society

Senior Social

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Local seniors visited with many of the public and private services available that were on site. The event and all services were provided free of charge to the senior community.

The LOA (Local Office on Aging) is currently looking for volunteers. Contact

the Botetourt County's office at (540) 580-5085 for more information.

The next Senior Social event will take place on May 3, 2024.

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Area clubs, organizations, churches and other groups and individuals are invited to participate in the Fincastle Christmas Parade at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Rain date is Sunday, Dec. 3. Cash awards will be given to the best entries in traditional and religious float categories. Bands will receive an honorarium; they will not be judged. Horses and other animals will be permitted with appropriate waste collection methods. To avoid conflicts with vehicles and children, candy can be distributed only by people walking along beside the floats. The parade will form at 1 p.m. at Breckinridge Elementary School in Fincastle, and begin at 2 p.m. Due to space limitations, only parade entries will be permitted in the parking lot at the school. Other vehicles will need to be parked along the streets in town. **Return the entry form by November 28.**

Fincastle Christmas Parade Entry Form

Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Address _____

Type of Entry (Circle One):

Band Float Marching Unit Car Other

Return by November 28: By mail- Parade, c/o Town of Fincastle. P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, 24090; or email- anitapware@hotmail.com.

Breckinridge Elementary celebrates Veterans Day



Breckinridge Elementary celebrated Veterans Day on November 10 with an assembly to honor all veterans with family members at the school. At the assembly, attendees enjoyed listening to second, fourth, and fifth grade students sing a variety of patriotic songs, and were recognized for their service. School counselor and United States Marine Corps veteran Ashley Albright also spoke about her experience in the Marines, and how it has shaped who she is today. Participants concluded the event with a reception and thank you cards made by younger students. Additional cards were delivered to veterans living at The Glebe Retirement Community and the Salem Veteran Affairs Medical Center, and veterans who work at Lawrence Transportation.



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Cloverdale Thrift Store open Saturdays

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store has fall and winter clothes for the entire family, and lots of Christmas decorations and gifts. Sweaters are only \$1.50. The store is in need of women's tops and children's clothes. The store is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Special services at Pleasant Hill Baptist

Pleasant Hill Baptist will also be hosting the

Christmas Celebration and Nativity Service on Sunday, December 10 at 11 a.m. The children and youth will perform with the PHBC Choir and Handbell Choirs.

On Monday, December 18, PHBC will be hosting the FLOURISH Homeschool Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist will be holding a Christmas caroling event on Wednesday, December 20 as groups head out to local nursing homes to share some

Christmas joy! Please meet at PHBC at 5:15 p.m.

Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, November 25 from 9-11 a.m. Volunteers from St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville will distribute food curbside. Meat, bread, eggs, milk and other staples will be available. Anyone in need is welcome. The church is located at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

CAMS students selling their original artwork

The Central Academy Middle School chapter of the National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS) created this large-scale 40- by 60-inch canvas painting with an incorporated collage entitled, "Freedom." The wood frame was made by Botetourt Technical Education Center students. The NJAHS chapter is selling this original artwork to raise money for the

chapter fund. Bidding began on Monday, November 13 and will end on Friday, January 5. The minimum bid is \$800 and the highest bidder wins. For more information, or to place a bid, contact Courtney May at cmay@bcps.k12.va.us or by calling (540) 473-8333.

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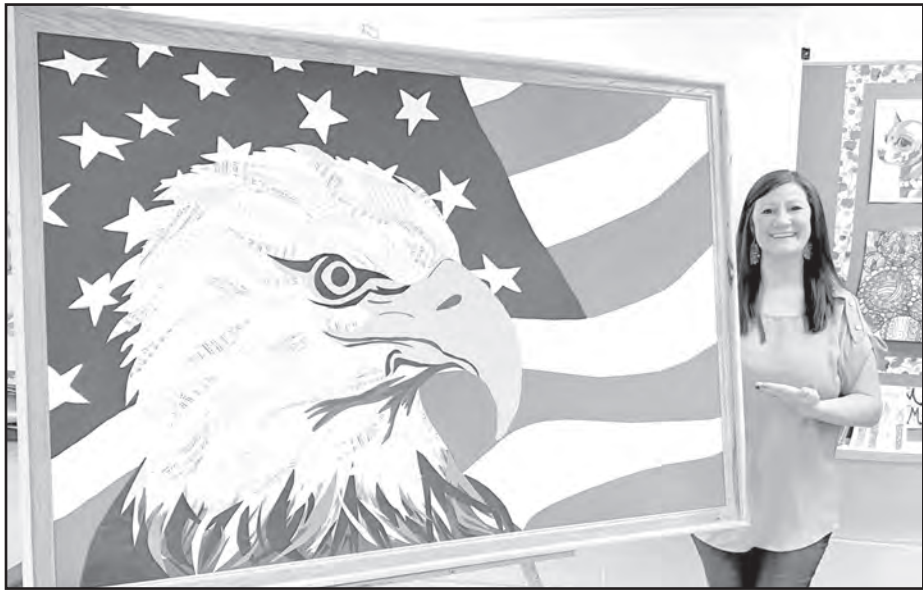


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Lions Club donates to Food Pantry, induct new member

The Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club presented a \$9,000 check to the Botetourt Food Pantry at the club meeting on November 14. The \$9,000 check was funded jointly by the Daleville-Fincastle Lions, \$3,000, and by a grant from the Lions of Virginia Foundation, \$6,000. In addition to financial support from the club, the Daleville-Fincastle Lions also volunteer to assist with the food distribution at the Food Pantry once a month. The Food Pantry is serving an ever-increasing number of families who need food assistance. The average number of families served each month in 2023, to date, is approximately 20% higher than 2022. Pictured are Lions Club President



PHOTO COURTESY OF DALEVILLE-FINCASTLE LIONS CLUB

Lowell Skelton and Botetourt Food Pantry representative Lois Switzer.

At the November 14 meeting, the Daleville-Fincastle Lions inducted a new member, William "Bill" Walker. Bill and wife Teri are new residents at The Glebe. Bill has been a Lion in the past, previously a member of the Herndon, Va., Lions Club. The Daleville-

Fincastle Lions Club is the newest Lions Club in District 24-C, being officially authorized by Lions Clubs International in January 2019. There are two Lions Clubs in Botetourt County - the Buchanan Lions Club and Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club.

- Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club

Old Jail grand opening this Saturday

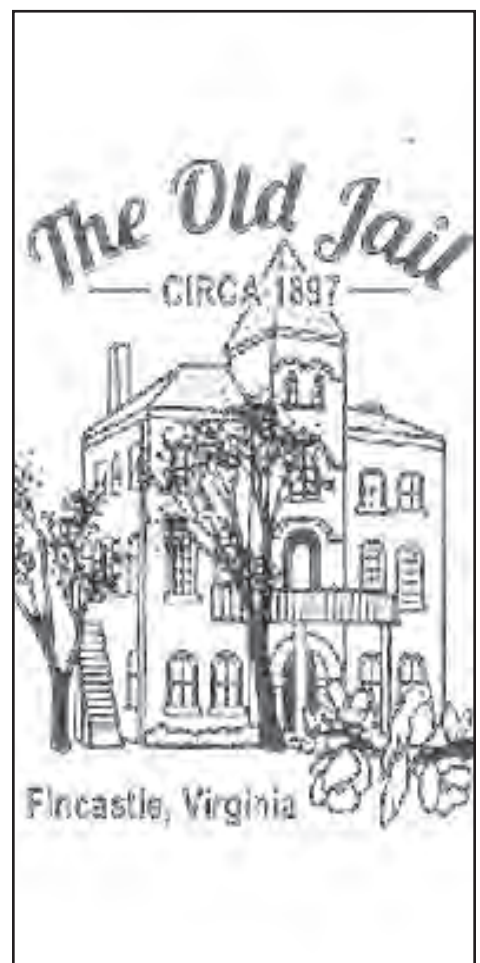
The 1897 Old Historic Jail in Fincastle will have its grand opening Saturday, November 25.

The first floor of the jail has been beautifully restored for use as a gift and coffee shop. Plans are underway to restore the women's and men's jail floors for use as a museum, to open for public access next year.

The gift shop has items for sale that feature the Town of Fincastle and Botetourt County. Gift selection includes hand-made Deneen pottery mugs, customizable Christmas ornaments, spa items and greeting cards. The shop also offers a coffee bar for shoppers.

Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning November 25 and will continue each Saturday until Christmas.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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Anchorage House receives Virginia Tourism Corporation grant for tourism marketing

Anchorage House in Buchanan has received a \$3,250 grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation's Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program (MMLP) for its Bed & Breakfast.

Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) awarded more than \$757,000 to 131 marketing programs, ultimately impacting 655 combined partners, and supporting more than 1,300 jobs across the state to help increase

off-season visitation to tourism businesses and destinations.

"Driving tourism during the off-season is part of our strategy to grow Virginia's economy," said Gov. Glenn Youngkin. "These programs will help bring in year-round overnight visitation which will support small businesses and jobs in localities across Virginia. In 2022, the tourism industry supported more than 210,000 jobs in Virginia and travelers spent over \$83 million

per day in Virginia, and we will continue to grow thanks to these programs."

"The Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program is part of VTC's strategy to grow year-round visitation in Virginia and is designed to support small tourism businesses with marketing dollars to drive out-of-state visitation during off-peak travel seasons. We are excited about this program because we see it as a gateway for small businesses to engage with VTC's marketing and

development ecosystem to grow their business and build on the Virginia is for Lovers branding," said Rita McClenny, President and CEO of Virginia Tourism Corporation.

The VTC Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program is designed to increase visitor spending in the off-season by leveraging limited marketing dollars, stimulating new tourism marketing through partnerships, and

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ANCHORAGE HOUSE

JRHS Class of 1974 reunion

Save the date and pass the word. The James River High School Class of 1974 will hold its 50-year class reunion on August 24, 2024, at the Blue Ridge Vineyard, catered by Aaron's Smokehouse, with DJ by Randy Riddle. Class members may contact Charlie Alphin at cealphin@gmail.com, or Cathy Henderson at fincathyrd@intelos.net.

- Submitted by Charles Alphin

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extending the “Virginia is for Lovers” brand. This is a program focused on supporting tourism businesses with less than 20 full-time employees through marketing partnerships. A minimum of five Virginia entities must partner to apply for the microbusiness marketing grant. Partners may consist of Virginia cities, towns, counties, convention and visitors’ bureaus, chambers of commerce, other local or regional destination marketing organizations, private businesses,

museums, attractions, cultural events, and other tourism-related businesses. Owner of the Anchorage House Bed & Breakfast, Spring Witt, purchased this home in 2019 and rebranded the business in June of 2023. This boutique bed and breakfast in Buchanan has newly renovated spaces and unique artwork, specific to the house and the area. The Anchorage House name nods to the naval service of its historical owner, Commodore William Conway Whittle.

Built in 1840, the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior. About Virginia Tourism Corporation Virginia is for Lovers is one of the most iconic and recognizable travel brands in the world. Using that powerful brand equity, Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) is charged with promoting the Commonwealth as a premier travel destination by showcasing all there is to

love in a Virginia vacation. The dollars spent by travelers fuel the economy, provide jobs for Virginians, and improve communities across the state. Simply put, tourism helps make Virginia a great place to live, work, and vacation. Learn more at virginia.org

- The Anchorage House

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legal, finance, health, medical, living arrangements, communication, needs, and community resources and support. Presented by Josh Walton of Valley Medicare Solutions.

Little Explorers

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am, Fincastle
Toddlers explore the world around them through educational and soft play toys while parents and caregivers get grown-up social time.

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experience.” Shop Botetourt and Cupcakes and Canines owner Brandy Underwood said in a recent email. “The venue is transformed into a festive wonderland full of vendors, delicious food and the enchantment of Santa himself! It’s a can’t-miss event this holiday season where you can support small businesses and experience the ultimate Christmas

experience.” Vendors include: 704 North Design Co, Cupcakes & Canines, Cutes by Ann, Dyeing Chaos Designs, Electric Lumber Design, Especially For Ewe, Everything Chenille, First XI Coffee, Hartlight Photography, Hunt & Chase, Just Bee Apiary, Keitha’s Artful Garden, Lick Run Creations, Love. Dee Creations, Magnolia

South Sign Co., Magpiper Jewelry, North Mountain Candle Co., Owl on a Limb Creations, Petal and Pail Flower Farm, Priss E. Nerd, Reprised Possessions, Rylor & Co. Designs, Seven Waters Creations, Sew Down Crafty, and Unique Gifts and More.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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Foundation held a check presentation ceremony at BTEC on Thursday, November 16. The significance of this collaboration extends beyond a financial contribution. It highlights the commitment of Maag Gala, Inc., the Dover Foundation, the Botetourt County Economic Development Authority, and the Botetourt Education Foundation to supporting educational and workforce development programs in Botetourt County Public Schools and the surrounding region, Patterson said.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCPS

BTEC Principal Mike Ketron (left) stands with Troy Linkenhoker (back left), Steven King, Bill Gunn, and Paul Merich as they observe welding materials.

LEGAL 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 November 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the requests 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.

Valley District: RYT LLC requests two Special Exception Permits for light auto/truck repair and Mini warehouses, each with possible conditions, in the Business (B-3) Use District, located on Lee Highway, Cloverdale, VA, approximately 0.2 miles south of the Simmons Drive intersection and identified on the Tax Maps as 101(11)18B.

Amsterdam District: The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of a property owner-initiated petition for an amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Map to amend the future land use designation from Medium Density Residential to Agricultural, located at and adjacent to 90 Orchard Lake Drive and identified as tax parcels 87-159; 87-161A & 87-161C.

Amsterdam District: J.W. & Suzanne I. Rhoades, Linda I. Shiotani and Et AL request to rezone 51.504 acres from the Residential (R-1) Use District to the Agricultural (A-1) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, located at and adjacent to 90 Orchard Lake Drive and identified as tax parcels 87-159; 87-161A & 87-161C.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of a property owner-initiated petition for an amendment to Chapter 25, Zoning of the Botetourt County Code that would change the off-street parking requirements for a Special Events Facility.

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 November 22, 2023. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on November 28, 2023.

Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator

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to some other personnel issues, we thought it was

best to terminate our relationship with our executive director (in September)... We did that with the advice of counsel.”

Williams said that the chamber wanted to

be “good stewards” in protecting the investments of its members and wanted to make sure they were doing things “by the book.” He shared the chamber additionally parted ways with its former CPA.

“I can’t really say much more than that right now because everything is under active investigation with the Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office,” Williams added. “What I want to stress to everyone: those of us on the board, those of us on the executive committee feel very strongly that it’s not the chamber’s money, it’s your money. We, as board members,

are to be the stewards of that money, faith, and trust you place into this organization. We have a lot of great things going for us.”

Williams said that he saw a “realization” during the most recent meeting of membership that there is still much to be excited about when envisioning the chamber’s future. He discovered the former executive director made “promises” to paying members but shared that he nor the executive committee didn’t know what those promises entail.

He opened the floor to questions from the meeting’s attendees. He credited the “knowledge bank” of individuals who were in the room last Thursday night. Williams received a few questions that ranged from personnel and budget matters to the return of a weekly newsletter.

One member asked about the chamber’s “plan for 2024.” Williams said that he and the executive committee “want to get our house in order” first and also want to know what chamber members want for the upcoming year.

Executive committee member Emily Bailey shared that the chamber is still “strong” and it continues planning for upcoming events while reassessing the current situation and what they’ve done in the past in preparation for possible changes in the future. They’re currently welcoming feedback from its members.

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NOTICE

The Botetourt County governmental offices and libraries will close at noon on Wednesday, November 22, and be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, 2022 in observance of Thanksgiving. The landfill station will be closed Thanksgiving Day and close at noon on Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA

The Town of Buchanan gives notice of a public hearing of the Buchanan Planning Commission on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and Buchanan Town Council on Monday December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in Buchanan Council Meeting Room at 19753 Main Street, Buchanan, Virginia for consideration of;

1. Scott Heath is seeking a Special Use Permit under Zoning Ordinance Article III, Section. 211., Commercial District to allow proposed Agricultural/Tractor Sales & Service operation.
2. Text amendment. Zoning Ordinance Article II, Section 208., Manufacturing District adding Data Processing as a permitted use.

Any citizen may bring comments to Buchanan Town Hall at 19753 Main Street, Buchanan, VA or mail written comments to P.O Box 205, Buchanan, VA 24066 or email comments to townmanager@buchanan-va.gov on or before noon Monday December 4, 2023. Or attend via phone 701-802-5423 (access code 3474425) or in person to present their views on these matters. Copies of the proposed Special Use Application and the Zoning Text Amendment are available for review at the Town office, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

By: George Hayfield, Town Manager

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

at its regular meeting on Monday, November 27, 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. Consider the request of GKM Properties, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 800-802 Maryland Avenue (Tax Map # 147 - 2 - 1). 2. Consider amending Chapter 66, Article I, In General, Section 66-7, Nonconforming signs and 66-9, Removal of signs no longer advertising existing bona fide business, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs. 3. Consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-208.2, 106-214.2, 106-216.2, and 106-218.2, pertaining to permitted uses; Section 106-216.3 pertaining to site development regulations; Article III Use & Design Standards, section 106-304.21 pertaining to short term rentals; section 106-316.3 pertaining to accessory uses, residential; Article IV Development Standards, section 106-404 pertaining to parking requirements; section 106-406 miscellaneous provisions pertaining to storage containers; and Article VI Definitions and use types, section 106-600 pertaining to definitions of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM,

Legals - City of Salem

VIRGINIA.

If approved, Salem City 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

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Vishnu Patel, Sole Member

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. CA23000019-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: The Adoption of a Minor Child Under Eighteen Years of Age, to be known as SERITA DANIELLE TICKLE By: MILDRED ANNE TICKLE, FRED LEE TICKLE, JR.

The object of this suit is to obtain an adoption of the minor child, Serita Danielle McLemore, by your petitioners, Mildred Anne Tickle and Fred Lee Tickle, Jr., husband and wife. An affidavit having been made and filed, pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 (1950), as amended, showing that the biological father, Kenneth McLemore (aka Kenneth Lee Sturdivant), despite the exercise of due diligence on behalf of Petitioners, could not be personally served

Legals - Montgomery County

with legal process for this action and his last known address is unknown, though he is known to be residing in and around the Montgomery County, Virginia area.

It is further ORDERED that this Order shall be published once a week for (4) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, serving the Montgomery County, Virginia, the locality of father's last known whereabouts, and contemporaneously posted in a conspicuous location at the Montgomery County Courthouse. Enter this 1 day of November, 2023. Robert M.D. Turk, Judge I ask for this: R. Cord Hall, Esquire, VSB 77637 R. Cord Hall Attorney-At-Law, P.C. 106 S. Franklin Street, Suite B-2 Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540)318-0707 (540)381-0505 fax Counsel for Petitioners

Legals - Town of Vinton

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 in the Grant Fund for a Community-wide Brownfields Assessment Grant from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The purpose of the EPA Community-wide Brownfields Assessment Grant is to evaluate underutilized commercial properties and/or perceived brownfields sites throughout the community that are in need of revitalization by performing Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments at each identified location. The program will also allow for the development of

Legals - Town of Vinton

design concept plans, site specific remediation/redevelopment plans, and marketing materials to be created for each site, with the hope of engaging potential developers to consider taking on the redevelopment project. Section 15.2-2507 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, requires any locality to hold a Public Hearing in order to amend its budget when any such amendment exceeds one percent (1%) of the total expenditures shown in the currently adopted budget. Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607. Antonia Arias-Magallon Administrative Manager



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LB football season ends with loss at Byrd

The Lord Botetourt football season came to an end last Friday night with a 41-14 loss to William Byrd in Vinton. It was the second time this season the Terriers have beaten LB, and this one came in the semifinal round of the VHSL Region 3D playoffs.

With the loss, LB ends the season with a 9-3 record, and the only two teams the Cavaliers have lost to are in Region championship games this week. The Cavs opened the season with a 14-7 loss at E.C. Glass, and the Hilltoppers will play Salem in the Region 4D final Friday. The other two losses were to Byrd, and the Terriers will be at Magna Vista for the Region 3D finals.

The Cavaliers were undefeated at home with a 6-0 record in Daleville. They made it to the Region semifinals for the seventh year in a row and they've made the playoffs in all 12 years Jamie Harless has been coach. The 9-3 record lifted the LB all-time football record to 334-332, the first time the all-time mark has been over .500 at the end of the season since the 1960s.

Byrd had beaten Botetourt on October 13, 16-0, and last week the Cavaliers were playing without two of their best players, seniors Jakari Nicely and Cade Lang, who were both on the sidelines with knee injuries. Still, the Cavaliers were hoping their big line and solid running attack would be enough to make up the difference.

It wasn't. Byrd got off to a quick start on a 76-yard TD pass from Israel Hairston to Cooper Minnix. The Cavs fumbled on the next series but stopped the Terriers at midfield to force a punt. LB took over inside their own 10, then Tristan Overbay broke free for an 87-yard run before he was downed at the Byrd six-yard line. Tristan then scored on fourth and goal from the one and Dean Webb's kick tied the score at 7-7 with 31 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Byrd regained the lead on a run by Hairston, then went up 21-7 when Hairston broke a long run, then hit Dominic Dulak with a touchdown pass covering 29 yards with 1:25 left in the half.

The Terriers scored on another long pass play for the only points of the third quarter, missing the extra point but leading 27-7. LB cut the lead to 27-14 on a 16-yard TD pass



Zion Wood of LB runs through a big hole to pick up yardage.



Layne Sullivan brings down William Byrd quarterback Israel Hairston from behind.



Ben Gilbert of LB (8) scores a fourth quarter touchdown after catching a pass from Sam Grooten

from Sam Grooten to Ben Gilbert, but Hairston scored on a 63-yard run, then picked off a long pass to ice the game for the Terriers before the home team tacked on a late score.

Overbay finished with 121 yards rushing and Zion Woody had 47 on eight carries. Grooten completed 12 passes for 106 yards, including four to Cody McConnaughey for 45 yards.

Botetourt will graduate 15 seniors, including a bunch who will go on to play in college. In their four high school seasons the seniors have been part of a program that has won 36 games and lost 10 while participating in 12 playoff games, three regional championship games, a state championship game and winning three Blue Ridge District titles.



SPORTING NEWS PHOTO

Billy Wagner, who pitched in the big leagues for 16 seasons, will be the guest speaker for the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame induction banquet on February 4, 2024.

Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame announces Class of 2024, Major League Baseball great Bill Wagner will be guest speaker

Former Major League Baseball and Ferrum College pitcher Billy Wagner will be the guest speaker for the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame's 32nd hot stove banquet and induction ceremony. The banquet will be held at the Salem Civic Center on February 4, 2024, and the Class of '24 includes Tommy Bayrer, Larry Bowles II, Mikey O'Brien and Paul Siple.

Wagner is a 2003 inductee in the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. A 1990 graduate of Tazewell High School, he drew national attention with his mid to high 90s fastball while pitching for Ferrum College. In the 1993 draft the lefty fireballer was the first round, and 12th overall, pick of the Houston Astros. He made his Major League debut in 1995 and in '99 he was the recipient of the Rolands Relief Award, presented to the outstanding closer in the National League. That season he had 39 saves with a 1.57 earned run average and 124 strikeouts in 74 innings.

A seven time all-star, Wagner pitched nine seasons for Houston, two for the Philadelphia Phillies, three with the New York Mets, and also had a stop in Boston before concluding his career with the Atlanta Braves in 2010, saving 37 games in his final season. Wagner finished a 16 year big league career with 422 saves while appearing in 853 games, all in relief. He struck out 1,196 batters in 903 innings and

thrilled fans with a fastball that often reached the 100 mph mark.

Bayrer is a Roanoke native and graduate of Cave Spring High School, where he was a standout outfielder. He went on to play at Campbell University and hit .415 his sophomore season before being converted to a pitcher. Throwing in the 90s with a wicked knuckle curveball, he was a 17th round draft choice of the Astros in 2001. He pitched two seasons in the minor leagues for Houston, including a stint with Martinsville in the Appalachian League.

Bowles II is a Franklin County product who was a standout pitcher and firstbaseman for Franklin County High School, graduating in 1997. He was all-state his senior year and the recipient of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame Ray Bellamy Award as high school Player-of-the-Year. He went on to play at Virginia Tech, where he earned All-American honors in 1999 on the Collegiate Baseball, Baseball Writers Association and Mizuno All-American teams. Larry played for the USA National team in 1998 and was drafted by the Anaheim Angels organization in 2000, where he played one year before his career was cut short by an injury.

O'Brien is another former Ray Bellamy Award winner, earning Player-of-the-Year honors in 2008 after a standout career at Hidden Valley High School. Following that

High school winter sports begin next week



FILE PHOTOS

The high school winter sports season will officially begin next week with a variety of teams from Lord Botetourt and James River opening play.

On Tuesday, November 28, the LB boys will open the basketball season with a game at Blacksburg. Both local girls teams also play Tuesday, with LB at Patrick Henry and James River's girls hosting Christiansburg, and on Wednesday, November 29, the River boys will

open with a game at Parry McCluer.

Action heats up on Thursday, November 30, with the River girls hosting Bassett and the LB girls playing at Jefferson Forest. Also on that night, the LB boys are at Alleghany.

On Friday, December 1, both girls teams will play with LB hosting Cave Spring and River traveling to Martinsville. James River will play in a boys basketball tournament at Riverheads on Friday and

Saturday and the River wrestlers are at Parry McCluer both days.

Also on Saturday, December 2, both county swim teams open their seasons in a meet at Christiansburg and the indoor track teams will both compete at Liberty University. The LB wrestling team is in a tournament at Wilson Memorial.

Look for more on the winter teams in next week's issue.

season O'Brien, a righthanded pitcher, was drafted in the ninth round by the New York Yankees. He pitched professionally until 2018 with stints for the Yankees, Orioles, Reds and Rays' organizations, reaching the AAA level in three different seasons. He finished his professional career with a 3.87 ERA over 770 innings pitched, striking out an average of 7.1 batters per nine innings.

Siple, a 1938 graduate of Clifton Forge High School who died in March, 2015, was a player, teacher, coach, professional scout and umpire. A four-year letter winner as a shortstop at Bridgewater College, he competed in the National Semi-Professional playoffs in Wichita, Kansas, then played and managed in semi-pro baseball in leagues throughout Virginia. He coached high school baseball for 24 years and became a professional scout in 1960. Siple scouted for 40 years, first for the Pittsburgh Pirates, then with the Reds and the Phillies. He was also a Virginia High School League umpire for 25 years and is a member of the Bath

County High School, Boys Home and Bridgewater College Halls of Fame.

It was also announced that Mike Ruth, owner of the Shoe Doctor and supporter and coach of the Cave Spring Little League program since 1997, would be the recipient of the Wayne LaPierre, Sr. Service Award.

The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in 1991 and honors players and contributors from the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties. The Hall of Fame building is located on the grounds of the James E. Taliaferro Complex, next to the Salem Red Sox administrative office behind the third base seating area of Salem Memorial Ballpark. It is open to the public on selected nights during the Carolina League season and upon request.

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