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VT Extension Office hires new Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent



Anne Jones is the new Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent in the Botetourt County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension.

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Anne Jones is the new Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent in the Botetourt County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Jones is a Bedford County resident who helps operate her family's cattle farm. She's worked in the beef industry from most of her life including time spent with the Virginia Cattlemen's Association. Jones also taught agriculture and acted as a Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor at Staunton River High School.

"I have a really strong farming background,"

Jones said during a recent interview. "I wanted to make a change in the audience as to where the level of where I was working in the classroom. I felt that in serving the community and a little different audience that was maybe more venturous to me. In this job, I can do that plus I can still be involved with the youth that are in livestock by being involved with 4-H.

"There's a lot of energy, excitement, and support in agriculture. It's exciting for me to be a part of that. (Botetourt) is a community that really wants to continue that

tradition. I hope I can be an asset in that."

She looks to working with local landowners to make their operations more profitable through marketing opportunities and helping

expand agritourism.
"If you're going to maintain your farmland the beauty of Botetourt County, sometimes you're going to need to look outside the box," Jones explained. "I know that in neighboring Bedford County, there is a similar situation. We have people that are moving into the county that may not have an agriculture background. They buy a

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Pomegranate Restaurant will hold a Valentine's Day event Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 5:30-9 p.m.

Pomegranate Restaurant now open for events

Pomegranate Restaurant Troutville recently announced plans to hold upcoming community events in 2024. Restaurant owner Diana Dixon revealed that Wednesday, Feb. 14 will be the first event held at the popular Botetourt eating establishment since the venue closed during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This Valentine's Day dinner will feature food provided by Schaal's Catering, piano music, and singers during the dining portion of the event. A DJ will also be on hand providing dance music. Dance instructors Dave and Donna Spangler will attend the event to help coordinate a lesson with

willing participants following dinner. Dixon shared that she hopes this event will be the first of many more to come. For more information please call

540-966-6052. Pomegranate's Valentine's Day dinner event takes place from 5:30 until 9 p.m. at 106 Stoney Battery Road in Troutville.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Attic Youth's play begins January 26



PHOTO COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

From left, Oscar Seitz, Hailey Vandergrift, and Sylvia Hartvigsen are rehearsing a Yellow Brick Road scene from the play "Bad Things Happen to Good Actors."

Productions' Youth Ensemble will present "Bad Plays Gone Wrong" at the D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center January 26-28 and February 2-4. This youth production has over 50 cast and crew members from age 6 to 17, and is a combination of two one-

Both are comedies that are actually a play within a play. "All I Really Need to Know I Learned from Being in a Bad Play" by Werner Trieschmann and directed by Kailee Weiman, is a comedic, retelling of Romeo and Juliet. It follows the backstage disastrous

involved producing the play from auditions and rehearsals to the final performance. "Bad Things Happen to Good Actors" by Ian McWethy and James Pizzarello, and directed by Kerry Williams, is a very lively and energetic

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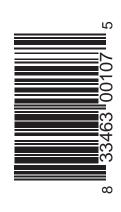
Mountain Castles SWCD to host winter banquet

Mountain Castles Soil & Water Conservation District will host a winter banquet on Monday, February 5, at the Fincastle Fire House. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and will be catered by the Mill Creek Baptist Church Alaska Missions Team.

In addition to providing updates to ongoing conservation efforts, the district will recognize its "Clean Water Farm Award" winners and its "Educator of the Year." The banquet is free, but reservations are required; RSVP with Tim Miller at (540) 797-0217 or tim.miller@mountaincastles.org.

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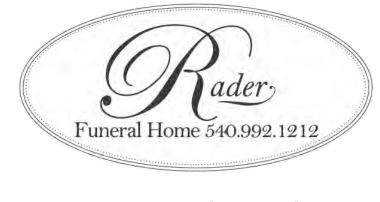


This limited edition "Solo in the Spotlight" clock was part of the Barbie exhibit at the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture. It was given to Mary Ann Layman Miller by her aunt, Sandra Sue Layman Bolton, in 1995. Margot Robbie, who played Barbie in the 2023 movie, wore an exact copy of this black dress complete with black gloves, red rose, scarf and necklace when she walked the red carpet in Hollywood on July 9, 2023. It was custom designed by Schiaparelli. The iconic Barbie has survived hatred and love and is still celebrated all over the world.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture



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Former RVBA president suing Botetourt County Administrator

As reported from other local media outlets, Frank Marshall Smith, former president and chief executive officer of the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority (RVBA), filed a lawsuit against Botetourt County Administrator Gary Larrowe on January 12 in Roanoke District Court.

Smith is seeking \$10 million, alleging that Larrowe was critical of him to the point that, Smith claims, the criticism was damaging to his reputation.

Smith's legal representatation did not provide a copy of the lawsuit nor did county communications respond when asked about the lawsuit by press time.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF THE ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION

County residents still have time to sign up for Gauntlet competition

As of last Friday, only two Botetourt businesses applied to participate in this year's Gauntlet competition. The event's kickoff in-person networking event takes place on Feb. 5 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Vinton War Memorial at 814 E. Washington Avenue in Vinton. There is still time for local

entrepreneurs to register with a chance to be awarded part of the \$300,000 cash/in-kind prize pool. New program participants can

learn more by visiting The Gauntlet's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ TAFGauntlet). There, visitors can find out how to register for the competition and sign up for the upcoming kickoff event. This dynamic 10-week business

development program that helps entrepreneurs at any stage start or expand their business. As Virginia's largest event of its kind, the Gauntlet teaches aspiring or existing entrepreneurs every aspect of owning a business, and provides networking with passionate entrepreneurs—in addition to winning a variety of cash and in-kind prizes. This year the Gauntlet, founded

by The Advancement Foundation (TAF) and President and CEO Annette Patterson, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The first class—a virtual one for

orientation—takes place on Jan. 30, followed by an in-person kick-off event at the Vinton War Memorial on Feb. 5. Classes then continue weekly on Tuesdays through April 2 on a virtual platform. Entrepreneurs who wish to compete for awards submit and "pitch" their business plan. The winners are announced at the Graduation and Awards Ceremony at the Vinton War Memorial on May The Gauntlet program works

with local community leaders in over 50 communities across Virginia to identify and foster business development and entrepreneurial ecosystem building goals in state priorities.

alignment with local, regional, and The Gauntlet is open to everyone whether they are just in the idea stage or ready to expand an existing

business. The program includes a network of over 300 business professionals and industry experts who provide specific and critical support to the

participating entrepreneurs—one of the most valued aspects of the Gauntlet organizers say that over \$3 million in cash and in-kind awards have been distributed over their 10 years to entrepreneurs who

are investing in properties which may

have long been vacant, creating local

jobs, and contributing to growing tax

bases in their communities.

Some of the primary objectives of

- the Gauntlet program include: Uncovering and developing entrepreneurial talent in small and rural communities all across Virginia
- · Providing a meaningful and substantial learning experience for entrepreneurs who are interested in starting or growing a business
- Connecting program participants with other business talent (over 1,000 Gauntlet Alumni and over 300 industry experts)
- Identifying local and regional business professionals and industry experts who support entrepreneurs and their activities
- Identifying local stakeholders and service providers who have an interest in donating cash and/or in-kind services to be awarded directly to their local entrepreneurs who participate in the
- Identifying and attracting venture and other types of capital investment (e.g. grant opportunities, loan funds, The primary benefits of the Gauntlet

program to participants include: Access to Intellectual Capital: the

- program provides the opportunity for exposure and development of the skills necessary to create or grow a successful Access to Financial Capital: the
- program provides an opportunity for cash and in-kind awards to for new or expanding business ventures and access to other local, regional, state, federal funding opportunities that have been identified; Access to Social Capital: the
- program provides connections to over 1,000 Gauntlet Alumni (entrepreneurs), industry experts, mentors, and community leaders who foster opportunities to share business experiences, create collaborations, and encourage innovative thinking. There are also benefits of the Gauntlet for the communities involved:

Fostering innovation and

- promoting economic development (job growth, property purchase/lease, local money circulation, additional tax revenues, increase in the tax base, stronger property values, etc.) Enhancing the community
- vibrancy and quality of life in communities through the establishment and promotion of new/expanding technology, agriculture, main street retail, service, entertainment, and food/beverage, outdoor recreation and tourism, gig and many other types of business that help attract and retain new visitors, residents, and workforce members. For more information or to register,

visithttps://theadvancementfoundation. org/the-gauntlet.

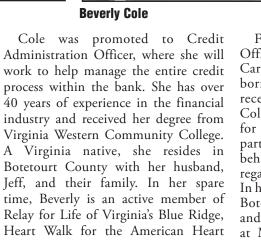
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Bank of Botetourt promotes Seay, Cole, Focht



Beverly Cole

Association, and her church.



Focht assumes the role of Fraud Officer and is based out of the bank's Care Center in Buchanan. Focht was born and raised in Buchanan and received her degree from Ferrum College. She has been with the bank for nearly 13 years and has recently participated in several local events on behalf of the bank to spread awareness regarding customer fraud prevention. In her spare time, Focht is a leader of the Botetourt County 4-H Livestock Club and a first grade Sunday School teacher at Mill Creek Baptist Church. Kelly resides in Buchanan with her husband,



IMAGES COURTESY OF BANK OF BOTETOUR **Kelly Focht**

Jason, and their two daughters.

Bank President and COO Michelle Austin expressed her congratulations to Seay, Cole and Focht on their promotions. "We are proud to be able to promote from within and are confident that they will each continue to thrive in their respective positions. We are fortunate to have such a great team here at the bank and look forward to seeing what they will accomplish!"

- Bank of Botetourt

Bank of Botetourt has promoted three

Seay has been promoted to Assistant

of its employees, Jerrica Seay, Beverly

Vice President and Operations Officer,

and is located at the bank's Care Center

in Buchanan. In her new role, Seay

will oversee and assist with Electronic

Banking, Card Services, and Loan

Operations for the bank. Seay joined the

bank 12 years ago after graduating from

Mary Baldwin University. She was born

in Lexington, and currently resides in

Glasgow with her husband, Adam, and

Cole, and Kelly Focht.

their two daughters.

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests January 8-19: Luis A. Corcino, 31, of Buchanan, abduction, January 8

• Ricky L. Mundy, 39, of Troutville, credit card theft, possession with intent to

distribute methamphetamine, January 8 • Brandon L. Vicars, 35, of Roanoke, distributing methamphetamine, January 8 Bonny J. Lee, 41, of Roanoke, distributing methamphetamine, January 8

• Dustin J. Reid, 34, transient, drunk in public, January 13

• Claudie M. Painter, 44, of Buchanan, driving under the influence, driving with a revoked license, breath test refusal, January 16 • Christopher M. Wilson, 46, of Bluefield, W.Va., fugitive from justice, January 18

• Ricky L. Mundy, 39, of Troutville, credit card fraud, January 19

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2024 Freshwater Fisheries, Recreational Boating, and Nongame & Endangered Species Regulation Cycle

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has announced the commencement of its biennial process for revising the regulations governing recreational non-game management, and boating. The new regulations are set to take effect on January 1, 2025. The scoping period will run from

January 11through February 25. During this period, citizens will have the opportunity to propose potential

regulatory changes directly to DWR.

DWR encourages all interested parties to actively participate in this important process. By providing their input, citizens can help shape the future regulations that govern recreational fishing, non-game wildlife management, and boating in

For more information, go to dgifweb@dgif.virginia.gov.

~ DWR

in December 2023. The names of only one seller and one buyer are listed; others may be involved in the transaction.

The following land transfers were recorded in the Botetourt County Courthouse

\$45,000 Ronald E. Biggs to VPP Land Holdings, 2 parcels, \$33,000

Sandra G. Arrington to Randy L. Arrington, 2 lots, Vise Subdivision,

- John Eric Blankenship, Executor, to Aaron Chadwick Blevins, lot, Hearthland Subdivision, \$185,000
 - Dustin S. Borgerding to Jessie A. Slough, lot, North Buchanan, \$235,000 V. Price Brown to Afterburner Inc., 2.852 acres, \$175,000
 - James E. Bryant Jr. to Caleb T. Bryant, 0.204 acres, gift deed
 - Traci Burton to Jon Patterson, lot, Ashley Plantation, \$645,000
 - Kathryn Louise Bush to Peak Vista Properties, three parcels, \$1,050,000 Joe Douglas Carter to Thomas N. Langhorne Jr., lot, Ashley Plantation,
- CFF Properties to Devora Marie Wilson, lot, Rainbow Forest, \$379,900
- Benjamin Charlet to Keith L. Moore Sr., lot, Tinkerview Gardens, \$422,500 Joseph T. Cockfield to BUP Holdings, 0.5328 acre, \$72,889
- Justin C. Cook to J and N Apartments, 1.00 acre, quit claim deed
- Countryside Land Company to Rocky D. Nicely, 2 lots, Thornblade, \$60,000
 - Pamela Plunkett Dodge to Summit to Sea Ventures, 2.52 acres, \$105,000
- William C. Faddis to Walter D. Cunningham, 2 parcels, \$849,950
- Fralin & Waldron Inc. to Daleville Town Center, new easement, 1.432 acres,
- gift deed

 - Fralin & Waldron Inc. to Daleville Town Center, 16 parcels, gift deed
 - Michael L. Gibson to Jeffrey L. Mayhew, 1.250 acres, \$34,000 Milton Robert Hale Jr. to Cox Real Estate Enterprises, parcel, \$110,000 Elijah B. Harlow to Jeffrey L. Harlow, 3.771 acres, gift deed
 - Jeffrey Lynn Harlow to Jeffrey Lynn Harlow, 2 acres, gift deed Dale R. Harris to AEC Property, 2.252 acres, \$37,500
 - Alice Hartberger to Julian Lee Hampton, part of lot, Ross Addition, Town

 - Kevin Haynes to Kevin Haynes, 2 acres, \$57,000 Jerry D. Hughston to Jerry Daniels Hughston, parcel, \$0
 - John A. Carter Rental Properties to Donna Barker, 3 lots, \$160,000 Reid W. Johnson III to Linda J. Schlosser, 10.193 acres, \$457,000

Hungate-Fields to Susan E. Haisley, lot, The Preserve at Ashley, \$598,750

- Daniel E. Jones, Trustee, to Robert D. Dye, three parcels, \$395,000 Jacob R. Kinzie to Michael C. Bousman, 13.136 acres, \$107,000
- - Michael S. Kinzie to Jacob R. Kinzie, 13.136 acres, \$0
- Seth R. Konopasek to Tiffany P. Rochay, 0.5300 acres, \$1,000
- Seth R. Konopasek to Alderson Family LLC, 0.055 acres, \$700 Seth R. Konopasek to James Deskins, 39.0475 acres, \$102,500
- Robert S. Laucher to Nathan Yandrick, 2.74 acres, Pine Hills, \$515,000
- Scott N. Lavering to Shu Zhen Chen, lot, Greenacres, \$340,000 Welsey G. Lucado to Anthony David Lucado, 4.365 acres, gift deed
- Joyce D. Martin to Laura Ursula Ann Thompson, lot, Rainbow Forest,
- \$272,000 Roger McMurray to Tom Megow, 4.00 acres, \$295,000
- David W. Miller to The Ikenberry Family LLC, 7.393 acres, \$100,000 Judy Deel Mills to Elite Estate Solutions, 154 square poles, School House
- Hill, \$5
- Aaron M. Musselwhite to Fieldstone Farm, 4.07 acres, \$250,000
- Christopher L. Newton to John E. Bailey, lot, White Oak Estates, \$0 Shannon Newton to Colton John Mycock, lot, Rainbow Forest, \$310,000
- Samantha Baker Nix, Executor, to Coleman Osborne, 0.669 acres, \$275,000 Christi Norfleet to Janeane E. Lawrence, 25.1 acres, \$370,000

- David E. Pactor to Philip L. Floyd, 3.692 acres, \$50,000
- Brittany Ann Painter to Jonathan Laprade, 1.413 acres, \$110,850
- Colby J. Payne to Travis Herald, lot, Santillane, \$450,000 Pentagon Properties to P&L Holdings, 4 parcels, \$1,150,000
- Danny M. Perdue to Timir Patel, 1.0 acre, \$150,000
- Relax Inc. to RYT LLC, lot, \$75,000
- Danny Ray Sanderson to Anthony C. Wheeler, 1.772 acres, gift deed
- Samuel A. Scott to Timothy Q. Helmick, 0.035 acre, \$19,000 Larry E. Seay to Christopher L. Mize, 5981.78 square feet, \$200,000
- Mark S. Shifflett to Leslie E. Shifflett, lot, \$2,600
- Robert W. Sigman to Julia Wadolowska, lot, Chadwick, \$625,000 Bryan Michael Slagle to James Dean, lot, Ashley Plantation, \$600,000
- Denise H. Spangler to Henry E. Eggleston Jr., lot, Brookfield, \$460,000
- Betty L. Steineke to Timothy J. Johnson, 8.40 acres, \$350,000 Barbara Stevenson to Craig V. Dukes, lot, Daleville Town Center, \$327,500
- Tammy Stultz to LJJB Properties, lot, Botetourt East, \$228,000
- Harry E. Sutherland to Jeannine H. Keffer, 1.365 acres, \$55,000 James H. Tenser to Brad Delseni, 2.72 acres, Shawnee Village, \$755,000
- Michael James Villa to Vandelay Industries Properties, 2.805 acres, \$69,950 VPP Land Holdings to Phat T. Nguyen, 2 parcels, \$50,000
- David L. Weddle to Kathleen Erin Borlik, lot, White Oak Estates, \$245,000 Franz-Josef Wesner to Valhalla Development, parcel, gift deed
- Merle Leketa White to Eric C. Moore, 1.597 acres, \$299,800 John David Wine to Joseph A. Overbay, lot, The Orchards of Ashley,
- \$112,000 849 Dawnridge Lane LLC to Jonathan A. Stewart, 21.09 acres, \$400,000



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UPCOMING COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

Murder Hole Cave

Tue, Jan 30, 6-7pm, Blue Ridge Learn about the history and science of Murder Hole Cave, a local natural formation, as well as caves' importance, safety, and conservation. Start with a short documentary, then enjoy a Q&A session with Marian McConnell, property owner, educator, and spelunking guide. Copies of McConnell's book Murder Hole: Catawba Murder Hole Cave will be available for purchase and author signing.

Little Explorers

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

Youth Chess Club

Tuesdays, 4-5:30pm, Eagle Rock Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm, Blue Ridge Learn the basics of chess while expanding your critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Offered in partnership with Botetourt County Parks & Recreation. Call 540-928-2900 to register.

Beginning Engineering Tue, Jan 30, 4:30-5:30pm, Eagle

Thu, Feb 8, 4:30-5:30pm, Fincastle

Get hands-on experience with electrical projects that focus on safety and real-world engineering skills. Presented by engineer David Sproles. This first class will focus on basic skills and a transistor project. No prior experience required - just curious minds! Best for kids age 10+. Registration required due to limited class size. Call 540-928-2900 to sign

Everybody's a Detective Thu, Jan 25, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge &

Eagle Rock

Fri, Jan 26, 3-4pm, Fincastle

Sat, Jan 27, 11am-12pm, Buchanan On the 48th anniversary of Agatha Christie's death, join a deputy from the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office to try your hand at detective skills: Morse code, fingerprinting, yarn laser obstacle course, detective-themed crafts, and more. Great fun for the

Garden Club

whole family!

Wed, Feb 7, 11am-12pm, Eagle Rock Dig into all aspects of gardening with guidance from local experts and/or handson projects. February project - Seed Tape.

True Crime Book Club Mon, Jan 22, 6:30-7:30pm, Blue Ridge

Discuss "whodunnit" books and authors with fellow true crime enthusiasts while enjoying free coffee and social connection. Choose your own books or find one from the list of recommendations. January's theme: When the Mafia Comes to Town.

Eclectic Readers Thu, Jan 25, 11am-12pm, Eagle

Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict Thu, Jan 25, 1-2pm, Blue Ridge Daisy Jones & the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Thu, Feb 1, 6:30-7:30pm, Fincastle The Violin Conspiracy by Brandon Wed, Feb 7, 12-1pm, Buchanan

Theme: "Luminous Life" - Choose a title from a list of recommendations. Discuss books and authors with fellow readers while enjoying coffee

and social connection.

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Report from the House Del. Terry Austin

To the Constituents of the 37th House District:

The first full week of the 2024 General Assembly session has concluded. More than 1,500 bills have been introduced in the House, and the process of hearing them in committee and subcommittee has begun in earnest. Public safety, constitutional rights, transportation infrastructure policy were the themes of the

Republicans introduced legislation that will begin the process of holding fentanyl dealers accountable for the lives they take with this poison. On average, five Virginians a day die from a fentanyl overdose. Under our legislation, anyone who gives or sells a lethal dose of fentanyl is liable for murder. Unfortunately, the Senate has already voted down one version of this legislation.

Firearms are also at the forefront, as Democrats have introduced a raft of legislation about guns. One example Virginians to obtain a license from the State Police before they can legally purchase a firearm of any kind. It is important to remember that the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in Bruen significantly restricts the limits that can be placed on our Second Amendment rights. It is my understanding that most, if not all, of the bills proposed are unconstitutional, and I will not vote for them.

Republicans are also working to end the mandate tying Virginia to California's emission standards and requiring that all new cars sold be electric vehicles by 2035. This policy is unrealistic, and industry

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experts have stated that it is impossible to implement. The technology requires long charging times, works poorly - or not at all - in the cold, and is more expensive than gas-powered vehicles. The dearth of charging stations and transmission line capacity further exacerbates the problem. Republicans will continue to point out these flaws.

As for my bills, I am carrying three that promote the VA250 Commission, of which I am chair. Virginia is the birthplace of our nation, and the VA250 Commission is responsible for implementing and Virginia's promoting leadership role in the founding of our nation and the celebration of its 250th birthday in 2026. It is a privilege to serve as chair and I look forward to leading the Commission's efforts to acknowledge and honor our shared history and progress. In today's world, it is vital that we ensure our future generations understand how we developed as a country and why it should

not be taken for granted. The first bill, HB839 makes technical changes in line with previous statewide commemorations. The second, HB840, creates a revenue sharing license plate celebrating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. The third bill is a Joint Resolution encouraging public institutions of higher education display the VA250 logo on men's and women's athletic uniforms. College sports are a major part of our culture and there are few better opportunities promote positive discussion of our nation's founding than through

these venues. To that point, the popularity of college athletics and the revenue generated for institutions and ancillary business has grown to the point that there is broad agreement in the nation that student athletes should have the opportunity to share in the economic success. As of 2022, Virginia allows student athletes to benefit from their Name, Image, and Likeness, otherwise known as "NIL." But in the year since, states like Missouri have passed laws

to give more flexibility for NIL opportunities, leaving Virginia's athletic programs at a significant disadvantage when it comes to recruiting in-state and out-of-state students. HB1505 seeks to level the playing field by preventing athletic organizations from limiting how Virginia's institutions can choose to support their athletic programs.

As former chairman of Transportation I am also carrying bills that expand transportation options for K-12 students, conform Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) to federal regulations, enhance the ability to expand rail capacity, and streamline processes for auto franchise dealers and the abandoned vehicle industry. HB842 expands the availability of alternative public school transportation options for localities that choose to do so. The bill allows vehicles other than school buses to be used for transporting students to and from school to CTE centers, governor schools, and extracurricular activities, all while maintaining safety standards. Doing so will create economic efficiencies for school systems, especially those in rural areas with logistically challenging bus routes. Expanding transportation options will decrease barriers for students and address the chronic bus driver shortage we

continue to experience. HB844 places into State Code federal regulations related to drug violations and CDL training. Failure to conform to State Code would result in lost federal funding for the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Grant Program. This federal program provides financial assistance to states to reduce the number and severity of crashes and hazardous incidents materials

HB1452 provides an exemption to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority in the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) related to the construction maintenance of bridges and tunnels. This exemption is currently granted to VDOT and

League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week



negative, up to date on vaccines, neutered, and ready to find his forever home. Speaker is getting older and has some arthritis, but he medicine to help him is inexpensive. The LAP Shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853.

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Migration (2023) A duck family tries to convince their

overprotective father to go on the vacation of a lifetime. (1 hr 23 min) Thursday, Jan. 25

7 p.m. Aquaman & the

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wields the powerful Black Trident to unleash a malevolent force. Hoping to end his reign of terror, Aquaman forges an alliance with his brother, Orm, former king of Atlantis. Setting aside their differences, they join forces to protect their kingdom and save the world. Friday & Saturday Jan. 26 & 27

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Helms 60th Wedding Anniversary

Donald and Susie Helms of Buchanan celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 12, 2024. Their family commemorated the occasion with updated family pictures, dinner out and delivered roses. Their children are Donald Helms, Jr., wife, Jennifer, of

Roanoke, and Donna Helms Flowers, husband, James, of Stantonsburg, N.C. Their grandchildren include Grant Helms, wife Elizabeth, Emmalee Helms of Los Angeles, Calif., and James Boyce Flowers, II of Stantonsburg, N.C. - Fincastle Herald staff report

LAP receives donation from MKB Realtors



League For Animal Protection (LAP) Director Pat Shaver (left) received a very generous check from MKB Realtors, presented by Laken Vail on January 8. This check will be used towards the huge expense solving the erosion issue at the shelter in Fincastle.

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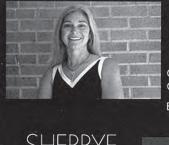
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Botestourt Vorship Directory

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

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

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

PROPHECY

Botetourt Church of God of Prophecy - (formerly **COGOP** Flatwoods Fincastle COGOP), Roanoke & Academy Streets, Fincastle, Va 24090, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship 11.00 AM, Sun. Evening 6:30 PM, Wed. Evening 7:00 PM, Pastor Peggy Brown, 540-992-3696. **INDEPENDENT**

BAPTIST

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

Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Pastor Elmer Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M. Faith Baptist Church— 4258

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

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

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

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

SOUTHERN BAPTIST Bonsack Baptist Church 4845 Cloverdale Rd. (Alt.

220) Dr. Chris Cadenhead, 977-5701, Sunday School, 8:30a.m. and 11a.m.; Worship 9:45a.m.; Wed. Bible study, 6 Buchanan Baptist Church -19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site buchananbaptist.com; Phone 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music -Stephen Harris

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

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

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

Forest

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

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

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

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

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

Intersection of Zion Hill Road and Old Fincastle Road. Pastor Donald Goforth (540) 884-2285.Sunday School -10 AM Worship 11AM. Youth Activities (grades 6-12) and Kingdom Kids (preschoolgrade 5) Wednesdays at 5:30 **CHURCH OF THE**

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

Shawna Burkhart, preschool

DEAR DIARY Read Ezekiel 40:1

through 42:20

How do you handle the pain of loss or tragedy? Our natural tendency is to hold on to past pain and keep track of hurtful events. "Fifteen years ago today, my wife asked for a divorce." "Four years ago this week, our son drowned." "It's been twenty years, but I vividly remember the day dad died of cancer."

wrong, but God wants us to see our pain in light of what He can do to bring healing to our lives. In the twenty-fifth year of our

Remembering tragedy is not

exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the fall of the city—on that very day the hand of the Lord was on me and he took me there. (Ezekiel 40:1).

Ezekiel and the exiles of Israel would always remember the painful years, but God was at work even during this dark season of their history. In our own lives, we can expect "that very day the hand of the Lord" will become evident in our circumstances.

measuring the days since your last heartache, or looking to the day of God's provision?

Thought for Today: Are you

Quicklook: Ezekiel 40:1-4

director. Mt. Bethel Church of the

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

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

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

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

· 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW Roanoke, 24019; office: 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study,

6 p.m. Ladies class - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Visit our new web page: daleridgechurchofchrist. net, it's updated each week from local, national and international sources with news of interest to Christians. Take a video tour of our facilities. Read articles taken from the word of God that apply to our lives today. View a new sermon each week. Dale Ridge is reaching out to the Roanoke/Botetourt area with the good news of Jesus Christ. Come join our plea to

return to the Bible. We believe

in the inspired Word of God

which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe in the Holy Spirit is a gift, given to every Christian when we respond to the Gospel as taught in the context of Acts 2 and emphasized in verse 38. We believe Jesus is the only means of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Is this your time to make a choice? (John 16:13) Have you been looking for a church family that's led by the Holy Spirit into all truth? (John 13:35) You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. Follow the advice of Philip when he told Nathanael about Jesus in (John 1:46) "Come and See." **ECKANKAR**

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for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom. **EPISCOPAL**

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

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

LUTHERAN

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

Grace Bible Church of **Botetourt** – 148 Amsterdam Rd. (beside the south lane of 220 in Amsterdam, 1.5 miles north of LBHS). Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Pastor Jay Robinette - 855-4620. **Mt.** Carmel Church, 6 miles south of Eagle Rock

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

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

information).

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

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

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

VA 24085. Rev. Emily B. Hook, pastor, 804-516-6552. Sunday School at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Morning Worship & Praise at 11a.m. each Sunday. Communion once each quarter. Virginia Presbyterian Church – 918 Pico Road, Buchanan, 24066. Worship 9:30 a.m. (nursery provided),

Presbyterian Church - 78

Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock,

Evangelical

Galatia

Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. **ROMAN CATHOLIC** Church the Transfiguration-7624 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, VA 24090; Fr. Paul Lagco. 473-2656. Saturday Mass at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8:30am; Christian formation after Mass

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

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

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

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

4 to 6pm! Trinity United Methodist Church - 19637 St., Buchanan; Rev. Doug Mitchell, 254-2475 (O).Sunday School, 9:45AM, worship 10:30 AM.

Tadpoles Childrens Ministry

meets on the 2nd and 4th

Sundays of each month from

Booth, Barbara E.

County to Russell and Martha

Elmore, was called to be with her Lord and Savior at her home in Daleville on January 13, 2024. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; husband, JT Robertson (27 years); husband, Barrie Booth (34 years); and step-grandchildren, Amanda Henderson and Kristin Atkinson.

Barbara is survived by

her son, David Robertson and wife Kathy; step-children, Scott Booth and wife, Bonnie, Michele "Mitzie" Booth; sister, Brenda Switzer and husband, Richard; step-grandchildren, Forrest Booth and wife, Erin, Ashlyn Wolstenholm and husband, Alex, and Chandler Booth; step-great-grandchildren, Bailey Atkinson, Connor Johnson, and Emmy Booth; sister-in-law, Connie Collins; niece, Alicia Lovern and husband, Christian; and nephew, Jason Switzer and wife,

Barbara moved to Botetourt County in 1968 and retired from Allstate Insurance Company after 37 years of loyal service. She loved to travel and especially to the beaches

Barbara E. Booth, born in Craig of Hilton Head, S.C. In the last two years, she looked forward to having

lunch after church with "lunch bunch" from Bonsack Baptist Church where she was a long-time member. Barbara was blessed with an abundance of friends and neighbors who cared deeply for her. She lived a full and fruitful life, but this past year she faced death with grace and dignity

because of a long bout with a rare ovarian cancer. Barbara's family wishes a special thanks to Gentle Shepherd Hospice and especially Maggie, Mary Lou, Donna, and Sara for their kind and sympathetic care.

A celebration of Barbara's life was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 20 at Rader Funeral Home, Daleville with Pastor Chris Cadenhead officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Bonsack Baptist Church Food Pantry, 4845 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke, 24019. Online condolences may be offered to Barbara's family www.rader-funeralhome.com/ tributes/Barbara-Booth.

Mengel, Bruce Robert Bruce Robert Mengel, 86, of Mengel (Tim Smoot) of Riner, and

Botetourt County, passed away Catherine Blankenship-Martin (Mike

unexpectedly January 19, 2024 at Carilion Memorial Roanoke Hospital.

Bruce was born November 14, 1937 in Frackville, Pa., and lived in Botetourt County since 1985. He was the son of the late Roy E. and Dorothy E. Gradwell Mengel and served in The United States

Army. He graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and retired from General Electric in Salem after 35 years of service. Bruce enjoyed hunting, vegetable gardening, tennis, woodworking, playing bridge and was very active in his church. He also served on the board of Child Evangelism Fellowship.

In addition to his parents, Bruce was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Betty Ann White Mengel. He is survived by his daughters, Susan (Chris) Harrell of Cary, N.C., Jennifer Breedlove) of Salem:

grandchildren, Brook (Grandin), Erynn (Robbie), Austin, Rachel (Cody), Jared (Lexi), Margo, and Olivia; great-grandchildren, McKenna Brooklyn; brother, Roy (Shirley) Mengel; and sister, Nancy Weitz, all of Frackville, Pa.; sistersin-law, Ruth Korth of Daleville, and Faith White of

Sunderland, Mass. The family would like to thank Sue Loeschen for the joy and companionship she brought Bruce during the past 18 months. A celebration of Bruce's life with

military honors was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 23 at Rader Funeral Home, Daleville. A

private burial followed in Sherwood Memorial Park. Friends were received two hours prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be

made to Child Evangelism Fellowship, P.O. Box 27723, Richmond, 23261.

Weeks, Larry Allen November 4, 1952 - January 11, life brought great joy to Larry. He

Larry Allen "Ike" Weeks, 71, of Buchanan entered Heaven's Gate to be with his Lord and Savior on January 11, 2024

He was a loving father to Christopher and Rebekah Weeks, losing them both at the age of 41. Larry was passionate about hometown

Buchanan. Where she strolled many miles throughout his 71 years of to Botetourt Funeral Home, life here. The simplest pleasures of Buchanan, 540-254-3000.

was an outdoorsman who adored

camping and fishing. Larry was a quiet, humble, and happy gentleman who always wore a huge smile. Never an unkind word did Larry speak. A Celebration of Life

will be held at a later date. Those wishing to send condolences may do so at www. botetourtfuneralhome.

com. Larry entrusted his care

Wells, Norma Preston

Norma Jean Preston Wells, with her family and friends. 94, of Buchanan passed away

peacefully on Sunday, Ĵanuary 14, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Eugene Wells; son, Roger Wells; parents, Hopwood and Mary Preston; brothers and sisters, S. Balthus Frances Preston, Graham, Betty Cook, and Frank Preston;

nieces, Teresa Mitchell and Dana Titta; and beloved dog,

She was a member of Trinity UMC, United Methodist Women, Aglow International, and Jefferson School of Nursing Alumni Association. Norma grew up in Herndon Heights, West Virginia, attended Berea College, and graduated as a Registered Nurse from the Jefferson Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1952. She married Cliff in June 1953 and settled in Buchanan where she lived until her death. She enjoyed

gardening, reading, bowling,

community service, caring for her

pets, farming, and spending time

She is survived by her son, Joe Wells (Charles

Chapin); grandson, Zachary (Irene) Hardy; great-grandchildren, Avery, Davis, and Luke; nieces, Linda Gooding, Betty Means, Susan Wilder, and Sue Osborne-Bailey and their spouses; nephews, John Preston, Stephen Graham, David

Graham, and Kenneth Graham and their spouses; numerous grand nieces and nephews; many friends from her church family and community; and her beloved

cat, Sam. Memorial services were held at 12 noon Saturday, January 20, 2024, in Trinity United Methodist Church. Flowers are beautiful, however those wishing to make a contribution, please consider Trinity UMC, Botetourt Resource Center, Buchanan, or Solomon's Buchanan. Mission, Online condolences may be made at www. botetourtfuneralhome.com

540-254-3000.

Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open Saturday, January 27, from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. Volunteers from St. Mark's United Methodist Church will distribute meat, bread, milk and staples at the curb. Anyone in need is welcome. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

Thrift Store having household sale

The Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is having a household sale every Saturday in January. There is everything from sheets, towels, small appliances to rugs. Prices are low. Open Saturdays from 9 to 12. Donations are accepted.

Joyful Journeys travels for 2024

Joyful Journey Travels is an outreach program of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville, offering trips geared to senior citizens, but any age is welcome. Children sometimes accompany their grandparents. The overnight trips are arranged by White Star Tours in Reading, Pa. White Star is a family-owned Christian company, celebrating 53 years of specializing trips for senior citizens.

The trips range from 3 days/2 nights to 6 days/5 nights. Prices cover motorcoach transportation, lodging, breakfasts, dinners and occasionally lunch, sightseeing, professional guides, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities, and the driver's tip. The 2024 trips are:

• The Parade of Nations & Va. International Tattoo, Norfolk, April 18-21; 4 days/3 nights, \$746 per person double occupancy \$1,015 single occupancy.

There are only 5 international tattoos in the world and is a ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands from the NATO countries. The International Tattoo in Virginia incorporates groups from around the world including acrobats. choral groups, precision military drill teams, and much more.

• Three Belles of the South Savannah Golden Isles (including St. Simons & Jekyll Islands), Beaufort, June 17-21; 5 days/4 nights, \$723 per person double occupancy, \$922 per person single occupancy. Guided tours of all of the above and much more.

 Sights and Sounds of Lancaster, Pa. featuring a performance of "Daniel," August 5-7; 3 days/2 nights, \$514 per person double occupancy, \$662 per person single occupancy. Includes guided tour of Historic Hershey, Chocolate Tour and Chocolate Tour Ride and much more.

 The Grand Canyon of Pa., Oct. 14-17; 4 days/3 nights; \$699 per person double occupancy, \$941 person single occupancy. Enjoy the fall foliage as you tour the canyon by covered wagon. Includes Susquehanna River Cruise, Millionaires Row Tour and much more.

For flyers detailing each trip, go to the church website at stmarksmethodist. com, pick-up flyers at the church 19 Cedar Ridge Dr., Daleville, or call Julia Greer at 540-330-7933 or email her at julia.short.greer@gmail. com. The church secretary only works part-time so call the church at 540-992-3030 before going to the church.

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



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Edwards to speak about Catawba Iron Furnace Thursday

Local author Rachel Nicole Edwards will give a presentation about the Catawba Iron Furnace and coal mines this Thursday night at the Fincastle Library. The presentation begins at 6 p.m.

The presentation will include many photos of Edwards' hikes up North Mountain, which will show the appearance of the property, furnace, and mines on National Forest today. In addition, Edwards will read a couple of her poems about Catawba and share a video peeking inside one of the coal mines.

Edwards is the author of "Giollachrist: Lighting the Candle," a story that's setting was partly inspired by visiting the old coal mines with her grandfather.

Botetourt County Historical Society Director Lynsey Allie recently shared that this lecture is the first in a series that began prior to the pandemic. In March, Brook Allen is scheduled talk about her new historical fiction series about Santillane and Julia Hancock.

For more information about the Botetourt County Historical Society, visit www. bothistsoc.wordpress. com or visit the BCHS Facebook page at www. facebook.com/BCHSM.

- Fincastle Herald staff

AARP Fraud Alert: Utility Bill Scams

plummeting in many areas, keeping the heat on is critical – a fact that fraud criminals try to take advantage of. Each winter, utility scams spike as scammers claiming to be from the utility company say you haven't been paying your bill and they threaten to cut off service if you don't make an immediate payment.

The goal of these crooks is to create a sense of panic - when we react first with emotion, it's hard to access logical thinking, and the criminals are adept with using this tactic. Their hope is that we stay in that state of panic long enough to complete a payment.

If you get a surprise call from the

"utility company" threatening to shut off your service, hang up the phone. Contact your provider using the customer service number on a recent bill (or log into their website or app if that's an option). Chances are high you will find out your payments are up to

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

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp. org/fraudwatchnetwork.

~AARP

BCPS Eagle Rock town hall event rescheduled

The postponed Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) town hall event originally scheduled last week at Eagle Rock Elementary School has been rescheduled for this Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6 p.m. Tonight, a Blue Ridge District town hall takes place at Colonial Elementary School. These meetings will be followed by 6 p.m. meetings Jan. 30 at Buchanan Elementary, Feb. 6 at Central Academy Middle School, and Feb. 13 at Lord Botetourt High School.

- Botetourt County Public Schools



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Obituaries from page 7

Marano, Joyce Elaine

Joyce Elaine Marano, 79, of Buchanan, passed away Saturday, January 20, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Marano, Jr.; parents, Alexander and Margaret Reilly; and daughter, Lynda Carol Marano.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lee Ann and Michael Rogers; grandchildren, Shannon Rogers, Courtney Rogers; brother and sister-in-law, Robert

and Mary Reilly; and numerous nieces and great-nieces, Christine and Geoff Raymond, Caitlyn, Seth and Zac, Heather and Ryan Oseil; and Mikeala and Robbie. A Celebration of Life followed by

a reception will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 3, 2024 in the Buchanan Presbyterian Church. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome. com or 540-254-3000.

Austin

acknowledges that the USBC is not the most efficient tool by which to determine safety of these assets as they are constructed and maintained. The upshot is shorter construction timelines without sacrificing safety protocols. Rail is crucial to taking vehicular traffic off our roads

and this bill will help enable this effort. Two of my bills seek to streamline economic processes related to auto franchise sales and transactions concerning abandoned vehicles. Many auto franchise operations are family-owned businesses spanning multiple generations. Currently, franchise sales must be approved by the manufacturer and these approvals have not been occurring in a reasonably timely manner, causing friction in the market between buyers and sellers. HB191 aims to streamline this sale process, creating objective measures for approval and establishing a 60-day timeline for which

approval can be granted.

HB845 creates efficiencies for the abandoned vehicle purchase process. Currently, DMV must contact other jurisdictions to obtain lienholder and owner information for abandoned vehicles. This process often takes up to six months. This bill allows for thirdparty databases to be used, significantly reducing purchase times and costs for the salvage industry.

It is an honor to serve you in the Virginia House of Delegates. If I can be of assistance to you, or you would like to share your position on legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me at DelTAustin@House.Virginia.gov or 804-698-1037.

Delegate Terry L. Austin 37th House District

Attic from page 1

retelling of The Wizard of Oz, where everything that could go wrong on stage actually does. Show times on Fridays are 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30. Doors to the auditorium open for seating 30 minutes prior to performance time. These shows are produced with special permission

from Dramatic Publishing and Stage Partners. Partial

funding support comes from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Attic Productions is located at 7490 Roanoke Road, Fincastle. This is a general admission show, with seating on a first-come basis, and all tickets are \$15 when paid in cash or by check at the box office. Children under 3 are free. There is a \$2 convenience fee per ticket for card purchases. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance on the website, www.atticproductions. info. For questions, call the box office at 540-473-1001 and a volunteer will return your call as soon as possible.

- Attic Productions

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA

The Town of Buchanan gives notice of a public hearing of the Buchanan Planning Commission on February 5th, 2024 and a public hearing by the Buchanan Town Council on February 12th, 2024, each at approximately 7:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, in Buchanan Council Meeting Room at 19753 Main Street, Buchanan, Virginia for consideration of:

Mac Westland is seeking a Special Use Permit under Zoning Ordinance Article III, Section 303-L Sign Regulation for placement of a mural on the façade of 19384 & 19386, Main Street, Buchanan Virginia 24066, Tax Map Parcel 65A-64.

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, February 5th, 2024. Or attend via phone 701-802-5423 (access code 3474425) or in person to present their views on these matters. Copies of the Special Use Permit application are available for review at the Town Office, weekdays from 8:00

a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

George Hayfield, Town Manager

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I know that's a part of Botetourt County. We always have new people moving in that are attracted to this area and we are here to help them."

Jones, a Virginia Tech graduate, takes over the vacant position from Kate Lawerence, who left the

Stockyard Report Monday's sale at the

Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard

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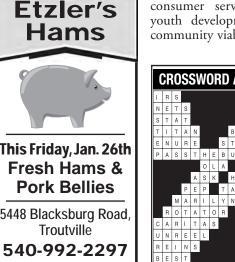
400-499 \$190.00 500-599 \$218.00

400-499 \$220.00-221.00 500-599 \$209.00

Kill Cows \$20.00-106.00 position in 2022 and is proud to be representing her alma mater in the "I've been here a week

and everybody has just been really welcoming," Jones added. "I really look forward to working here." Virginia

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accomplish business goals. Proficiency w/ project scheduling tools & ERP systems. Proficiency in Word & Excel. Knowl of industrial computer eqpmt, prgmg languages, tools, architectures, & dsgn concepts. Send resume to recruitment@tmeic.com. Ref#8017.

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undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 26, 2024, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of

Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE EAST LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 11 CORNET TO **BROWN (FORMERLY** MRS. STEVENS). THENCE WITH BROWNS S. 56° 21 45" E. 303.84 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE

LEAVING BROWN AND WITH THE CLERK TRACT S. 35° 36` 00" W. 79.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIN: THENCE N. 59° 36` 00" W 293.05 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF ROUTE 11; THENCE WITH ROUTE 11 ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 3500.00 FEET TO A

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PAGE 669 (ERRONEOUSLY SHOWN AS PAGE 660 IN PRIOR TERMS OF SALE ALL CASH. A bidder's

deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be

present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the

essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's

Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse

against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com.

Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be the contract of sale electronically. This is a

given the option to execute communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute

VA 23229. For more

Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website:

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County **NOTICE OF**

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER SALE OF 101 DRY BRANCH ROAD, BUCHANAN, **VIRGINIA**, 24066

Legals - Botetourt

THE NEW CASTLET RECORD

Pursuant to a Decree of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, made and entered into November 29, 2023 in Case No. 23CL23-00036100, styled Janis P Barrett (Plaintiff) v.

Cherokee Rose Eubank (Defendant), I will, on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the front door of the Courthouse of Botetourt County Virginia.

located in its new temporary

quarters, offer for sale to the

highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate: 101 Dry Branch Road, Buchanan, Virginia, 24066, being 2.56 acres in the Buchanan Magisterial District, Tax Map #53-4 property ID#99013634. A more accurate description can be procured as shown on a plat attached to Deed Book 128 at page 123 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County,

Terms of Sale Cash (10% on the day of sale with the remainder at closing within 60 days).

Virginia.

For further information, apply to Tommy Joe Williams, Special Commissioner, 2721 Brambleton Avenue, S.W. Roanoke, Virginia, 24015, office telephone number: (540)772-7848, cell phone number: (540) 797-4065.

I, Tommy Joe Williams. hereby certify that I have given bond, with surety, as required by the Decree.

Tommy Joe Williams, Special Commissioner

I, Tommy Moore, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, hereby certify that Tommy Joe Williams, Special Commissioner, has given bond, as required by the Decree with Surety approved by the Court.

Tommy Moore, Clerk **Botetourt County Circuit** Court

Legals - City of Salem **ABC NOTICE**

FRANKLIN MART LLC., trading as Franklin mart LLC, 3001 Franklin Road SW, Roanoke City,

Roanoke, VA. 24014.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store, Beer and Wine, OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages

Krunal Nayak Owner

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



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Legals - Craig County

Public Notice -Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of **Environmental Quality that** allows the continued release of treated

wastewater into a water body in Craig County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 17 to February 19, 2024

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit -Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.

APPLICANT NAME ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Craig-New Castle Public Service Authority (PSA); PO Box 128, New Castle, VA 24127; VA0064599 FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS: Craig - New Castle Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); 370 Commerce Ave., New Castle

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The PSA has applied for reissuance of a permit for the WWTP in Craig County, Virginia. The applicant proposes to continue to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 175,000 gallons-per-day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be stabilized. dewatered, and transported to Roanoke Valley

Resource Authority for ultimate disposal in a sanitary landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into Craig Creek in Craig County in the James River watershed. A watershed is

the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, solids, physical & chemical properties, nutrients, inorganics, and bacteria

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive handdelivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the

comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief,

informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if

public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.
CONTACT FOR PUBLIC

COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND **ADDITIONAL** INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge

Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virgin ia.gov; Phone: 540-562-

Montgomery County

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 105 ASTER LANE, CHRISTIANSBURG. VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 27, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$190,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit

Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2007011289 The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at

public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 23. 2024. at 3:15 PM. the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, BEING DESCRIBED AS LOT 99. PHASE V, NEW RIVER VILLAGE, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PLAT FOR MICHAELW. AND SHANNON M. HARDWICK OF LOT NO. 99. PHASE V. NEW RIVER VILLAGE, IN THE TOWN

OF CHRISTIANSBURG,

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time

the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason. the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid.

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The Purchaser may, if

Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for

viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale

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OF 130 HELM DRIVE, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

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November 26, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$77,284.21 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2005014678. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 23, 2024, at 3:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMONWEALTH OF VA, AS MORE FULLY

DESCIRBED IN BOOK 973 PAGE 241 ID# 59-A-6-5, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5. MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR E AND V ENTERPRISE, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 973 AT PAGE 243, RECORDED 08/29/1997 TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the

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Order of **Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No.CL230020118-00

MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1. CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MELISSA JANE MCPHERSON v. JACOB ANDRE **MCPHERSON** A/K/A KOBI MAZUR

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JACOB ANDRE **MCPHERSON** A/K/A KOBI MAZUR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her

interests on or before

MARCH 8, 2024.

JANUARY 5, 2024 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. **JUDGE** TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

Legals - Roanoke County

ABC NOTICE

DHRUVIN DESAI, JAPAN DESAI, ARCHANA PATEL, trading as GLENVAR MINUTÉ MARKET, 4145 WEST MAIN STREET, SALEM. ROANOKE COUNTY, VA, 24153,

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

DHRUVIN DESAI, OWNER

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Botetourt girls are 14-2 after beating Blacksburg

The Lord Botetourt girls played host to Blacksburg in a non-district girls basketball game on Monday and came away with a 68-43 win. With the victory LB improved to 14-2 overall.

'We did not shoot the ball well from three at all, but made up for it with our hustle," said LB coach Renee Favaro. "We scored 15 points off turnovers and 15 points off offensive rebounds to help pick up the slack of some cold outside shooting. We are very fortunate that when one thing is not working for us, we have so much talent and depth that we can look for other ways to score. I think we were able to do that even though we did not play particularly

Madilyn Winterton led the way with 15 points, seven rebounds and six assists. Maddie Caron stuffed the stat sheet with 10 points, nine rebounds and seven steals. Taylor Orange added 14 points and Gracie Huffard had

> . "Abby Kingery brought

a great spark for us to add seven points, all in the first half, and three assists," said Favaro.

Last Thursday the girls remained unbeaten after one trip through their Blue Ridge District schedule as they had little trouble downing visiting Franklin County, 57-22. Botetourt outscored the Eagles 21-0 in the third quarter to blow the game wide open after a slow start.

Orange led the Cavs with 16 points, Grayson Alfano had 13 and Caron had seven points and seven rebounds. LB had 18 assists on 20 made field goals.

Botetourt was scheduled to begin the second half of the BRD schedule on Tuesday at home against Staunton River. On Friday the girls are at William Byrd and next Tuesday they host William Fleming in a big district game. The Colonels have lost just one district game, the first time around against LB, and are 11-4 coming into the week.



Taylor Orange lines up a three-pointer.



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Gracie Huffard hits a jump shot for LB.



River's Maddox Pichay backs in against a Glenvar defender.



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PHOTOS BY BRIAN HO Matthew Alderson is fouled as he goes to the hoop in last week's game.

Busy week for LB boys

The Lord Botetourt boys basketball team will be back in action this week after getting snowed out of two games last week. The Cavaliers will have four games in five days.

Botetourt was scheduled to play at Staunton River Tuesday, followed by a home game with Floyd County tonight. After a day off Thursday, LB will host William Byrd on Friday, then play an afternoon game in Rocky Mount against Franklin County Saturday. The jayvees will play at 2 p.m. with the varsity to follow at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The Cavaliers come into the week with a 7-7 record, including a 2-2 record in Blue Ridge District games.

Hicks will play golf at King University





James River High School senior Dylan Hicks has committed to attend and play golf at King University in Bristol, Tenn. Dylan had a signing day in the fall at James River, and he's excited to further his education and become a part of the King University Tornados family. Shown at the signing ceremony are Dylan's mother Ginny, Dylan, and father Jeff.

River boys will host Alleghany tonight in hoops

The James River boys are home tonight as they entertain Alleghany in a Three Rivers District basketball game. The Knights are 1-6 in district games after opening the week with a loss at Floyd County Monday night.

Although River lost Monday's game, the 55-45 final score was a huge improvement over the first meeting when Floyd won 76-26 in Springwood. On Monday the Knights were as close as seven points with four minutes remaining in the game.

"I thought our care factor was the highest it had been all year," said River coach Ethan Humphries. "We had guys taking charges, we were valuing the ball, and everyone was leading on the court. Floyd is likely to make it back to the state-semis again this year so we knew going in we'd have to win the care factor to compete. I think our guys are starting to figure out how hard you have to play to even have a chance at the varsity level."

Mark Voight led the Knights with a dozen points and Kody Park had 11. Last week, River split two district games, both at home. The Knights lost to Glenvar on Thursday but bounced back to beat Patrick County on Saturday for their first district win.

The Knights trailed Glenvar by just two points at the half, 25-23, and just six after three quarters, 40-34, before the Highlanders finished strong for a 67-45 win. The Knights had a seasonhigh 29 turnovers and that was a big factor in the game

Matthew Alderson led River with 13 points and seven boards in one of his best games of the season. Trey Taylor and Maddox Pichay had nine points

"Our guys gave the amount of fight and toughness required against Glenvar, but when we turned it over at the rate we did, it was mathematically impossible to win," said Humphries. "Regardless of the score, I thought our guys represented the toughness we want to be known for on the defensive end. Alderson played about as hard as one could possibly play

and it was a joy to watch

him empty the tank."
On Saturday the Knights were back home to host Patrick County and took a 62-53 win. River led throughout the entire game and was up 27-15 at halftime and 40-29 after three quarters, scoring at the buzzer to end the first, second and

third quarters.

"Patrick was a big game for us and our guys showed up ready to compete," said Humphries. "Whether we made shots or we didn't, we knew the prerequisite was the fight we'd have to bring. To lead from start to finish the first time all year showed some growth upon our group. We had guys doing things they weren't a month ago, and

it's encouraging to see."
Taylor had a game-high
31 points, hitting eight of
12 field goals attempts,
including four of five from
behind the arc. Voight had
12 points, five rebounds
and a couple steals.

River is now 4-13 overall. After tonight's home game with Alleghany the Knights will be at Carroll County on Friday for a Three Rivers District game.

JR wrestlers will host Three Rivers tournament

There should be a good crowd of students for the Three Rivers District wrestling tournament next Tuesday. There should be, as the James River students can get out of class to attend.

students can get out of class to attend.
River will host the Three Rivers tournament at 1:30 p.m. on January 30 and the student body has been cleared to

and the student body has been cleared to miss class and attend the wrestling event.

"This is a great opportunity for the students to see the sport and support the

students to see the sport and support the team and individuals," said River coach Bobby Stewart.

The Knights have been battling to get matches in for the past week due to the inclement weather. They were iced out of

a trip to Northside last week for a quad

and Saturday they planned to host a tri-

match at River, but it turned into a dual

when Bath County was not able to travel.

Instead, the Knights went head-to-head with Liberty and won 39-36.

On Monday, River picked up a date

at Bath to wrestle the host Chargers and Buffalo Gap. With a couple of their top wrestlers out of the lineup the Knights lost to Bath, 42-30, and to the Bison, 42-24.

"We gave up 30 points in forfeits to

"We gave up 30 points in forfeits to our opponents," said Stewart.

Georgia Miller had some very good performances in the past couple events.

"Georgia is the reason we won against Liberty Bedford on Saturday," said Stewart. "Georgia and her 'Girl Power' secured a win by pin over Dakota Jarels of Liberty, which secured the victory. Georgia also recorded a win by pin

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River girls have three basketball games this week



Honesty Liming of James River scores against Glenvar.



Siera Davis of River shoots behind a Caitlin Canada (44) screen.



River's Jalen Thompson shoots over a Glenvar defender.

The James River girls will play three games in four days this week as they try to get back to even, or better, in the basketball season. River is 7-8 overall and 1-3 in Three Rivers District games coming into the week.

The Knights were scheduled to host Floyd County on Tuesday in a district game. Then they play back-to-back games on Thursday and Friday, with a trip to Alleghany on Thursday and a home game against Radford Friday.

River split two Three Rivers District games last week. Last Wednesday they traveled to Patrick County and dropped a 41-29 decision to the Cougars. "We didn't play well at all," said coach

Ryan Firebaugh. "We struggled from the tip. We missed a lot of easy shots early in the game. I thought if we made those shots we would have been up 16-4 after the first quarter."

Instead, the Knights trailed 9-4 after the first quarter and 22-11 at the half. They played the Cougars even in the second half but couldn't quite catch

"We were only down by three early

in the fourth quarter before Patrick hit a couple of key shots to stretch their lead back to nine," said Firebaugh. "These girls don't quit. They could have very easily laid down and said 'I don't want to battle back,' but they didn't."

Caitlin Canada led the Knights with 15 points, 11 rebounds, seven steals and two blocks. Kelsi Maydian had five points, Kiera Crawford had four and Honesty Liming had 11 rebounds. Liming and Audrey Benson had four steals each.

On Friday at Glenvar the girls bounced back with a 51-11 victory over the winless Highlanders. River led 26-6 at the half and never looked back. Canada had 13 points, Jalen Thompson had 10 and Benson had

"We came out from the tip and dominated the game," said Firebaugh. "We had some different girls step up and score for us, which is big for us moving forward. Overall, a very good win for us. Getting that first district win is always big."

LB wrestlers win Rural Retreat tournament



The Lord Botetourt wrestlers won the Rural Retreat tournament last weekend.

The Lord Botetourt wrestlers traveled to Rural Retreat last Saturday for a tournament and came out on top. LB's closest rival finished 44 points behind the Cavaliers in a dominating performance.

"That gym was cold, but it warmed back up after a couple rounds," said LB coach Paul Craft. "When we got off the bus it was minus eight, and I think it was minus two when we got back on at the end of the day."

It was the first time LB had participated in the Rural Retreat tournament and it included mostly smaller schools from Southwest Virginia.

"Size of the school doesn't mean much in wrestling and there are some very tough kids and teams in that part of the state that we never get to see," said Craft. "I explained to our guys that we were

the biggest school there and everyone wanted a shot at us. We were going to get their best. We talked about not taking anyone lightly and to wrestle every match like it's a state championship."

Botetourt had champions, Gray Arnold at 144, TJ Piluso at 165, Ty Hensley at 175 and Aaden Thomas at 215. Second places went to Jacob Spence at 113, Morgan Parr at 132, Canden Saunders at 138 and Cooper Roberts at 157. Winning consolation finals for third place were James Dean at 120, Declan Sullivan at 126, Kevin Gergely at 150, Preston Carter at 157, Kayden McClure at 165 and Tyler Butler at heavyweight. Landenn Crawford, at 150, and Alex Clarke, at 190, placed fourth.

"Our guys wrestled well,"

LB WREST COURTESY PHOTO said Craft. "There are 14 weight classes and we medaled in 13. Some of our backup guys medaled as well. That

tournament certainly made us

better and we're glad we went." This week the Cavaliers will wrestle a tri-match with Carroll County and host Pulaski County, then head to Staunton for the "Big Red" tournament at Riverheads High School on

Blue Ridge District swim meet is postponed

The Blue Ridge District swim meet, scheduled for Friday at the Gator Center in Roanoke, has been postponed to a later day. The meet is being postponed due to a lack of judges and officials, and

a makeup date was not announced at Lord Botetourt is scheduled to swim in the BRD meet whenever a time is decided. The Cavaliers swam against Staunton River, William Fleming and

Roanoke Catholic last Thursday at the

Botetourt YMCA and had some strong performances.

LB's 200 medley relay team of Layne Jones, Julia Misicko, Sam Bishop and Ella Johnston took first. Botetourt also won the 200 Free relay with Olivia Nicely, Misicko, Jones and Hannah

Individually, Misicko won the 200 Free, Jones won the 200 IM and 100 Backstroke, Nicely won the 100 Breast, Johnston won the 500 Free and Mizuba won the 50 Free and 100 Butterfly.

For the LB boys, Max Mizuba won the 200 IM and 100 Back.

The Cavaliers are scheduled to swim at Hollins University on Thursday.

James River was weathered out of a meet at the Bedford YMCA last week. The Knights were scheduled to swim at the Salem YMCA on Tuesday, but results were too late for publication. River has a home meet with William Fleming at the Botetourt YMCA on Thursday.

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Monday night against Bath County's Emily Robertson. When a female wrestler breaks the mold and starts to win by pin over the male competition, she is rising levels. Georgia is very dedicated with high school training and

also her training at Botetourt Training

Big Red tournament.

River will be at Alleghany High tonight for a tri-match, and Saturday the Knights travel to Staunton for the

opponent.

Central Academy's Fredrick Murray (right) wrestles a Glenvar Middle School

Northside Middle School hosts big wrestling tournament

Central Academy and Read Mountain Middle Schools were among 13 middle school wrestling teams that participated in the annual "Norse Invitational" tournament at Northside High School last Saturday. The tournament is the traditional end-of-the-season tournament for area middle school teams.

Glenvar Middle School won the tournament with 229 points, followed by Cave Spring with 203.5. Read Mountain tied host Northside for sixth place with 131 points and Central Academy was 10th with 50. Read Mountain's David Aldrich won

the 175-pound class, finishing 12-0 on



Stars took a second at 190. Thirds went to Cael Burton at 120 and Evan Grant at 152, and placing fourth were Camden Dudding at 70 pounds and Deacon Witt For CAMS, Fredrick Murray took

the season, and Blake Markham of the

fourth in the 144-pound weight class. Bryson Spence and Easton Arnold also wrestled well, with Arnold scoring seven points and Spence six.

"Even though we started with forfeiting four weight classes, the Central Academy Patriots beat out William Byrd, Ben Franklin and Hidden Valley," said coach Mike Hall.



David Aldrich of Read Mountain (left) squares off in a middle school match. Aldrich won this match and was undefeated on the season at 175.

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