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The Botetourt County Department of Elections and Registrar's Office is located at 2 E. Main Street in Fincastle.

'Super Tuesday' in Botetourt March 5

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The 2024 presidential election season is well underway. Voters in Botetourt County have the chance to make their choice for their party's representative this Tuesday, March 5. This year, Virginia will have a dual presidential primary election, which means both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party will have primaries on the same day.

In a dual primary, officers of election ask voters if they want to cast their ballot in the Democratic Party Primary or the Republican Party Primary—two separate

elections with two separate ballots.

Candidates on the Democratic Party ballot are President Joe Biden, Marianne Williamson, and Dean Benson Phillips. Republican Party candidates are Donald Trump, Nikki Haley, Chris Christie, Vivek Ramaswamy, Ryan Brinkley, and Ron DeSantis.

According to the County Registrar Traci Clark, all declared presidential candidates listed on the ballot are considered valid, and that no candidates have officially withdrawn in

the state of Virginia. The ballots were printed on the first day of the year, she noted. If the campaigns submit paperwork to withdraw prior to March 5, the registrar added, a list of withdrawn candidates will be posted at county polling locations but, for now, everyone is still fair game.

All qualified voters may vote in either primary, but voters may not vote in both primaries. The choice to vote in a party's primary does not mean that the voter will be "registered" with that party. Virginia does not register voters by party.

Early voting is still

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Local author's new novel takes readers 'West of Santillane'

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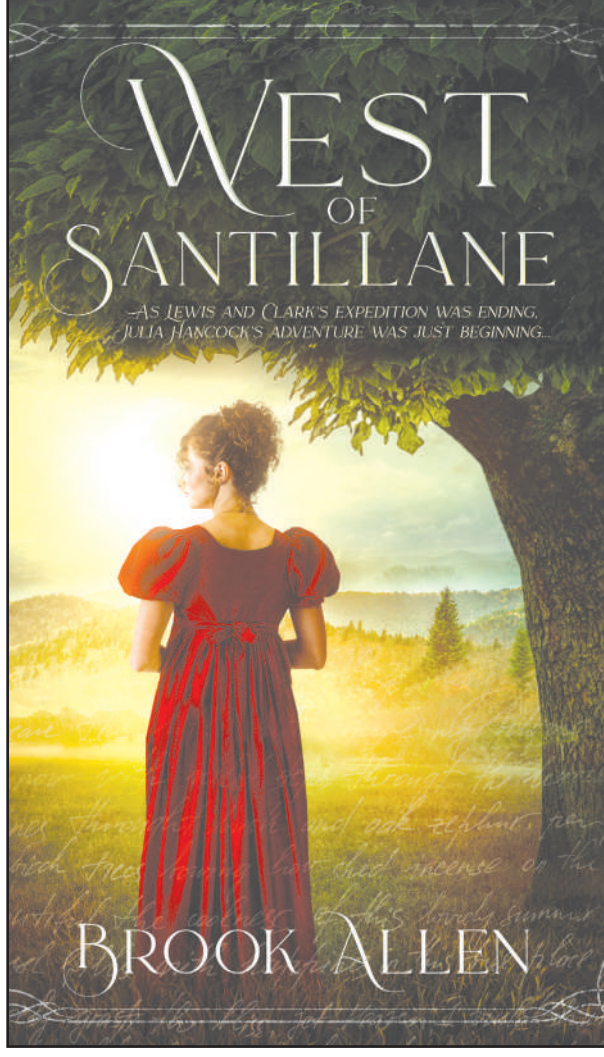
Local author and Botetourt resident Brook Allen's new historical fiction novel "West of Santillane" is a window into the life of Julia (Judy) Hancock and her adventure west alongside husband William Clark.

Allen is a music teacher at Greenfield Elementary who wrote her latest novel during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her previous trilogy of award-winning novels are about Marcus Antonius (Mark Antony) and explored Rome's history and culture.

In Allen's new novel's description, "West of Santillane" is a story about Julia Hancock seizing her chance for adventure when she wins the heart of William Clark. In a story of self-discovery, Julia falls in love with Clark, although she struggles in her conflict between her and Clark's beliefs about slavery. While in St. Louis, Julia lives as a wife and mother as Lewis and Clark work to establish the early American government and publish their memoirs.

In a recent interview, Allen explained what she learned while researching information for her latest historical fiction novel.

"First, I was blown away at some of the studies that have been done on Native American sites, as early as pre-European contact eras," Allen said. "I did an afternoon walk with a historian



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BROOK ALLEN

Botetourt author Brook Allen's latest release, "West of Santillane" will be available March 8.

regarding this over in the Greenfield area. It was fascinating. Also, there is such a rich tapestry of history threading through Fincastle even before the American Revolution—I was reminded how huge Botetourt County was in the 18th century, and how many men from Fincastle were American Revolutionaries themselves.

"Really eye-opening.

I must mention the welcoming spirit of learning that I've had over all, especially among volunteers in the Botetourt Museum and Botetourt Historical Society. It was a joy indeed to include them in my author's notes. Botetourt's wealth of history is a treasure that needs preservation and respect. Personally,

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Mac Westland Real Estate Group will hold a grand opening this Saturday in Buchanan.

Westland Real Estate Group to hold grand opening event Saturday

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The Mac Westland Real Estate Group welcomes the community to its grand opening event this Saturday, March 2, at noon. The offices located at 19384 Main Steet in Buchanan will

have a food truck from The Hangry Bulldog, wine tastings by Virginia Mountain Vineyards, and giveaways.

Westland, who grew up in Buchanan, has spent the last five years in the real estate industry. He

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Town Improvement Society baking Easter cakes

For many years, the Buchanan Town Improvement Society had baked and sold coconut cakes as a fundraiser. After a break of nearly 10 years, the coconut layer cakes are back, just in time for Easter.

Serving coconut cake at Easter is an old Southern tradition. The baking process is labor-intensive and the organization is pleased to make it easy for area residents.

Purchasing one or more cakes helps preserve the organization's 185-year-old Community House in Buchanan and supports their projects. The Community House was originally the Wilson



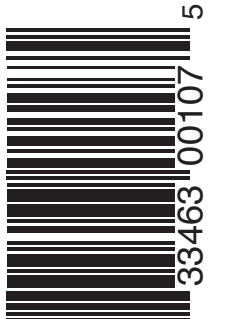
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Botetourt County History

"Finding What Has Been Lost"

The African American Story in Botetourt County



Buchanan School and Students around 1900

Contributors to this Exhibit:

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- Judy C. Barnett
- Emily Honts (In Memoriam)
- Steven Vest (Botetourt County Library)
- Rena Worthen (Botetourt County Library)
- Lee Hartman & Sons
- Bank of Fincastle
- Rosalie H. Goad
- Botetourt County Libraries
- Botetourt County Historical Society
- Library of Virginia
- Numerous citizens who contributed information, pictures, and artifacts



The Spurlock Brothers of Fincastle

Girls & Boys, Academy Hill 1936

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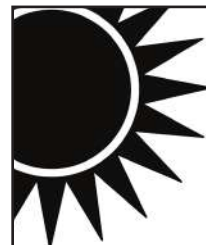
The Botetourt County Museum of History and Culture is dedicated to telling the story of Botetourt's African American community— not just in February, but every day. This is the sign board for "Finding What Has Been Lost, The African American Story in Botetourt County." Above it is an audiovisual one-hour program that reruns during museum hours, Monday-Saturday, 10-2, and Sunday, 2-4.

It was created by Edward W. Barnett, Judith Barnett, Emily Honts, Steve Vest, Rena Worthen, Lee Hartman & Sons, Rosalie Goad, The Bank of Fincastle, Botetourt County Libraries, Library of Virginia, Botetourt County-Wide League, Botetourt Historical Society & Museum, Inc. and others.

The foremost purpose of Black History Month is to make all Americans aware of the struggle for freedom and equal opportunities.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

A pamphlet telling about it is on the African American display case next to the screen. There are also two research notebooks with the program's 796 photographs that can be accessed in the bookstore.



Spring Craft Fair
 Saturday, March 16th
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Breckinridge Elementary School



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BRECKINRIDGE ELEM. PTA

Spring Craft Fair at Breckinridge

The Breckinridge Elementary School PTA is hosting a Spring Craft Fair on March 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Vendor spaces are available. Interested vendors can email breckinridge.pta.board@gmail.com to obtain a vendor application form.

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Botetourt DAR celebrates Presidents Day at The Glebe



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT DAR

Pictured are new members Velma Lilly, Ginger Lilly, Gwen Ikenberry and Valerie Brugh. Not pictured are Rhonda Bandy, Adrianna Peevy and Hannah Peevy.

The Botetourt County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Saturday, February 17, in the Botetourt Room at The Glebe. Family members and guests joined the DAR members to celebrate Presidents Day.

A memorial service was held for one DAR member who passed away during the past year. Nancy Cleveland had been a member of DAR since July 3,

2007. Carole Geiger, National Defense Chair for the chapter, shared information on the eight Virginia men who served as President and their roles in the military service to the nation.

Seven new members were inducted into the chapter – a record number for one year! New members are Rhonda Bandy, Valerie Brugh, Gwen Ikenberry, sisters Ginger Lilly and

Valerie Lilly, and sisters Adrianna Peevy and Hannah Peevy.

The program was provided by Botetourt native Mike Lee, who entertained all as he played and sang songs from the Revolutionary War era; everyone was enlightened with the history of the songs that he sang. Lee was a member of the Craig County Boys for 29 years and has been

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reassessment hard on senior citizens

Regarding reassessment of real estate—first, I would like for my senior friends to have the number for the Commissioner

of Revenue to apply for Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief. It is 540-928-2050. I doubt that many will qualify but you can try, as I am sure it hasn't been updated in years. Applications have to be received by May 1 of the tax year. I am 86 years old, a widow and have

lived in Botetourt for 73 years. My present home is 45 years old. I worked in health care and retired at 70. I have my own well and septic system. I pay weekly for garbage and recycling. I now have to have hired labor to maintain the outside of my home and property. My property

evaluation significantly increased by \$105,000. The county is increasingly making it harder on their senior citizens to live independently.

Margaret Drewry Troutville

2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Below is an updated list of the scholarships currently available for Botetourt County high school seniors. If any local organizations and/or businesses would like to submit any additional scholarship information, please email fincastle@mainstreetnewspapers.com.

Bank of Botetourt to host high school seniors for VBA Bank Day Scholarship Program

Bank of Botetourt will host high school seniors on Monday, March 18, to participate in Bank Day, a statewide effort sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) Education Foundation and the VBA Emerging Bank Leaders. The program aims to expose students to the banking industry and provide an opportunity to learn about banking, careers in banking, financial services, and the vital role Bank of Botetourt and banks across Virginia play in their communities.

From their experience, participating students will write an essay for the opportunity to win a scholarship. Six regional scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded by the VBA, and from those six winners a statewide runner-up and overall statewide winner will be chosen. The statewide runner-up will receive an additional \$3,000 scholarship \$3,500 in total – and the overall statewide winner will receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship – \$7,500 in total. There will also be six honorable mention scholarships of \$1,000 each.

In all, 12 students statewide will receive scholarships totaling \$29,000. The deadline to sign up to attend is March 1.

In the program, students will meet in person at Bank of Botetourt's Daleville Town Center location and have access to the Virginia Bankers Association website that houses educational videos, articles, and podcasts. As a host, Bank of Botetourt will provide supplemental information to students about ways the bank supports the communities it serves while participating in a day filled with informational speakers, discussions of the essay topic and guidelines, and bank history.

“Over the years, Bank of Botetourt has hosted 10 scholarship recipients, and we feel that the financial education of our youth is one more way the bank serves its communities. VBA Bank Day offers a unique opportunity for high school seniors to not only experience the inner workings of their community bank but to have the chance to win scholarships that will propel them to continue their education at a higher level. During Bank Day, they will learn more about banking, financial services, and the vital role that community banks play in their communities. We are proud to partner with the Virginia Bankers Association to offer this scholarship opportunity,” said CEO and Board of Directors Vice Chair Lyn Hayth.

For more information on Bank Day and to contact the Bank Day Committee, email bankday@bankofbotetourt.com.

Scholarships offered by

Democratic Committee

The Botetourt County Democratic Committee offers two \$1,000 scholarships to two deserving seniors, one from Lord Botetourt High School and one from James River High School.

To apply:

Part One: Write a 150–300-word essay describing “How a free press preserves Democracy in our Republic” This essay should not include any personally identifying information

Part Two: A separate page with personal information

- Applicant name and parent/guardian names
- Address and phone number for contact purposes only (not for publication)
- High Schools attended
- Post-secondary education plans
- A list of 3 activities you have participated in at high school
- A dated pledge that your essay is original and prepared by the applicant. Your typed name will be your electronic signature
- A sentence giving your permission for your submitted materials to be published as part of the announcement of winners to the media

Submission: Submit the essay and personal information page as two separate electronic attachments to demsbotetourt@gmail.com.

Deadline: Monday April 1, 2024

A panel will choose the winners based upon the essays alone without knowing the personal information of the applicant. You may have any GPA, party affiliation or financial status.

Winners and their school counselors will be informed

before April 19.

AITC announces new scholarship opportunity for students

The Virginia Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) has introduced the Doug Stoughton Memorial Scholarship opportunity for graduating high school seniors and current college students pursuing a future in agriculture or education.

Scholarship winners will receive \$1,000 to further their studies at a two- or four-year college or university.

Interested students can apply online at form.com/VaAITC/AITCScholarship. Applicants are required to submit a high school transcript and two letters of recommendation.

Additionally, applicants will need to submit personal statements describing their extracurricular activities and community service, leadership experience, interest in agriculture and education, and how the scholarship will benefit them.

Applications are due March 31 and can be emailed to aitc@vafb.com. Scholarship winners will be notified by May 31.

For more information about this scholarship and other AITC initiatives, visit virginia.agclassroom.org.

Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Scholarship

Given out to a senior from JRHS and LBHS who is attending college for an agriculture related field of study or to a student entering the workforce right out of school in the ag field. This

scholarship honors past, present and future farmers of Beaver Dam Farm and is in honor of Linda W. Wickline

Please email BeaverDamSunflowers@gmail.com for the application and more information. Recipients are selected by a committee and will be notified via email or phone. Applications are due back April 1, 2024.

WSLS scholarship opportunity

College-bound, graduating high school seniors in Botetourt County have an upcoming scholarship opportunity from WSLS 10.

Students who demonstrated success in academics and sports, including activity competitions, marching band or volunteering are invited to apply for the chance to receive a \$2,000 scholarship that will be awarded to two college-bound high school seniors.

The WSLS Scholarship will be awarded in April, and students applying need to have their applications postmarked no later than March 31.

Botetourt County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Given to students from JRHS and LBHS who have an interest in agriculture and who have served on FFA, 4-H and other ag related programs.

Please email Ashlee.Nock@vafb.com for the application and more information. Recipients are selected by the County committee and will be notified via email or phone. Applications are due back April 15, 2024.

Botetourt County Democratic Committee meeting March 11

The Botetourt County Democratic Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 11 at Bellacino's in Daleville. The meeting will include two speakers: Ken Mitchell, Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative from Virginia's Sixth District for the June 18 Primary, and Catherine Koebel, Ph.D., a Roanoke city gun safety advocate who

will discuss her role in spearheading local initiatives to promote use of gun locks. Pizza and fellowship begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting and speakers beginning at 6:45 p.m.

- Botetourt Democratic Committee

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for February 19-24:

- Joe A. Parks, 69, of Blue Ridge, drunk in public, February 19
- Justin S. Robertson, 37, of Troutville, domestic assault, simple assault, obstruction of justice, property damage, February 21
- Marianne L. Barrosse, 40, of Troutville, domestic assault, February 21
- Victoria D. Woody, 53, of Daleville, interfering with property rights, petit larceny, February 22
- Jonathan Amaya, 22, of Roanoke driving under the influence, February 24
- Gregory A. Jackson, 30, of Roanoke, unauthorized use of a vehicle, February 24

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Craft Fair at RMMS March 2

Read Mountain Middle School is hosting its second annual Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 2 at the school.

This year's event will have approximately 50 local vendors plus food trucks and a chance to win prizes. Family and friends are invited to welcome the spring season with a little shopping at RMMS. Admission is free. The craft fair is a fundraiser for the RMMS PTA Spring Dance and promises to bring lots of fun, goodies, and food for sale.

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UPCOMING COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

Eclectic Readers

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 Theme is "Winds of Change" - see list of recommended titles
 Thu, Mar 7, 6:30-7:30pm, Fincastle
 "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See
 Discuss books and authors with fellow readers while enjoying coffee and social connection.

Raising Chickens

Tue, Mar 12, 6-7pm, Blue Ridge
 Learn whether to choose heritage or hybrid birds, how to make a chicken illness kit, how to raise chicks, and more with local author and locavore Bruce Ingram.

Needlecraft

Wed, Mar 20, 1-2:30pm, Buchanan
 Bring your project to work on, share your tips, and learn from others in this informal gathering. All types of needlecraft are welcome.

Senior Bingo

Wed, Mar 20, 10-11:30am, Blue Ridge
 Win fun prizes and enjoy social time with this popular game. Offered in partnership with the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office and Parks & Recreation.

Podcast Club

Thu, Mar 21, 11am-12pm, Buchanan

Beginning Engineering

Wed, Mar 20, 4:30-5:30pm, Eagle Rock
 Thu, Mar 21, 4:30-5:30pm, Blue Ridge
 Get hands-on experience with electrical projects that focus on safety and real-world engineering skills. Presented by engineer David Sproles. Best for ages 10+.

The Singing Cowgirl

Wed, Mar 27, 11am-12pm, Buchanan
 Wed, Mar 27, 3-4pm, Blue Ridge
 Clap, laugh, sing, dance, and role-play with the "Singing Cowgirl" Aspen Black! Travel through the land, cultures, and history of cowboys and cowgirls. Great for ages 5+.

Carilion Free Health Screenings

Wed, Mar 6, 11am-1pm, Blue Ridge
 Fri, Mar 8, 10:30am-12:30pm, Eagle Rock
 Get a free health screening, including a blood pressure check, from Carilion Community Health & Outreach.

Garden Club

Wed, Mar 6, 11am-12pm, Eagle Rock
 Dig into all aspects of gardening with guidance from local experts and/or hands-on projects. March:

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Date: Saturday March 2, 2024
Time: 10:00 a.m.
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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week



Speaker

Speaker is a super sweet senior Beagle, heartworm negative, up to date on vaccines, neutered, and ready to find his forever home. Speaker is getting older and has some arthritis, but the medicine to help him is inexpensive.

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

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Report from the House Del. Terry Austin

To the Constituents of the 37th House District:

This past week the House completed work on its version of the Commonwealth's \$175 billion biennial budget, which funds everything from schools and roads to public safety initiatives and state parks. As expected with a Democrat majority, significant changes were made to the budget Governor Youngkin introduced in December.

Unfortunately, there are proposed funding decreases in common sense initiatives, including the School Resource Officer grant fund and Project Ceasefire, a proven lifesaving program that reduces gun violence without unnecessary gun control. While disappointing, the budget does contain significant new funding for our local schools and is a step in the right direction when it comes to improving the Commonwealth's current school funding formula. We are now at the point in the process where both the House and Senate will vote to put our competing budgets into conference, setting the stage for final negotiations. As a member of Appropriations, I will continue to work for a budget that reflects our region's priorities, keeps our communities safe from violent crime, improves education for our children, and supports small business.

The House continues to consider Senate bills as Session approaches its conclusion on March 9. Since many of these are cognates of House bills, the body has the opportunity to reconsider important issues. One such bill would have made it illegal to own a pill press

with the intent to manufacture counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl.

Although it passed the Senate on a 38-2 vote, House Democrats refused to give this bill a hearing, citing the "high fiscal impact" of the bill. The estimate: \$50,000 over two years.

As mentioned before, counterfeit pills are of major concern. Recently, Loudoun County reported eight overdoses at one high school in one week. Had teachers not intervened, some of these students would likely have died from overdose. In 2022, there were 2,490 drug overdose deaths; 80 percent of which involved fentanyl or its analogues. This is almost five times as many deaths as firearm-related homicides in the same year. This crisis needs more attention than is currently being given.

As for my bills, I am pleased to report that HB191, HB839, HB843, HB844, HB845, and HB1425 all unanimously passed out of the Senate this week. They will now head to the governor's desk for his signature.

HB191 establishes objective measures for the automobile franchise sales process. HB839 creates a license plate supporting the VA250 Commission's efforts to promote Virginia's leadership role in our country's 250th anniversary. HB843 distributes revenues generated by historical horse racing to support the equine industry, including the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington and Virginia Tech veterinary school's equine programs. HB844 conforms Virginia's

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"Bob at the Movies"

"Argylle"

By Bob Garver
bobatthemovies.com

As much as I enjoyed the fun, exciting trailers for "Argylle" that made excellent use of the film's eclectic cast, there was one element that told me the movie was in serious trouble. Amongst shots of the cat belonging to spy novelist Elly Conway (Bryce Dallas Howard), onscreen text insisted that, "Once you know the secret, don't let the cat out of the bag." In other words, there's a big twist in this movie.

It's not worrying that this spy movie has a big

twist, given the genre it would be weird if it didn't. It's worrying that the movie needs to advertise itself like that, putting so much emphasis on the twist that it can't possibly live up to the hype. Aside from the fact that announcing the twist ahead of time kills the element of surprise, the film is also basically saying that what you see in early stages is untrustworthy, since the twist is going to turn everything on its head eventually. Sure enough, the twist is laughable and killed the investment I had in the movie up to that point. I won't go into spoilers, but nothing made me regret my questioning of the advertising tactics.

Elly Conway writes spy novels about Agent Argylle (Henry Cavill). Other characters include his sidekick (John Cena), his techie (Ariana DeBose), and his nemesis (Dua Lipa). The trailers made no secret that these characters are all fictional(ish), but they did exaggerate how much the four actors are in the movie. Elly soon finds out, via real spy Aiden (Sam Rockwell), that what she

has written corresponds to actual events in the world of international espionage. She has written about things that have actually happened, and may be able to write about things that are going to happen. Some powerful people want to know what Elly's going to write next, including Aiden's boss (Samuel L. Jackson) and evil agency-runner Ritter (Bryan Cranston). Even Elly's mother (Catherine O'Hara) is dying to know, but that's probably just gentle motherly goading, or is it? Either way, this is a lousy time for Elly to develop a sudden case of writer's block.

The confusing nature of the movie's reality makes for a confused tone, which makes for confused actors and confused performances. Cranston, in particular, doesn't seem to know when to play things straight or over the top, so he settles for an off-putting middle ground. Howard, to her credit, is giving a proper blockbuster performance, it's just a shame this movie is doing so poorly that it will never achieve blockbuster status.

I liked some of the

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Charlie Chaplin - Tillie's Punctured Love

(1914) A con man from the city dupes a wealthy country girl into marriage. (1 hr 22 min)
Thursday, Feb. 29 7 p.m.

Argylle

(2024) A reclusive author who writes espionage novels about a secret agent and a global spy syndicate realizes the plot of the new book she's writing starts to mirror real-world events, in real time. (2 hr 19 min)

Friday & Saturday March 1 & 2 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 3 3 p.m.
Thursday, March 7 7 p.m.

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Commercial Driver's License training and qualifications to federal standards. HB845 creates efficiencies in the abandoned vehicle title search process. And HB1425 creates a building code exemption for the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority to expedite rail projects without sacrificing safety.

Unfortunately, my bill which sought to expand student transportation options was continued to 2025. As mentioned in previous updates, HB842 would have addressed the school bus driver shortage in Virginia by allowing school systems to not only permit the utilization of vehicles other than the yellow school bus, but provide in lieu of transportation grants

to families who choose to transport their children to and from school. This flexibility would likely reduce system-wide transportation expenses and improve the chronic student absenteeism still much too prevalent in our schools, both rural and urban. The bill had the support of numerous educational institutions, community organizations and businesses, and I am hopeful that its merits will overcome the hesitation it faced this year.

Last week, we welcomed teachers from Alleghany and Rockbridge to the State Capitol. We also had the pleasure of meeting with upperclassmen from VMI, who met with

legislators to thank them for their support of the Institute and higher education. This impressive group of young men and women reinforced how fortunate we are to have VMI located in the 37th House District.

As always, 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*

DAR from page 2



Members of the Botetourt DAR and guests

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The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's

DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote

historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Over 1 million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890.

If you are interested or have questions about joining the chapter, contact Membership Chair Emily Talbot-Guillote via email at

eptg1019@gmail.com or Registrar JoElla John, jjohnregistrar@gmail.com. We welcome your interest and are here to help.

- Botetourt DAR



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Botetourt Worship Directory

ANGLICAN
Orchard Hills Church - 6032 Cloverdale Rd. next to Read Mountain Fire Station. Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays. Home group Bible studies available throughout the week. Pastor Scott McClucas, 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.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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

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

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

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church- Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., Pastor. 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. 540-556-3504. Worship: 2nd & 4th Sunday 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-6PM.

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

SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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

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

Daleville Baptist Church-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday

WHAT WE NEED

Read Judges 17:1 through 21:25

Cities are racked by chaos. Innocents are cruelly victimized. People of all stripes—leaders and followers alike—lie and steal, thinking nothing of it. Rage, destruction, and brutality are the stuff of daily headlines. When did things get so bad?

This world is no stranger to dark times, including the period of the Israelite judges. Today's reading is full of horrific violence and inhumanity. After the miracles that brought the Israelites into the Promised Land, how did everything fall apart? Was it because they had no ruler to keep them in line? After all, it was repeatedly emphasized that "Israel had no king." But there's more to it than that.

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit (Judges 21:25).

Our world is what it is because fit. God's every action demonstrates that He desires peace, compassion, and community—things sorely missing from this world. Until we have the mind of Christ, politics will never offer hope. Our world doesn't need a king. It needs God.

Prayer Suggestion: Father, remake my will from the inside out, so that I will desire what You desire.

Quicklook: Judges 21:15-25

School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dale Ridge Church of Christ - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., 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

Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences*Group* or call 540-353-5365 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 -111 S. Roanoke St., Fincastle. P.O. Box 277 Fincastle, VA 24090. The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector. 473-2370. Worship in the sanctuary and by Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00am, with Adult Education on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:50am. Evening Prayer is Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm by Zoom. Brown Bag Bible Study on Thursdays at 12 noon in the Ministry Center and by Zoom. Links for Zoom can be found on our website, www.stmarksfincastle.org.

LUTHERAN

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Buchanan Presbyterian Church - 19559 Main St. Buchanan. 540-254-1390. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with background checked approved teachers, Choir practice at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with children's

nursery with background checked approved staff. Videotaped services can be viewed on YouTube. The Food Pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Handicap accessible. Facebook page or website: www.buchananpresbyterian.org. Contact www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

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

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Virginia Presbyterian Church

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

Fincastle United Methodist Church

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

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

- 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Pastor Samuel Plymale, 992-3030. Worship Times: 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 Tadpoles Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

OBITUARIES

Mayes, Betty Wells

Betty Wells Mayes, 78, widow of Hanley R. Mayes, entered into rest on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Betty was a daughter of the late William Isaac Wells and Ressie Lacks Wells. She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Earl Wells, Ethel Eubank, Martha Wells, Raymond Wells, Alma Smith, Mary Wells, Lewis "Chunkie" Wells, Charles "Charlie Boy" Wells, and twins, Floyd and Lloyd Wells.

Betty worked in the banking industry until her retirement in 1994.

Betty was raised in Arcadia where she made her home with her first husband, William "Bill" Shanaberger, and only child, Beverly. The union of Bill and Betty in 1964 created her surviving relatives: daughter, Beverly Shanaberger Duvall (Tracey) of Buchanan; two granddaughters,



LeAnna Welles and Savannah Rae Buchanan; two great-granddaughters, Aydia Dawn McMaster and Harper Shaye Giebner of Buchanan; several nieces and nephews; as well as her dear love, Fred Christie.

"A last limb has fallen from our family tree that says grieve not for me. Remember the Best of Times, the Laughter, the Song, the Good Life I lived while I was strong" – author unknown.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Foundation for the continued research of ALS or to Good Samaritan Hospice in memory of Betty Wells Mayes.

An intimate celebration of Betty's life will be held for immediate family and very close friends only.

Online condolences may be sent to www.simpsonfuneral.com.

Smith, Evelyn

It is with great sadness that the family of Evelyn Smith announces her passing on February 22, 2024. But we take comfort that Evelyn is in a better place surrounded by friends and family who went before her.

Evelyn leaves behind two children, Lou Ann (L.A.) Smith and Danny Smith, and Danny's wife Cindy. She also leaves five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She loved them dearly and doted on them at every opportunity. Evelyn was preceded in death by two children – daughters Laura and Amy – and one grandchild, Jacob.

Evelyn was born in Springwood, Virginia on July 29, 1935. Life would take her from the hills of Virginia to Chicago to Atlanta and finally to Charlotte. In the late 1960s, she helped her then-husband start a business out of their home. That business still thrives today thanks to the strong foundation that she helped build for its success.

Fast forward to the 1980s and Evelyn's reinvention of herself. She became a Realtor – very successful and beloved by her clients and coworkers. She was still in touch with some of them many, many years later.

Perhaps most importantly, Evelyn was a devout Christian and loved her Sunday School class at Hickory Grove Baptist Church. She set a good example for her friends and family by living a Godly life and loving on people no matter what the circumstances.

She herself was loved more than she could know. We will all miss her dearly but take refuge that she is at peace and happy and in glory.

If you wish to honor Evelyn, the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to:

Springwood Baptist Church, 88 Copps Hill Road, Buchanan, 24066.



CHURCH NEWS

Daleville Baptist revival March 10-13

Revival services with Kenny Grant of Savannah, Ga., will be held at Daleville Baptist Church March 10-13. Services will be held Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Monday through Wednesday, March 11-13 at 7 p.m. Grant has led revival services at Daleville Baptist for several years. The public is invited to attend; 375 Orchard Drive, Daleville.



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Kenny Grant
and at the Eagle Rock Library.

Galatia Community Meal March 4

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, is having a Potluck Community Meal on Monday, March 4, at 12 noon. Soup and crackers will be furnished by Galatia, along with tea, lemonade, water and coffee. Bring a dish

or dessert to share with everyone and come for good fellowship and food.

Lenten Services in Buchanan

Buchanan Area Ministerial Association Community Lenten Service schedule:
March 5, Buchanan Baptist – Noon
March 12, Virginia Presbyterian – Noon
March 19, CommUnity Church – 6 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church news

March 3, Loren Bruffey, Sr. and Stone Coal Gap will lead worship at PHBC beginning at 10:45 a.m. Don't miss this fun event. PHBC will host Movie Night on Friday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. The featured movie will be "The Hill," the remarkable true-life story of Rickey Hill's

improbably journey to play major league baseball.

Every second Saturday of the month, the PHBC Food Pantry gives out free boxes of food. These boxes are filled with over \$50 in food staples and paper products. You may pick up the free boxes of food at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (4930 Country Club Road) or at Eagle Rock Library. If you know someone in need, please let them know about this event or contact the church line at 540-992-5556.

On March 23 at 11 a.m., PHBC will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages toddler-5th grade. There will be a separate egg hunt for littles. Refreshments will be provided and the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

PHBC will be holding the following Easter Services:

Good Friday – March 29, 6 p.m.
Early Morning Easter Service – March 31, 8

a.m., followed by breakfast Easter Choral Celebration – March 31, 10 a.m.

Fincastle UMC Lenten services

Fincastle United Methodist Church invites you to five Wednesday Lenten services and lunches beginning on February 21 in the Family Life Center, 137 S. Church Street, Fincastle. These short, 20-minute services begin at 12:05 p.m. and will be led by area pastors. A home-cooked lunch will follow each service. The service and meal are designed to last about one hour. Takeout meals will be available.

February 28 – Speaker – The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, Fincastle Presbyterian; Lunch – Vegetable-Beef Soup, Potato Soup, Jello Salads, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Desserts

March 6 – Speaker – The Rev. Samuel

Plymale, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Daleville; Lunch – Chicken Salad Croissants, Vegetable Salad, Chips, Desserts

March 13 – Speaker – The Rev. Willis Logan, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fincastle; Lunch – Potato Bar, Chili, Green Salad, Corn Bread, Desserts

March 20 – Speaker – The Rev. Fr. Paul Lagco, Church of the Transfiguration, Fincastle; Lunch – Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips, Desserts

Menus are subject to change. If Botetourt County Public Schools are closed because of inclement weather, the service will be canceled. Everyone is invited to these services during the season of Lent.

Denim sale at Cloverdale Thrift Store
Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is having a ladies denim sale, all sizes and all colors, only \$2. Ladies shoes were \$1, now only 50 cents. Hours are Saturdays, 9 to 12; donations accepted.

Retired Educators to meet March 11

The Botetourt Retired Educators will meet on Monday, March 11, at Bellacino's in Daleville. Registration will begin at 10:45 a.m. with the meeting starting at 11:15. Members will order their lunch from the restaurant's regular menu.

All retired school personnel living in the area are invited to attend. The program will be a presentation by Cheryl Willis about Black History in

Botetourt County. Dues (\$35) may be paid at the meeting. Donations for the BRE Scholarship Fund and the Book Fund will be accepted. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, contact Susan Martin at 540-473-2636 or email at: susanmartin730@gmail.com.

- Botetourt Retired Educators

AARP Fraud Alert:

Getting help after the scam

If there is one thing everyone should understand, it is that "scammers" are career criminals skilled at the art of manipulation, and no one is immune. These crooks target people of any age; in fact, 41% of those who reported a fraud loss to the Federal Trade Commission in 2023 were under the age of 30. So, what can a person do if they experience fraud?

One resource is the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline. Every weekday, trained AARP volunteer fraud fighters are helping victims and their families understand what happened, report the crime, and start to put their lives back together. That number is 1-977-908-3360. We also offer an online small group victim

support program to help address the emotional harm fraud victimization causes. Learn more at aarp.org/fraudsupport.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of fraud, make sure to file a report with local police; among other things, you will have this as evidence in the event restitution becomes possible down the line.

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

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

- AARP



Tuesday Morning Club donates to Brian Center

The Tuesday Morning Club met on February 13 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with 10 members. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order, Cheryl Wood was hostess and had devotions, Barrie Knox won the hostess gift. Nancy Waddell read the minutes and Ruby Taylor gave the treasurer's report. February's project was donations to Brian Center for bingo game

prizes. The March project will be donations to Cave Creek for Veterans. Game prizes were won by Linda Harris and Barrie Knox. Meetings will now be held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. From left are: front row, Priscilla Hedrick, Dot Hillard, Linda Harris, and Nancy Waddell; back, Cheryl Wood, Gale Webb, Ruby Taylor, Pam Obenshain, Barrie Knox, and Barbara Harris.

- Tuesday Morning Club

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Argylle

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action scenes. The hot opener, set within the world of Argylle, is quite crisp. Two late-in-the-movie shootouts, one with bright colors, one covered in black, indicate that this movie isn't entirely ruined by its script. But those sequences are maybe 19 combined minutes in a movie with a 139-minute runtime. The other two hours are devoted to a convoluted story that made me squirm with impatience. Not to get to a big reveal, mind you, just for the movie to be over.

"Argylle" is rated PG-13 for strong violence and action and some strong language. Its running time is 139 minutes. Showtimes start this Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at the Buchanan Theatre (www.buchanantheatre.com).



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Cakes

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Warehouse and dates to when Buchanan was the terminus of the James River & Kanawha Canal.

Six-inch cakes are \$24 and eight-inch cakes are \$30. Orders will be accepted through March 22 with pick up March 29. For information, call (540) 817-5772 or email: tis1903@aol.com. Venmo accepted.

- Town Improvement Society



PHOTO COURTESY OF BTIS

Allen

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I believe that all history is valuable, serves a vital purpose, and that we should be learning and preserving it to improve the future."

Allen credits local resources which helped her gather her information as she researched the subject of her new novel, Julia Hancock. She spent approximately six months reading up on the Clark family and traveled west to visit the St. Louis Historical Society and Resource Center. While in St. Louis, Allen has the opportunity to see the entire Clark family collection of materials in the museum. There, she had the opportunity to hold in her hand a folded letter written by Meriwether Lewis to William Clark while Clark was staying at Santillane. She also visited Louisville, Ky. where she noted that it was there where she did "some serious digging" studying artifacts.

Allen takes part in the Botetourt County Historical Society's series of lecture events March 23 at the Fincastle Library

at 11 a.m. where she will discuss her inspiration for this newest trilogy and the extensive research process that informed "West of Santillane."

The novel, due March 8, will be available on Amazon and also available for purchase at the Botetourt County

Museum of History & Culture. Additional copies will be found at Book No Further located along the market in Downtown Roanoke.

To learn more about Botetourt author Brook Allen, visit her website at www.brookallenauthor.com.



Botetourt author Brook Allen PHOTO COURTESY OF BROOK ALLEN

Westland

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GRAND OPENING

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon as we celebrate the launch of Mac Westland Real Estate Group as an independent brokerage! Enjoy free food, a friendly atmosphere, and witness our official ribbon cutting!

MARCH 2 | 12-2P
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GRAPHIC COURTESY OF MAC WESTLAND

was a "rookie of the year" as an agent while also being a part-time police officer in Roanoke. Westland is a U.S. Army veteran who currently is a cadet mentor for the SROTC at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI).

The Mac Westland Real Estate Group provides customer service for clients needing to buy or sell residential, commercial, investment, and acreage real estate. In a recent interview, Westland emphasized the trust built between his real estate group and their clients in a small town.

"Small towns, in general, they like familiarity," Westland explained. "One of the goals of a business in a small town is supporting the small town. In return, you build trust with the people. They like working with people they are familiar with who have history with the town. Someone, who I feel, has the best interest of the community—they are trusted. I bring that to Buchanan. I have property here in Buchanan. My mother still lives here. A lot of the people I grew up with are still here in Buchanan. I want them to have somebody they can trust to help navigate home-buying and selling property."

Westland served in the U.S. Army as an enlisted infantry soldier and is currently a military intelligence officer. His Army Reserve duty consists of serving as the Assistant Professor of Military Science and cadet SROTC mentor at the Virginia Military Institute.

Prior to being a real estate agent, Westland served over 20 years as a police officer in Roanoke.

His experience serving as a law enforcement officer allowed him to help people on a daily basis. After retiring from law enforcement in 2019, Westland has transitioned into serving individuals looking to buy or sell homes/property taking what he learned serving as a policeman and applying that knowledge to real estate. Specifically, wanting to make his clients prepare for the best days of their lives.

"As a law enforcement officer, when we take that 9-1-1 call, in many instances, we are showing up to a home on people's worst days of their life—not every time, but in many cases," Westland said. "When I was deciding how to transition out of law enforcement, I wanted to help people because that's what I am: a people person, a problem solver. Choosing real estate now allows me to take a phone call, show up at their home, and help clients either on the best day of their life or help them get to a place where they will have the best days of their lives. Whether that's helping clients get into a home that's going to help them grow their family, downsizing to a more navigable home, getting to a location closer to the resources they need—it's generally helping people buy and sell real estate in a very positive way."

For more information about the Mac Westland Real Estate Group, visit their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WestlandSells>) that includes a link to the grand opening event page.

Primaries

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ongoing Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Department of Elections & Voter Registration Office on the corner of Roanoke and Main streets in Fincastle. The final day

to vote early is Saturday, March 2 at 5 p.m.

If voters wish to vote by mail, a drop box marked for "Vote By Mail ballots" is located in the vestibule of the Registrar's Office. Voters also have the choice to personally deliver their marked ballot at the Registrar's Office during regular business hours. Hand-delivered ballots can only be accepted from voters ballots were issued to. All others must go in the drop box or need to be mailed.

There is also the option to deliver mail ballots to any county polling location on March 5 from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. Any resident who requested and received a mailed absentee ballot and wishes

to vote in-person during early voting on March 5, residents must bring the absentee ballot package with them to surrender.

Botetourt County Polling Locations:

- Amsterdam District** – Lord Botetourt High School (Daleville Precinct), Greenfield Elementary School (Greenfield)
- Blue Ridge** – Colonial Baptist Church (Blue Ridge), Colonial Elementary School (Rainbow Forest)
- Buchanan** – Buchanan Elementary School (Buchanan), Mill Creek Baptist Church (Mill Creek)
- Fincastle** – Eagle Rock Elementary School (Eagle Rock), Fincastle Baptist Church (Fincastle)
- Valley** – Troutville Elementary School (Troutville), Read Mountain Middle School (Cloverdale)

UPDATE – MEETING CANCELED PUBLIC NOTICE Botetourt County School Board Work Session CANCELED

The Botetourt County School Board Work Session originally scheduled for Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., at the Central Administration Building, has been canceled.

Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

122 Head Graded Steers	400-499 \$260.00-\$289.00	500-599 \$269.00-\$276.00
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	600-699 \$226.00	
Graded Heifers	400-499 \$249.00	500-599 \$225.00-\$243.00
	600-699 \$226.00	
Kill Cows	\$49.00-\$122.00	
Kill Bulls	\$90.00-\$119.00	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE TOWN OF FINCASTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204, as amended, and Sections 601 - 603 of the Town Zoning Ordinance, this shall serve as notice that the Town of Fincastle Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 29, 2024 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse for the purpose of soliciting public input on:

1. An application for a Use by Special Exception to allow for ground floor residence at 5 South Roanoke Street (73A (1) 27A), currently owned by Virginia and Erryn Barkett. This property is zoned Commercial and is located in the Mixed Use District of the Town of Fincastle.

Information about this can be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town Office during regular office hours or by contacting Scott Critzer at 540-473-3377.

Scott Critzer, Chairman
Fincastle Planning Commission

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Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204, as amended, and Sections 601 - 603 of the Town Zoning Ordinance, this shall serve as notice that the Town of Fincastle Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 7, 2024** beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse for the purpose of soliciting public input on:

1. A rezoning application from the Heritage Family for property located on the west side of Roanoke Road (Rt. 220), (tax parcel 73(2)13), currently owned by Santillane, LLC. The application is to rezone from A1 Agriculture to B2 Business with special exception for reduced lot size, for the purpose of building a new market building.

Information about this can be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town Office during regular office hours or by contacting Scott Critzer at 540-473-3377.

Scott Critzer, Chairman
Fincastle Planning Commission

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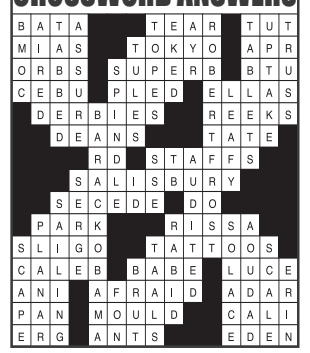
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PUBLIC NOTICE BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Work Session on March 7, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Central Administration Office, 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia, with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live.

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Legals - Botetourt County

BWW# VA-208643-6 TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 17 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$111,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Book 0000 at Page 0167 as Instrument No. 0307051. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at

Legals - Botetourt County

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 March 29, 2024, at 2:15 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 SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SECTION 1, KNOLLWOOD, MADE BY T.P. PARKER AND SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 76.

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.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWWLaw Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-208643-6.

Legals - City of Radford

Trustee's Sale

133 Monroe Street, Radford, Virginia 24141

(Parcel ID: 6-(9)-50)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 13, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$126,678.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Radford, Virginia in Instrument No. 201600345, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction on March 11, 2024 at 1:45pm in front of the building housing the City of Radford Circuit Court, 619 Second Street, Radford, VA 24141, the property designated as Lot 50 in Monroe Terrace Subdivision, as shown on a plat of Monroe Terrace Subdivision, which plat is of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 40, Page 1. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. **TERMS:** CASH. A deposit

Legals - City of Radford

of \$13,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or M. Brennan Hutt d/b/a H&H Abstracting, and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 233421-01, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00pm in the City of Radford Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: Jones Builder, LLC seeking approval of a rezoning for .43 acres 402 West Rock Rd, Radford VA 24141 Portion of Tax Map # 12-(2)-SEC 2-8 and all of Tax Map # 12-(2)-SEC 2-9,10,11 & 12. The request is to rezone from (B-1) Limited Business to R-3, Single-Family Residential District (R-3) to allow the property owner to redevelop existing building into duplex and (1) Single Family Resident. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is low-medium residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is commercial corridor. Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Additional information on this request may be obtained in the Community Development Department, 10 Robertson Street, Radford VA 24141, 540.267.3188 or by email at Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing to receive comments regarding a request from the Jones Builder, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to develop an existing building into a duplex, 402 West Rock Rd, Radford VA 24141, Tax Map #s 12-(2)-SEC 2-10,11 & 12. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is low-medium residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is commercial corridor. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views on the proposed Special Use Permit. Written comments may be sent to 10 Robertson Street, Radford 24141; please allow adequate mailing time: Melissa Skelton, Community Development Director.

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC VEHICLES, TAXICABS, AND FOR HIRE CARS FOR WHICH CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY SHALL BE ISSUED DURING THE NEXT YEAR AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING TO WHICH PERSON OR PERSONS SUCH CERTIFICATES SHALL BE ISSUED. IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 98-94 of The Code of the City of Salem, Virginia, the Council of the City of Salem hereby gives notice that at the regular meeting of said Council to be held on March 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, a public hearing will be held for the purpose of determining the number of public vehicles, taxicabs, and for hire cars for which certificates of public convenience and necessity shall be issued during the next year and for the purpose of determining to which person or persons such certificates shall be issued. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such certificates should or should not be granted.

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

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given

to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on March 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, 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 E3MAG LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 744 Electric Road (Tax Map # 155 - 2 - 2.2) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.
2. Consider the request of Pinkesh R. Patel and Sonal P. Patel, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 1200 block Thompson Memorial Drive (Tax Map # 20 - 2 - 4) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District.

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 PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY: Christopher J. Dorsey
Executive Secretary

Legal notice: Adoption February 29, 2024

NORTH CAROLINA DAVIDSON COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS 24 SP 58

For the Adoption of: EMALEIGH ANN JONES, A minor child, Vs. JOHN DOE, Respondent.

TO: John Doe (unknown father of the adoptee) Take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed by JEREMY NATHAN JONES on the 7th day of February 2024, with the Clerk of Superior Court for Davidson County, Lexington, NC, in the above entitled special proceeding. The Petition relates to a female child born on 29th day of October, 2013 at LewisGale Medical Center, Salem, Virginia. The birth mother's name is Shana Marie Goodwin and the minor child was conceived in Roanoke County, Virginia on or around February 3, 2013.

TAKE NOTICE that you are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days after the date of first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for relief sought in the Petition. Any parental rights that you may have will be terminated upon the entry of the Decree of Adoption. This the 29 day of February, 2024.

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Legals - Craig County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. JU002260-06-00
CRAIG COMBINED COURT-JUVENILE Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MANNING, EMILEE ROSE

The object of this suit is to: terminate the residual parental rights of the parents, including the right of visitation, right to consent to adoption, the responsibility of support and all other rights and responsibilities remaining with the natural parents of the aforesaid child and to obtain the right to place said child for adoption. And, based on an affidavit filed herein, the court finds that there exists sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

It is ORDERED that the unknown father and any or all others who may be related to Emily Rose Manning, whose actual whereabouts are unknown, appear at the above-named Court on or before the 5th day of April, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. to do whatever is necessary to protect their interests.

We ask for this CRAIG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 177 Court Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127

February 8, 2024, Patty Taylor, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

Trustee's Sale

1990 Reesedale Road, Elliston, Virginia 24087

(Parcel ID: 022175; Tax Map No.: 057-2 6)

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Cavaliers win 8-on-8 tournament with spring season near

Some Lord Botetourt soccer players participated in an 8-on-8 tournament at William Fleming High School on February 3. The boys won the "Colonel Cup" with a record of 6-0 for the day. "It's a fun little preseason event to get the boys out and kick the ball around," said LB soccer coach Taylor Leonard,

who opened official spring practice this week. "They play against other schools that bring some kids together that are able to attend all the way from 9th grade up to 12th grade. Great event for the soccer community." The Cavaliers will participate in a preseason jamboree at Bogle Field this Saturday.



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River girls' season ends in region semifinal



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Caitlin Canada of James River is first team All-Three Rivers District in basketball.

The James River girls saw their best basketball season in years come to an end last week, one win away from qualifying for the state tournament. The Knights dropped a Region 2C semifinal game to Liberty High in Bedford, 64-37.

"We didn't play well, we struggled all game long," said River coach Ryan Firebaugh. "Liberty is a pretty good team. When they're hitting shots from outside like they did, they're a tough team to beat. Everything they threw up went in."

The Minutewomen jumped to a 13-6 lead after the first quarter and upped the margin to 19, 32-13, at the half. River outscored Liberty in the third quarter, 13-11, but the host team finished strong and the Knights had too deep a hole to dig out of.

"When Liberty is hitting shots from outside that forces you to expand your defense, and when happens they lob it in to their post player (6'4") Shaine Brown) and she goes to work," said Firebaugh. "I thought when we started the game

we were doing a good job of getting out to the shooters and keeping Brown contained. We just got out of position a couple times and Liberty was able to find their shooters for shots in the corner or wing, and they made us pay."

Caitlin Canada had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Knights. Audrey Benson had six points and seven boards and Honesty Liming had six rebounds.

With the win Liberty advanced to Friday's region final at Roanoke College, where they lost to Floyd County of the Three Rivers District, 46-19. Both teams advance to the state tournament this week.

River finished with a record of 14-11.

"Heck of a season for us," said Firebaugh. "We were one win away from making the state tournament, and I think the last time they were in that position was 2011 or '12."

"We had a lot of great things happen this year. We went 2-0 in overtime games and beat Floyd and Carroll for the first time in the

program's history. A lot of positive things came out of this season."

River finished fourth in a very strong Three Rivers District that included Carroll, Floyd and Alleghany. The Knights were 7-5 in district play.

"I told my girls after the Liberty game, do not let this game reflect how our season went," said Firebaugh. "We had a rough start but we hunkered down and figured out some things and came together as a team and worked our tails off to get where we are."

"I could not be more proud of my girls and the way they play the whole year. I had a fan stop me after our game against Liberty and tell me that was one of the most exciting seasons of girls basketball I have been a part of and your girls are resilient and competitors and I look forward to seeing y'all play again next year."

The Knights lose just one senior, Liming. Canada, a junior, was named first team All-District and sophomore Kelsi Maydian made the second team.

LB boys eliminated by Cave Spring in region hoops

The Lord Botetourt boys had a tough road to travel in the Region 3D basketball tournament and they fell in the quarterfinal round last week, ending their season. The Region 3D tournament included schools that won the state championship for the past two years, and neither was even the top seed last week.

Botetourt was the fifth seed and the Cavs drew fourth seeded Cave Spring, the 2022 state champion, in the quarterfinal round. The Cavaliers battled the Knights but came up short, 60-47, as their season came to an end.

The Cavaliers jumped to a 19-14 first quarter lead and were still ahead, 29-28, at the half. However, the Knights regrouped and outscored LB 32-18 in the second half to pull away.

"We were ready to play and came out playing well," said LB coach Andrew Hart. "I thought we did a really good job defensively throughout the game. Unfortunately, we couldn't get much going offensively in the fourth quarter and they were able to pull away. It was a great environment and I know the kids enjoyed competing and battling against Cave Spring."

Conner Dowdy led LB with 16 points and Blake Lovern had 11 points and five rebounds. Cave Spring hurt the Cavaliers on the boards, outrebounding LB 33-17.

With the win Cave Spring advanced to the semifinal round, where the Knights lost to top-seeded Tunstall, 60-45. Northside, the defending Class 3 champ and a Blue Ridge District rival of Botetourt, then beat Tunstall in the region final, 64-55.

Lord Botetourt finished with an 11-12 overall record



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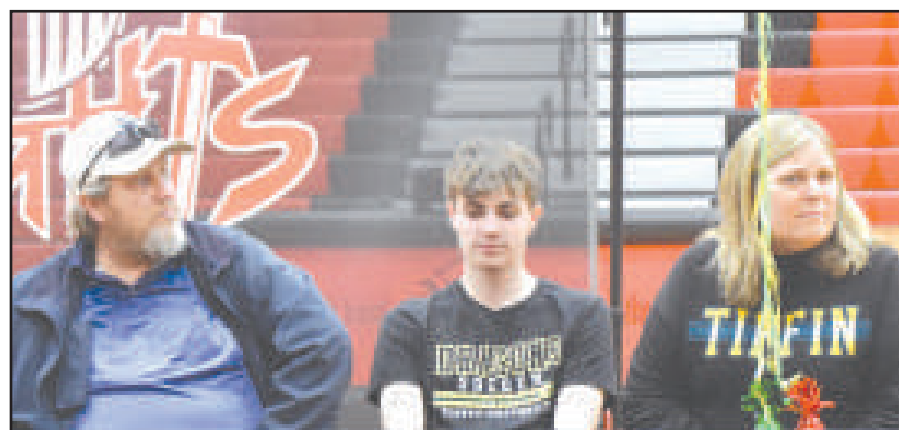
Lord Botetourt's Brayden Wells is a first team All-Blue Ridge District and second team All-Region 3D selection.

and the Cavs were 6-4 in the tough Blue Ridge District.

"Our staff is proud of our guys for continuously showing up to improve each and every practice and game," said Hart. "We didn't always play our best, but the team was eager to improve in different areas throughout the season. We had some guys really step up their play and leadership this season, and it was fun watching their growth. We were a little short-handed by the end of the season due to some injuries, but our guys worked hard to put the team in a position to compete and win a lot of games."

Botetourt will graduate six seniors, Brayden Wells, Evan Bannwart, Ethan Ikenberry, Danny Kidd, Walker Sutton and Tyler Cronise. Wells was first team All-Blue Ridge District and second team All-Region 3D. Blake Lovern, a junior, was second team All-District and All-Region.

"We will miss the leadership and character of our six seniors that had a big impact on our program for the last four years," said Hart. "Hopefully, our underclassmen were able to gain some valuable experience this year and will be ready to showcase their improvement next season."



James River High School



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James River students commit for college sports

Two James River High School students recently made commitments to further their education and play collegiate sports after graduation. Caden Hoyt (above photo) has signed to play soccer at Tiffin University and Haden Parker (lower photo) will play golf at Bluefield University.

Botetourt girls fall in region semifinal at Virginia Tech

The Lord Botetourt girls got to play at the home of the nationally ranked Virginia Tech girls team last Thursday, but unfortunately for the Cavs they came up short in the basketball game. Botetourt lost to Abingdon, 52-41, at Tech's Cassell Coliseum as their season ended one win shy of making the state tournament.

"Couldn't make shots, played nervous, just never found an offensive rhythm," said LB coach Renee Favaro. "Despite the cool experience at Cassell, I wish we could have played at home like in years past. I think we would have come out more relaxed, but showing up in big moments in big arenas is imperative to winning a title."

Botetourt came into the tournament as the top seed and the Cavs blew out Staunton River in the quarterfinal round, 57-24. That game was played at LB on February 20.

That win sent the girls to Blacksburg, as the Region 3D semifinals and finals for both boys and girls were played at Virginia Tech. Abingdon was the fourth seed and advanced with a win over Christiansburg in the quarterfinals.

"Abingdon clearly was a tough fourth seed," said Favaro. "But we had to get through everyone to get where we wanted to go anyway."

Senior Ainsley Anderson led the Cavaliers with 15 points, draining five of nine three-point shots, as Botetourt ended the season with 22 wins and four losses. The loss to Abingdon was their first against a Class 3 team all season.

"We had a great season," said Favaro. "One game does not take away from our body of work and all this group accomplished."

Lord Botetourt dominated the All-Blue Ridge District and All-Region 3D teams. Seniors Gracie Huffard and Taylor Orange and juniors Madilyn Winterton and Maddie Caron all made the All-BRD first team, while seniors Anderson and Grayson Alfano made the second team. Winterton and Caron made first team All-Region, Huffard and Anderson made second team and Orange was honorable mention.

Botetourt will graduate five seniors, Huffard, Anderson, Alfano, Taylor Orange and Bryanna Orange. "Really going to miss our five seniors," said Favaro. "They really gave a lot to our program."

The cupboard won't be bare next year with two first team All-Region players returning.

"We have three current juniors that will be the nucleus of our team next year in Madilyn Winterton, Maddie Caron and Abby Kingery," said Favaro. "All three play very hard and will bring a lot of experience."

"We have three current sophomores in Reagan Meade, Alicia Holmes, and Jaiden Dann who have spent two years on varsity behind the older girls, but they are ready and have been waiting to step into bigger roles. We will look to add to those six as I keep an eye on some of the younger ones from JV this past year and their development."



Botetourt girls "D it up" against Staunton River in last week's Region 3D quarterfinal win. Left to right, in white are Ainsley Anderson (3), Gracie Huffard (20), Madilyn Winterton (22) and Maddie Caron (33).



Ainsley Anderson handles the ball for the Cavs in last week's game in Daleville.



Taylor Orange (in white) defends a Golden Eagle.

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County girls wrestle in state tournament

Three Botetourt County girls competed in the Virginia High School League All-Female Open State Wrestling Tournament last weekend at Gar-Field High School in Woodbridge. Two Lord Botetourt girls and one James River girl competed in the tournament that included wrestlers from all six VHSL classifications.

LB sophomore Jasmin Andrade finished 2-2 on the day at 138 pounds.

"Jasmin didn't wrestle last season so for her to go 2-2 on the state level was a huge step forward," said Botetourt coach Paul Craft. "She wrestled hard and was aggressive."

Freshman Serenity Shearer went 4-2 on the day at 145. She lost her second round match to a girl that was undefeated at the time and then won three straight matches in the consolation bracket. All four of Shearer's wins were by pin.

"Serenity battled in the consolation bracket for a while before falling Friday in the fourth and final round of the night," said Craft. "We thought our girls

wrestled well and took their preparation seriously. The guys finished over a week ago and it was just our two girls practicing all week to get ready. They were locked in and working hard."

A third Cavalier, Maddi Fontanyi, was unable to compete due to knee surgery and Georgia Miller of James River also competed and dropped her first two matches.

"There were somewhere around 250 girls at the state tournament last season," said Craft. "There were 408 this year. It's growing quickly. Right now it's Class 1-6 together, but if it continues to grow at this rate the VHSL will have to start making some decisions and changes to the venue."

"We had three girls out this season. The goal for next season is 10. If we can get 10 girls for two years in a row the county will need to look at bringing in a girls' coach. It's a good problem to have. Our girls did a great job this season and we're already excited about the upcoming year."



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Jasmin Andrade (lower photo) and Serenity Shearer (above photo) of Lord Botetourt won matches in the girls state wrestling tournament at Gar-Field High School in Woodbridge last weekend.

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