



Board receives update on new emergency communications

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Emergency Systems Communications Manager Matthew Hinkle updated the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors about the county's ongoing \$17 million Public Radio System replacement project during the board's monthly meeting in Daleville last week. He shared with the board that he's hopeful the project will be completed with all new towers constructed the end of summer 2025 with coverage testing later that fall.

Fire & EMS Chief Ferguson presented to the board in August 2021 a proposal expanding the county's emergency communications system, explaining that the county's outdated analog system of communication was becoming problematic in communicating with neighboring localities. Last December, the board unanimously approved a FY 23-24 budget amendment for the purchase contract of Motorola Solutions, Inc. to install the new system.

Hinkle focused on three separate items during his presentation to the board last week. The first, explaining encryption for the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and County Fire & EMS and why they're doing it. He shared that his explanation was based on citizen comments about the changes to the encryption. Hinkle showed the different types of encryptions used in public safety during his presentation to the board, including changing to the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)



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The county learned last week that work will soon begin clearing trees at a county-owned site near the landfill to begin construction on the first of three new emergency communications towers in Botetourt.

which Hinkle said is considered to be the highest in public safety radio.

He noted three reasons why emergency communication will encrypt. The first reason is first responder safety and preventing criminals monitoring transmissions. Hinkle explained that, currently, a person could spend a couple hundred dollars on a radio, sync into the county's emergency communications and, in some cases, communicate back to emergency

responders.

"Our system is probably at the very lowest of a secure system," Hinkle said. "The main reason (for encrypting the system) is to prevent criminals or people with nefarious intent of being able to monitor the transmissions. Also, with surveillance, which goes hand-in-hand, and also with tactical operations— if you're at a

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Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent Anne Jones



Emergency Manager Daniel Murray recently received his Master's degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Disaster Management from Liberty University.



Communications Specialist Tiffany Bradbury holding the Silver ADDY Award



Fincastle Town Manager Melanie McFadyen

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County staff introduced, recognized at board meeting

New Botetourt County staff members were introduced to the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday afternoon in Daleville. New members of the county's staff include: Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent

Anne Jones, Communications Marketing Specialist Jessica Hower, recent Fire Academy #36 graduate, County Fire & EMS Administrative Assistant Diana Scott, and Training and Development Coordinator

Chris Becke. Also introduced was Fincastle Town Manager Melanie McFadyen.

Additionally, Botetourt County Fire & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson recognized Emergency Manager Daniel Murray

who recently successfully completed his Master's Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Disaster Management from Liberty University. Communications Specialist Tiffany Bradbury

announced the department winning the Silver Addy Award for BOCO Wild. Conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation (AAF).

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Rocky Forge Wind project permits still under review

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The Rocky Forge Wind project remains ongoing in the Eagle Rock area as it was announced during last week's meeting of the Board of Supervisors that Botetourt County staff and representatives with VDOT met again with Apex Clean Energy representatives last month to receive an update on projected timelines and discuss outstanding plat/plan review items.

Outstanding state and federal permits are still under review, according to last week's meeting agenda.

A county representative shared with the board that Apex continues work to address all outstanding comments to resubmit onsite and offsite plans and county staff have provided additional guidance and detail on the required sequencing to finalize the multiple interconnected



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plats, plans, and bonding details prior to a scheduled meeting next month.

For the last three years, Apex and the county have continued mowing over appeals, timelines, and planning items. As previously reported, in 2016, Apex received an approval from the county for the construction of 13 turbines with a maximum height of 643 feet. The

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF BUCHANAN TOWN IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Students from Virginia Tech developing initial plans for grounds restoration.

Virginia Tech students developing plans for gardens at Wilson Warehouse in Buchanan

Ten students from Virginia Tech's horticulture program, along with Scott Douglas, Director of the Hahn Horticulture Garden, visited the 1839 Wilson Warehouse in Buchanan on March 26 to develop landscape designs for the building's grounds. The warehouse is headquarters of the

Buchanan Town Improvement Society.

The students evaluated the present plantings, outbuildings and layout of the property, which extends from Lowe Street to the James River. As part of their course work, the students will

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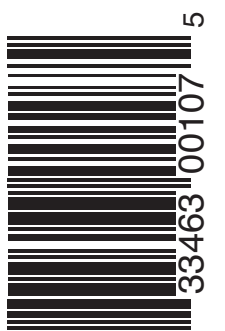


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Botetourt County History



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This long-handled “No. 29” waffle and cookie iron was used over an open fireplace around 1820. The handle is 27” but would still get hot. The griddle measures 5.5” and has a beautiful deep geometric design. Mrs. John Morton (Eliza) Price (1797-1855) of Eagle Rock used this artifact. It was donated by her descendants and is displayed in

the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture in Fincastle with other early cooking utensils. A modern, similar version called a “Chuck Wagon Waffle Iron” with a wooden handle can be purchased today from Orvis.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture



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Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club inducts new member

The Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club inducted a new member at the March 19 meeting. Pictured from left are Past President Jim Reynolds, who performed the induction, new member Eric Whalen, and his sponsor, President Lowell Skelton. The Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club is a service organization, with the motto “We Serve.” The “Lions Signature Activity” in Botetourt County is performing vision screening in all of the Botetourt County Public Schools. Another major commitment is assisting the Botetourt Food Pantry in Fincastle. If you would like to join an active service organization, call or text President Lowell Skelton at (540) 420-2427 or Membership Chair Teresa Fridley at (540) 397-0682.

- Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBBIE JARRELL

Jarrell piano students perform in recital

Debbie Jarrell of Roanoke presented her piano students in their recital on Thursday, March 21 at Woodland Church. Twenty-eight students participated. A wide variety of music was shared with the audience, including, sacred, pop, classical and Disney tunes. Many friends and family attended the recital. The

students are (from left): Leona Wilhoit, Clayton Messer, Jaxon Green, Finn Ludwinski, Julia Steryous, Indigo Carter, Zane Burke, Ansley McMeans, Layn Burke, Caroline Pavelka; middle, Ben Ludwinski, Carly Messer, Abigail Amoroso, Afton Patrick, Averi Alderman, Raelyn Farnsworth, Hunt Burke,

Kaylen Ludwinski, Samuel Viesca; back, Adrienne Farnsworth, Cameron Matutina, Olivia Pavelka, Amelia Floyd, Ally Phillips, Miles Patrick, Morgan Gartland, and Sophie Pavelka.

- Debbie Jarrell

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Our Patriot Ancestors

John Peck

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

John Peck is the Patriot ancestor of member Angela Peck Coon and Charter Members Virginia Austin Coon and Patricia Borden Coon Ellis. Born in Frederick County, Va. in 1750, he was the son of Jacob Peck (1723-1801) and Lydia Borden (1725-1799.) Lydia was the daughter of Benjamin Borden who, beginning in November 1739, received several large land grants in Augusta County and what later became Botetourt County. In 1740 Jacob moved his family to Sharpsburg, Md.

John married Susan Mary Hickle in 1777. John and Mary moved to Botetourt County around 1779. They had 10 children: Susannah, Lewis, Margaret, Jacob, George, Joseph, William, Jane, Sarah Ann, and Martin.

In 1783, John, along with his father Jacob and his brother Adam, are listed as members of Captain Robinson's Company of the Virginia Militia. John served as surveyor and ensign during the American Revolution; he was appointed a lieutenant of militia on March 16, 1787, and took the oath as captain on September 13,



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1791. He was an enterprising and successful man. He was taxed in 1782, the first year for which tax lists are extant, on 375 acres of land, and later increased his holdings. His will, dated August 15, 1820, was proved in Botetourt County Court in September 1820 (Will Book C, P. 279.) His lands were divided among his children.

General George Washington's papers in the Library of Congress contain several letters dated 1786 and 1787 from John Peck to Washington.

John Peck passed away on August 30, 1820 and is buried in the Fincastle Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Fincastle.

John, his father Jacob and his brother Joseph are all listed on the Revolutionary War Veterans Monument at the Fincastle Presbyterian Church. His Patriot

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AARP Fraud Alert: Celebrity Scams in the Age of AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the new shiny object that has captured the world's attention. It's also captured the attention of criminal scammers who are using it to make their fraudulent schemes more realistic than ever. One area where AI scams are particularly dangerous is celebrity impostor scams.

For many years criminals have been impersonating celebrities online to steal from fans. Fake celebrity profiles offer fans personal connection, VIP access, investment opportunities or the

chance to support favorite charities. These criminals attempt to create a bond through messaging or even a phone call from their “rep.” With the power of AI, these scams can move from messaging to deepfake videos. Recent, fake celebrity product endorsements impersonating Dolly Parton, Elon Musk and Tom Hanks demonstrate just how convincing these schemes can be.

Posting on a celebrity's social media account might be exciting, but it could put you at risk of this impostor scam.

In whatever way you choose to enjoy your favorite celebs, do so recognizing that an opportunity to personally connect with them is likely a scam.

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

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2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

With senior graduation day just around the corner, below is a list of scholarship opportunities still available for Botetourt County high school seniors. Deadlines are approaching. Apply now.

Apply now for First Bank Fall Run Scholarship

First Bank is currently accepting applications for the First Bank Fall Run Scholarship. The deadline for submission is Monday, April 15. For a printable application, email 5k10kRun@fbvirginia.com or contact the Lord Botetourt or James River Guidance Department.

This year marks the 38th Annual First Bank Fall 5K and 10K run to be held in the Town of Fincastle on Saturday, October 19. Each year since the race's inception, the bank has presented a scholarship to a student who has participated in and completed at least one Fall Run event and has been a member of a running sport in high school.

First Bank will award two \$1,000 scholarships, one for a student at James River High School and one for a student at Lord Botetourt High School. The student must be a member of the current graduating class of the school and plan to attend an accredited college, university or any accredited post-secondary institution immediately after graduation.

HFI continues scholarship tradition

Historic Fincastle, Inc. (HFI) is again this year offering two scholarships to college-bound seniors at both Lord Botetourt and James River High Schools.

The Elizabeth and Israel Christian Scholarship is a

\$1,000 grant for seniors who complete an essay honoring the history of the Town of Fincastle. The \$500 Pat Simmons and Sally Eads Volunteer Scholarship was created in 2016 as a way to honor these two women and their long history of volunteerism to the Town of Fincastle and HFI.

Scholarship applications are in the schools' guidance counselor's office now and the deadline for forms submission is April 5.

Botetourt Town and Country Women's Club Scholarship

Botetourt County seniors who will be furthering their education have the opportunity to apply for the Botetourt Town and Country Women's Club Scholarship. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. Applications are available at the James River and Lord Botetourt Guidance Departments. All parts of the application, including references and transcripts, must be complete in order to be considered. There is more information on the application, including how to submit. It is due by April 15.

Scholarships offered by Democratic Committee

The Botetourt County Democratic Committee offers two \$1,000 Citizenship 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: Friday, April 5, 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.

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.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.



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Community Engagement Coordinator Channing Preston

Chamber of Commerce welcomes new Community Engagement Coordinator

The Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce announced its the newest member of the chamber team, Community Engagement Coordinator Channing Preston, in a release Monday.

"As a business owner, father of four, and driving instructor, I am a permanent resident of Botetourt," Preston said in the release. "After selling a business recently, I decided to dedicate some of my newfound time to the Botetourt Chamber. I was warmly welcomed by the board and gladly accepted the role of Community Engagement Coordinator.

"My goal is to support the growth of both large and small businesses to ensure that Botetourt

remains a thriving community where extended families can flourish. I am excited about assisting your business to prosper and guiding young individuals to stay in the area by connecting them with potential employers. Feel free to say hello at one of our events in 2024, or visit me at our office."

For more from the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce, visit <https://botetourtchamber.com>.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Botetourt County announces age verification policy for Recreation Youth Sports

Beginning with the Fall 2024 season, parents and guardians will be required to present approved original documentation to verify the ages of any child that will participate in Botetourt County Parks & Recreation Youth Sports programs. Verification only needs to occur once in the child's youth sports career, meaning you don't have to do this every year. All families will need to fill out an Age Verification Form.

Acceptable documentation to verify age is:

- Birth Certificate
- Child Identification card (issued by the DMV)
- Passport

Alternative verification documents will need approval. Contact the Parks

& Rec Office by calling 540-928-2130 or emailing: recreation@botetourtva.gov. Don't have an original birth certificate? You can request one from the Office of Vital Records at the Virginia Department of Health. The Office of Vital Records currently estimates a wait time of eight weeks to obtain a document so plan accordingly.

Approved documents can be verified in the following ways:

- Visit the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Office located at 16 E. Main St., Fincastle, Monday-Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- Visit any Botetourt County Library

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Fishing Rodeo will benefit Backpack Buddies

The Buchanan Moose will host its Eighth Annual Fishing Rodeo at Steve Thrasher's Pond in Springwood on Saturday, April 20, rain or shine. It begins at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon. Activities will include fishing, hay rides, sack races, a 50-50 drawing, raffle tickets and entertainment for children. Each child will receive a door prize. Lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

The cost is \$30 for the first child and \$20 for additional siblings. If you would like to

attend, there is a form to be filled out; contact Steve at 540-632-3598 or thrasher65115@gmail.com, or Melissa at dirtdevl2004@yahoo.com, 540-520-1752.

All proceeds will go to the Backpack Buddies for the 2024-2025 school year. The public is encouraged to support this project by participating in the rodeo or donating money and/or door prizes for the day.

- Buchanan Moose Lodge



Happy 75th Birthday Sandy Hutchens!



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number is A087566.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political organization open to any woman who has lineage to a Patriot who contributed to the success of the American Revolution. Founded over 125 years ago, it is focused on service to the community and fosters Patriotism, Education and Service. If you are interested or have questions about

joining the chapter, contact our Membership Chair Emily Talbot-Guillote via email at eptg1019@gmail.com

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- Botetourt DAR

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the local tier of the American Advertising Awards (ADDY) is the first of a three-tier, national competition. Concurrently, across the country, local entrants vie to receive an ADDY Award - recognition as the very best in their markets. BOCO Wild will return to Botetourt on Saturday, June 8.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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Library Buzz

UPCOMING COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

National Library Week
April 7-13 – Drop by any library branch for fun activities all week long!

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge
Help Smokey celebrate his 80th birthday by learning how to prevent wildfires and help the environment! Read 3 books on wildfire prevention or the environment and earn 4 activity badges to complete the challenge at botetourva.beanstack.org! You can select books from Smokey's Reading List at smokeybear.com, or choose your own.

Build Your Own Bear
Mon, Apr 8 & Tue, Apr 9, 4-5pm, Blue Ridge
Wed, Apr 10, 11am-12pm, Blue Ridge
Fri, Apr 12, 3-4pm, Fincastle
Fri, Apr 12, 3:30-4:30pm, Eagle Rock
Sat, Apr 13, 11am-12pm, Buchanan
Sat, Apr 13, 12:30-1:30pm, Blue Ridge
Build and color your own stuffed tie-dye teddy bear to take home. \$5 fee required for each participant (covers partial supply costs), payable at the event. Ages 5-12 only. Registration required; space is limited.

How (Not) to Argue with Strangers
Thu, Apr 4, 6-7pm, Buchanan
What can an astronomer learn from flat earthers? Learn how a cordial disagreement over the shape of the planet changed the way Josh Urban tackles big ideas. With a year of contentious opinions still ahead, join Josh on this exploration of how to listen better, discover our own blind spots, and make the world better by talking to strangers.

Choose Your Own Adventure
Tue, Apr 9, 4-6pm, Buchanan
Based on the popular book series, follow a story and choose your own plot twists to create a unique adventure! Follow your adventure to craft stations inspired by the first four original books in the "Choose Your Own Adventure" series. Best for ages 7-14.

One Deep: Navigating Our Differences
Thu, Apr 11, 6:30-7:30pm, Fincastle
As the 2024 election cycle heats up, there's one bipartisan agreement: this is miserable. While we tend to focus on the players at the top, the biggest difference we can make is right in front of us: one person deep. Josh Urban facilitates a discussion on how we can understand our neighbors better, engage in difficult conversations productively, and build a better world – one relationship at a time.

Author Talks
J'Nell Cielieski (historical romance) - Fri, Apr 12, 4-5pm, Buchanan and Sat, Apr 13, 10:30-11:30am, Blue Ridge
Brook Allen (historical fiction) - Sat, Apr 13, 10:30-11:30am, Fincastle

Anniversary Open House
Thu, Apr 11, 10am-8pm, Blue Ridge
Sat, Apr 13, 10am-2pm, Eagle Rock
Celebrate Blue Ridge's 36th and Eagle Rock's 14th birthdays! Enjoy light refreshments, tour the library, and participate in fun activities.

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Patterson responds to March 27 letter

Responding to Anna Yu's letter (or to whomever wrote it) of March 27 is easy – the truth hurts, doesn't it? Personal attacks on truthful statements only serve to bolster the veracity of what has been said.

A lesson to learn – If you don't want to be fact checked, don't send letters to the editor containing incorrect information and then attempt to crucify the messenger.

Look in the mirror – Follow the "recommendations" in the penultimate paragraph of the Yu letter (note the word "true" in #2 therein?) as they certainly apply to all of the chronic complainers, including Yu and everyone.

If pointing out facts makes one guilty of being "quite condescending, leading to the point of arrogance," color me guilty and don't throw away the paint. If you publicly complain in a letter to the editor or at a public, recorded meeting, you are fair game to be fact checked by looking at "public" records. If you must publicly air your complaints, all you need to do is state the facts completely and accurately.

I see that one of the chronic complainers has once again represented that her reassessment went up over 90%. I have been invited to do some community volunteer work – like substitute teaching. I am trying to make those arrangements and hope an announcement may be forthcoming soon. Awaiting that, I will give all the extreme exaggerators and chronic complainers a free lesson as follows:

If a 2000 assessed value was \$131,800 and increased to \$182,800 in the

2024 reassessment, that assessed value went up \$51,000. What percentage of \$131,800 is \$51,000? Divide \$51,000 by \$131,800 and the answer is .3869 or 38.69%. Had that assessment gone up 93%, it would have gone to \$254,374.

The figures tell the truth! It should be embarrassing to be caught in such a blatant exaggeration, but to double down on it by stating, "It is not his place to dispute how the 93% increase was calculated or under what circumstances that transpired the figure" defies any logic. What does that even say or mean, if anything?

I look at public records frequently. Anyone can! That is why they are called "public." They do not lie, and they easily point out those who feel as if they can't get any sympathy unless they overstate something. Tell the truth and you will not be singled out or personally attacked for doing so, except by the chronic complainers who just don't want to hear it!

Decorum at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on March 26 was maintained until the end. After I spoke, some of the cowardly chronic complainers could not refrain from booing. As usual, the rules do not apply to them.

Lastly, you can repeat it as often as you want, but prohibiting applause at Board of Supervisors meetings (except for ceremonial events) is not a Freedom of Speech violation. That type of conduct could bully and intimidate others in attendance to remain silent, which infringes on their right to Freedom of Speech. Everyone in attendance has the right to speak and others need to remain silent, regardless of what they think about what has been said.

Bob Patterson
Fincastle

County Chorus to present 'Gospel Favorites'

"Gospel Favorites" will be presented by the Botetourt County Chorus at Mill Creek Baptist Church on Sunday, April 14. The concert will begin at 3 p.m., directed by Rosalyn Shimp and accompanied by Lillian Cook.

Several solos will be performed and special guest, Jason Hogancamp, will present a few tunes. Songs included will be "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," "Just a Little Talk With Jesus," "O Happy Day,"

"Sheltered in the Arms of God," "My Tribute," and many more.

The concert is free, but donations will be accepted during the concert to help the choral group defray expenses. Those donations help to buy music and pay for venues, plus many other expenses.

- Botetourt County Chorus

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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Elwood

Elwood is a brother to Jake. There were five pups in the litter, one was hit by a car and died, two others were given away and the last two entered the LAP Shelter on March 19 from Pittsylvania County. Both have received flea and tick treatment and are taking heartworm prevention. They were born last August.



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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 - Calm down
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 - One who pretends
 - Hang glide
 - Distinctive practice
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 - Peaks
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 - Atomic #13
 - Tranquilizing
 - Metric weight unit
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 - Unwanted rodent
 - Partly cooked with hot water
 - One who can be recommended
 - Resembles a bag or pouch
 - Midway between south and southeast
 - Sets up for a photo
 - California white oak
 - More (Spanish)
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Communications

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hostage situation or if you've got your SWAT team out, you wouldn't want the bad guy inside the building to be able to hear what your team is setting up outside."

The next reason for encrypting the emergency communications system is interoperability. Counties and cities surrounding Botetourt County (Roanoke, Alleghany, and Rockbridge) are all currently encrypted, who Botetourt communicates with regularly. Alleghany and Rockbridge counties' police departments are also encrypted. Hinkle explained that Botetourt County needs encryption on its radios in order to maintain interoperability with its partnering communities.

Hinkle said that, ultimately, encrypting county emergency communications will protect sensitive information like addresses, HIPAA data, and other personal details.

"An example of this is when an officer pulls somebody over for a traffic stop, it's routine to run their driver's license, tags, name, address, driver's license number, possibly their date of birth, and in some cases, maybe get a Social Security number," Hinkle explained. "If you are someone with nefarious intent or an identity thief who recorded it, that information is a gold mine. With encryption (added to the county's emergency communications system), that is not problem. They will not be able to get that information."

Hinkle also explained that, in some cases, due to the nature of a situation, encryption will prevent sensitive and private information about victims and investigations from being obtained via radio scanners. He then included thoughts from the county sheriff as well as the Fire & EMS chief to further support the decision to encrypt their communications system.

"Encryption is the direction agencies are moving

towards for officer safety in the current environment and today's law enforcement world," quoted Botetourt County Sheriff Matt Ward during Hinkle's presentation about citizens who have monitored scanner activity in the past. "It is unfortunate that those who are innocent and with good intentions are excluded from this transition; however, safety must come first."

Botetourt & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson added to the presentation being quoted saying, "Encryption is part of the new way of doing business and not an afterthought for later deliberations. The cost of encryption can be abbreviated by doing it as part of the initial system, whereas adding it later would multiply the cost exponentially."

As for the cost for adding encryption software into the communications system, Hinkle explained that there are 500 total radios between BSCO (224) and Fire & EMS (226) totaling \$434,525 of the original listing price of \$668,500. He noted that encrypting the radios when installing the new communications system will allow the county to "hit the ground running" as opposed to adding encryption "further down the road."

The county negotiated a \$2.3 million discount on the total subscriber order for radios issued throughout the county to law enforcement, fire & EMS, school board, and spares at the total cost of \$4,294,173.30 (originally listed at \$6,634,173.30). Encrypting the communications system resulted in 10.12% of the cost for the subscriber order. The total system purchase cost is contracted for \$17,848,747.94, nearly \$7 million less than the listed price, when negotiated.

Hinkle mentioned that one of the new sites in the

original proposal located in Blue Ridge necessitated an order change for relocation. He explained that there will still be seven sites in the county and that it will increase coverage even further, including the relocated Blue Ridge site and those along Catawba Road and in the Amsterdam District.

Botetourt will also have a "master site" that will control the entire system, without having to rely on outside partners. It will have "enhanced capabilities" including the same interoperability to connect with radio systems in the Roanoke Valley and the sites will feature a less complex design.

"The nicest thing is with this whole change order, although it seems quite large, it is actually budget neutral," Hinkle added. "There is no new ask for money for anything that was already contracted for or that is slated to be budgeted in FY 25 budget for emergency communications."

As part of the new groundbreaking for the new radio system, the county will soon clear two acres of land on county-owned property near the county landfill creating a road to the first newly constructed tower for the new system. Hinkle shared that the county had to do this "quicker than it wanted to" and is hopeful the road is constructed and the trees are cleared in the coming weeks.

The emergency services will remain using the four existing tower sites in Botetourt and will add three new sites - two that are currently privately owned and a third in Catawba that will be built up from scratch. The Iron Gate site will cover the Rt. 220 corridor, Blue Ridge will cover the Rt. 460 corridor and deficiencies, and Catawba will handle Carvins Cove, Catawba Valley, and the Appalachian Trail.

Rocky Forge

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project is expected to produce enough energy to power up to 21,000 homes and will have on-site transmission lines where the power will be distributed to a high-voltage grid on the construction site.

The project has seemingly slowed down in the last three years since members of

Apex Clean Energy addressed some of the public comments and questions about the Rocky Forge Wind Project at a Board of Supervisors meeting in spring of 2021. The board was concerned that the project was showing little progress and added a condition, at the recommendation of the

Planning Commission, that required the project to receive final site plan approval by May 26, 2021. A final site plan was not approved by that deadline.

At one point in time, the project had a full notice to proceed in summer of 2021 with commercial operations scheduled to

commence later in fall of 2022, which remains delayed. Since then, Apex and the county have spent the last two years mulling over appeals, timelines, and planning items.

For more information on the wind project, visit www.rockyforgewind.com.



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

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

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

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

SICK WITH SIN

Read Psalms 37:1 through 38:22

Every one of the world's billions of people will face injury and illness in life. No one can escape pain and suffering. When we hurt, we usually seek help. We bandage wounds, take medication, visit a physician—all in an effort to gain healing.

Why aren't we as eager to cure sin? Why don't we deal with it as we do other ailments? God provided a solution for sin: repent, confess, and forsake the sin. Yet we often ignore it or let it go until it looms full-blown and potentially life-threatening (Psalm 38:5,6).

I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin (Psalm 38:18).

The best time to address sin is when we first experience sin symptoms. It's best to remove a splinter before it gets infected, even though it may cause momentary discomfort. In the same way we should dig out any scrap of embedded sin before it leads to something worse.

Jesus is our Great Physician and the Bible our spiritual medicine chest. Our Divine Doctor prescribes daily doses as preventative treatment against sin.

Thought for Today: What remedy do you find today in God's Word?

Quicklook: Psalm 38:8-18

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 Rd, Fincastle, Rev. Dr. David A. Tozar - pastor, Sunday worship at 11am, preceded by coffee fellowship at 10:30, Bible Study Thursdays at 7pm, 5th Sunday Potluck luncheon, Handicap Accessible, Contact Pastor Davd at dtozar9@yahoo.com

Follow on Facebook, Sunday worship and Thursday Bible study stream live.

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, 10:30 a.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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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.

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 6:30PM. Website: woodlandchurchbc.com. E-mail address: woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com.

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 Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, Supply Minister, Lori Turner, Music Director. Worship service in the Sanctuary and via Live Streaming (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastleresbyterianchurch>) at 10:30 AM. Adult Sunday School offered at 9:30 AM. Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning service. Bell choir practices after Sunday Fellowship, often providing special music in our services. For more information please email fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com or call 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 Lagco. 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

Broyles, Sterling Compton, II

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Sterling Compton Broyles II at the age of 71. Sterling was a beloved husband, dedicated Dad, cherished Pawpaw, and devoted friend. We are rejoicing that he has been made whole by his Savior.

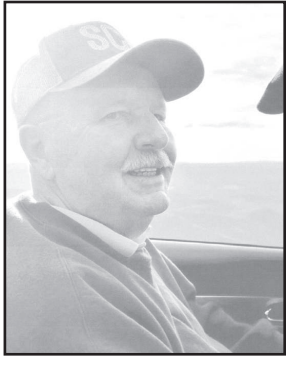
Sterling was born on September 20, 1952 in Marlinton, W.Va. His family moved around the country a great deal but ended up in Roanoke. He attended Northside High School where he graduated in 1970. After high school, he graduated from East Tennessee State University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, where he met the girl of his dreams, Debbie. Sterling and Debbie were married on August 9, 1975. They built a life they loved in Roanoke and Botetourt where they grew the family they had always dreamed of.

Sterling was a man who loved Jesus. He was a member of Hollins Road Baptist Church, where he faithfully served the Lord since 1986. He was an adult Sunday School teacher, Chairman of the Deacons and loved this group of men dearly. He went on multiple mission trips, and led the Congregations in Action which feeds many school-aged children on the weekends. Many of his closest friendships were made at Hollins Road Baptist Church.

Sterling dedicated 30+ years of his life to shaping young minds as a teacher at Monterey Elementary School in Roanoke City, where he taught 4th and 5th grades, including his own children and future son-in-law. He was lovingly known as "Mr. B" by his students. His passion for knowledge and love of sharing stories left an indelible mark on generations of students.

He was a dedicated real estate

agent for 40+ years helping countless families find a place to call home.



Sterling is preceded in death by his mother and father, Nancy Atkison Cochran (Abe) and Sterling Compton Broyles Sr. (Deloris) and dear friends, Phil Smith and Chuck Kolenski.

He is survived by his loving wife, Debbie, of 48 years; his brother, Stephen Broyles (Susie); brother-in-law, Mike Phillippi (Katie); as well as his mother-in-law, Cloyce Eller. Sterling is also remembered as the best dad in the world by his three cherished children: Megan Young (Brandon), Sterling Broyles III (Stephanie), and Katie Mullins (Robert). He is also survived by his grandchildren. Pawpaw was his favorite title to hold. He adored Lucas and Levi Young, as well as Oliver, Theodore, and Eleanor Mullins.

Sterling will be deeply missed by many close friends, nieces, nephews, and cousins that all had the privilege of knowing him. He loved and enjoyed spending time with them all. If you were loved by Sterling, you knew it, because he told everyone he loved them.

We are eternally grateful to the Hospice Team at Good Samaritan Hospice for caring so lovingly for Sterling and his family in his final days. The nurses, Nadia and Jessica, were the best!

A Celebration of Life was held at Hollins Road Baptist Church, Roanoke, on Saturday, March 30. Visitation was from 2-4 p.m. and the service followed at 4 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Congregations in Action at Hollins Road Baptist Church, 3502 Old Mountain Road, Roanoke, 24019 or the Good Samaritan Hospice, 4751 Cove Road, NW, Roanoke, 24017.

Carter, Nancy Kraige

June 27, 1933 – March 25, 2024
Nancy Elizabeth Kraige Carter, of Daleville, peacefully left us for a Heavenly home on Monday, March 25, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Kraige and Mary Jones Kraige; two sisters, Helen K. McDonald and Edith K. Bolding; and three brothers, Luther Kraige, Charles J. Kraige, and Edward Kraige.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Claude D. Carter; her daughter, Sarah Carter Dooley; her grandson, Joshua Kraige Dooley (Liz Kane); several special nieces and nephews; along with a family friend, Kim Carter.

Nancy was born in the City of Roanoke on June 27, 1933. She was a 1951 graduate of Jefferson High School and worked for many years as a general and legal secretary. She and Claude were married on May 8, 1959, in Roanoke and had shared a wonderful life together.

She was a member of the North Roanoke Baptist Church. She loved being a Sunday School Teacher, had served as a church pianist, church

training director, and many other positions in the churches where she worshipped.



She served as the co-president of the Troutville Parent-Teachers Association and could always be counted on helping with hard work. Nancy also loved her roles as a wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker.

Special thanks are given to the nursing staff at The Glebe in Daleville for the care given to Nancy.

The family received friends on Friday, March 29, 2024, from 1 until 2 p.m. at Oakey's North Chapel where the funeral service followed at 2 p.m. with Pastor Daniel Palmer and the Rev. Donna Sams officiating. Burial was in Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the North Roanoke Baptist Church, 6402 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, 24019 or to the Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements were by Oakey's North Chapel, (540) 362-1237.

Karl, Danielle Dugan

Danielle "Dani" Karl, RN, CGRN, EMT/RA, Wife, Mother, Nurse, baker, quilter, gardener, volunteer, and just all round wonderful person.

Dani was born Danielle Louise Dugan in 1944 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Her parents, John and Mildred Dugan, lifelong residents of Pittsburgh, passed away in 2002. She had three siblings, John (Jack) Dugan, deceased, Janet Schuda of Philadelphia, PA, and Joann Weingard of Pittsburgh, PA.

Dani graduated from West Mifflin North High School, Pittsburgh, PA in 1962. She enrolled in the Nursing Program at Braddock General Hospital School of Nursing,

Braddock, PA, and completed her studies there in 1965. She obtained her Pennsylvania Nursing License as an RN in 1966. Dani married Charles "Chuck" Karl in 1965, after their meeting on a blind date just six months earlier. Soon after the wedding, the newlyweds moved to Norfolk, VA. Chuck was in the US Navy and Dani started her new nursing career at DePaul Hospital in Norfolk, VA. She worked there for 2 years as a float pool nurse. When Chuck left active duty in 1967, they moved back to Pittsburgh, and Dani worked as a private duty nurse. After three years, she went to work at Jeannette District Memorial Hospital on the Medical-Surgical floor. Seven years later they were off to a new adventure, a promotion for Chuck moved the family to Manassas, VA. Now they had two young children, Jennifer and Charles, to bring along. Their stay in Manassas, VA lasted for 35 years. During that time, both children graduated from high school and college, which she is very proud of.

For five years after moving to Manassas, Dani was a stay-at-home Mom raising the children. When both children started elementary school, she went to work on night shift on the Medical-Surgical floor at Prince William Hospital. She then moved to the Special Procedures/Endoscopy unit and obtained her Certified Gastroenterology Registered Nurse Certification. She was the Prince William Hospital support group leader for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation for 10 years, during which she held seminars, provided information and support, and discussed questions and issues with patients and the public. For four years in the mid

2000s, she ran the capsule endoscopy



effort at Prince William Hospital. She worked for Prince William Hospital for more than 30 years. She retired in 2012.

Their children had established their lives. Their daughter was still in southwest Virginia and their son was in western Florida. Having travelled and visited in both areas (and many locations in between), and knowing it was their son's intention to eventually move back to Virginia, they started looking for a place to retire. After checking out North and South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia and Kentucky, it was southwest Virginia that caught their eye. That happy wandering took over ten years, during which the motorcycling bug bit them. They bought a Honda Gold Wing, then a second one and had it "triked." It was a wonderful way to enjoy the "search" for their future home. They left Manassas and settled in the Roanoke, VA area near their daughter. Their son eventually moved back to the same area.

After being in their new home a few months, they responded to a mailer from the local volunteer fire department and rescue squad asking for either donations or help. They joined and have worked as volunteers in different capacities since 2012. They often joked "we should have sent money," but really never meant it. She and her husband, Chuck, obtained their EMT/ NR certification and ran rescue calls for the Blue Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad for 8 years.

She has enjoyed the outdoors with gardening and has maintained both vegetable and flower gardens. She especially loved her roses. She enjoyed

trying to identify the many birds on her birdfeeders, but watching the hummingbirds flit around was what she enjoyed most. Other pastimes she enjoyed are reading (Stephen King is high on her list of favorites), quilting with her husband, and doting on their German Shorthaired Pointers (5 owned, 3 of those rescued). She enjoyed going to Bluegrass music concerts, and motorcycle rides to find new places for a distant lunch, dinner or weekend outing. She and Chuck have put more than 125,000 miles on their "bikes," visiting all the states east of the Mississippi. They have also pedaled their three-wheeled bicycles on the greenways around southwest Virginia. In the past 8 years they bought a class c motor home and had fun camping with the family.

She and Chuck have been active members of many different organizations. She was a member of and is the past President of the Regional Chapter of the Society of Gastroenterological Nursing Association. With the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), they started as members and were promoted to Assistant Directors and then Directors. They were also Chapter, District and State Couple of the Year with GWRRA. With the local volunteer rescue squad, they have been members, EMTs, Secretary, Chief, Vice President, and President. Dani has made many friends in her travels and jobs.

But, most proud for Dani is her title of Bana. To those of you who wonder "what's that?" That's "Gramma." She always wanted to be called Nana, but when Bana came from her new granddaughter, she accepted it with pride.

Dani and Chuck have been married for 58 years. When asked "How do you do that?" Chuck jokingly responds, "It's Dani's fault, she is just too stubborn to give up on me." But, he's so glad (and proud) that it's true!

To those of you who have read this far, we thank you for caring enough to find out more of the wonderful.

See Obituaries, page 11

CHURCH NEWS

Jennings Creek Gospel feeding fishermen for Trout Heritage Day

The Ladies Friendship Circle at Jennings Creek Gospel Church will be selling breakfast and lunch, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the annual Trout Heritage Day on April 6 to folks coming out to fish or anyone wishing to enjoy good food and fellowship while supporting missions.

For breakfast, sausage and gravy biscuits, sausage biscuits, ham biscuits, scrambled eggs and homemade fried apple pies will be available.

Lunch will include hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs with homemade chili,

chili beans, pinto beans, loaded baked potatoes (your choice of toppings), cornbread, chips, and assorted desserts. Assorted canned sodas, bottled water, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate also will be available.

The food will be available at the picnic shelter at the church at 5486 Jennings Creek Road (Rt. 614), Buchanan. Proceeds will support the church's local missions. For more information, contact Cherry Ramsey at (540) 520-5853.

Clearance sale at Cloverdale Thrift Store

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store is having a winter clearance sale. All clothing (for

men, women, children) is half off the original price and shoes are 25 cents a pair. All books (hardback and paperback) are 10 cents each. Sale runs through April 13. Hours are Saturdays, 9 to 12; donations are appreciated.

Wesley Chapel Cemetery Fund needs donations for upkeep

Donations are needed for the upkeep of the Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Eagle Rock. Those who wish to help may send checks to Wesley Chapel Cemetery Fund, c/o Doris Johnson, 1906 Salt Petre Cave Road, Eagle Rock, 24085.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the request listed below. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will make a final decision on the request. Complete information for the following item may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and is available online at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section. Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Planning & Zoning Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to planning@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, April 4, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2024.

Amsterdam District: Jeremy D. & Megan E. Henderson request a rezoning from the Rural Residential (RR) Use District to the Agricultural (A-1) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, located at 2920 Catawba Road, Troutville, identified on the Tax Maps as 87-26B.

C. Nicole Pendleton, AICP, CZA, CFM
Director of Community Development

Gardens from page 1

present their designs to the society's members in April. The grounds of the Wilson Warehouse, though extensive, are in need of renovation. Renovation of the grounds is just one of the projects underway to

upgrade the 185-year-old structure. Other projects include exterior painting and lighting, HVAC updates, restoration of the second and third floors and preservation of historical documents. For many decades the

Wilson Warehouse was a place for weddings, receptions, service club meetings and community events. It features a large, open event space and commercial kitchen. The space is available for rental. The Town Improvement Society actively seeks new

members as well as local and corporate sponsors. For information, call (540) 817-5772 or email: tis1903@gmail.com; Facebook: Buchanan Town Improvement Society.



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Virginia Tech students evaluate a tree on the grounds of the Wilson Warehouse in Buchanan.

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Stockyard Report
Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

The Stockyard Report was not received this week.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through www.bcps.live. Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. April 11, 2024 at:
<https://forms.gle/9vZoPXyxZR8bgEoQ6>
or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at salbert@bcps.k12.va.us.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 4916 Pilot Road, Pilot, VA 24134 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Parcel ID: 012435/Tax Map# 131-A-90 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$93,000.00, DATED THE 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2021, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-4295, DATED APRIL 22, 2021, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073, ON 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING Tract No. 1, containing 1.0957 acre, as shown on plat entitled, "Carl N. McNeil and Jeanne H. Stosser 2.1373 acre (total) located on Rte. 615 Shawsville Mag. Dist. Montgomery County, Virginia" dated August 16, 1978, prepared by L.J. Quesenberry, land surveyor, designated Job No. 190, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 404, Page 625. Tax Map# 131-A-90 / Parcel ID: 012435 Address: 4916 Pilot Road, Pilot, VA SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 DATE OF SALE: APRIL 22, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:30 AM Daniel D. Hamrick, PC, Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Trustee 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 167 Penny Royal Road, Pilot, VA 24134 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Parcel ID: 012692/Tax Map# 131-A-26 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$39,920.00, DATED THE 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2021, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-6796, DATED JUNE 25, 2021, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073, ON 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING at an iron stake on the south side of private roadway and a corner to the Sulphin place (now Cole); thence with said roadway in the line with the party of the first part 481 feet in a westerly direction to an iron stake; corner to the yard fence of the party of the first part; thence along a line with the yard fence 205 feet to a southerly direction to an iron stake, corner to G.W. Miller; thence with the line of G.W. Miller in an easterly direction 526 feet to a point of BEGINNING, the said trace of land containing 2-1/4 acres of land, more or less. Tax Map# 131-A-26 / Parcel ID: 012692 Address: 167 Penny Royal Road, Pilot, VA 24138 SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 DATE OF SALE: APRIL 22, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee

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Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24000402-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* JOHANNA RENEE PHILLIPS v. MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 15, 2024. MARCH 13, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2048: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025; Adopting the Real Estate Tax Rate; and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year. The proposed ordinance would approve the Town's 2024/2025 operating budget and maintain the existing tax rate. This is described in more detail in the stand-alone advertisement published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024.

Ordinance 2049: An Ordinance Amending Blacksburg Town Code Sections 18-201, 18-400, 24-301, 24-306, 24-314, And 24-602 to Increase Fees for Water and Sewer Services and Meter Fees. The ordinance increase the amounts of the referenced fees; the increases are described in more detail in stand-alone advertisements published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024 and March 31, 2024.

Ordinance 2050: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Appropriate \$2,500,000 of Bond Proceeds to the General Capital Improvement Fund. Ordinance 2050 will appropriate funding for the potential purchase of several parcels of land. The funding for this purchase will be included in the 2024 bond offering.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, the Radford City Council hereby gives notice of a joint public hearing with Planning Commission to be held on April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA, in order to hear citizen comments regarding City Council's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by K&J Properties (applicant) on behalf of Islands on the New, LLC (owner) for a Special Use Permit to allow for a RV Resort. The use is defined as "Recreational Vehicle Park" in the Zoning Ordinance, which is allowed in the M-1 Zoning District and within the CD Zoning District only by an approved Special Use Permit. The property is located at 3080 Little River Dam Rd, further identified as Tax Parcel 24-1-8, with 36 acres, zoned CD Conservation and M-1 Light Industrial. The property is designated as Low-Density Residential in the Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plan, applications, ordinances may be examined at the Community Development Office, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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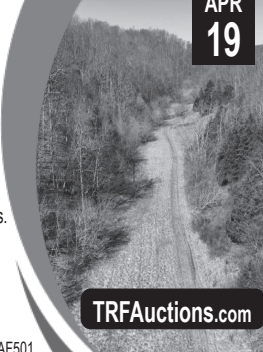
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The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that SCOTT THOMAS BRIDGES appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 8TH, 2024.

Signed March 5, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

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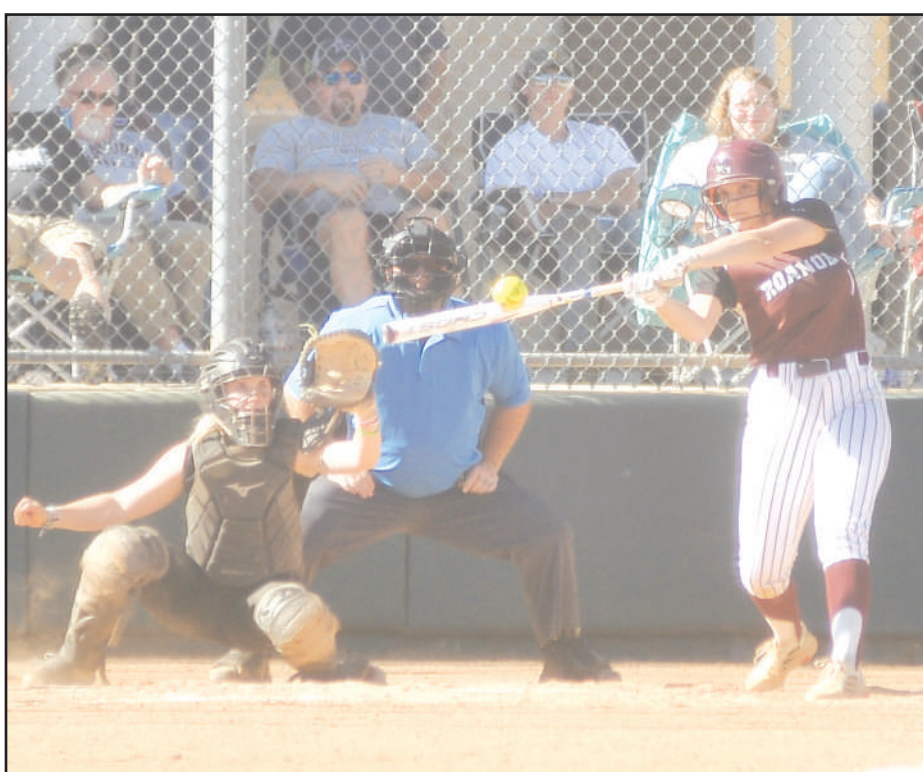


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Lord Botetourt's Lauren Hoffman is a senior on RC softball team

Lord Botetourt High School graduate Lauren Hoffman is a senior on the Roanoke College baseball team, and with the Moyer Complex in Salem still undergoing renovation Lauren is playing her home games at the Botetourt Sports Complex. An infielder and DH, Lauren is batting .333 through last weekend with nine hits in 27 at bats. She has three doubles and has driven in six runs for the Maroons, who are 9-5 after sweeping Eastern Mennonite in a doubleheader last weekend. The Maroons are at the BSC this Saturday to host Sweet Briar in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

Local wrestlers do well in 'Dominator' tournament

The Botetourt Training Center Wrestling Club competed in the 19th Annual Valley Dominator tournament in Harrisonburg and had some place winners.

Taking second place for the Botetourt team were Jace Dangerfield in the Elementary School class at 80-85 pounds and Cooper

Roberts in the high school class at 165-169. Bryce Howell was third at 80-85 and Joshua Peery took third at 171-177 in the middle school class. Fourth place went to Abel Driscoll at the Elementary 58-62 and Kayden McClure in the high school 160-165 class. Elementary included grades 3-5, middle school

is 6-8 and the high school classes are grades 9-12.

Two Botetourt Training Center wrestlers placed in the HHH Battle of the Hammers Folkstyle event. David Aldrich won the Open Grade 6-8 class at 215 pounds and Madelynn Spence was runner-up in the women's K-5 88-pound class.

Golf Tournament is benefit to police officer

The 13th annual City of Salem Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 1 at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street. This year's tournament proceeds will go to Salem Police Officer Brian Stump, who was diagnosed with throat cancer in December.

Stump has been with the Salem Police Department since December of 2000, serving the citizens of Salem in the Animal Control Division. He was appointed to the rank of sergeant in February of 2019.

Cost of the tournament is \$40 per person or \$160 for a team of four. The 18-hole tournament (you go around twice) includes lunch at 11:30 a.m. as well as prizes and refreshments. Tee times

will be at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Entry deadline is May 25 and the registration fee must be sent with all entry forms, which are available at the course clubhouse. Make checks payable to Salem Parks & Recreation and send the entry form to Chuck Johnston at 601 Academy Street in Salem.

Businesses and individuals can also place signs at the tee boxes for \$100, and all proceeds go to Sgt. Stump. Interested persons are also urged to donate items for a raffle.

For more information or to sign up to play or be a sponsor call Chuck Johnston at 540-392-9445.

Obituaries

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wonderful person we love. The world will be a sad place for us without her, and we already miss her dearly. We hope your memories of her are as good as ours. Bana, may God speed you to Heaven. You deserve it!

The family will receive friends on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 4

p.m. at Oakey's East Chapel with a Nightingale Tribute for Nurses at 2 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 9 a.m. at The Church of the Transfiguration with Father Paul Lagco officiating.

Arrangements by Oakey's East Chapel and Crematory, 540-977-3909.

Kemp, Douglas Lyle

Douglas Lyle Kemp died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

He was a graduate of William Fleming High School in Roanoke, where he played junior varsity and varsity football. Doug was also a graduate of Virginia Western Community College. Doug proudly served in the United States Navy as a part of VF-32 strike fighter squadron. His love of aircraft extended to his career working at Allegheny Airlines, Piedmont, and US Airways. He was able to use his aircraft maintenance skills acquired in the Navy as a Maintenance Production Controller at Roanoke Regional and Pittsburgh International Airports. Doug worked with the Veterans Administration in Roanoke before his retirement. He was a member of High Bridge Presbyterian Church. Doug's greatest joy in life was spending time with his grandchildren.

Doug is preceded in death by his father, Herbert "Bud" Kemp, Jr.;

his best friend and only brother, Mark Kemp; and grandson, Curtis Dobbs.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Connie Fox Kemp; daughter, Kristen Kemp Dobbs (David); his much beloved grandchildren, Kyra Dobbs, Hollis Dobbs, and Hadlee Dobbs; mother, Mary Atkins Kemp; nephew, Todd Kemp (Corrie); sisters-in-law, Kathy Fox Loomis (David) and Marilyn Kemp Bell (Dean); long-time friend, Jack Vincent; numerous cousins and relatives, as well as several close friends from his days in the Navy with whom he kept in touch over the years.

A memorial service to honor Doug's life will be on Friday April 5, 2024 at 1 p.m. at High Bridge Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Steve Willis officiating. The burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Harrison Funeral Home & Crematory, Lexington.

and continued farming into her 80s. She loved animals, and even after she didn't actively farm, she still tended her bird feeders and threw out scraps and dog biscuits to make sure her wild "critters" had snacks every night. She also loved her flowers and could grow anything. Even as she aged, kept a small container garden on her porch.

Mary Anne had an infectious laugh and a smile that would light up a room. She was strong willed and independent, and at barely 5 feet tall, she could be a force to be reckoned with. Even as her vision declined, she lived alone with minimal assistance until January of this year. Her mind and memory remained sharp as a tack, and she could fondly tell stories of her life right up to the very end. She often said she had a good life, and always said it with a smile.

Mary Anne was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Velma Rader, and her husband, Kenneth Obenshain. She is survived by her son, Donald Obenshain and wife Pam; daughter, Carol Deavers and husband

Mike; granddaughter, Amanda Deavers; and great-granddaughter, Mariah Tongkam. We would also like to thank Dora Howell, Virginia Visser, and Rochell Hudson for being dear lifelong friends.

The family received friends at Rader Funeral Home in Daleville from 5 until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2..

A funeral service will be conducted at Troutville Church of the Brethren on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Terry Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.

Thanks go out the Dr. Raza and Dr. Bhagat for years of caring for Mary Anne, and to the staff of Carrington Place for making her last few months as pleasant as possible. Being who she was, she even made friends there, and we thank Phyllis and Judy for their friendship and support in her last few months.

Memorial donations can be made in her name to Troutville Church of the Brethren or Harmony Farms/Angels of Assisi.

Smith, Dr. Richard Elbert

Dr. Richard Elbert Smith, 89, of Troutville, died peacefully at his home on March 25, 2024 after a brief illness. He was preceded in death by his precious wife, Pat, to whom he was completely devoted.

He was born on March 22, 1935 in Peekskill, N.Y., to Ralph and Thelma Abbott Smith. The family relocated to Virginia the following year.

Richard was a graduate of Troutville High School and Bluefield College, and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Roanoke College in 1957. Following graduation he taught school in the Roanoke Valley and Clifton Forge where he also coached tennis and football.

In 1961 he went on to attend Medical College of Virginia Dental School while working to support his growing family. After graduation in 1965, he joined his first practice in Hot Springs then later established his own practice in Troutville. He also served as the professor of Dental Hygiene and Assisting at Virginia Western Community College.

After retiring from his practice, he volunteered countless hours at free dental clinics in Roanoke and Fincastle. He also participated multiple dental mission trips to Jamaica, El Salvador and Honduras.

Richard and Pat were members of Shenandoah Baptist Church where he served as Elder and chaired the Missions Committee. In his later

years, Richard treasured his Bible study group there and continued to participate in until no longer able.

He is survived by his brothers, Ronnie and wife, Joyce of Troutville, and Travis and wife, Cheryl of Helena, Mont. He is also survived by brother-in-law, Richard and wife, Harriet Rader of Troutville. Also surviving are his

children, Steve and wife, Debbie, Stephanie and husband, Chet Butler, Suzanne and husband, Peter Farrell, and Kevin. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren, Zachary Smith, Logan Smith, Sarah (Jake) Stump, Emily (Kendrick) Hochstetler, Will Butler, Hannah (Ryan) Maruyama, Nathan Shattuck, Abby Shattuck, and Beth (Omar) Carreno. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren, and several nieces, and nephews. He will be missed by all. We take comfort in knowing that he is in Heaven praising the Lord his God and reunited with his beloved "Patsy."

Visitation was on Saturday, March 30 at Shenandoah Baptist Church in Roanoke between 12 and 2 p.m. with the funeral immediately following. A private burial followed in Botetourt County.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to Shenandoah Baptist Church's Short-Term Missions or the Camp Eagle scholarship fund. Arrangements were sby Oakey's East Chapel, 540-977-3909.

Obenshain, Mary Ann Rader

Mary Anne Rader Obenshain, 95, of Troutville, passed away peacefully Friday, March 29, 2024 at Carrington Place with her children by her side after complications recovering from a hip fracture in January.

Mary Anne was many different things to many different people. She was a devoted Wife of 45 years, Mother, Friend, Nurse, Musician, Historian, and Farmer among so many other things.

A proud nurse, graduating in 1947 from the Lewis-Gale Nursing School, she worked over 40 years taking care of others from being a 15-year ER Lewis-Gale nurse to many different Lewis-Gale Clinics before retiring. Even after retirement, she went back to work for Friendship Manor for several years. She devoted her life to caring for others.

Mary Anne loved to play the piano and organ, and was a gift she loved sharing. She started playing



for churches as a Freshman in High School, and continued playing until she was 92 and her vision declined. Born and raised in the Fincastle/Troutville area, she played numerous special occasions.

Mary Anne loved her church family and was a devoted Christian. Even after her vision failed and she could not longer play music

for the church, she would do cards for the church to send out to shut-ins and took great pride in planning each card with care, adding personal touches like stickers and pictures to make others smile.

Mary Anne was a historian and loved to research genealogy and local history. She wrote several books about local area history, and spent years collecting documents and pictures for them. She was also a valued member and researcher for the DAR, helping others trace their roots.

Mary Anne was raised on a farm,

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JJ Tyree of LB digs one out of the dirt. The Cavaliers will return from spring break today with a game against the Spartans at Billy Sample Field in Salem.

Spring sports return this week after Spring Break

James River and Lord Botetourt sports teams return to action this week after taking time off for spring break.

Two James River teams were planning to return to action Tuesday, although inclement weather was in the forecast. The Knights were scheduled to go to Alleghany for Three Rivers District baseball and softball games.

Today, Wednesday, the Lord Botetourt baseball team is at Salem and the softball team goes

to Christiansburg. The Cavalier tennis teams also play Salem, with the boys at the Hollins University courts and the girls in Salem. In soccer, the LB boys host Christiansburg while James River teams play Alleghany with the boys in Springwood and the girls at Alleghany.

On Thursday the LB baseball team is at Blacksburg, the boys soccer team is at Glenvar and the softball team will host Blacksburg. River's baseball

and softball teams will host Floyd and the soccer teams play Carroll County, with the girls at home and the boys at Carroll.

On Friday, the Cavalier girls are home for a soccer game with Blacksburg. River's baseball and softball teams are at Carroll County.

On Saturday both the LB and River track teams will make their spring debut when they head to Vinton for the William Byrd Invitational, a 19-school event that will take up most of the day.



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Ryan Mosdell of LB controls the ball at a recent game. The Cavaliers will host Christiansburg tonight, then play at undefeated Glenvar on Thursday.

VHSL announces Class 2 All-State Girls Basketball Team, James River junior Caitlin Canada is named to the second team



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The Virginia High School League recently announced the 2024 Class 2 all-state girls basketball team and James River's Caitlin Canada was a second team selection. Central (Wise) junior guard Emmah McAmis is the Class 2 Player of the Year, and Central (Wise) head coach Robin Dotson is the Class 2 Coach of the Year.

Canada, a first team All-Region 2C selection, was the top vote getter on the second team, barely missing the eight-girl first team. She received the fourth highest number of votes among non-seniors.

"Caitlin stepped up for us in many ways this season," said River coach Ryan Firebaugh. "She was our Swiss army knife, as she can play any position, one to five, on the floor. She developed her inside game more this year when we needed it."

Canada averaged 18 points and nine rebounds per game along with three assists, four steals and a block. She scored her 1,000th career point this season with another year still to go. She led the Knights to a 14-11 record, their best in years. River made the Region 2C tournament and was one win away from playing in the state tournament.

"We had a lot of girls step up for us this season in many ways,



PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

Caitlin Canada is a second team all-state selection in Class 2.

but Caitlin was one of our leaders defensively and offensively," said Firebaugh.

A three-time all-state first-teamer and the Class 2 Player of the Year for the second straight season, the 5'6" McAmis averaged 24.2 points, 6.7.1 rebounds, and 3.4 assists per game for Central. In three seasons, McAmis has scored 2,203 career points and led the Warriors to three straight state title appearances and two championships. In the state title game, she led all scorers with 27 points, along with six rebounds, four assists, and three steals, to lead

Central to a 58-41 win over John Marshall.

Central head coach Robin Dotson led the Warriors to a 26-4 record and the school's seventh state championship since 2014. Dotson won the 2002 title at J.J. Kelly before Wise County school consolidation.

Eight players make up the first and second teams, regardless of position. Only those players selected to all-region first teams are eligible for selection to the All-State team. Each All-State selection committee comprises eight basketball coaches, with two from each Region.

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All athletes (beginning with Fall 2024) must have their age verified to be eligible to play and for families to proceed with registration. Families who do not provide age verification by submitting the acceptable

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