



HGAC holds Juneteenth celebration in Buchanan

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Historic Greenfield Advisory Council (HGAC) held its inaugural Juneteenth Celebration event at the Wilson Warehouse/Community House in Buchanan last Saturday afternoon. Information was made available to attendees that detailed the meaning of Juneteenth and its significance in Botetourt County.

"Having great volunteers made this celebration a success, Cheryl Sullivan-Willis, Roblyn Brand, Wendy Warren and Beth Pappas," Historic Greenfield Advisory Council member Jim Johnston said about the event. "Curtis Brown spoke during the celebration. There was also community involvement. We will plan

on celebrating again next year."

Council member Cheryl Sullivan-Willis welcomed everyone to the event and gave some background the significance of Juneteenth and its history. She concluded her opening remarks by saying, "Today we need to celebrate the hopes, the dreams, and the life of those that paved the way for us to have a better hope, a better dream, and a better life and honor them with the life that we live every day and never ever take it for granted. Today I ask you: what does freedom mean to you? What does Juneteenth mean to you?" Sullivan-Willis was

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The members of the Historic Greenfield Advisory Council (left to right) - Roblyn Brand, Beth Pappas, Cheryl Sullivan-Willis, Jim Johnston, Curtis Brown, Wendy Warren. Cheryl is a descendant of enslaved Greenfield ancestors.



HGAC held a Juneteenth Celebration in Buchanan last Saturday afternoon. HGAC member Roblyn Brand shared information about "The Clinton" canal boat.



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Here, a table dedicated to information about the Kanawha Canal on display at the Wilson Warehouse/Community House in Buchanan last Saturday.



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

The Town of Fincastle invited community members to a design workshop last week. Here, a consultant shows concepts for improvements along Roanoke Street.

Fincastle community members meet with design team looking at 'big picture' ideas to improve town

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There were no questions or concerns expressed by citizens about the budget at the public hearing at the May meeting. At Thursday's meeting, no council members had any further questions.

Mayor Mary Bess Smith noted to council that one new line item that was included in the budget regarding the new contract between the town and the Western Virginia Water Authority (WVWA). Smith

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BCPS School Board updated on ESSER III spending and finances

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The Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) School Board received an update on the ESSER III spending plan from BCPS Finance Director Brandon Lee at its regular

meeting held in Fincastle last Thursday night.

Every six months, the School Board is required to present the spending plan for public comment. The School Board did not receive any comments about the spending plan at the meeting. The funds have to be spent

by September 30, 2024. The ESSER III document remained unchanged since it was last presented at the December 2023 meeting. Lee added that more than 20% of the award was spent toward learning loss.

Lee explained that BCPS is still currently in the process of spending

the funds. Following the reimbursing ESSER spending from this fiscal year, and after the summer sessions (Summer Academy), BCPS will then know what it needs to spend and what it may need to reallocate, if

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Fincastle Town Council approves FY 2025 budget, new contract with WVWA

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Supervisors hold public hearings regarding proposed budget

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors held public hearings last Wednesday at the Lord Botetourt High School auditorium to hear from citizens about the proposed budget, tax rates, tax increase, and tax relief for the elderly and disabled.

The supervisors, who will vote on the proposed budget and their June 25 regular meeting, took no action.

According to a county official, there were 46 comments from roughly 30 speakers that were part of over 100 Botetourt residents in attendance who mostly spoke in opposition to the subjects related to the budget and taxes.

Last Thursday morning, the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office received a call to dispatch that an individual or individuals spray painted a threat onto the entrance to the Greenfield Sports Complex and the turning lane of off Etzler Road—directed toward the Board of Supervisors related to the tax increases. Sheriff's Office personnel arrived at the Sports Complex soon after they received the call and painted over the spray paint. The Sheriff's Office is currently looking into the matter.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE
Botetourt County Board of Supervisors held public hearings at Lord Botetourt High School last Wednesday night.

Botetourt County History



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This historic painting of Fincastle was created by Connie Marsh in 1993. It shows the corner of Main and Roanoke Streets with an arrow on the sign that says 20. What do the other two signs mean that say "State 17" and "State 12"? The spotlight is shown which dates the time period of the painting to between 1935 and 1950. On the back of the frame is handwritten "4-2-93. This watercolor of Fincastle is to go to Jim Connell at my death, providing he is still living then. Peggy Honeycutt." Connie Marsh is a beloved artist who was featured on three of the Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc. calendars from 2019-2021. Her painting of Fincastle is upstairs above the mantel in the Courthouse Room at the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture. For more information -<https://bothistsoc.wordpress.com>.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCPS
BCPS School Board Chair Anna Weddle and Zachary Vernon, who recently received his Associate of Science Degree and uniform Certificate of General Studies from Mountain Gateway Community College.

BCPS recognizes May Employees of the Month, Zachary Vernon

Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) recently announced the May 2024 Employees of the Month at its regular School Board meeting held last Thursday night in Fincastle. The BCPS May Employees of the Month are Dana Bowling, Cafeteria Manager at Troutville Elementary School, and Magnolia Hamilton, math teacher at Eagle Rock Elementary School.

Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ read quotes that came with this month's recipients. Of Bowling's nomination, Russ shared, "Dana goes out of her way to make every child feel special. She always has a smile and a kind word for everyone."

Russ then shared a quote that came with Hamilton's nomination. "[Hamilton] is an amazing educator and truly goes above and beyond for our school. She serves as [Eagle Rock Elementary's] math lead and has done an amazing job promoting math at our school and advocating what's best for our school and our students. She truly is a light and an asset."

Recent James River graduate Zachary Vernon was recognized for receiving his Associate of Science Degree and uniform Certificate of General Studies from Mountain Gateway Community College. Vernon will be attending Princeton University this fall.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Registration open for Women In The Outdoors shooting event July 27 at Blue Ridge Vineyard

The Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) is holding its first Women In The Outdoors event since the pandemic. It will be held Saturday, July 27 at Blue Ridge Vineyard near Eagle Rock.

The women-only event provides the opportunity to be introduced to firearms in a safe, instructional environment with trained and certified instructors. Participants will be able to shoot .22 rifle, .22 pistol, shotguns, archery and modern .223 rifle during the course of the morning and early afternoon. New and previous participants are welcome.

Participation is limited to the first 50 women to register. The cost is \$35, which includes membership in the NWF, one of the premier conservation organizations in North America.

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ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests June 10-16:

- Abigail Underwood, 27, of Buchanan, violation of probation, June 10
- Elliot S. Wright, 37, of Roanoke, failure to appear, June 10
- Daniel W. Carroll, 54, of Troutville, interfering with property rights of another, June 11
- Mitzie L. Harper, 45, of Roanoke, violation of probation, June 11
- John M. Pritchard, 57, contempt of court, June 11
- Robert D. Minnis, 30, of Daleville, contempt of court, June 12
- Nathan J. Harrison, 27, of Blue Ridge, contempt of court, June 13
- Tina Marie Austin, 47, of Clifton Forge, forgery of public records, identity theft to avoid arrest, giving false identity to law enforcement, June 14
- José Cruz, 31, of Cloverdale, possession of Schedule drugs, June 14
- Andrew Sheppard, 21, of Roanoke, two charges of contempt of court, June 14
- Doloris Wells, 82, of Troutville, property destruction-vandalism, June 14
- Jessica N. Casey, 40, of Hudson, Fla., drunk in public, June 15
- Jonathan M. Green, 39, of Riverview, Fla., drunk in public, June 15
- Theodore D. Dickensen, 69, of Blue Ridge, drunk in public, June 15
- Matthew A. Eastes, 33, of Troutville, assault and battery on a family/household member, June 15
- Haley A. Reese, 21, of Rocky Mount, possession/distribution of Schedule drugs, June 16
- Mileni A. Rios, 20, of Roanoke, drunk in public, June 16
- Kevin D. Wilson, 51, of Roanoke, assault and battery on a family/household member, June 16
- Shelley H. Williams, 51, of Roanoke, failure to obey a court order, possession/distribution of Schedule drugs, identity theft to avoid arrest, possession of controlled paraphernalia, June 16

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6/29 - Odd Fellows	7/5 - American Honey & Rebels of Rhythm
7/1 - Blue Connection	Cloggers
7/2 - Thunder Ridge	

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or Town of Buchanan Facebook Page

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Botetourt County elementary schools released the following honor rolls for the final nine weeks:

BRECKINRIDGE A HONOR ROLL

THIRD GRADE: Weston Albright, Weston Baker, William Burton, Jedediah Divers, Piper Herrig, Ava Horne, Cylas May, Carly McVey, Jackson Monaghan, Luis Morales-Tomas, Lukas Moyers, Justin Petty, Eleanor Rushing, Addison Sprinkle, Paul Turman, Sydney Walker

FOURTH GRADE: Shajeania Aronson, Sadie Davidson, Lennox Duty, Elizabeth Earnest, Logan McVey, Heidi Rusgrove, Camryn Sartorius, Reece Saunders, Aida Simmons, Sydney West

FIFTH GRADE: Anna Henry, Jaden Herrig, Sadie May

A-B HONOR ROLL

THIRD GRADE: Henry Bergeron, Kate Brady, Bromlee Coben, Heatherlyn Galand, Braelyn Horn, Avalyn Justice, Kensie Kaufman, William Ronk, Stella Rusgrove, Peyton Stump, Alyssa Ware, Liam Wood

FOURTH GRADE: Lawson Beavers, Leya Crawford, Harold Davis, Dennon Dudding, Easton Firebaugh, Novah Long, Cora Lowman, Charlotte Moulton, Caden Rucker

FIFTH GRADE: Jamie Arthus, Carson Cook, Rilee Erickson, Tanner Goyer, Logan Moyers, Luke Sprinkle, Jocelyn Theimer, Jaden Willis

BUCHANAN A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Lindsey Branch, Jovie Franklin, Bruce Kelley, Wren Manbeck, Maci Silva, Rosalie Stull, Adalyn Whitney

FOURTH GRADE: Josee Armentrout, Imelda Graham

THIRD GRADE: Brylan Coleman, Jacklyn Dooley, Sophie Dunbar, Samuel Montgomery, Lainey Parker

A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Kyle Asbury, Xavier Basham, Ruby Boblett, Liam Camper, Cammie Dunbar, Autumn Ginapp, Robin Haburn, Sedley Jeter, Logan ovelace, Tucker Tate, Roy Trivellin

FOURTH GRADE: Kasey Ayers, Adam Bryant, Berkley Carroll, Jaxson Flannagan, Olivia Graves, Colton Haynes, Madeleine Huddleston, Henry Kinion, Cullen Prill, Parker Tate, Hayana Thompson

THIRD GRADE: Tatum Austin, Harley Bray, Ian Breeden, David Caldwell, Sullivan Capriani, Olivia Falls, Bailee Flint, Blake Fridley, Zoey Gibson, Cooper Haynes, Elizabeth Martin, Sawyer Neale, Anastasia Partleton, Joyce-Anne Poff, Alexandra Tacilla Powell, Maggie Tolley, Ricky Tolley

CLOVERDALE A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Grace Jensen, Leona Wilhoit

FOURTH GRADE: Adamn Barbour, Maelie Pritt, Raelyn Steinruck, Link Thacker, Ryder Watson

THIRD GRADE: Crosby Cundiff, Kaylee Tran, Elizabeth Unroe

A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Chloe Barnes, Macey Caldwell, Raelyn Clark, Andrew Collins, Charlotte Curulla, Luke Davis, Christopher Fields, Garrett Helms, Taryn Kincer, Jackson Kish, Micah Laffoon, Kennedy Lavinder, Grayson Markham, Gabriel Mutter, Hannah Myers, Lucas Phillips, Charlie Pruitt, Aubree Rogers, Jordan Sample, Katie Sorrell, Aubree Witt, Addisyn Yetter

FOURTH GRADE: Harrison Akers, Nova Bailey, Everlie Beckner, Evelyn Brummer, Yitong Chen, Kyra Davis, Jaxon Hodges, Charlie Jones, Emma Markham, Mason Nichols, Afton Patrick, Augusta Payne, Ethan Reolizo, Denver Thompson, Katelynn Wagner, Josi Whitaker, Roman Wilhoit, Finley Williams

THIRD GRADE: Desmond Allen, Jack Arvaisis, Jakob Bishop, Grayson Bruch, Matthias Brummer, Joseph Engels, Jack Laffoon, Isabella Lennartson, Major Perdue, Charlie Salmon III, Joanna Sorrell, Emily Stakor, Ava Truxillo, Gabriel Voss, Hannah Wagner, Jocelyn Williamson, Lauren Yates

COLONIAL, A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Noah Church, Jackson Cockfield, Savannah Colleluori, Wagner Collins, Levi Crockett, Braeden Daniels, Cohen Grant, Kalin Guilleams, Gwnna Hartvigsen, Grayson Johnson, Kaylee Kammerer, Shea Legon, Nicholas Meyer, John Nancarrow, Ember Persing, Kylie Pippert, Scharlotte Rock, Trevor Rock, Caleb Sherman, Caleb Slaughter, Griffin Spalding, Alexa Thomas, Liam Ward

FOURTH GRADE: Cooper Anderson, William Booth, Braeden Brown, Stephanie Brown, Natalie Buehring, Cooper Dooley, Wesley Hilgers, Reese Huffman, Norris Johansen, Olivia Karabin, Olivia Kirby, Evelyn Milko, Sophia Reiner, Madelynn Roberts, Jack Roginski, Roman Spencer, Grayson Starks, Maci Walls, Charlotte Woody, Felix Anduiza

THIRD GRADE: Khalilullah Atayi, Jamison Blackmon, Gwyndolyn Cavinder, Jace Clary, Camille Cockfield, Nolan Colleluori, Berkley DeHaven, Adalyn Dooley, Corrina Drew, Tyler Duckworth, Arwen Gibson, Jackson Green, Holly Hatfield, Ashton Hinds, Bryson Howerly, Camden Lewis, Eli Loflen, Reilly Madden, Caleb Martin, Lilliana McCloud, Paisley McCune, Henry Moore, Brody Radford, Camden Ratliff, Aria Ribble, Greyson Smith, Samuel Spencer, Tessa Thompson, Sailor Vinson, Emily Walker, Kyra Walrond, Raylin Weddle

A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Yalda Atayi, Cayden Benge, Emmalin Butler, Colton Carter, Autumn Dale, Aleah Dalton, Easton Epperly, Brooks Ferguson, Elsie Grant, Jesse Grooms, Bryson Harless, Tristan Hinds, Cohen Lubosch, Olive Megow, Abigail Muse, Annabelle Neighbors, Brynn Nunley, Kinley Oliver, Brooklyn Orange, Paisley Purdham, Madison Reynolds, Presley Russell, Layla Samuel-Bolt, Paisli Saunders, Carter Stickney, Roman Wheeler, Nate Wilson, Jamie Wright

FOURTH GRADE: Skylar Amos, Henry Badgley, Layla Beard, Riley Boyd, Parker Bunn, Chadwick Dales Jr., Mason Dalglish, Riley Dallos, Jeremiah Dooley, Jackson Duncan, Annalyn

Gilbert, Kolby Gillespie, Lillian Halsey, Arianna Irons, Finn Keleher, Landon Knick, Liam Lavinder, David Lawrence, Isaac Lewis, Hailey Mack, Logan Maddox, Hoyt Marion, Kaia Metzgar, Claire Miller, Brooklyn Morgan, Carter Morris, Sawyer Mulford, Alyona Parrish, Katelyn Pierce, Bryson Prusak, Mason Smith, Serena Smith, Berkley Spence, Cora Tolbert, Robert Triplett, Abigail Williamson, Emma Willmott, Elijah Wright

THIRD GRADE: Liam Austin, Alessia Baradat, Easton Byrd, Sawyer Deacon, Autumn Denison, Chandler Graybill, Brantley Hamilton, Emilia Harless, Sawyer Harrison, Adaline Higgins, Brayden Hogan, Briana Jimenez Morales, Noah Laster, Effie McCrady, Brently Muse, Benjamin Myers, Emily Nancarrow, Ariel Puckett, Emily Purves, Darrius Rose, Natalie Scott, Willow Sisson, Skyler Sitman, Lakyn Turner, Victoria Vass, Mia Wheeler, Ella Wise

EAGLE ROCK A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Adelyn Tibble, Ellymae Windsor,

FOURTH GRADE: None

THIRD GRADE: None

A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Jackson Lowe, Mason Mays, Mia Thurston, Micah Tinger

FOURTH GRADE: Esther Hipes, Alayna Johnson, Teagan Kern, Kayleigh Morris, Elijah Neal

THIRD GRADE: Kayden Bray, Kyree Nance

GREENFIELD A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Emma Allison, Molly Bogen, Charles Burnette, Reese Burns, Jericho Daniel, John Gibson Davis, Lucy Dubbé, Bryson Garner, Kaylen Hull, Noah Koon, Kyra Lake, Jalen Lin, Leah Meadows, Claire Nagle, Kiyan Patel, Cooper Pritt, Nora Salsgiver, Lucy Shawn, Eleanor Shively

FOURTH GRADE: Cameron Allison, Dalilah Bridgen, Anthony Coolick, Jake Delp, Patrick Dent, Vivian Estes, Lilia Hoover, Scarlett Hunt, Kellan Ives, Charlotte Lee, Owen Leftwich, Matthew Lupiya, Ansley McMeans, Jace Newman, Elias Reynolds, Sofia Russ, Kade Underwood, Avery Wertz, Wren Wiley, Caleb Wright

THIRD GRADE: Porter Brock, Emma Burns, Silas Delseni, Rowan Flannigan, Ella Foskey, Emily Fringer, Austin Hatchett, Jaxon Hughes, Luke Layman, Callahan MacBrien, Nora Pinkerton, Emma Pry, Brielle Smith, Caleb Wypych

A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Easton Barrett, Harper Beckner, Gavin Bondurant,

Aoife Case, Alexander Clark, Bear Delseni, Ethan Dooley, Tyler Gilmer, Allison Graham, Corinne King, Anastasia Lupiya, Ella Marshall, Madison Mathews, Kaylee McKinney, Benjamin McMeans, Haden Murphy, Declan Nichols, Alexander Olin, Gerard Pablo-Damian, Gabriel Papenfuse, Nicholis Robtison, Melvin Romero Contreras, Nathan Schwallenberg, Logan Simmons, Julian True, Christopher Vail, Cadence Wood, Olivia Woodruff, Bodhi Woodson

FOURTH GRADE: Averi Alderman, Eli Boggs, Daniella Carillo, Cayden Carpenter, Jackson Daniels, Kannon Dively, Joshua Dunker, Elora Farmer, Easton Hayes, Rieley Lisle, Tucker Lisle, Giuseppe Lopez, Liam Malaga-Artiga, Stacy Mejia, London Merchant, Katelyn Moore, Benson Nicely, Colton Osborne, Kylee Payne, Ethan Peck, Olivia Poff, Yandiel Rodriguez Rivera, Jeferson Romero Cabrera, Adeline Rupe, Isaac Sampson, Isaiah Tribble, Ethan Tucker, Danny Ulloa Mancia, Jayden Ward, Dannica Wise, Paul Yopp

THIRD GRADE: Elizabeth Blosser, Trubee Blunt, Benjamin Bowden, Abigail Bryant, Koda Daniel, Liam Dix, Austin Evans Jr, Jackson Foutz, Audrey Hopkins, Adlee Kennedy-Mackay, Jack Keogh, Lealan Kessler, Heidi Longley, Ivy Molter, Emma Moore, Collin Murphy, Grant Pendleton, Abby Poff, Katherine Roberts, EmmaRose Scherrep, Olivia Shively, Kylee Simmons, Wyatt Troutt

TROUTVILLE A HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Ruby Martin, Dawson Simmons, Flora Stump

FOURTH GRADE: Colby Beckner, Luke Mullins, Emerson Race, Bria Scharf, Isabelle Williams

THIRD GRADE: Eleanor Bishop, Parker Brugh, Carson Ferguson, Lili Fernatt, Riley Martino, Marshall Rives, Whitney Slaughter, Everly Turner, Annabelle Vargas, Brooke Williams, Reilly Winfield

A-B HONOR ROLL

FIFTH GRADE: Lily Alls, Makenna Carswell, Ryan Cunningham, Landyn Foster, Mason Gilliam, Samuel Jackson, Wyatt Kelley, Ian Martin, Alex Mattarocchia, Elliott Meador, Caroline Powell, Owen-Ray Richardson, Barry Short, Aubrey Spence, Cora Wimmer, Kaylee Wittensoldner

FOURTH GRADE: Rylan Borba, Cory Classey-Rhea, Liam Cooper, John Cruise, Caleb Dogan, Everley Duns-Spiteri, Meirco Elmore, Levi Frederickson, Dawne Guthrie, Emmet Hamre, Grayson Houseman, Jace Hudgins, Parker Lough, Riggins Rutledge, Tate Rutledge, Benjamin Saville, Kristin Stuart, River Whitaker

THIRD GRADE: Karolina Akers, Kohen Anderson, Charlie Ballew, Macy Botkins, Jaimeson Broughman, Gavin Burns, Raven Candelaria, Eleanor Daly, Azaria Foreman, Ava Greer, Amelia Hein, Madilyn Horton, Lucas Kessler, William Scott, Ryland Simmons, Madisyn Teaford, Caleb Umberger, Kinsleigh Young



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Patti Callahan Henry
Thu, Jul 11, 6:30pm, Fincastle
The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin
Discuss books and authors with fellow readers.

Podcast Club

Thu, Jun 20 & Jul 18, 11am, Buchanan
Listen to recommended podcasts (or find your own) on the month's theme, then discuss your takeaways and podcast suggestions with fellow curious listeners. June: Art & Self-Discovery; July: American History

Didgeridoo Down Under

Tue, Jul 9, 11am, Buchanan
Tue, Jul 9, 2pm, Fincastle
Wed, Jul 10, 11am, Blue Ridge
Wed, Jul 10, 2pm, Eagle Rock
Join this energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, storytelling, and audience interaction. Hear the otherworldly sounds of the didgeridoo, explore the Great Barrier Reef and the Outback, and learn about the amazing creatures that live in the Land Down Under. Great for the whole family.

Recycle & Play

Ocean in an Egg Carton (ages 2-6)
Fri, June 21, 2:30pm, Eagle Rock
Tue, June 25, 11am, Buchanan
Jumping Dolphin Tissue Box (ages 7-11)
Wed, Jun 26, 3:30pm, Fincastle
Enjoy a story, then dive into an ocean-themed craft using recycled materials.

Online Genealogy Resources

Tue, Jun 28, 2pm, Fincastle
Learn about reliable online resources to research your family history. Presented by Rena Worthen, Library Genealogist.

Eclectic Readers

Thu, Jun 27, 11am, Eagle Rock
The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See
Fri, Jun 28, 11am, Blue Ridge
The Guest List by Lucy Foley
Wed, Jul 3, 12pm, Buchanan
Theme: Small Town Stories
Wed, Jul 10, 10:30am, Fincastle
The Secret Book of Flora Lea by

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Botetourt County changes and related budget woes

Botetourt County's population has grown only a little over 2 to 3 percent in the last decade and a half, but the county has been undergoing constant change. Overall student enrollment has steadily declined, even as some schools have become crowded; others barely have enough students to remain viable. State financial support for local schools is tied to enrollment, so state funding is declining on a relative basis. Yet the need for teachers and administrators in inefficiently sized schools and classrooms has not declined accordingly. Wage demands for scarce qualified teachers have continued to climb, and the numbers of required instructional assistants has also grown.

During that same decade and a half, the county's population has steadily aged and its average number of occupants per household has declined. Whether related to population aging or other cultural and economic changes, volunteerism has also steadily declined. The lower availability of volunteers, the increased number of emergency response calls with an aging population, and the need for more sophisticated medical emergency response capabilities have led to the need to more than double the number of professional paid fire and rescue personnel as well as a dramatic rise in the costs to provide emergency services.

The need for law enforcement personnel, including more deputies in schools for security and for patrolling, has also steadily increased, though not as dramatically as has been experienced with fire and medical emergency responders. All area localities are having similar experiences, so the competition for qualified personnel has driven up wages to attract qualified candidates to fill these needed positions.

All of these budgetary pressures were on full display Wednesday night, June 12, when the Board of Supervisors held its annual budget and tax rate public hearings. The process this year was complicated with additional public hearings related to the impact of a general reassessment on real estate property values used to assess property tax levies to pay for county expenditures related to schools, law enforcement, the jail, emergency response, courts, social services, solid waste disposal and other services. The big question before the Board of Supervisors was how much to lower real estate tax rates to offset the impact of significantly higher property values while still increasing the taxes collected

to a level which would pay for county services impacted by the changing realities noted above, plus higher interest rates and inflation.

The supervisors proposed lowering the real estate tax rate from 79 cents per \$100 of assessed real estate values to 73 cents per \$100. Most of the attendees at the public hearing held in the auditorium at Lord Botetourt High School favored 60 cents per \$100, stating that the 60 cents rate would result in a net zero increase in taxes from the impact of the reassessment of property value. The 13 cents tax rate difference would result in a budgeted revenue decline for the county of approximately \$7 million.

The position of the vast majority of the public speakers/protestors was that the supervisors should adopt a budget that did not increase revenue, while still providing for increased pay for teachers, law enforcement and emergency responders. None explained the drastic reality and measures it would take to actually reach the 60 cents per \$100 rate, such as consolidating/closing schools, cutting the number of deputies on patrol, reducing the numbers of Fire and EMS staff, and increasing the response time for critical emergencies.

In addition, many speakers declared the supervisors unqualified to develop a responsible and fiscally prudent budget - an interesting claim given that the members of the board include a retired engineer and engineering company CEO, a doctor, a college administrator, a former building official, farmer and businessman, and a retired railroad financial manager. In addition, the board collectively has well in excess of 20 years of county board experience.

The vitriol and disrespect shown to the elected members of the Board of Supervisors by the majority of speakers has gotten to be nearly commonplace in the new world of political activism empowered by social media and one-upmanship among the perpetually angered. Social commentators and some psychologists have for several years warned that such disrespectful and strident behavior by otherwise normally rational people could lead to endangering those in elected or appointed positions of authority.

It appears that just that outcome has now occurred in Botetourt County. The night immediately following the unruly public hearing, crude slurs against the board were painted on a well-traveled Botetourt County road. Most disturbing to those who saw the "graffiti" before it was covered was the statement "[Expletive] 9 mil to murder all." A 9 mil, of course,

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Learn more about Botetourt Libraries at

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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Duke

This sweet boy came from the RCACP. Duke is a runner so he will need plenty of exercise. He is neutered, up to date on vaccines, HW negative and ready for his forever home.

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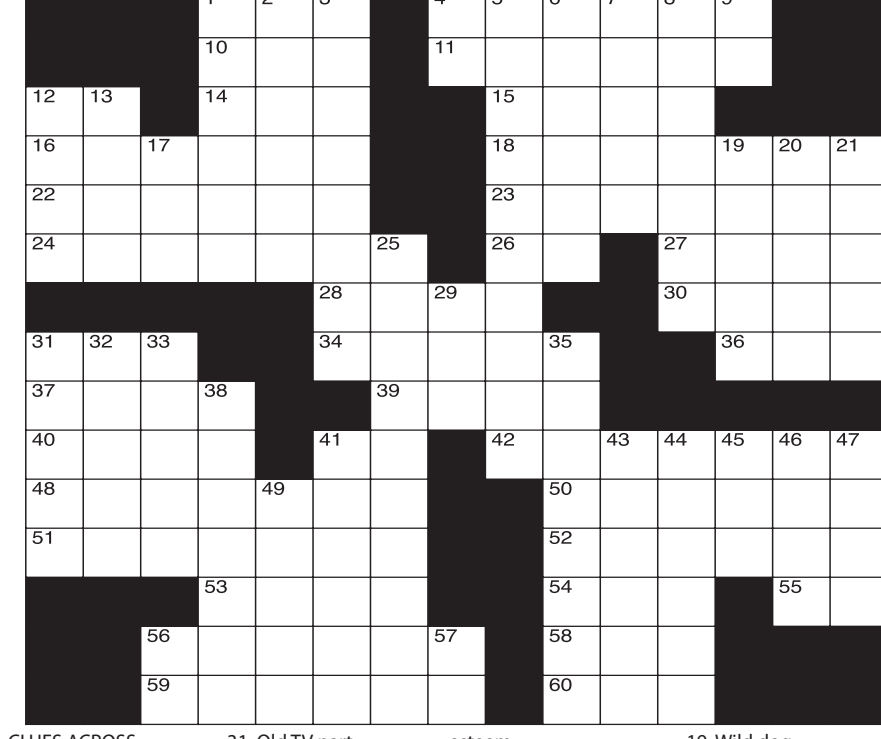
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- Letter of the Greek alphabet
- Cause to become entangled
- Swiss river
- Conversation
- 'Magnum' was one
- Small integer
- Christmas
- Of a specific mountain region
- Burrowing bugs
- Of a symbol worthy of veneration
- A type of syndrome
- Cephalopod mollusks
- Metric ton
- Ornamental box
- As quickly as can be done
- 'Hoop Dreams' subject Arthur

CLUES DOWN

- A right conferred through legal means
- American island state
- Inflexibly entrenched
- 'Pollock' actor Harris
- Foolish person
- Follows a particular Chairman
- Choose
- Sunrooms
- One hundred grams (abbr.)
- A symptom of some physical hurt or disorder
- South American hummingbird
- 'Girl Chopping Onions' painter

- Wild dog
- Units of land
- Footwear
- Possessing a constant temperature
- Hormone that promotes water retention (abbr.)
- Popular game
- Pension (German)
- Giant of industry
- Inferred
- One who revolves
- Kept possession of
- Loss of electricity
- Stoppered bottle
- Everything
- First to walk on the moon
- Engrave
- Female organs
- Equal to 1,024 bytes (abbr.)
- Northeast

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Memorial stone to be placed in Fairview Cemetery this Saturday

The community is invited to join Sirens & Salutes and the Roanoke City Police at Fairview Cemetery in Buchanan on Saturday morning, June 22, at 10 a.m. for the placement of a memorial stone honoring a fallen officer

at his gravesite. For more information, visit www.sirensandasalutes.org or by emailing sirensandasalutes@gmail.com.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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'Celebrating Historic Churches' June 30 at FUMC

Fincastle United Methodist Church will host the third in the Historic Fincastle, Inc. series of "Celebrating Historic Fincastle Churches." This will be held on Sunday, June 30 at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Angela Coon will share the history of the church, accompanied by pictures. The Sanctuary Choir and the Brass Ensemble will share a melody of patriotic music that will include "A Tribute to the Armed Services," "Let There Be Peace on Earth," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "America," "Washington Post March," "La Rejouissance" from "Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks" and others.

Music Director Heather Mitchell requests that all service men and women and veterans wear a ribbon or hat or symbol of the branch of service in which they served. During "A Tribute to the Armed Services," they will be asked to stand when the anthem from the branch is played. This should be a rousing way to the beginning of July 4th celebrations.

After the music, the church will provide lemonade and cookies served under the historic honey ash tree in the front yard.

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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 9:15 AM, Worship 10:30 AM; Wednesday: Prayer & Bible Study - 6:30 PM, Youth - 6:30 PM

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

I Need Help

Read Psalms 11:1 through 18:50

Many of the Psalms are full of praise to God. We sometimes visualize David as peacefully strumming a harp as he quietly watches a flock of sheep grazing on a grassy slope. Psalm 13 presents a different picture.

David apparently had doubts, troubling thoughts, and enemies. Things did not always go well for him. In the first part of this psalm, David, in authentic transparency, expressed some real concerns. He apparently had enemies who were getting a little too close for comfort. The amazing part is how, in spite of the chaos around him, David made a decision to trust God.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation (Psalm 13:5).

Everything does not always go well for us either. We face challenges that seem overwhelming, and we do not always see a clear path through the jungle of everyday life. But God is our Source of help, and we can trust Him to get us through!

Prayer Suggestion: Father, I do not feel up to the task that is before me at times, but I have decided that I will trust You.

Quicklook: Psalm 13:1-6

day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna Burkhardt, 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 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 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."

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, 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 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

Monaghan, Brenda Faye

Brenda Faye Monaghan, 73, of Jacob Crawford, Ella and Brennen Buchanan, passed away on Friday, Monaghan; step-grandchildren, June 14, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Brady and Elsie Blevins; sisters, Margaret Ann, Patsy Turner, Mary Greer and Nancy Johnson.

Brenda loved her family, especially her grandkids, and spending time with them. She enjoyed traveling to the Outer Banks and going to visit her family back home in Lebanon.

She is survived by her husband of almost 52 years, Mike Monaghan; children and spouses, Jody and Kimberly Monaghan, Kim Crawford, and Patrick and Candace W. Monaghan; grandchildren, Hunter and Jared Monaghan, Caleb and



James and Hanna Carter; sister, Betty Smith; brothers, Delmar, Grady, and Johnny Blevins; in-laws, Paul and Martha Monaghan, James and Perette Monaghan, and Patsy Ferris; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering was held at Gracely Hill, 212 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan on Tuesday, June 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations be made to the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation in Brenda's memory. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

CHURCH NEWS

Top Dawgs at Ebenezer Monday

Top Dawgs food truck will be at Ebenezer United Methodist Church Monday, June 24, from 5-7 p.m. Ebenezer is located at 85 Nace Rd Troutville. The public is invited to come.

Special service June 26 at Fincastle Presbyterian Church will be holding a Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26. This a special service of prayer, music, silence and scripture, an opportunity to gather in a Christian community and draw closer to God by offering prayers for individuals, the local community, the country and world. A light supper will be provided in the fellowship hall after the service. All are invited. The address is 108 E. Back Street.

'Celebrating Historic Fincastle Churches' June 30

Fincastle United Methodist Church will host the third in the HFI series of "Celebrating Historic Fincastle Churches" on Sunday, June 30 at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary. After a history of the church, the choir and brass ensemble will share patriotic music. Refreshments will be served under the historic honey ash tree.

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store

With summer around the corner, the Thrift Store has a large selection of shorts and capris for \$1 and summer shoes for everyone, \$1. The Thrift Store is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations are welcome.

Funds requested for Kern-Mays Cemetery

Donations are needed for the Kern-Mays Cemetery on Rt.43/Narrow Passage Road near Eagle Rock. Please mail donations to Kern-Mays Cemetery, c/o Gracie Mundy, 8252 Narrow Passage Road, Eagle Rock. For more information call Gracie at 540-494-5995.

St. Mark's UMC VBS

St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville invites children to get cooking at "Shake It Up Café: Where Kid's Carry Out God's Recipe" Vacation Bible School. The fun begins at St. Mark's UMC, 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, on Monday, June 24, through Friday, June 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Children, age 3 (who are toilet trained) through rising sixth graders, are invited to attend for Bible fun, crafts, hands-on mission projects, experiments in food science and great music. To be a part of all the excitement at "Shake It Up Café," visit the church's website at www.stmarksmethodist.com or call the church office at 540-992-3030. Early registration is strongly recommended, as space in the preschool group will be limited.

Lapsleys Run Baptist Homecoming July 14

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church will celebrate the annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, July 14. The morning service will begin at 11 a.m. The speaker for the morning service will be Brother Edgar Freeman. Lunch will be served following the morning service.

The afternoon service will begin at 2 p.m. Guests will be the Rev. Mark Tucker and the choir and congregation of the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church of Goode, Va.

During the afternoon service, the dining hall will be dedicated in honor of Angela Freeman Hilton for her years of dedicated service.

All are welcome. Members look forward to seeing everyone for any of the services, especially on Homecoming Day.

Regular services are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend these and all services at Lapsleys Run Baptist Church which is located at 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle.

Tuesday Morning Club donates to Ronald McDonald House

The Tuesday morning Club met at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on June 11 with 10 members. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order. Pam Obenchain was hostess and had devotions. Priscilla Hedrick won the hostess gift. Ruby gave the treasurer's report.

The June project was donations to Ronald McDonald House. July's project will be donation to the Fincastle Library and school supplies to Solomon's Mission in Buchanan for its Back to School Drive. Gale Webb and Faye Kessler won game prizes. The next

meeting will be July 9 at the church. Also in attendance were Linda Harris, Barbara Harris, Cheryl Wood, Dor Hillard, and Rita Bruffey.

- Tuesday Morning Club



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AARP Fraud Alert: Moving Scams

Summer seems to be the season for moving. Whether you're relocating for work, downsizing or sending a child off to college, who you hire to help with the move matters a lot. Cutting corners to save money on your move could lead you right to a criminal scammer.

Moving scams are committed by rogue operators that exist primarily online. They solicit business by offering lowball estimates, often without so much as laying an eye on what's

to be moved. They might demand a hefty deposit, or even full payment in advance.

With your deposit in hand, the "movers" might simply not show up at the appointed time and place. Or they'll try to change the deal at the last minute by raising the price. Worst of all, some companies will pick up your belongings but then demand more money to deliver them.

To avoid these scams, make sure to get multiple quotes and check the references of any company

you hire. While we are all looking to save money, when it comes to moving your personal goods safely and securely, cheaper isn't always better.

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

Congressman Cline holding mobile office hours in Fincastle

A member of Congressman Ben Cline's staff will hold casework staff mobile office hours at the Fincastle Library, 11 Academy Street, Fincastle, on Tuesday, June 25, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A staff member will be available to meet with citizens to assist with problems

they might have with a federal agency and hear their views on current issues before Congress.

For more information, contact Maggie Clemmons at (202) 225-5431 or email maggie.clemmons@mail.house.gov.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Chamber Chatter

The Botetourt Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce two upcoming events:

2024 Meeting of the Membership

July 18
Help welcome our new board members and say thank you to our outgoing board. Networking, guest speakers, informal dinner and complimentary glass of wine under Virginia Mountain Vineyards great outdoor canopy space. Catering by Three Li'l Pigs BBQ.
Members \$45
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Event sponsorship opportunities available, contact the chamber office at 540-566-8812.

For more information, visit <https://botetourt.glueup.com/event/2024-meeting-of-the-membership-111513/>.

5th Annual Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce Tinsel Trail - Sponsored by First Bank

December 2024
Tree presale starting now, ends July 18. This will ensure beautiful matching trees for our Tinsel Trail. Pre-sale price is \$200 per tree, normally \$250.

The Tinsel Trail is on display throughout December for self-guided tours. Step back in time and enjoy the beautifully decorated trees that highlight the Tinsel Trail, designed by local businesses to celebrate the holiday season. We hope you will join us for this holiday experience that is sure to warm hearts, and bring joy and amazement to

all those who attend. <https://botetourt.glueup.com/event/5th-annual-botetourt-county-chamber-of-commerce-tinsel-trail-112334/>

- Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce

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Juneteenth

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Cheryl Sullivan-Willis shares welcoming comments during last Saturday's Juneteenth event.



Event attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch while learning more about the history of Juneteenth and its significance to Buchanan and Botetourt County



PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

followed by members of HGAC and community members who shared history and stories related to the celebration event including a history of the Kanawha Canal by Mike and Jessie Burton; a telling of the history behind "The Clinton" - a canal boat trapped in an 1854 flood of the James River and Frank Padgett, the African-American slave who led a rescue party to save trapped passengers only to be tragically swept away while trying to save the last

passenger; and Council member Curtis Brown's reading of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Johnston read a document that listed "Enslaved People of Greenfield" that he prepared from a copy of the original list dated March 4, 1797. He and Executive Director of the Smithfield-Preston Foundation Michael Hudson interpreted the original copy to come up with the current list. Johnston added that "this tribute to our enslaved

individuals of Greenfield has long been overdue and needed."

The Historic Greenfield Advisory Council consist of 13 members appointed by the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors Chairman Stephen Clinton - the council's Ex-Officio Officer, who Johnston credited to giving "tremendous support and guidance to our HGAC Council."

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE PURSUANT TO VA. CODE § 56-585.1 A 4 CASE NO. PUR-2024-00079

On June 3, 2024, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 4 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") for approval to implement factors to recover a decrease to its revenue requirement through its transmission rate adjustment clause ("T-RAC"). Pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A 7, the Commission must issue a final order in this matter not more than three months after the date of filing.

In its Application, APCo requests permission to recover a proposed total revenue requirement of \$380.1 million through the T-RAC for the October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 rate year ("Rate Year"). The Company states that its proposed revenue requirement consists of the following: (1) a forecasted Virginia jurisdictional current-period formula rate (current) revenue requirement of \$369.8 million for the Rate Year, based on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-approved PJM rates for transmission service that went into effect on January 1, 2024; (2) a cumulative Virginia jurisdictional actual under-recovery formula rate balance, through March 2024 (true-up) of \$7.1 million; (3) a forecasted Virginia jurisdictional under-recovery amount of \$0.6 million for the period April 2024 – September 2024 (update); and (4) a forecasted Virginia jurisdictional revenue requirement of \$2.6 million associated with the Business Park Program.

APCo states that its proposed revenue requirement is a decrease of approximately \$33.1 million from the annual T-RAC revenue requirement approved by the Commission in 2023. The Company indicates that its proposed T-RAC rates would decrease the monthly bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$2.12.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may approve revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Application. On July 17, 2024, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before July 10, 2024, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on July 17, 2024, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On July 17, 2024, at 10 a.m., or the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, respondents, and the Staff on the Application.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, James G. Ritter, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or jritter@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the Application and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before July 12, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casements/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00079.

On or before July 3, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation to counsel for the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00079.

On or before July 3, 2024, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be sent to the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00079.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Company's Application and other documents filed in this case, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be viewed on the Commission's website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

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shared with council that she considered between hiring a "town waste water treatment operator" or sticking with WVWA.

Currently, it costs the town \$10,108 to operate the waste water plant and another \$3,160 a month for the water that totals \$13,286, which is the new rate (10% increase), the mayor explained. The town was paying around \$12,000 every month. WVWA was previously charging the town \$1,200/mo. for billing, but will soon charge \$1,500/mo.

"What I've done pretty religiously since we contracted with (WVWA) was try to go through and do a little rationalization for myself of if it's still cheaper to have the Water Authority do this than for us to hire our own waste water treatment operator and do it ourselves," Smith explained to council.

The mayor asked council members to go into their meeting packet to see the analysis she came up with about a "hire vs. contract" between hiring a brand-new town staff member or renewing their contract with WVWA. In summary of council's discussion, Smith came up with the projected salary of around \$116,000 spent on staff, not including a truck and/or other needed equipment. Smith came to the total of around \$136,000 annually for someone to operate the plant and equipment. She also noted that total doesn't include finding someone who was properly training and ensuring they stay up-to-date with their training while operating the waste water plant.

The mayor performed an analysis of the estimated cost to the town to staff and equip the personnel necessary

to operate the Town's public utilities and perform the monthly billing and collection services, compared to the newly increased rates proposed by the Western Virginia Water Authority. That analysis was shared with Council, and after a discussion regarding the relative costs, the levels of service, and the support offered by both options, Council unanimously approved renewing the Western Virginia Water Authority contract on July 1.

Smith reminded Council that in addition to the increase in monthly operator and billing charges, the town has also experienced a dramatic increase in chemicals and utility costs related to operating the wastewater treatment and water systems. The last increase to the town's water and sewer rates was effective January 1, 2021.

"We need to do a rate study," Smith added. "And the town's Infrastructure Committee has agreed to perform the study before year end, to determine if we need to adjust the rates effective January 1, 2025."

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Buchanan Carnival entertainment lineup

The 70th annual Buchanan Carnival is just over one week away and the entertainment lineup is now in place. This year, the carnival will feature seven musical acts starting June 27 through July 6. The bands performing at this year's highly anticipated carnival include:

- June 27 – Glen Shelton Band
- June 28 – Phleggar Hill
- June 29 – Odd Fellows
- July 1 – Blue Connection
- July 2 – Thunder Ridge
- July 3 – Midnite Blue
- July 4 & 5 – Cimmaron
- July 6 – American Honey

The carnival will have wristband specials Thursday-Saturday, June 27-29; Monday-Tuesday, July 1-2; and Wednesday-Saturday, July 3-6 all from 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. The carnival will be closed Sunday, June 30. Tickets are now available online at <https://colerides.com/tickets>.

Also returning will be the Buchanan July 4th Parade taking place at 5 p.m. on July 4 with the parade lineup beginning at 4 p.m.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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FILE PHOTO

Pre-registration is required. Lunch will be provided as part of the registration. The Longbeards will try to accommodate friends and family members (including daughters 16 and older) in the same group. To do so, after registering, send an email with the names of those women to botetourtlongbeards@gmail.com.

All equipment and ammunition will be provided. Check-in is from 8-8:45 a.m. A required safety briefing is at 9 a.m. and

the shooting activities begin immediately after.

Blue Ridge Vineyard is located at 1027 Shiloh Drive, Eagle Rock.

To register, visit: <https://events.nwtf.org/460390-2024/tickets?type=ticket>

For more information, email the botetourtlongbeards@gmail.com or call Ed McCoy at 540-339-0622 or Sherry Crumley at 540-354-1537.

- Botetourt Longbeards

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line item related to the contract renewal between the town and the Western Virginia Water Authority (WVWA) for the operation of the town's wastewater and water systems.

Smith shared with council that she prepared a comparison and analysis to give them an estimate of the cost for the town to operate the plan on its own, versus contracting with the Western Virginia Water Authority to provide the service, in light of a proposed 10% rate increase noted in the renewal contract.

"Each time the contract comes up for

renewal, we perform an analysis to determine if the increase in the rates and the related costs still make this the best option for the town," Smith explained to council.

The mayor referred council members to an analysis she developed concerning "hire vs. contract" which estimated the cost differential between creating position(s) and hiring staff versus renewing the plant operations and billing contract with WVWA. After a discussion regarding the relative costs, the levels of service, and the support offered

by both options, council unanimously approved renewing the Western Virginia Water Authority contract on July 1.

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Academic Activity winners announced for the 2023-24 National Guard Cup



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF VHSL

The Virginia High School League (VHSL) has announced the 2023-24 National Guard Cup Academic Activity winners. First awarded in 1990, the Cup represents 35 seasons of excellence, with six Cups awarded for academic activities and athletics in each of the VHSL's six enrollment classifications.

For the five academic activities involving team champions — scholastic bowl, creative writing, debate, theatre, forensics,

and robotics — points are awarded on the following basis: first place, 50; second place, 45; third place, 40; fourth place, 35; fifth place, 30; sixth place, 25; seventh place, 20; and eighth place, 15.

Scoring for publications is based on the ranking earned in the League's evaluation service: Trophy Class, 35; First Place, 20; Second Place, 5.

Lord Botetourt, in Class 3, and James River High, in Class 2, scored

five points each for the Yearbook competition.

Winners in each class include; Class 1 - Eastside (100 points); Class 2 - Clarke County - Total (120 points); Class 3 - Fluvanna County - Total (252.5 points); Class 4 - Rock Ridge - (151.6 points); Class 5 - Princess Anne - Total (350 points); Class 6 - Manchester (398 points).

- Fincastle Herald staff report

JRHS Class of 1974 reunion in August

The James River High School Class of 1974 will hold the 50-year class reunion on August 24 at the Blue Ridge Vineyard, catered by Aaron's Smokehouse, and with DJ Randy Riddle. If you are a member of the class and have not yet received an invitation and registration by either

email or through the US Postal Service, contact Charlie Alphin at cealphin@gmail.com, 540-798-4131, or Phyllis Kessler Irvine, pkirvine83@gmail.com, 540-589-1154.

- Submitted by Charlie Alphin

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necessary. Lee shared that all reimbursement requests would be completed "well before" the September 30 deadline.

In terms of finances, Lee shared that "everything is tracking well" and that "everything seems to be where it should be" in terms of projecting payroll for summer and other factors. Valley District School Board representative Tim Davidick commended the finance department, noting its "tightly managed" budget and "keeping a good eye on [BCPS] expenditures."

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Stockyard Report
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refers to a nine-millimeter the majority of handguns bullet commonly used in carried as concealed

weapons and by many law enforcement and military personnel. The "threat" is unambiguous.

*John B. Williamson III
Buchanan*

We also give thanks to the Troutville Food Pantry that contributed milk, eggs and bread. They had fewer families than usual so brought us what would have expired before their next event.

The next Buchanan Food Pantry date is June 22 from 9 till 11 a.m. Your hosts will be folks from the Buchanan Presbyterian Church. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan, and all who are in need of food are welcome.

*Patricia Kidd
Buchanan Food Pantry*

NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

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

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on June 25, 2024, at 3:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below. Information may be viewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and is available online by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section at: <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of text amendments to Chapter 10. Erosion and Sediment Control; Stormwater Management, of the Botetourt County Code that would repeal and replace standards and specifications of erosion and stormwater management as required by and set forth in the Code of Virginia.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, June 20, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on June 25, 2024.

**Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator**

'Fill the Porch' is successful

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Buchanan Presbyterian Church event, "Fill the Porch to Feed My Sheep." You donated 675+ pounds of food and \$1,800 toward purchasing more.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 23-49, 23-52 and 23-314 of the Botetourt County Code, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on June 25, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below.

The Board proposes to adopt an ordinance amending and reenacting Sections 23-49 and 23-52 of the Botetourt County Code, relating to exemptions from real estate tax for elderly and disabled persons, and 23-314 of the Botetourt County Code, relating to the rate of taxation on prepared food and beverages. The ordinance both codifies the increase in meals tax rate and increases the thresholds to qualify for elderly and disabled tax relief.

The full text of the ordinance is available in the office of the County Administrator. The Board will consider adoption of the ordinance immediately following the public hearing.

Gary Larrowe, County Administrator

**TOWN OF TROUTVILLE
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET
JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025**

PROJECTED REVENUE	
General Fund	\$173,600.00
Water Department	\$328,850.00
	\$502,450.00
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	
General Fund	\$173,600.00
Water Department	\$328,850.00
	\$502,450.00

A public hearing concerning the proposed budget for the Town of Troutville will be held during a special meeting of the Troutville Town Council on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Town Hall at 5419 Lee Highway.

This is a brief summary of the budget. For anyone desiring further information, a copy of the complete budget is available for inspection at the Clerk's Office in the Town Hall.

Fincastle needs donations for the July 4 fireworks show!

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held on June 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the requests listed below. Information may be viewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding holidays, and is available online by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section at: <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>

Valley District: Lanford Brothers Company Inc. requests a rezoning from the Industrial (M-1) Use District to the Industrial (M-2) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, located at 315 Industrial Drive, Roanoke and identified on the Tax Maps as 106C(2)4.

Amsterdam District: The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of a property owner-initiated petition for an amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map to amend the future land use designation from Medium Density Residential to Conservation/100 Year Floodplain, located at and adjacent to 879 Catawba Road, Daleville and identified on the Tax Maps as 100-40 & 100-41.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, June 20, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on June 25, 2024.

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has authorized consideration of text amendments to Chapter 20. Solid Waste, Article IV. Litter Control to add an enforcement agent as the county administrator or his designee, for the provisions of enforcement of certain violations of the chapter, to issue citations to persons violating certain provisions of the article and/or to initiate prosecution for violations of certain provisions of this article.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, June 20, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on June 25, 2024.

**Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on June 25, 2024, at 2:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia. The public hearing is for:

Consideration of an amendment to Botetourt County's FY 23-24 budget relating to a transfer of funds from the Botetourt County Undesignated General Fund Balance to the School Capital Reserve Fund. These funds are for School capital improvements and set forth as per the Board of Supervisors resolution dated May 15, 2023, as the condition for this transfer has been met.

The total budget amendment included for consideration regarding this public hearing is \$1,300,000.00.

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors intends to act on the Budget amendment after the public hearing is concluded.

Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator's Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to lbess@botetourtva.gov, or submit comments through the online form on our website at www.botetourtva.gov. Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, June 20, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on June 25, 2024.

For further information, please contact Anthony Zerrilla at 540-928-2102.

**Gary Larrowe
Botetourt County Administrator**



<p align="center">Legals - Town of Vinton</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:</p> <p>Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Planning Commission of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. The Planning Commission will also hold a work session on July 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the public hearing.</p> <p>The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Petition of the Advancement Foundation, for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a proposed flea market use, located at 301 	<p align="center">Legals - Town of Vinton</p> <p>South Pollard Street, Suite A, Vinton, Virginia, tax map number 060.15-07-41.00-0000, zoned CB Central Business District.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed amendments to the Vinton Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would: require for an alternative financial institution use to obtain a special use permit in the GB General Business District, and allow for a personal service business use to be permitted by-right in the R-B Residential-Business District in Article IV (District Regulations); amend the standards for vehicle storage or impound lots in Article V (Supplemental Regulations); amend the yard and screening requirements for swimming pools, tennis, or pickleball courts, amend the standards and permitted modifications of the landscaping ordinance section, and remove the maximum motor vehicle parking requirements in Article VI (Development Standards); and amend the definition of flea market in Article XI (Definitions). 	<p align="center">Legals - Town of Vinton</p> <p>Further information concerning this public hearing may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, during business hours, or via phone: (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing.</p> <p>Given under my hand this 31st day of May, 2024.</p> <p>Anita J. McMillan Planning and Zoning Director Secretary, Vinton Planning Commission</p>	<p align="center">Legals - Town of Blacksburg</p> <p>conduct the following public hearings on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:</p> <p>Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) #61-An amendment to the Town of Blacksburg Zoning Ordinance to create a new Small Lot Development Option in the R-4 Low Density Residential Zoning District to allow smaller lot sizes.</p>	<p align="center">Legals - Town of Blacksburg</p> <p>This is proposed text amendment would create the Small Lot Development Option within the R4 Low Density Residential Zoning District. It will allow for development of homes (single-family, detached; two-family dwelling; and townhouse) on relatively small lots to increase housing and sustainability. Small lot development in the R-4 District is intended to accommodate residential development on lots between 3,000 and 7,499 square feet. The Option will</p>	<p align="center">Legals - Town of Blacksburg</p> <p>have its own site development standards, occupancy regulations and design standards to ensure compatibility with the existing R-4 District.</p> <p>Persons affected by or interested in the zoning ordinance amendment may appear and present their views.</p> <p>After hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the requests and all related items may be found online at https://letstalkblacksburg.org or reviewed in person at the</p>	<p align="center">Legals - Town of Blacksburg</p> <p>Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information.</p> <p>Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.</p>
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 1213 Mount Joy Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066

Tax Parcel Identification No. 64-110 BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated March 25, 2009 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 0901544, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale in front of the former Botetourt County Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia, on June 21, 2024, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., property located at or near 1213 Mount Joy Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066, which property is more particularly described as follows:

Being all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Buchanan Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, containing 85.5 acres more or less and bounded as follows:

On the north by the land of Harry P. Clause, Jr. and the right of way of State Route #625; on the east by the right of way of State Route #625 and the lands of Charles E. Alphin; on the south by the lands of Charles E. Alphin; and on the west by the lands of Charles E. Alphin and the lands of Harry P. Clause, Jr.

This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

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Bryson J. Hunter, Peter M. Pearl, and Brian H. Richardson, Substitute Trustees For Information Contact: Bryson J. Hunter bhunter@spilmanlaw.com Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC P.O. Box 90 Roanoke, Virginia 24002 540-512-1800 Telephone

ABC NOTICE

Kenneth McGraw and Curtis Reed, trading as A Few Old Goats Brewing, LLC 19318 Main Street, Buchanan, Botetourt County, VA. 24066.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Industry Brewery Application - Consumed license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Kenneth McGraw OWNER

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

ABC NOTICE

15 PEAKS LLC, trading as 15 PEAKS, 5130 GLADE CREEK RD. ROANOKE VA 24012.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a FARM WINERY license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

MEGAN SEIBEL, MANAGER

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

Legals - City of Salem

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

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at its regular meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following request relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Hold a public hearing to consider the request of JBN Investments, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a special exception permit to allow for the conversion of a single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling on the property located at 324 Pennsylvania Avenue (Tax Map # 120 - 6 - 3). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on June 26, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Jasper and Janet Doss, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 124 Upland Drive, Tax Map # 272-1-2.3. The petitioners are requesting a 15-foot rear-yard setback variance to allow for the construction of a covered porch. Section 106-202.3(B)(1) states that the rear yard setback shall be 25 feet. Therefore, the petitioners are requesting a 15-foot variance.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032). THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

ABC NOTICE

GARCIAS 81 LLC., trading as GARCIAS BISTRO BRUNCH & DINNER, 349 WILDWOOD ROAD, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a BEER & WINE /MIXED BEVERAGES license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

MARCO A. GARCIA, OWNER.

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

Order of Publication

CU-23-00275 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

TONY MOULES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTONIO AND SUSANA MOULES 2021 TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2021 Plaintiff, v. DONALD DAVID HENNAGAN, JR.,

Legals - City of Salem

DECEASED; TIFFANY MARIE HENNAGAN; CYNTHIA ANN MARIE HENNAGAN; DESTENY NICOLE HENNAGAN; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE, Defendants.

On reading the filings and evidence consisting of plaintiff's application and declaration for this order, and it satisfactorily appearing to me therefrom that defendant Desteny Nicole Hennagan, hereinafter referred to as ("Defendant"), cannot with reasonable diligence be served in any other manner specified in Sections 415.10 through 415.40 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and that the Defendant is a necessary party to this action.

IT IS ORDERED that the summons be served by publication in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation published in Salem County, Virginia, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give Defendant actual notice of the action, and that the publication be made once a week for four successive weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the summons, a copy of the complaint, and a copy of this order be forthwith mailed to Defendant if his/her address is ascertained before expiration of the time herein prescribed for publication of summons. Dated 5/24/24 J. Omar Rodriguez JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

I ask for this: MAKAYLA A. WHITNEY, CA STATE BAR NO. 327687 BERLINER COHEN, LLP 1601 I STREET, SUITE 150 MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95354-1128 TELEPHONE: (209) 576-0111 FACSIMILE: (209) 576-1076 benjamin.johnson@berliner.com makayla.whitney@berliner.com ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF, TRUSTEE TONY MOULES

SUMMONS NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: DONALD DAVID HENNAGAN, JR., DECEASED; TIFFANY MARIE HENNAGAN; CYNTHIA ANN MARIE HENNAGAN; DESTENY NICOLE HENNAGAN; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: TONY MOULES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTONIO AND SUSANA MOULES 2021 TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2021

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be

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eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is: Main Courthouse 450 Fourth Street Hollister CA 95023 Hollister CA 95023 CASE NUMBER: CU-23-00275

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs' attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Makayla A. Whitney, Berliner Cohen, LLP, 1601 I Street, Suite 150, Modesto, CA 95354 Tel: (209) 576-0111 Date: 12/15/2023

ABC NOTICE

GUSTO PIZZA LLC, trading as GUSTO PIZZA, 311 E. 7TH STREET, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a MIXED BEVERAGE RESTAURANT license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

DANIEL PERKINS, MANAGING MEMBER.

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

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on July 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Sherwood Memorial Park, Inc., property owner, for a Special Exception Permit to allow for the expansion of the cemetery into the adjacent property located at 1221 Lynchburg Turnpike (Tax Map # 117-1-8).

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Seaside Heights, LLC, property owner, to rezone the property located at 1590 West Main Street (Tax Map # 140-1-3) from LM Light Manufacturing District to HBD Highway Business District.

3. Hold public hearing to consider the request of R. Fralin Development Corp. & Simms Property, LLC, property owner, to amend Ordinance #344 relating to maximum height of 1.5 stories for structures constructed on Cluster Lots for the properties located at 113 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-4), 117 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-5), 121 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-6), 125 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-7), 129 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-8), 133 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-9), 137 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-10), 141 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-12), 142 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-11), 134 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-9), 130 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-8), 126 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-7), 122 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-6), 118 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-5), 114

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Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-4), and 211 Diamond Road (Tax Map # 272-2-1).

4. Hold public hearing to consider the request of R. Fralin Development Corp. & Simms Property, LLC, property owner, to amend the Special Exception Permit by removing Ordinance #4 relating to maximum height of 1.5 stories for structures constructed on Cluster Lots for the properties located at 113 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-4), 117 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-5), 121 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-6), 125 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-7), 129 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-8), 133 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-9), 137 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 273-3-10), 141 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-12), 142 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-11), 134 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-9), 130 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-8), 126 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-7), 122 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-6), 118 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-5), 114 Parker Lane (Tax Map # 288-3-4), and 211 Diamond Road (Tax Map # 272-2-1).

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

Legals - Craig County

ABC NOTICE

RCLC LLC., trading as CARPERS, 5178 CRAIG VALLEY DRIVE, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

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

ROBERT CARPER, OWNER

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

Legals - Montgomery County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

IN RE: HELEN V. ST CLAIR, TREASURER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA RULE FOR SHOW CAUSE THIS CAUSE CAME TO BE HEARD UPON THE Petition of Helen V. St. Clair, that she be released and fully discharged from liability as Treasurer of Montgomery County, Virginia, pursuant to §58.1-345 et seq. of the Virginia Code.

That in the aforesaid Petition, the Petitioner, Helen V. St. Clair, states that she has filed a certificate showing the final settlements of her accounts, that she has turned over to her successor in office, Mary M. Weaver, all books and papers in her possession as treasurer and that she is requesting that she be discharged of her liability as Treasurer of Montgomery County, Virginia.

It appearing proper in all respects to do so, it is accordingly ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED

Legals - Montgomery County

that this rule be served upon Sharon H. Lawrence, Acting Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Virginia, upon Mary W. Biggs, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County and upon Dr. Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools and shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in the News Messenger and by posting at the front door of the Courthouse.

That a hearing upon the Petition requesting that she be released of Liability and granted her final discharge as Treasurer, shall be held the 26th day of June, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Date: 5-9-24 I ask for this: By: Martin M. McMahon, County Attorney 755 Roanoke Street, Suite 2F Christiansburg, VA 24073 Bar Number:29642 (540) 382-5730

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24000869-00 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 DONALD BROOKS SAVILLE, JR., et al Plaintiffs, v. RICHARD BARNETT, ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ESTATE OF EDITH CORDER BARNETT, et al Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Upon consideration of the Affidavit for Entry of Order of Publication filed by the Plaintiffs, the reason for this cause is to obtain the whereabouts of any person who may have an interest in the property located at 3114 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and/or 3137 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and if such parties cannot be located, the secondary purpose of this cause is to quiet Plaintiff's title to the Property.

An Affidavit has been made and filed showing that the Defendant John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming a Title, Lien, Easement, or Other Interest in the Lands Known as 3114 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060; John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming a Title, Lien, Easement, or Other Interest in the Lands Known as 3137 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060; and John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming an Inherited Interest from Avery May, a/k/a Lee Evans May, Brandyne May a/k/a Brandyne May Moorefield (collectively "John Does 1-100"), address unknown the general description of "parties unknown," who by reason of true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of defendants JOHN DOES 1-100 are unknown to Plaintiff, and may have a beneficial interest in the Property. UPON CONSIDERATION whereof, this Order of Publication as to all the parties above is GRANTED, and it is ORDERED that any interested person(s) shall appear here on or before July 31st, 2024 at 9 am, which date is no sooner than fifty (50) days after entry of this Order of Publication. And it is further Ordered that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in The News Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in the Montgomery County, Virginia. ENTERED the 11 day June, 2024 K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

WE PRAY FOR THIS: FIDELITY NATIONAL LAW GROUP, the Law Division of Fidelity National Financial By: Lisa M. Ernst, Esq. (VSB#72718) 8484 Westpark Drive, Suite 310 McLean, Virginia 22102 (T) 703-245-0298 (F) 703-821-1618 Lisa.Ernst@fnf.com Counsel for Plaintiffs

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Knights name Eggleston girls basketball coach

When incoming James River athletic director Ryan Firebaugh needed to replace himself as girls basketball coach, he didn't have to look far. The new Knights' head coach was sitting on the same bench for the past three seasons.

Donald Eggleston was named the new girls coach at James River last week, replacing Firebaugh who stepped down as coach when he was named AD. Ryan will officially take over the athletic department reins from Chase Davidson on July 1, and he feels the girls basketball program will remain in good hands.

"I think Donald will do a fantastic job with this program," said Firebaugh. "We thought alike on many occasions when we coached together. Certain scenarios would come about during the games and it was almost like we were thinking the same thing. For example, let's keep this possession before we have a tie up and the possession arrow was against us, let's get a quick time out to keep possession. I truly believe Coach E is the right man for this job."

Eggleston has paid his dues for this opportunity. A 1989 graduate of Cave Spring High School, Donald didn't play sports for those Knights. After graduation he attended Radford University and graduated in 1994 with a degree in Health and Physical Education. He earned his Master's at West Virginia University in Athletic Coaching in 2009.

While at Radford he met the late Brenda King, a legendary girls basketball coach who had stints at Pulaski County, Radford High and Hidden Valley before succumbing to cancer at the age of 46. Donald joined Brenda's staff at Radford in 1991 and coached there through the 1994 season.

"The basketball coach who has had the biggest impact on me was Brenda King when coaching at Radford High School," Eggleston said. "She was the person who inspired my love of coaching basketball."

In 1996 Eggleston took a position in Botetourt County coaching and teaching at Read Mountain Middle

School. He was a big part of the Stars' program, serving at head coach of the girls basketball team from 1996 to 2007, head coach of the boys team from '96 to '03 and also serving as boys soccer coach from '96 to '03.

In 2008 he moved up to the high school as head coach of the Cavalier boys jayvee team during the 2007-08 season. After one season he had the opportunity to coach on the varsity level when Craig County hired him as head varsity girls basketball coach. He held that position from 2009 to 2013, and during that time he coached Grace Faw, one of Craig's all-time best players and daughter of current Craig County High School Athletic Director Carrie Hutton.

"We just loved Donald," said Hutton. "Grace really enjoyed playing for him and we hated to see him leave. I know he'll do a great job at James River."

Eggleston got back into coaching in 2021 when Firebaugh took the girls head coaching job at James River. The team was coming off a

winless season of seven games due to the Covid pandemic. The previous year they were 4-17, so there was nowhere to go but up.

"I got to know Donald through my father and brother," said Firebaugh. "He referees football with their crew on Friday nights. When I first was hired, I was looking for assistants and I wanted to surround myself with people who knew the game as well as people who were great with kids. My father told me about Donald, that he was the head varsity girls coach basketball at Craig County and he also coached some at Read Mountain and at LB. We had a couple of phone calls and we interviewed him and I felt like he was the man to be my assistant."

With Eggleston assisting Firebaugh the team saw steady improvement. This season they were 14-11 playing in the tough Three Rivers District and River's season ended just one win away from making the state tournament.

"Being on Coach Firebaugh's staff for three years, knowing the players



PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY
Donald Eggleston (seated far right) has been named to replace Ryan Firebaugh as head coach of the James River girls basketball team.

and the teams we play, will be a big advantage coming into next season," said Eggleston. "I learned a lot from Coach Firebaugh these last three years. The biggest thing I took away from him was how to prepare for upcoming games; film study, preparing scouting reports on the opponents, communicating the goals for the game to the team. We have been called a young team the past two seasons. However, that can't be said for this upcoming year. The team is one with returning and talented juniors and seniors."

Eggleston doesn't plan

to change much now that he's in charge.

"For this season the style of basketball we are going to play is solid defense and continuing the motion offense Coach Firebaugh installed," he said. "We will continue to attack the basket while also getting shooters into position to shoot 3's."

Donald has a daughter, Abby, who is married to Cameron Collier. Both are 24 and excited to see Donald get the job.

"Abby and Cameron have said they are excited to watch the live-streamed games and support the James River girls," he said.

Medley will play in All-Star baseball game in Richmond today



PHOTO BY JENN KING

Nolan Medley will play in a high school all-star baseball game today in Richmond.

Lord Botetourt High School graduate Nolan Medley will participate in the second annual Virginia Baseball Coaches Association Senior All-Star Game today. The game will be played at "The Diamond" in Richmond.

The VBCA Senior game will bring together some of the best high school seniors in Virginia to celebrate player and coaching talent in the Commonwealth. Additionally, the VBCA will host its first

ever Home Run Derby.

The All-Star Game Committee and Honorary Coaches will select the nominees and draft into two teams for one nine-inning game. A limited number of Home Run Derby entrants will also be selected by the representatives. Players will wear their high school uniforms.

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Aliveto is new boys basketball coach at Lord Botetourt

Josh Aliveto and JJ Redick have taken different paths since Aliveto guarded the Cave Spring freshman in 1999. Redick is waiting to see if the Lakers will hire him as their new coach, while Aliveto has a job in hand, and he didn't have to wait for Dan Hurley to make a decision before Botetourt County hired him.

Josh was officially named the coach of the Cavaliers last week, replacing Andrew Hart who stepped down to spend more time with his growing family. Aliveto is a person who needs no introduction to Botetourt sports fans, as he's been part of the Cavalier program for most of his life.

A 1999 graduate of LB, Josh played football, basketball and baseball for the Cavaliers and was a standout in all three. He was the Cavaliers' quarterback on the football team and went on to play at Concord University, graduating in 2004. However, he also had some highlights in basketball playing for Ed Purdy and Chuck Pound.

"We were around the top of the Blue Ridge District during my junior and senior years," said Aliveto. "The Blue Ridge was much different then. A lot of the River Ridge teams such as Salem were part of the district. I averaged around 10 points a game while typically guarding the opponent's best player. I guarded JJ Redick my senior year and his freshman year."

As most fans know, Redick survived

the matchup and went on to star at Duke, followed by a long career in the NBA. He's now the top analyst on NBA broadcasts and is waiting for the Lakers to decide if he's going to be their next coach.

Aliveto took a different route, and the folks in Botetourt County are glad he did. Over the past 19 years Josh has coached middle school and high school football and basketball, high school baseball, middle school track and field and, yes, even high school girls tennis in the county.

"Up to this point, I have coached 50 teams from a variety of levels such as rec, travel, middle school, junior varsity and varsity programs," he said.

Josh is also a teacher, so he's quite familiar with the boys on the basketball team. He sees a group who is excited to learn and win games.

"There are a bunch of kids who are passionate about getting better as a basketball team," he said. "I have either had most of these kids on the athletic field or court, and/or the classroom, and I believe they are a good representation of the Botetourt community. We have returning players who I believe will be strong leaders."

As a player, Josh was influenced by his coaches at LB, including Purdy, Pound, Tony Hart and Jim Phillips. He's also taken notes while watching the



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Josh Aliveto (center with headphones), a long-time member of the Lord Botetourt football coaching staff, has been named the new head boys basketball coach for the Cavaliers.

University of Virginia team.

"As a coach, I enjoy watching Tony Bennett from UVA and I have become a fan of what he stands for as a coach," said Aliveto. "We're going to establish a style of basketball that is tough on defense with a team-oriented offense. I hope at the end of the day we will be viewed as a mentally and physically tough team, a team that takes pride in doing the grunt

work necessary to be successful."

Aliveto has a wife, Charlene, and two children, 11-year-old Michael and 7-year-old Eva. He's been coaching Michael's recreation football team, often getting up early for Saturday games after coaching on Jamie Harless' LB varsity staff Friday night. Josh said he still plans to help out with the Cavalier football team in the fall.



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Heath Andrews goes to Omaha

North Carolina State University freshman Heath Andrews, a 2023 graduate of James River High School, is on the pitching staff for the Wolfpack in the NCAA Baseball

World Series in Omaha, N.C. The ninth-seeded Wolfpack opened with a 5-4, 10-inning loss to second-seeded Kentucky in their opening game on Saturday. On Monday the Pack was

eliminated from the tournament by another SEC school, Florida, by the same 5-4 score. Andrews, a true freshman, appeared in 10 games and started one for the Wolfpack during

the regular season. He pitched 10 innings with six strikeouts and had a 0-1 won-loss record for a team that went 38-23 and earned a trip to the College World Series.

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