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Suspect identified in spray painting vandalisms and threats

Botetourt County Sheriff's Office detectives obtained arrest warrants last week for a suspect after he allegedly spray-painted government property.

The investigation was initiated on Saturday, April 27, when deputies responded to a report of graffiti vandalism at the entrance to Greenfield Elementary School and the Botetourt County Sports Complex.

At approximately 6:26 a.m., on June 14, deputies again responded to another report of graffiti vandalism

at the entrance to Greenfield Elementary School and the Botetourt County Sports Complex. Deputies observed threatening statements of violence directed toward the Board of Supervisors spray-painted on the roadway and other statements expressing discontent with government.

On June 25, information was obtained by detectives identifying a suspect in these incidents. Preliminary investigation suggested the suspect had become increasingly vocal and more focused on carrying out acts of violence.

An arrest warrant for felony

destruction of property was obtained on June 25 and on July 2, detectives obtained a felony warrant for terroristic threats for Marcus L. Aleshire, 33, of Troutville.

Aleshire was arrested and is currently being held without bond in the Botetourt-Craig Regional Jail.

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

- Botetourt County Sheriff's Office



Marcus L. Aleshire

PHOTO COURTESY OF BCSS

McClung ice box is storage for memories



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Chuck Vassar, of Daleville, stands next to a wooden ice box once owned by his uncle, Benny Stinnett. This ice box first appeared in the August 28, 1975 edition of The Fincastle Herald.

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Did you know that there is a wooden ice box currently located in Daleville believed to be nearly 300

years old?

In the August 28, 1975 edition of The Fincastle Herald, an announcement was published that

See Ice box, page 5



Captain Garry Rock sprays Tanker 2 before Troutville's new apparatus entered the bay at Troutville VFD.

New tanker in Troutville

Last Wednesday, the Botetourt County Department of Fire & EMS celebrated putting the new Tanker 2 in service at the Troutville Volunteer Fire Department. Members of the department and community leaders joined guests to welcome the new apparatus into the fleet.

The station's previous tanker was 32 years old. The new model is a Pierce Freightliner automatic transmission that has a capacity of 3,000 gallons of water. This tanker has the same



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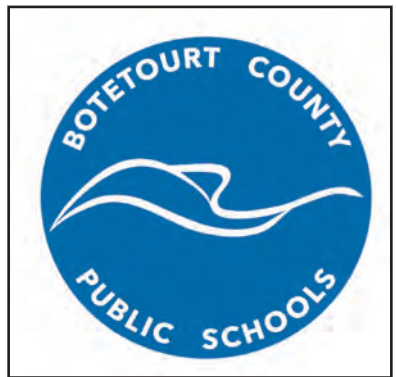
Troutville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Zach Beckner (left) and Botetourt Fire & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson speak to guests last Wednesday.

capabilities as the tanker placed at Read Mountain. The department shared in a recent social media post that it is "thankful for new

equipment to better serve the community."

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Botetourt County Public Schools announced important back-to-school dates for the 2024-25 school year



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BCPS

Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) recently announced upcoming back-to-school dates for middle and high school students. Below are details on schedule pick-up, open houses, and orientations. The first regular school day is Thursday, August 8.

Middle Schools

Central Academy Middle School Schedule Pick-up Days: CAMS Schedule Pick-up Days are Thursday, July 25, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., or Friday, August 2, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Open House: There will also be an open house opportunity for parents and students to meet their teachers during the schedule pick-up opportunity on Friday, August 2 from 1- 4 pm.

6th-grade Transition Day: On August

5, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., sixth-grade students will spend part of their day at CAMS to ensure a smooth first day of school. They will have the opportunity to meet their teachers, run through their class schedule, and participate in fun and engaging activities. Lunch will be provided. Students should be dropped off by 10 a.m. Parents are invited back at 1:30 p.m. for an informational meeting with the administration and the school counselors.

Read Mountain Middle School

RMMS will have two dates where students and parents will have the opportunity to pick up schedules, pay fees, and receive help with back-to-school forms in Parent-Portal:

- Thursday, July 25, from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

- Thursday, August 1, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (This date/time will also be an open house opportunity for students and parents to meet teachers.)

The 6th grade/new student orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 7. Students will be mailed invitations with their designated tour times.

High Schools

James River High School

Schedule Pick-up/Business Days: JRHS Schedule Pick-up Days are Tuesday, July 30, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., or Monday, August 5, from 1 - 4 p.m. for all JRHS students (grades 9 - 12).

Open House ("Meet your Teachers"): There will also be an open house opportunity for parents and students to meet their teachers during the schedule

pick-up opportunity on Monday, August 5, from 1 - 4 p.m.

On Schedule Pick-up/Business Days, students and parents will have the opportunity to pick up schedules, pay class fees (\$30), purchase technology insurance (\$25), make parking spot selections (\$30), purchase Knights Sports Passes, receive help with back-to-school forms in ParentPortal, join the JRHS PTSSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization), join the JRHS Athletics Booster Club, purchase spirit wear, ask questions,

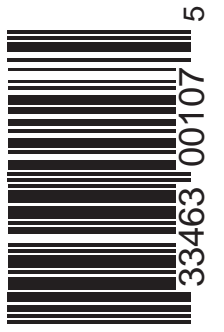
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The Place to be in 2023! Daleville town center. Scan here to Follow us on facebook for complete event schedule, and details.

JULY 13 Botetourt FARMER'S MARKET 8:30 to NOON

JULY 13 THE WORX 5-9PM

JULY 19 GLEN SHELTON 5-9PM



Botetourt County History



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCMHC

During the summer many families celebrate reunions while sharing their history. This is a photograph of Shem Carlis Nininger (b. 1885) and his wife, Harvey May Caldwell Nininger (b. 1890). The child is Virginia Roberta Nininger, who was born in 1912. She was the first of their 10 children and married Warner Calvin Crowder on July 6, 1928, in Bristol, Tenn.. They had five children who lived to adulthood. One of those children was Catherine Crowder Teaford, who donated this portrait to

the Botetourt County Historical Society in 2000. The antique frame has raised colored flowers and the family is dressed in the latest fashion. Catherine Teaford (1932-2018) is the mother of current BCHS board member Catherine Teaford Cronise. This portrait hangs upstairs in the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

2024 Drinking Water Testing Clinic begins Aug. 5

Virginia Tech • Virginia State University

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF VACOOPERATIVE EXTENSION

What's in your water? Did you know that private water supplies like wells and springs are unregulated? It is the responsibility of the homeowner to regularly test water quality, maintain the water system, and address any problems. Affordable, confidential water testing and education will be offered through Virginia Cooperative Extension Office in Botetourt County.

Pick up a kit on August 5 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Botetourt County Extension Office (9 West Main Street Fincastle), and plan

to drop off samples on August 7 between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. at the same office.

Participation is voluntary and confidential. Water samples collected by participating homeowners will be analyzed for 14 parameters, including bacteria, metals, nitrate and hardness at a cost of \$70. Results and water system care and maintenance information will be sent to each participant either by email or mail, and a pre-recorded or live video presentation will be made available to help explain the summary results and

recommendations to address problems. The office expects results to be mailed approximately 30 days after collection.

All information is kept strictly confidential and results are reported only to the homeowner. Contact Anne Jones at 540-928-3210 or annec16@vt.edu to register. For more information about the Virginia Household Water Quality Program, as well as many resources relevant to private water systems, visit www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu.

- Virginia Cooperative Extension

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Library Youth Services at Farmer's Market Saturday



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A photo of a project made during this summer's "Dive Into Reading" challenge put on by Botetourt Libraries.

Botetourt County Libraries Youth Services team has had a blast with this summer and recently announced that the fun isn't over yet. Join the Youth Services team at the Botetourt Farmer's Market in Daleville this Saturday, July 13 for an Under the Sea Storytime.

Botetourt Library's Youth Services will be onsite with ocean themed stories and crafts for kids. Storytime will take place every 30 minutes beginning at 8 a.m.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF TOWN OF BUCHANAN

Eighth Annual Reggae by the River jams July 20

Head out to Buchanan Town Park for a wonderful family-friendly evening of reggae music on the James River July 20 from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. The Town of Buchanan, Sky High Reggae, and LMDB present the Eighth Annual Reggae By The River, featuring Roanoke's Lazy Man Dub Band and DJ Squeeze alongside Floyd's Father Sun and East Coast favorite Reggae Infinity jamming on grassy acres where the water meets mountain.

The town welcomes artisan vendors and food vendors, including longtime participant Island Wheels. The vendor application can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/439583975356463>.

The annual T-shirt tie dye will be taking place on locally silkscreen shirts with the event's new logo.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



Lazy Man Dub Band

FILE PHOTO

Bank of the James marks 25 years, ranked No. 2 community bank in Virginia in assets category

Bank of the James Financial Group, headquartered in Lynchburg, is celebrating its 25th anniversary as a community bank in Virginia. With a foundation of financial commitments from investors, the bank opened its doors in 1999. Since its founding, investors, shareholders and clients have tangibly demonstrated their confidence in the bank's vision and people through investments, stock ownership, and selecting Bank of the James as the bank of



FILE PHOTO

A photo from Bank of the James recent opening celebration in Buchanan.

choice. This confidence and community investment have funded its operations and financed growth.

Bank of the James opened its doors in July 1999 with a commitment

to serving its communities by providing access to dedicated, experienced professionals, building value for its shareholders, and giving back through

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ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for July 1-6:

- David A. Cox, 23, of Troutville, domestic assault, July 1
- Timothy D. Dillman, 41, of Troutville, domestic assault, July 3
- Darrell R. Richards Sr., 53, of Salem, possession with intent to distribute drugs, possession of stolen goods, providing false identification to law enforcement, driving on a revoked license, July 6

LAND TRANSFERS

The following land transfers were recorded in the Botetourt County Courthouse in June. The names of only one seller and one buyer are listed; others may be involved in the transaction.

- Mary St. Clair Atkinson to Challenge LLC, 1 acre, \$106,000
- Keith Monroe Ayers to Aidan D. Walker, lot, British Woods, \$200,000
- Bildel Corporation to BLW LLC, 2.345 acres, \$70,000
- Kyle Bishop to Anderson, lot, Sommersby, \$0
- Blue Ridge Trustees to Shane Spradlin, 4 lots, Forrest Addition, \$140,000
- Norma Lynne Bolton to John W. Plenge, 3.502 acres, \$486,500
- Botetourt County Virginia to Economic Development Authority, 2 acres, gift deed
- Franklin M. Breeden to Michael W. Taylor, two parcels, \$280,000
- Karol Lee Brenner to Frederick A. Coots III, 2.250 acres, Brughs Mill Estates, \$800,000
- Terri A. Brockly to Megan Bratton Sink, lot, Laurel Mountain, \$382,000
- Charles A. Brogan to Deborah Gibson, 0.5 acres, gift deed
- David K. Bruce to Lucinda Sue Sturdevant, lot, Apple Tree Village, \$407,500
- Steven C. Caldwell to Russell Guy Conner, 56.382 acres, \$340,000
- Zachary Caldwell to Kevin J. Kranenburg, 0.462 acre, \$256,000
- Landon Clark to Alice A. Wagner, 0.548 acre, \$357,000
- Charles T. Clemens to Roanoke Valley Holdings LLC, 28.603 acres, \$220,000
- Charles T. Clemens to Value Housing Partners LLC, 3.168 acres, \$850,000
- Mark D. Cregger to RWR Properties LLC, 2 parcels, \$96,200
- Michael B. Davis to Joanne Rigos, lot, Steeplechase, \$424,000
- Development by M&J to James Lewis, 1 acre, \$292,500
- James W. Elliott, Special Commissioner, to Laymantown Road Trust, 1 acre, \$10,000
- Cynthia Reeves Elmore to Mark Tembo, 2 lots, Rainbow Forest, \$401,000
- Equity Trustees LLC to Down South Investments LLC, unit, Tinkerview Townhouse, \$200,000
- Derek Ferguson to Thomas D. Martin, 2.850 acres, \$310,000
- Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department to Eagle Mountain Properties LLC, 0.45 acre, \$200,000
- Howard L. Finnicum to Marian J. Parker, 1.78 acres, \$288,000
- Mirsad Hasanbasic to Kyndall B. Fitzgerald, lot, The Orchards, Botetourt South, \$350,000
- John Thomas Heck to Jason Nathaneal Heck, 50.769 acres, gift deed
- John Thomas Heck to John Thomas Heck, 48.976 acres, gift deed
- John Thomas Heck to Michael Gene Parr, 4 parcels, gift deed
- Zachary Humphries to Gerri Marie Bennett, 4.24 acres, \$380,000
- Michael B. Hurd to Joseph D. Pool, 3.636 acres, \$1,000,000
- Sean M. Kessler to Karlee Eubank, 2.538 acres, \$52,500
- Michael J. Klenke to Kendrick Hochstetler, 5.7 acres, \$253,900
- Randall Keith Kobza to Collin Harrison, 2 parcels, \$95,000
- Laer Holdings LLC to Forrest Gregg Belcher, 15.956 acres, \$1,225,000
- Glenda S. Lemon to William D. Bryant, 0.60 acre, \$30,000
- Lenox Title Trustee Services to Barry C. Compton Inc., 1.311 acres, \$151,000
- Verna Mae Lewis to Pamela Wagner, 1 acre, \$598,950
- LW Roth LLC to Toby Kouns, 1 acre, \$30,000
- Pamela Brandy Martin to Stacy A. Erber, lot, Tinkerview Townhouse, \$205,000
- Hunter Shawn Matheney to Jaime R. Viera Fero, 1.250 acres, \$25,000
- Michael Wesley Meadows to Thomas Pearce, 1 acre, \$549,950
- Michael T. Moorman to Cardon Development LLC, 2 lots, Town of Fincastle, \$153,000
- Mathew A. Morris to CMH Homes Inc., 3.05 acres, \$33,700
- Phuong Ngyuen to Nicky Ray Byer, 1.866 acres, Parkway West, \$38,000
- Valerie B. Oakes to Elite Estate Solutions LLC, 0.285 acre, \$8,000
- P&L Holdings to Catawba Corner LLC, 4 parcels, \$0
- Matthew Persinger to Kristen Nichole Hartman, lot, Ashley Plantation, \$615,000
- Dawn Scott Poff to Kourtney Lane Poff, lot, White Oak Estates, \$135,000
- Raymond W. Powell Jr. to Andrew Sterling Fields, 3.280 acres, \$450,000
- David Wayne Robertson to James E. Ryan, lot, Medallion Hills, \$530,000
- Rossello Investments LLC to Charissa Lynn Garrett, lot, Blue Ridge Heights, \$340,000
- S&S Property Group Inc to Howard Page Mallory II, lot, Grays Addition, \$3,500
- S&S Property Group Inc to Nicole E. Seemann, 2 lots, Grays Addition, \$12,000
- S&S Real Properties to Rebekah Bisnett, lot, White Oak Estates, \$36,000
- Kathy Smith Young Schilling to William Ashby Smith, 2.579 acres, gift deed
- Kimberly A. Shifflett to Zane Olin Weidman, 2.26 acres, \$150,000
- Regina Minnix Spangler to Nina Minnix Bleu, two parcels, quit claim deed
- Springwood Properties LLC to Wayshak Edward Hill, 13.299 acres, \$386,450
- Stanley E. Strickler to Susan Jacobsen, 2.250 acres, \$150,000
- Stephen Hill Sublett to Bruin Holdings LLC, lot, Rainbow Forest, \$325,000
- Gary D. Tiller to Julius R. Ramo Jr., lot, \$365,000
- Timothy Hunter Trivellin to AMS Venture LLC, 56.527 acres, \$199,950
- Kelley Walker to Jonathan Bishop, lot, Woodridge Estates, \$557,500
- Raymond Gerald Ward to Sonya Helton Carwile, lot, Rainbow Forest, \$300,000
- Larry K. Williams to Allen Kitts, lot Altamira, \$429,950



PHOTO COURTESY OF HFI

HFI sponsoring event with free hot dogs, ice cream this Sunday

Historic Fincastle, Inc. invites the community to the Big Spring Park for free hot dogs and ice cream on Sunday, July 14. There will be games and music plus a "Dog Parade" at 2 p.m. The 18th Century Living History Interpreters will be in attendance also, sharing games

from the 1700s and 1800s. All are invited to come out and enjoy the park and the trail and have a free hot dog, ice cream and water. Bring your own chair.

- Historic Fincastle, Inc.

Quilts of Valor and Sirens & Salutes honor veterans July 20

Sirens and Salutes along with Quilts of Valor will present 14 veterans with special handmade quilts to honor their military service on Saturday, July 20, at 11 a.m. at the Botetourt Event Center in Buchanan.

Last year, Quilts of Valor presented quilts

to 13 local veterans. A Quilt of Valor is a civilian lifetime award in recognition of a veteran's service and sacrifice to the country.

To contact the foundation for more on Quilts of Valor, visit qovf.org, or contact State and Regional Coordinator

Madonna Rabatin via email at madonna.rabatin@qovf.org.

To learn more about Sirens & Salutes, visit www.sirensandsalutes.org.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



FILE PHOTO

During last year's ceremony, Quilts of Valor presented 13 local veterans with quilts in honor of their service to the country.

Botetourt Volunteer Fire Academy begins Aug. 13

The Botetourt Fire & EMS Volunteer Fire Academy begins on August 13. The Academy includes Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and HAZMAT Operations.

Botetourt County volunteer participants must have completed the entire volunteer application process including a drug test, background check and eligibility letter on file. Class will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and some

weekends through January 2025.

Those from outside agencies may sign up for the Academy through the link provided. Cost is \$125 per participant.

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/ad5UWsS2xc>. Deadline to register is July 12. Questions? Email rhartberger@botetourtva.gov.

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As harvests come in, consider donating seeds to our Seed Library so they will be available to other community members! Anyone can select up to 5 packets of seeds to take home and plant. Available at every library branch.

Featured Resource: Gale Legal Forms

Gale Legal Forms is an online resource that provides FREE downloadable, fillable forms for basic legal transactions current to federal and Virginia code, such as wills, leases, sales contracts, powers of attorney, and more. It also includes legal Q&A, informative articles, attorney directories, and legal definitions. Find this resource at bocolibraries.info > Online Resources.

Little Critters Traveling Petting Zoo

Wed, Jul 24, 10:30am, Buchanan
Wed, Jul 24, 6pm, Fincastle
Thu, Jul 25, 10:30am, Eagle Rock
Thu, Jul 25, 6pm, Blue Ridge

See and touch farm animals like chickens, rabbits, pygmy goats, ducks,

alpacas, and miniature horses and donkeys in this traveling petting zoo.

Eclectic Readers

Thu, Jul 11, 6:30pm, Fincastle
The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin
Thu, Jul 25, 11am, Eagle Rock
The Long Call by Ann Cleeves
Fri, Jul 26, 11am, Blue Ridge
Life After Life by Kate Atkinson
Discuss books and authors with fellow readers.

True Crime Book Club

Mon, Jul 15, 6:30pm, Blue Ridge
Discuss "whodunit" books and authors with fellow true crime enthusiasts. Choose your own books or find one from the list of recommendations. July theme: Survivors.

Needlecraft

Wed, Jul 17, 1pm, Buchanan
Bring your project to work on, share your tips, and learn from others in this informal gathering. All types of needlecraft are welcome.

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What happened to the Botetourt County Republican Committee?

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, Steve Dean won a very close election in a low turn-out party canvas to become the new chairman of the Botetourt County Republican Committee (BCRC). Unfortunately, the BCRC has been in a steady decline ever since.

At the Board of Supervisors' budget hearing, in other venues, and online, the active members of the Dean regime have spoken to and about members of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors with vitriol, disrespect, and false accusations. Never mind that all of the members of the Board of Supervisors are Republicans who won Republican primaries to be elected – three as recently as June 2023. Never mind that the Dean group provided no realistic or actionable reductions to the proposed budget, and never mind that the tax rate proposal by Dean and his group, based on what they referred to as a "net neutral rate," would have degraded law enforcement and emergency services response times.

Unfortunately, the vitriol, disrespect, and false allegations by Dean and his "committee members" led to death threats against members of the Board of Supervisors and the arrest of at least one individual for threatening to murder the supervisors.

No lessons were learned by Dean, however. On June 24, the Dean committee voted to oppose the county accepting contributions from a newly created Botetourt County Library Foundation for books or other instructional material. Their position was based on the paranoid belief

that such funding would be used to purchase pornography to poison the minds of the children of the county.

Dean and the BCRC's latest ill-conceived committee activity is a recall petition drive against members of the current Board of Supervisors. State law allows for citizens to petition the Circuit Court of the county for a recall with 10 percent of registered voters' signatures in the affected supervisor's district. Unfortunately for Dean and his perpetually angry supporters, the law also requires that the supervisor in question has clearly neglected some specific duty of the office of supervisor with a clear "material adverse effect." Or that the person has committed some serious crime.

Disagreeing with Dean and his followers on how much to spend on county-needed services, or what the property tax rate should be to fund these services, is a policy difference with Dean, not a malfeasance of duty or a crime. The Circuit Court would certainly dismiss the petition as unfounded. Nonetheless, the BCRC will waste the committee's time, the time of the voters it harasses for signatures, and the time of the Botetourt County Circuit Court. And, of course, it will cause a distraction for the Board of Supervisors as they try to govern the county.

Some of us had hoped that Jim Luddington, the BCRC vice chairman, would provide some adult supervision and a moderating influence. Alas, that is not the case. It now appears the majority of the county's traditional Republicans and elected officials will have to put up with two years of a perpetual grievance mindset of the BCRC under Dean's leadership, until the next party chairman canvas in 2026, assuming there is still a viable BCRC to hold a canvas by then.

John Williamson
Buchanan

DAR: Our Patriot Ancestors – Joseph Fuqua

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

country achieve American Independence. Joseph Fuqua is the Patriot ancestor of associate members Barbara Helms and Cindy Higgins.

In Bedford, Joseph Fuqua is known as "The Settler who gave the town of Liberty his land, and the state of Texas his sons." Joseph Fuqua was

born in Lunenburg County, Va., on

May 4, 1756. He was a son of Ralph Fuqua and grandson of Guillaume Fouquet who came to

Virginia during the exodus of Huguenots from France. Fuqua fought in the Revolutionary War, enlisting on February 22, 1776 and fighting in the battles of Cowpens and Brandywine. He was discharged in 1778. Several of his brothers and brothers-in-law also saw action in the war. After his

service, Fuqua settled in the Bedford County area. In 1782, he and William Downing donated 100 acres that became the site of a little town called "Liberty" – the new county seat. In

1790 Liberty changed its name to Bedford.

That same year, Fuqua married Celia Bondurant and they went on to have eight sons and six daughters, and most of them eventually moved west and settled in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Texas. A grandson, 16-year-old Galba Fuqua, was the youngest soldier to die at the battle of the Alamo. The Fuquas were devout Baptists and Joseph Fuqua was the first deacon at Lowry Meeting House, now Timber Ridge Baptist Church in Bedford. The family was renowned for its hospitality.

Joseph Fuqua died on May 4, 1829 – his 73rd birthday – and was buried in a small family cemetery off Orange Street in Bedford. It was uncovered in the mid-1970s by a Bedford City/County Museum curator. A stipulation in Fuqua's will provided that the cemetery should never be sold, so the company that had purchased that land deeded the site to the city, which maintains it today.

Another of Joseph's descendants was instrumental in providing one of Bedford's best-known

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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Benny

Benny is a sweet boy from Scott County. He is neutered and up to date on all vaccines. He is HW negative and ready for his forever home. He is 6 years old, but still spunky, and very outgoing and affectionate.



He was found with an electric collar on, but his owner never tried to retrieve him from the Scott County Pound.

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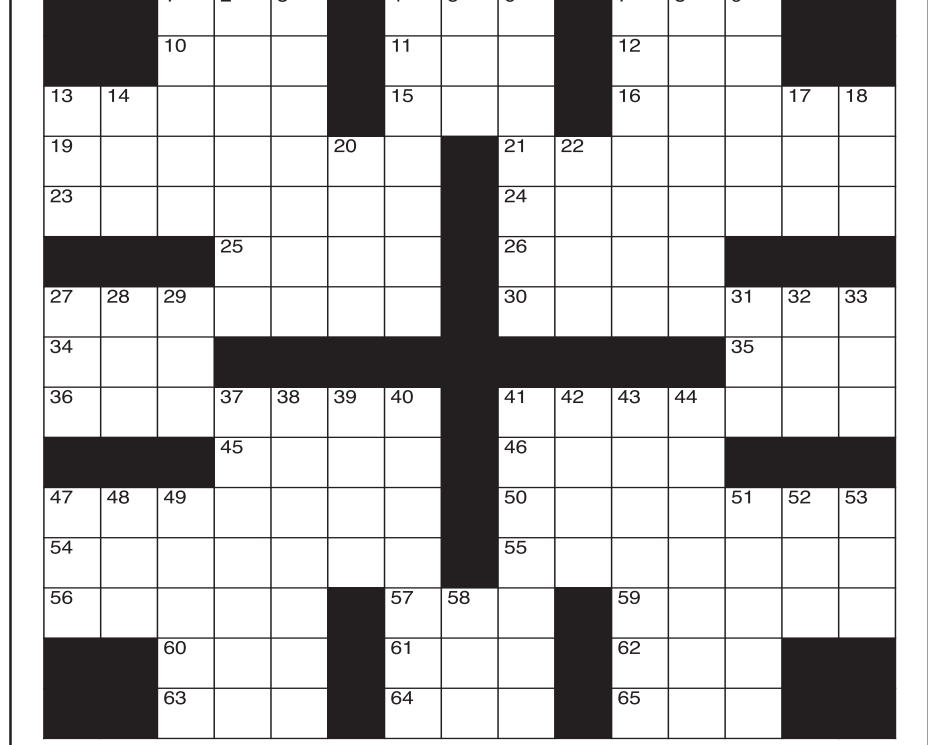
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- Tumbler
- A short section of a musical composition
- Young woman (French)
- Wings
- Wine bottles
- Thin layers of rock
- Opposite to
- American state
- Uncertainty about something
- Basics
- Indian seaport
- Owed as a debt
- Buffer solution
- Unit of work or energy
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- One point south of due east
- Born of

- CLUES DOWN**
- Small stem bearing leaves
 - Female Bacchanalian
 - Mediterranean city
 - Measures electric current
 - Arrived extinct
 - Edible butterfish
 - Causing wonder or astonishment
 - Behaviors showing high moral standards
 - Ancient Irish alphabets
 - Mailman
 - Footballer Newton
 - Utilize
 - Sum of absolute errors
 - Opposite of the beginning
 - Shoe company
 - Algerian port city
 - Girls organization (abbr.)
 - Type of cell (abbr.)
 - Swiss river
 - When you hope to get there

- Fall behind
- Expresses distaste, disapproval
- Volume containing several novels
- Less sharp
- Food for the poor
- Having made a valid will
- Royal estates
- Relating to wings
- Japanese three-stringed lute
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Ice box from page 1

Benny G. Stinnett, of Eagle Rock, purchased an old ice box that once belonged to the McClung family, an Irish family that immigrated to Pennsylvania and later Rockbridge County through the years 1740-1781.

The article goes on to explain that one of the descendants, Joseph Alexander McClung, moved to the county a few miles outside of Eagle Rock and in 1904, Joseph's home was burned. A spot burned onto the ice box from the fire still remains.

Later, the chest was moved to the home of Will McClung, and then later handed down to his son, Hugh. The ice box has a mirror, a place for blocks of ice and a lower section for food. The article referred to the ice box as "a very unique piece of furniture."

The ice box's current owner, Chuck Vassar of Daleville, remembers the original writeup. Vassar acquired the ice box from his uncle, Benny Stinnett, who promised the antique to his nephew. The ice box has "always had sentimental value" to Vassar. Stinnett passed away in 2009. His nephew finally came into possession of the ice box in 2023.

"There used to be an old gas station out in Eagle Rock - Brooks' gas station," Vassar recalled. "Minnie Truslow ran a grocery store on the old Route 43, a real old grocery store. My uncle, Benny, frequented the grocery store and that's where he first found the ice box."

"He was into antiques. He wasn't working (at the time) and he would travel around Botetourt and the Eagle Rock area looking for antiques. He would buy them and resell them. This one here struck his eye but he wanted to keep (the ice box), which he did for a while. I would visit him, see it, and then told him I would like to have it."

The wooden ice chest still functions, amazingly enough. The metal insulation has remained intact



The burn mark can still be found on the chest's top shelf.

and is still reliable for short-term storage for cooler items. There is also a small tank to hold water and a faucet/nozzle on the front of the chest that once released the stored water.

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... ANTIQUE ICE BOX--Benny G. Stinnett, of Eagle Rock, has recently purchased an old ice box that belonged to the McClung family. The ornaments are brass. It has a mirror, a place for blocks of ice and a lower section for food and is a very unique piece of furniture. Stinnett has restored it to its natural color. The early McClungs immigrated from Ireland to Pennsylvania and later down the valley to Rockbridge County, 1740-1781. Later, one of the descendants, Joseph Alexander McClung, moved to Botetourt County, about four miles west of Eagle Rock. Supposedly, this chest was handed down. In 1904, the home was burned, and a burned spot can be seen on the top of the chest. The chest was moved to the home of Will McClung, a son, and later given to Will's son, Hugh McClung. Stinnett invites anyone who would like to see the ice box to come to his home in Eagle Rock.

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The original writeup for the McClung ice box when it came into the possession of Benny Stinnett of Eagle Rock.



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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 Cops 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 grade (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, 6p.m., Bible study, 6:45 p.m. Preschool, after-school care & summer day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey,

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Read Proverbs 5:1 through 8:36

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Maybe times and values have changed, but today it seems like more and more young adults would rather not work at all. An entire generation of young people have been lured away by different types of leisure activities. Scripture warns against neglecting one's work:

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man (Proverbs6:10–11).

God created people to work hard with the giftedness and talents He gave us. Like no other generation in the world, we have access to education and job training to prepare us for our work. It is good for parents to provide for the needs of their family through the work God has provided.

Prayer Suggestion: Thank God for your talents and abilities and for the work He has placed before you.

Quicklook: Proverbs 6:6–11

Pastor; Shawna Burkhart, preschool director.

Mt. Bethel Church of the Brethren- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday 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 Sunday at 6pm, 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.

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EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

NON-**DENOMINATIONAL**

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

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

Woodland Church-A Place Where You Can Grow - 45 Woodland Rd. Troutville, VA. Corner of Blacksburg/Country Club Rds., 3.5 miles W. of Fincastle; 992-1008. Sunday School, 10AM; Worship, 11AM, Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30PM. Website: woodlandchurchbc.com. E-mail address: woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

Fincastle Presbyterian Church - 108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, Supply Minister, Lori Turner, Music Director. Worship service in the Sanctuary and via Live Streaming (<https://www.facebook.com/fincastleresbyterianchurch>) at 10:30 AM. Adult Sunday School offered at 9:30 AM. Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning service. Bell choir practices after Sunday Fellowship, often providing special music in our services. For more information please email fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com or call 540.473.2042.

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

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Church of the Transfiguration- 7624 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, VA 24090; Fr. Zaverio "Xavier" Banasula. 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

Cox, George 'Mike'

George "Mike" "Mater" Michael Cox, 69, of Buchanan, passed away Thursday, July 4, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Smith Eubank, and step-father, Dick Eubank; sister, Mary Cox; half-brothers, Eddie, Tony, and Clarence Stinnett.

Mater loved to fish, be on the river, and his dog "Lil Bit." He enjoyed playing cards, shooting pool, and games with his friends. He never met a stranger, talked to everyone with a smile on his face, and joy ride on his scooter.



Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and James Miller; grandson, Jake Compton and wife, Tiffany; great-granddaughter, Braylee Compton; sister, Nancy Deacon; and numerous nieces and nephews, including special niece, Ashton.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

Deel, Daniel Potter Ray

Daniel Potter Ray Deel, 75, formerly of Botetourt County, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Beulah Ray Deel; infant siblings, Barbara Catherine, Thomas Everette, and Wallace McDonald Deel; sisters, Phyllis Deel and Imo Ann Moseley; and brothers, Luther and Calvin Deel.

He is survived by his daughter, Charity "Angie" Malone and husband, Timothy; son, Jeffrey Deel; wife, Sally Deel; grandchildren, Nicolas Reed, Timothy Reed, Christopher



Reed, Samantha Malone, Jackson Malone, and Logen Malone; great-grandchildren, Ivy and Otto Van Reed; sister, Helen Hodges; step-grandchildren, Sydney, Kaley, and Avery Brown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 8, 2024 Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, at the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home with the Pastor Danny Quirin officiating. Interment was in Mill Creek Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com.

McCaleb, Edwin Curtis

Edwin "Curtis" McCaleb, 85, of 588 Locust Bottom Road, Eagle Rock, died Monday, July 1, 2024 at his residence. He will be loved forever and greatly missed.

Edwin was born on October 30, 1938 in Eagle Rock to the late James and Harriet Fridley McCaleb. He grew up in Sophia, W.Va. until he and his cousin, Jack Fridley, joined the United States Air Force in 1957, and they served until 1961. Edwin then moved back to Virginia and married the late Deloris Jean McCaleb. He retired from Gala Industries after 30 years of serving as a machinist. Curtis enjoyed reading books, riding his 4-wheeler, and feeding the birds.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a

sister, Peggy Carlene Parent; and a brother-in-law, Lannie Ballard.

He is survived by a daughter, Sherry Shaw and husband Terry of Wirtz; two sons, Brian McCaleb and Michael McCaleb, both of Eagle Rock; a sister, Loretta Ballard of Roanoke; a brother-in-law, Larry Parent of W.Va.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Friday, July 5, 2024 at 12 noon in the chapel of Nicely Funeral Home, Clifton Forge with the Rev. Terry Shaw officiating. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery, Eagle Rock. The family received friends on Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of service at Nicely Funeral Home. To send condolences to the family online, please visit www.nicelyfuneralhome.com.




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Botetourt Farmers Market to host annual Tomato Festival

The Botetourt Farmers Market is thrilled to announce the return of its highly anticipated Tomato Festival, set to take place on Saturday, July 27, from 8:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the picturesque Buchanan Town Park. This beloved community event promises a fun-filled day for all ages, celebrating the rich agricultural heritage of Botetourt County.

The Tomato Festival will highlight the heart of the market—our dedicated farmers and their fresh, high-quality produce. Attendees can expect:

- Farm-Fresh Produce: Shop for the freshest seasonal produce, including a wide variety of tomatoes, fruits, vegetables, and more, directly from our local farmers.
- Tomato Tasting:

Sample a diverse selection of locally grown tomatoes, ranging from heirlooms to hybrids.

- Vendor Salsa Contest: Enjoy the excitement of our vendor salsa contest, where market vendors will compete to create the best salsa using their home-grown ingredients.

- Artisan Vendors: A curated selection of local artisans and crafters offering unique handmade goods.

- Kids' Activities: Engaging and educational activities for children, including crafts and games.

"While we are normally located at the Daleville Town Center every Saturday from May through October, for this special event, we will move to Buchanan Town Park to celebrate the 4th

annual Tomato Festival," said Brandy Underwood, Community Rep for the Botetourt Farmers Market.

"The Tomato Festival is one of our most cherished

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CHURCH NEWS

Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open Saturday, July 13, from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. Hosts will be the Buchanan Lions Club. They will be distributing meat, bread, milk and staples at the curb. Anyone who needs food is welcome.

Benefit fish fry for Guatemalan mission trip Saturday, July 13

A benefit fish fry will be held from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, July 13 at the VFW Hall, 4902 Roanoke Road, Daleville, drive-through only. Proceeds will go toward a local mission trip to Guatemala.

The meal will consist of two pieces of fish, parsley potatoes, slaw, hushpuppies and dessert for \$13. Tickets are in advance only and may be purchased by calling Kim at 540-529-4868 or Sherry at 540-354- 9823.

Pleasant Hill food distribution July 13

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will have food box distribution on Saturday, July 13, from 9-10:30 a.m. Food boxes will be available at the church, 4930 Country Club Road, or the Eagle Rock Library. Boxes are free and will be given out till gone.

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.

Daleville Baptist VBS

Daleville Baptist Church, 375 Orchard Drive, Daleville, will host Vacation Bible School July 14-18, 6-8:30 p.m. "Jungle Journey: An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation" classes will be available for ages preschool through eighth grade. Registration forms are available in the foyer or online at: <https://dalevillebaptistvbs.myanswers.com/jungle-journey>.

Springwood Baptist VBS

Vacation Bible School is coming

to Springwood Baptist Church, Wednesday, July 31- Friday, August 2 from 6-8.30 p.m. There will be fun for all ages, including Bible study, games, crafts and more. Sign up now at springwoodbc.org.

Mill Creek Baptist VBS

Ages 3 through fifth grade children are invited to Vacation Bible School at Mill Creek Baptist July 14-18 from 6-8:30 p.m. Register at vbspro.events/p/millcreekbaptistchurch.

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.

Donations welcome for Andrew Chapel Cemetery

Mowing season is here and donations for maintenance of the Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery are welcome. Donations, made payable to Andrew Chapel Cemetery Fund, may be sent to Andrew Chapel UMC, P.O. Box 998, Buchanan, 24066. No contribution is too small and all are greatly appreciated.

Ice cream picnic July 20 at Andrew Chapel

Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church will hold its ice cream picnic on Saturday, July 20, beginning at 5 p.m. This year's event will include hot dogs and Bratwurst, with full fixings and chips, and homemade ice cream and desserts. Music will be provided by Mike Lee & Friends. Proceeds benefit the church building fund. Andrew Chapel is located at 3936 Beaver Dam Road, just off Springwood Road, in Buchanan.

Yard, bake sales to benefit Buchanan Food Pantry

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church will host a yard and bake sale on Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20, to benefit the Food Pantry. All kinds of household goods will be available from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. both days. A bag sale will be held at noon on Saturday. Watch next week's paper for more details of merchandise available as well as some culinary delights.

Back-to-School Fun Time at Troutville Park

Area children are invited to Back-to-School Fun Time at Troutville Park on Saturday, J July 27, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be games, prizes, refreshments and a free bag of school supplies. The event is sponsored by Troutville Baptist Church.

Christmas in July at Solomon's Mission Saturday

Come by Solomon's Mission for its Christmas in July event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. this Saturday, July 13. Solomon's will have Christmas items out for great prices, along with lunch for sale and a bake sale. A variety of

vendors will be present including Pampered Chef, ColorStreet Nails, Lions Club brooms, handmade crocheted items, primitive craft items, jewelry and more.

Street in Buchanan. All are encouraged to attend this event to support the teen, adult and senior programs there.

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Legals - Botetourt County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF DEBRA ANNE DAWSON, DECEASED NOTICE Having been requested to do so by Christopher Dawson, administrator of the estate of Debra Anne Dawson, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Debra Anne Dawson, and all persons in any way interested in her estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 7th day of August, 2024 at 10 o'clock a.m. at my office at 13 south Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Debra Anne Dawson or her estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Debra Anne Dawson, deceased, and persons interested in her estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this the 2nd day of July, 2024. Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - City of Salem

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 July 24, 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 Savory Ventures Salem, LLC, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-402.7(A) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to perimeter landscaping standards for parking lots for the property located at 600 block of West Fourth Street, Tax Map # 143 - 4 - 1. The petitioners are requesting a variance to allow for a food truck court. Section 106-402.7(A) states that the required landscaped planting strip shall have a minimum width of eight feet. Therefore, the petitioners are requesting a 3-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).

Legals - Montgomery County

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 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 Fleanor, Jr. Judge

Legals - City of Radford

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY 486 Waterworks Road, Radford, VA 24141 Tax Map No. 064-A 68, Parcel ID No. 020697 In execution of a Deed of Trust dated July 24, 2008, in the principal amount of \$73,280.45, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 08008179, Woods Rogers PLC, Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on July 30, 2024 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the Prices Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, on Water Works Road, containing 2.1417 acres more or less as shown on a plat of same dated October 15, 1992, prepared by W. A. Davis, CE/LS, referred to as "Plat prepared for Bobby Wayne Southern, et al." LESS AND EXCEPT: All that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon lying and being in the Price's Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and being all of Lot Two (2) containing 1.03 acres, conveyed to Alan K. Southern and Drema J. Southern by deed dated June 1, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 876, Page 361 and as shown on plat of survey of record in Deed Book 876, Page 363. TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale. WOODS ROGERS PLC, Trustee For Information Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 89 White Oak Drive, Blue Ridge, VA 24064

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$234,179.00 dated February 7, 2018 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on February 8, 2018 as Instrument Number: 180000469, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090 on August 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: Lot 4, Block 5, according to the Map of Section 1, White Oak Estates, which map is recorded Plat Book 5, Page 31, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia; and Tax ID: 12297.

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

Legals - Town of New Castle

ABC NOTICE RCLC LLC., trading as CARPERS, 5178 CRAIG VALLEY DR., NEW CASTLE, CRAIG COUNTY, VA, 24127. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a RETAIL ON AND OFF PREMISES WINE AND BEER 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.

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Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. 023CL24000234-00 BOTETOURT COUNTY Circuit Court, COURTHOUSE, P.O.BOX 219, FINCASTLE, VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CARMEN OLIVIA GRACE JARVIS v. BRIAN IONA, JR. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that BRIAN IONA, JR. appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 31, 2024. JUNE 13, 2024 Joel R. Branscom, Judge Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 24-006338) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orleans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orleans.com

Legals - Roanoke County

ABC NOTICE

Bent Mountain Brewery LLC, trading as Bent Mountain Brewery, 9513 Bent Mountain Road, Bent Mountain, Roanoke County, VA 24059. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for an Industry Farm Winery and Limited Brewery license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Tommee Larochele, 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 Radford

ABC NOTICE

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Botetourt folks at the Red Sox game

Left, Shade Miller and Greyson Zanetello and Tanner Wright. Both Smith run on the field with Salem Red Sox catcher Daniel McElveny, passing in front of Sox DH Nazzan

of a game during the last Red Sox Night" in Salem as the Sox gave away bobbles of the former Lord Botetourt standout who now pitches for the Boston Red Sox.

Lord Botetourt Athletic Hall of Fame

Nominations for candidates for induction to the Lord Botetourt High School Athletic Hall of Fame are currently being accepted. The individual must have graduated at least ten years ago from Lord Botetourt High School before being eligible for induction. Coaches, patrons, and others who have contributed to athletics at the school need not be graduates of LBHS. The Hall of Fame committee will make the final decisions as to who will be inducted. The 2024 induction ceremony will take place on the morning of the football game on Friday, October 18, 2024.

If you would like to nominate someone for this honor, please fill out the following information and send it to:

Lord Botetourt High School
Attention: Tim Fulton, AD
1435 Roanoke Road
Daleville, Virginia 24083

All nominations must be submitted by July 31, 2024. Please include the following:

- Name of Nominee
- Year of Graduation
- Address
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- Name of Nominator
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- Brief Explanation of Nominee's Credentials and Awards

- Fincastle Herald staff report

AARP Fraud Alert: The Latest in Amazon Impostor Scams

Criminals love to impersonate big businesses and the bigger the better. One of the largest targets of impostor scams last year was Amazon. According to the Federal Trade Commission, 44,000 reports about scammers using Amazon's name were filed last year, with \$19 million reported lost.

Here are two of the latest versions of an Amazon impostor scam to be on the lookout for.

- Complex scams that involve an Amazon impostor, a bank impostor and someone pretending to be a law enforcement investigator are trending. These scams have a heightened sense of legitimacy because the victim believes they

are speaking to different independent entities who are all confirming the same threat. In reality they are talking to multiple criminals who are all part of the same scheme.

- False membership renewal messages are another trending form of Amazon impostor scams. Because many customers aren't aware of when their membership expires, these messages can seem legitimate. The criminals also create real looking websites where you can share your payment information.

Whenever doing business, renewing a membership or dealing with a suspicious charge with any retailer, it is safest to do so at their official

website or through their official customer service lines. Do not rely on links or phone numbers emailed or texted to you. These run a higher risk that you'll be connected directly to a crook.

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ROANOKE COLLEGE FOOTBALL				
2024 SCHEDULE				
LS	SHENANDOAH HORNETS	BRIDGEWATER EAGLES	FORK UNION	GM
9/8	9/22	10/6	10/20	11/3
FIRST-STEP		HOME AWAY		

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Roanoke College announces fall club football schedule, soccer dates

The first Roanoke College football practice in over 80 years is a little over a month away and the Maroons have announced their 2024 schedule. It's a "club" schedule of five games with three scheduled for Salem Stadium.

All five games are tentatively scheduled for 2 pm on Sunday afternoon, beginning with a home game against the Hampden-Sydney jayvee team on September 8th. Two road games follow, with a trip to Shenandoah University to play the Hornets' jayvee team on September 22nd in Winchester followed by a game at Bridgewater College against the Eagles on October 6th. The schedule concludes with two more home games as Fork Union visits on Sunday, October 20th, and the season concludes with the George Mason Club Team on November 3rd.

"If you look at our schedule we play a week and are open a week," said head coach Bryan Stinespring. "That was by design so we can go back and learn and grow from each game. Having both home and road contests is important from a logistics standpoint and the most important aspect of this fall schedule is our development."

Stinespring has a staff of eight assistants along with strength coach Scott Bennett and trainer Keith Doolin. The team has brand new equipment and uniforms and will be stationed in the C. Homer Bast Center, which is currently being renovated to accommodate the team.

"If the Bast Center was ready we could practice tomorrow," said Stinespring. "Everything seems to be going well and on pace, but you can't really tell until you actually see it when it's finished."

Stinespring has 60 players committed to the team with a couple more who have been offered a spot. Most of the players come from the greater Roanoke Valley area, the Richmond area and Northern Virginia.

"I'd say 80 percent of the players are from our own backyard," he said. "We had four transfers come in for second semester and we're pretty much

done recruiting for this year. We've already turned our attention to next year's class."

Roanoke will play a full Old Dominion Athletic Conference schedule in the fall of 2025, hitting the ground running after this year's club schedule. The first practice is scheduled for August 16 on Alumni Field, which is the field inside the C. Homer Bast track.

"If the players were here we could start practice tomorrow," said Stinespring. "We're waiting for a blocking sled, but other than that we have everything we need."

RC Soccer schedule

The Roanoke College men's soccer program has released the 2024 schedule with 18 games on the calendar, including nine home games at Donald J. Kerr Stadium.

The regular season opens Friday, August 30, at home against Catholic University at 7:30 p.m. The Maroons will compete in the Oglethorpe Tournament in Atlanta on September 6 and 8 and open Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) play at defending conference champion the University of Lynchburg September 25.

Senior Day is set for September 28 against Randolph-Macon College and the regular season wraps up October 30 at home in an ODAC contest against Bridgewater College. The ODAC Tournament begins Saturday, November 2 with the semifinals November 6 and finals November 9.

"With our 2024 schedule we've once more challenged ourselves with a tough non-conference slate in order to prepare for an always competitive ODAC schedule, as well as aim to again push our SOS (strength of schedule) numbers into NCAA selection range," said RC head coach Ryan Pflugrad. "Opening with three NCAA Tournament teams from last fall will give us great tests right from the start, and then we have some very exciting home matches throughout the schedule as well."

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Aliveto conducts Future Cavaliers camp

New Lord Botetourt boys basketball coach Josh Aliveto held the "Future Cavaliers" basketball camp at the high school. Josh had a good turnout of future LB hoopsters as they played games and received instruction from Aliveto and his staff and players. Here, the campers pose for a group shot and work on some dribbling. Kohen Anderson received an Emory & Henry basketball shirt from former Cavalier standout Jackson Crawford, who is a rising sophomore on the Wasps team.



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Monday swim meets conclude

Mia Weaver of the Ashley Plantation team swims in a recent RVAA meet. The Ashley, Read Mountain and Limestone Park teams completed their Monday night schedule of meets this week and will now prepare for the "City County" meet scheduled for July 19 and 20 at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.

Team Botetourt Wrestlers compete in 2024 Commonwealth Games



Team Botetourt wrestlers competed in the recent Commonwealth Games at Liberty University and brought home some hardware. From left are: Gold winner Bryce Howell, wrestler Abel Driscoll, and Bronze winner Jeremiah Howell; back row: David Aldrich, Bronze; James Dean, Silver; Jackson Dean, Gold; and Serenity Shearer, Silver. In the other photo, Serenity Shearer is on top and in control in her match.



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