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Fincastle Town Council discusses ongoing projects, fireworks rescheduling

Fincastle Town Council met last Thursday at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room for the regular monthly meeting.

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Council member Ed Bordett reported on the status of the ongoing Big Spring Park grants project, noting that signage has been designed, and will be installed within the next month, as the bulk of the work related to this project winds down.

Manager Town Melanie McFadyen spoke on the status of various VDOT projects, including progress on the no-thru trucks signage and sidewalk repairs. She reported that there still remains some confusion regarding which town sidewalks are within VDOT's right-ofway, which needs to be



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McFadyen also reported on the status of a meeting that she and the Big Spring Park Committee had with a pond expert to get a professional opinion on the health of the pond,

and any suggestions for cost effective ways to maintain it. According to the professional, the pond is healthy, though he did

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Buchanan's 'Buttons' passes away, memorial service this Saturday

Last month, the Town of Buchanan lost Leon McBryde, 80, better known to many as Buttons the Clown. A memorial was recently posted to social media by his son, Adam.

The memorial explains that McBryde was a man of many talents who enjoyed pursuing a variety of careers. He was a Green Beret in the Army, ran a Putt-Putt golf course, and then attended Ringling Brothers Clown College.

McBryde then had the time of his life clowning with the circus and was soon promoted to "advance clown," tasked with representing the circus prior to its arrival at each stop. Upon leaving the circus, he free-lanced clown shows and produced shows for various clients including McDonald's

"Growing up with a professional clown at the head of the table sure made life interesting," his son, Adam McBryde, recalled. "Needless to say, we laughed a lot. I certainly have big shoes to fill, seriously, giant shoes."

Adam shared that while his father worked for the McDonald's Corp. in the early '80s, Leon was invited to



Leon McBryde, better known to many as "Buttons," passed away on June 18. He was inducted into the International Clown Hall of Fame in 1990.

try one of their newest test products - a crispy, crunchy, bite-sized nugget of deepfried chicken. Leon said then, "Nah, no one will ever eat that."

"It's a good thing he wasn't in the food R&D department, and I still laugh about that every time I eat a McNugget -McDonald's top selling product," Adam

started a business McBryde manufacturing clown supplies - primarily clown noses but also makeup and clown shoes. The ProKnows division of his parent company, the Fantasy Factory, Ltd., remains a global leader in the

See **McBryde**, page 11



Lord Botetourt Assistant Principal Sarah Beth Mirko, VHSL First Team All-State Baseball player Nolan Medley, and LB Baseball coach and math teacher Todd Smith.



Mirko, VHSL First Team All-State Soccer player Emma Rice, and LB Soccer head coach Guiseppe D'Arpa.

School Board recognizes local student athletes, hears budget update

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The Botetourt County School Board held this regular meeting in Fincastle last Thursday night less than a month before the first day of school for Botetourt County Public Schools (BCPS) students and staff commences August 8.

Lord Botetourt High School students Nolan Medley and Emma Rice were recognized for their individual honors. Medley was recently announced to the

Virginia High School League (VHSL) First Team All-State Baseball Team and will be playing baseball at Lenoir-Rhyne University. Rice is a member of this year's VSHL First Team All-State Girls Soccer Team and will be playing soccer at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI).

BCPS Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Russ updated the School Board on the FY25 school budget (\$66,511,060).

"In short, when we presented our original budget to the Board of Supervisors, we had a general fund ask

of \$1.9 (million)," Russ explained. "We also had a Capital Improvements ask. In the end, we were granted \$2 million from the board. From that \$2 million, that was to include the General Fund and Capital Improvements. It was left up to us to decide how much was going to go where."

From the \$2 million, Russ explained that BCPS has put approximately \$1.6 million into the General Operating, with the remainder (approx. \$417,000) going into Capital Improvements.

The latest update noted increases in the categories of Instruction (+6.4%), Administration (+6.4%), Transportation (+11.7%), Operations and Maintenance (+13.3%), and Technology (7.1%).

In the next few days, School Board members will meet to possibly "reprioritize" items in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) including where to use the additional remainder and "see what (it) will move on first."

See **BCPS**, page 8

Annual Barnyard Breakfast, fall events at New Freedom Farm

New Freedom Farm in Buchanan will hold its annual Barnyard Breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 20, free for all veterans and first responders. For all other visitors, a \$5 donation is suggested.

Everyone is invited to this annual breakfast in memory of WWII Marine veteran Mr. Showalter. It will be held rain or shine - just like troops serve.



This fall, Riley Specialty Acts is coming to the farm, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., on October 5. That day, NFF will present a Trick Rider Demonstration/Clinic. Later that evening, bluegrass band Blue Connection will perform following by a dinner.

NFF wants visitors to get ready for some flat footin' in the barn" and participate in a unique silent auction. Tickets and details will soon be released. A limited number of tickets/seats will be available for both See NFF, page 8

Historical Society presenting 'History After Dark' July 25

Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc. (BCHS) will host "History After Dark" beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 25. The organization will welcome Dr. Whitney Leeson from Roanoke College who will be discussing "Child Witches in Reformation Germany" at The Rooftop at 1772.

While many associate the term "witch" with adult women, Dr. Leeson is going to look at Hans Gackstatt, a

boy from from Rothenburg, Germany,

in 1587 and a group of child witches. The bar stools and sofa on the roof are first-come, first-served, but if you would like a table, call 1772 to make a reservation as space is not guaranteed

BCHS expresses that it can't wait to hear about 16th century child witches and hope to see many there.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



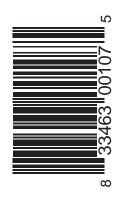
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Head out to Buchanan Town Park for a wonderful family-friendly evening of reggae music on the James River this Saturday, July 20, from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. The Town of Buchanan, Sky High Reggae, and LMDB present the Eighth Annual Reggae By The River,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

town welcomes 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



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Southwest Virginia Health Districts conducting Long COVID study

The Central Virginia Health District began a Long COVID surveillance project in October of 2023 that is now available to all residents of Southwest Virginia. Long COVID is when a person is still sick two or more months after getting COVID-19. Symptoms can include trouble breathing, a cough, feeling weak and tired, and problems with certain organs, such as the heart, brain, or lungs. A diagnosis of Long COVID is not required to participate. Health officials want to learn about any long-term effects that people might have two or more months after a COVID-19 infection.

To participate in the study, you must

meet the following criteria: Had COVID-19 at least once

infection

or been diagnosed with Long COVID Experienced symptoms lasting at least two months after a COVID

Must be a resident of one of the following health districts: Roanoke City and Alleghany, Central Virginia, Cumberland Plateau, LENOWISCO, Mount Rogers, New River, Pittsylvania-Danville, Southside, or West Piedmont.

If you qualify and would like to oll, go to https://redcap.link/ enroll, go to virginialongcovidstudy. A member from the team will make contact, review consent, and complete a phone interview. Individuals will then be asked to participate in follow-up interviews in three and six months after the initial

Findings from the study will be submitted for future publication and presentation to the scientific community and made available at CVHD.org. The purpose of the study is to improve understanding of how Long COVID affects the residents of rural Virginia, assess the quality of support participants have received, and identify Long COVID resource needs.

Additional questions the project can be directed to Cali Anderson at cali.anderson@vdh. virginia.gov. For more information about Long COVID, visit https://www. vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/protectyourself/longcovid/.

- Virginia Department of Health

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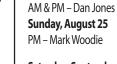












Saturday, September 21 AM - Cheryl Lackey PM - Leah Coffman Sunday, September 22 PM - Cheryl Lackey

Saturday, July 27

AM – Brett LaGue

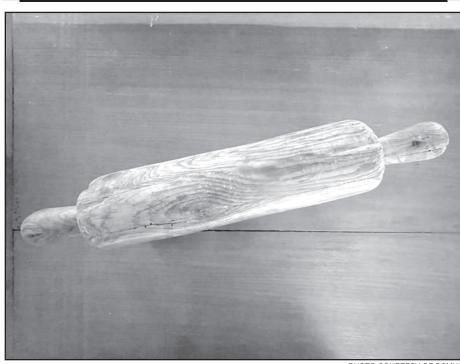
PM – Karin Carlson

Saturday, August 24

PM - Judith Lochbrunner Sunday, July 28

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Botetourt County History



This hand-hewn rolling pin and dough board were donated to the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture recently by board member Alice Crowder. They were purchased by Alice's husband, Dennis, before they were married in 1954. He acquired them at an auction that was held north of Fincastle on the "Poor Farm." Dennis's father, Warner Crowder, had been the farm manager. The property was later purchased by George and Emily Moore, who lived in the overseer's house. A "pauper" who lived on the farm made these artifacts for his mother and they were used on

Before the Revolutionary War, the Church of England mandated that indigent widows, children and men be cared for on "Poor Farms." Poor Farm Road names can be found throughout Virginia. During Colonial times, aiding those in need was seen as an opportunity for others to show the virtue of charity. Poverty was not seen as a disgrace. Paupers were given food, clothing and shelter. Those who were able helped on the farm or in the houses.

There is always more to learn about history and new information is always welcomed; 1-540-473-0148 or BotetourtCoMuseum@gmail.com.

- Botetourt County Museum of History

RRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests July 8-14:

• Jeremy M. Dunbar, 26, of Buchanan, violation of a protective order, property damage, possession of a firearm by a felon, disorderly conduct, reckless driving, July 8

• Talmage R. Horn, 40, of Buchanan, drunk in public, July 8

- Robert W. Poehner, 64, of Troutville, driving under the influence, July 9
- Dylan J. Fowler, 27, of Buchanan, violation of a protective order, July 10 Jamie L. Bolden, 42, of Fincastle, bad check, July 11

Ronnie J. Sawtelle, 34, of Troutville, drunk in public, July 12

- Althea M. Morgan, 56, of Goodview, drunk in public, July 12 • Christopher N. Lester, 43, of Montvale, driving under the influence, July 13
- José Rodrigo Nelasco Sanchez, 30, of Roanoke, driving under the influence, no operator's license, July 13
- David A. Cox, 23, of Troutville, domestic assault, destroying phone to prevent 9-1-1 call, obstruction of justice, drunk in public, July 14

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BSCO holds another Senior Social event July 26

Are you a Botetourt County Senior? Join Sheriff Matt Ward at Fincastle Baptist Church on July 26 at 11:30 a.m. for a free lunch and a brief presentation on how you can help prevent Senior Fraud. Sheriff Ward will be joined by Botetourt County Department of Fire and EMS Chief Jason Ferguson.

Botetourt County Fire & EMS Chief Jason Ferguson will be providing a brief presentation on smoke alarms

and home safety tips.

Seniors can browse and learn about the many services and resources available that will assist them in living independent lives. Services such as daily well-being checks (Senior Connect), general health, and financial well-being will be on site.

Local Government representatives and services will be on hand to give advice and help seniors navigate their

This event and all the services are provided free of charge to our Botetourt County Senior Community. Join us for our next Senior Social!

- Botetourt County Sheriff's Office



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



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The Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wildlife Federation (NWTF) 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 NWTF, one of the conservation premier organizations in North America.

Pre-registration

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 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



Paul Turman

Turman, young Fincastle entrepreneur, selected for Junior Achievement's '18 Under 18' group

Fincastle and a rising fourth grader at Breckinridge Elementary School, was recently named a member of the inaugural class of Junior Achievement Southwest Virginia's "18 Under 18" for the Roanoke Valley. Paul is the only member from Botetourt County. He was nominated for the award for his entrepreneurial spirit, community service, and academic achievements.

Paul is the owner of Turman & Turman: Farm Fresh Eggs, a small egg business that started from his 2023 Botetourt County Fair 4-H Poultry Chain project. He not only sells his eggs, he also donates his eggs to local food pantries and donates a portion

Paul Turman, a resident of of the proceeds from his sales to the various ministries at Fincastle Baptist Church. Paul was an A Honor Roll student for the entirety of the 2023-2024 school year and was nominated for the Jennifer Coon Citizenship Award.

> Paul is a Fincastle Booster Club athlete, an active participant in the children's ministry at Fincastle Baptist Church, the secretary of the Botetourt County 4-H Livestock Club and participates in horseback riding at AP Equestrian in Troutville. He is featured in the July/August 2024 issue of The Roanoker Magazine for his award.

- Submitted by Brittany Turman

Three-day yard sale at Blue Ridge Library

Friends of the Blue Ridge Library will be holding a yard sale July 25-27 inside the library. Hours for the sale are: 4-8 on Thursday, July 25; 10-5 on Friday, July 26; and 10-2 on Saturday, July 27. Items for sale will include electronics, household items, jewelry, clothing, toys, linens, tools, and kitchen items. There will be no books or puzzles or no large furniture such as couches or large appliances such as refrigerators. Donations for the sale may be delivered

to the library's meeting room July 17-23 during regular library hours. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Friends for support of the library's programs and

Blue Ridge Library is located at 28 Avery Row on US 460 about a halfmile east of the Bonsack Walmart. For directions, call the library at 540-928-

- Friends of the Blue Ridge Library

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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 25, 11am, Eagle Rock The Long Call by Ann Cleeves Fri, Jul 26, 11am, Blue Ridge Life After Life by Kate Atkinson Thu, Aug 1, 6:30pm, Fincastle Once Upon a River by Diane

Setterfield Wed, Aug 7, 12pm, Buchanan

Theme: Summer & Love

Discuss books and authors with fellow

Regular children's programs resume in

All regular children's programs will resume the first week of August, with the exception of StoryTime, which will resume the week of August 11. Other programs include Little Explorers, STEM Club, LEGO Club, and Youth Chess Club.

Story Brush: Artistic Writing for Kids

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Wednesdays 3:30pm, Fincastle Dive into a guided art activity, then

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Waif of the Week

Bandit

Bandit arrived by transport on July 10 from Scott County, an owner release. He is a beautiful Australian

cattle dog mix. Please research this breed before any

build a story around your art. August's theme: Fantasy Genre. Best for ages 7+.

Art Lab 1st Fridays, 2:30pm, Eagle Rock

3rd Thursdays, 4pm, Blue Ridge

Enjoy a story and art from illustrated children's picture books, then create your own picture using the same art medium that the illustrator used. August illustrator: Mo Willems. Best for ages 6-12. Registration required.

Life of a Revolutionary **War Loyalist** Sat, Aug 3, 11am, Buchanan

Historic interpreter Jeff Briggs wears recreated period clothing and uses various items from the Revolutionary War period to discuss what life was like for a colonist loyal to the King of England. Great for the whole family.

Garden Club Mon, Aug 5, 3pm, Eagle Rock

Find

Dig into all aspects of gardening with guidance from local experts and/ or hands-on projects. August project: Houseplant and tropical plant swap

Botetourt Senior Bingo Thu, Aug 8, 10:30am, Eagle Rock

Win fun prizes and enjoy social time with this popular game. Offered in partnership with the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office and Parks & Recreation.

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Response to John Williamson's July 10 **Letter to the Editor**

You know what they say... "when you start receiving flak, you know you're over the target." Mr. John Williamson's verbal assaults on me and "our group" consist entirely of false statements, distortions, and blatant misrepresentations. My following responses will address each of these misstatements individually: Misstatement 1- There is an

entity called the Dean group. The reality is, I am the chairman of the Botetourt County Republican Committee (BCRC) and as such I am subject to the bylaws which require prior approval of both the executive committee and general committee for any actions that I undertake in representing the general committee. The committee members are a diverse group of county residents who vote to approve any representative action taken by me as the chair. I do not make unilateral decisions, nor does the committee speak for every individual in the county. These citizens can and do stand up for themselves. Misstatement 2 - The BCRC

has been in decline since my installment. Truth is, the BCRC membership is at an all-time high with our monthly meetings very well attended. What Mr. Williamson really objects to is that most of the BCRC membership disagrees with his philosophy of tax and spend, spend and tax governance of this county. Misstatement 3 – The BCRC

members attacked the supervisors in various venues with vitriol, disrespect, and false accusations. Not surprisingly, the BCRC members and others spoke powerfully, eloquently, and from the heart about their concerns with the proposed dramatic budget increase and increased taxation. Public comments and yes, objection is the right and duty of every citizen!

Misstatement 4 - The Dean group provided no realistic or actionable reductions to the proposed budget. The BCRC members and others objected to the budget on two grounds, 1) The budget procedure is flawed. Each department is asked to provide their wish list for budget increases. The administration then makes insignificant reductions to the proposed increased spending, and pats themselves on the back for a job well done. They never consider a cut in any part of the county's budget. This process resulted in a 2025 budget increase of 16.3% which is a \$13,142,691 increase from the 2023-2024 spending, with a marked increase of the citizens' taxes. It should not be lost on Mr. Williamson that county citizens who are already financially strapped by out-of-control inflation,

were incensed by these numbers. 2) We absolutely did make several explicit proposals to reduce the budget. Mr. Williamson knows this; he was at the June 24 BCRC meeting and heard it for himself. Also, I have to assume that Mr. Williamson is unaware that Virginia law recommends "net neutral "rate budgeting.

Misstatement 5 – A "net neutral" rate would have degraded law enforcement and emergency response times. This is the typical scare tactic offered to rebut objections to increased spending. The administration's "sleight of hand' made it sound as if any decrease in the proposed rate of increased spending would result in a cut in the currently budgeted services. Any honest analysis will confirm that is simply not the case!

Misstatement 6 - Statements made by the BCRC members led to death threats against the Board of Supervisors. This is an outrageous defamation! A disturbed individual, with prior felony convictions, and no affiliation with the BCRC, was arrested in connection with this threat. I strongly reiterate, this individual has no connection with the BCRC.

Misstatement 7 - The BCRC opposed the library foundation funding because of a paranoid belief that such funding would be used to purchase pornography to poison the minds of children. It is well known that this is a nationwide problem, not unique to Botetourt County. One of the books currently residing in our Fincastle and Blue Ridge libraries is "The Every Body Book: The LGBTQ+ Inclusive Guide for Kids about Sex, Gender, Bodies, and Families" for ages 8-12 published in 2020. This is one of over 300 of these types of books in our libraries and readily available to young children without parental consent! And, there are probably more than we know about! We invite Mr. Williamson to visit any of the county's local libraries and check out this book and if he has the courage to read it, let him then try and defend his position that ours is a "paranoid"

Misstatement 8 - Dean and the BCRC are pursuing a recall petition against the current Board of Supervisors. This is another blatantly false, defamatory accusation. There is a private effort underway, but it is not endorsed by the BCRC. Mr. Williamson does correctly

pontificate on the close win in a low turnout election. Here is a disconcerting fact. There are approximately 26,000 registered voters in Botetourt County and only 524 came out to vote in the March 23 election. Also, only 1,728 voted in the US Senate primary election.

That is a sad commentary on the state of the county's citizenship participation.

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(2024) A sequel that features Riley entering

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puberty and experiencing brand new, more complex emotions as a result. As Riley tries to adapt to her teenage years, her old emotions try to adapt to the possibility of being replaced. (1 hr 36 min) PG Fri. & Sat. July 19 & 20

7 p.m. Sun., July 21 3 p.m. Thurs., July 25 7 p.m. See **Answers**, page 8

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"Bob at the Movies"

Ry Rob Carner

"Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes"

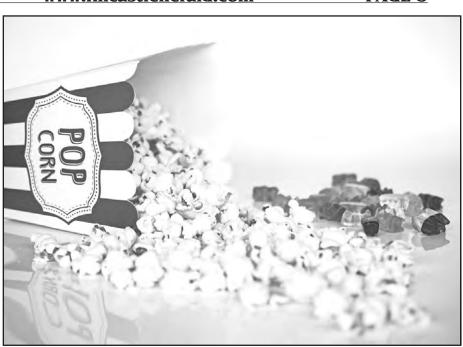
In this era of constant reboots and re-imaginings and the like, "Planet of the Apes" has had a pretty successful run. 2011's "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" was such a big hit both commercially and critically that pundits were talking about an unprecedented motioncapture-based Oscar nomination for Andy Serkis as lead ape Caesar (it didn't happen, but it was fun to speculate). Two follow-up films in 2014 and 2017 weren't shabby either, and it looked like the series was going to stop at a taut little trilogy. But now we're back with "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes," which takes place in the same continuity as Caesar without overextending the neatly wrapped arc.

Set 300 years after Caesar's passing, apes have taken over the world landscape, while humanity is all but wiped out. The apes have formed tribes and communities, and even taken to domesticating animals like horses. Our new hero Noa (Owen Teague) is part of a tribe that trains eagles, even bonding with them like family members. He and his friends Soona (Lydia Peckham) and Anaya (Travis Jeffrey) make risky climbs to pick out the best eggs for a ceremony to impress leaders Dar (Sara

Wiseman) and Koro (Neil Sandilands), Noa's mother and father, respectively. Noa has a rare encounter with a human, followed by an even worse encounter with a malevolent ape army that ransacks his village and takes surviving tribe members hostage.

Left for dead, Noa soon sets out on a mission to rescue what little remains of his home and family. He meets wizened old ape Raka (Peter Macon), who becomes his mentor. He also re-encounters human Mae (Freya Allan) and the two form an unlikely bond, even though the two species have been feuding for generations. They're eventually captured by head pillager Sylva (Eka Darville) and taken to the titular Kingdom. The good news is that Noa is reunited with the rest of his tribe; the bad news is that they're all enslaved by mad king Proximus Caesar (Kevin Durand).

Surprisingly, Proximus doesn't hate humans as much as the other apes in these movies. He likes their culture and even keeps one (William H. Macy) as a sort of pet. Unfortunately, his love of humans has led to him picking up some of their worst tendencies, like greed and manipulation and a thirst for power. He's convinced that if he can get into a locked human vault, he can use the human "knowledge" (mostly weapons) inside to take over the world. Noa and Mae agree that they can't let that happen, but they have different and perhaps conflicting motivations.



To be honest, until it reaches the Kingdom, this movie drags. The destruction of the peaceful village is just so expected from this kind of movie, as is the journey filled with unlikely friendships. Fortunately things pick up toward the end, with the psychology of shifting loyalties and some memorable action. Let's just say that this movie adds another chapter to this franchise's complex history with gun violence.

The exciting conclusion is admittedly quite successful in making the audience (including myself, since I'm recommending it) forget what a slog the movie was beforehand. "Kingdom" is going to do well enough that we'll probably see another "Planet of the Apes" in the near future, and

sure, I'm interested enough to stay with this continuity for a while. No character in this movie is as memorable as Serkis' Caesar, of course, but I'd like to see how some relationships and journeys develop. It won't happen for this movie, but who knows, maybe a future installment can finally score one of the apes that elusive Oscar nomination.

Grade: B-

"Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes" is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence/action. Its running time is 145 minutes. Check out this feature playing Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at The Buchanan Theatre.





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age children. Patrick Starkey,

Been There; **Done That Ecclesiastes**

through 4:16 The familiar phrase "been

Read

there; done that" is often said by those who feel they've seen it all and done it all, and they're bored by it. This appears to be the outlook of the author of Ecclesiastes. He concluded that every-

thing he had experienced was meaningless, including the pursuit of wisdom and pleasure—things many in our modern culture seek. Even the hedonistic lifestyle of "wine, women, and song" proved to not be satisfying. These indulgences created only fleeting enjoy-Much of happiness depends

on attitude. I know that there is noth-

ing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God (Ecclesiastes 3:12–13). Once we determine to find

satisfaction in life's simple things, including what God

has given us to do, we will

no longer base our worth or our hope in the accumulation of more things. Thought for Today: "People are just as happy as they make up their minds

to be." —Abraham Lincoln

Quicklook: Ecclesiastes 3:1-

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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

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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

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254-2475 (O). Sunday School,

9:45AM, worship 10:30 AM.

UBITUARIES

Broughman, Peggy Thomasson

Broughman, 84, of Eagle Rock, nieces and nephews. Special thanks passed away Saturday,

July 13, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, Romie B. Thomasson, Sr. and Pauline Myers Thomasson; brothers, (Hawkeve), Romie, Jr., and Robert. She was a active member of Eagle Rock Baptist Church serving

as the Choir Director

for many years. Peggy loved wearing her hats and hummingbirds. She loved her family deeply and

is survived by her husband of 64 years, Joe Everette Broughman, Sr.; daughter, Dianna (Tom) Bauman; sons, Joe E. Broughman Jr. and David (Ruth Ann) Broughman; sisters, Georgia Ayers and Della Hylton; six grandchildren, six

Thomasson great-grandchildren, and numerous

to Good Samaritan Hospice and her nurse, Cali, for the loving care shown to

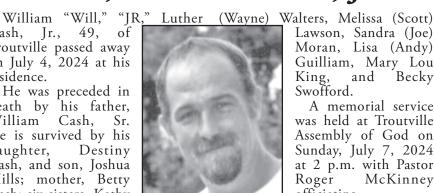
The family received friends on Tuesday, July, 16 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Eagle Rock Baptist Church, her funeral service will at 12 p.m. with Pastor Billy

Ronk officiating. Interment was private. Those wishing to make a contribution, please consider the Eagle Rock Baptist Church, P.O. Box 219, Eagle Rock 24085. The service was live streamed on the church's FaceBook page. Condolences may be made online at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com

Cash, William Luther, Jr.

Troutville passed away on July 4, 2024 at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Cash, Sr. He is survived by his Destiny daughter, Cash, and son, Joshua Mills; mother, Betty Cash; six sisters, Kathy



Moran, Lisa (Andy) Guilliam, Mary Lou and Becky Swofford. A memorial service

was held at Troutville Assembly of God on Sunday, July 7, 2024 at 2 p.m. with Pastor McKinney

Kelly, Benton Virgil, Jr.

at home on July 12, 2024

Benton was born March 18, 1944, to Benton "Bent" Kelly and Ruby Blair Kelly in Lee County, Va. Benton met his wife, Lucille (Baker) Kelly, while serving in the Army and they married in 1967. They had two Rhonda daughters, Kelly and Bennie Finch (married to Evan Finch), and two grandchildren, Emily Finch and Owen

After "Benny" graduated from Dryden High School, he studied agriculture at Virginia Tech. After serving in the Army in Massachusetts and graduating from Tech, Benton taught high school agriculture for three years before leaving to manage a farm in Springwood for 16 years. He then worked for Mount Joy Ice and Reddy Ice for 20 years. In retirement, he enjoyed cutting and splitting wood and working on house projects with Lucille. He became very proficient at installing

Benton Virgil Kelly, Jr., 80, of wood floors, replacing the floors Buchanan, passed away in his sleep in every room of their home, and then moving on to Bennie's

house and church Connecticut. and Rhonda enjoyed working on latch-hook projects watching sports together, and Benton loved being a grandfather. The youngest of five

boys, he is survived by his brother, Ted sister-in-law Charlene (Big Stone Gap, Va.) and sistersin-law Kathy Kelly (Coppers Cove,

Texas) and Carrol Kelly (Lowell, Mich.). He was predeceased by his brothers Charles Kelly, Gary Kelly, and Gene Kelly. Visitation was held from 1-2

p.m. with services at 2 p.m. in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home on Monday, July 15, 2024. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund. Online condolences may be made at www. botetourtfuneralhome.com.



Charity golf tournament set for August 11 at BGSC

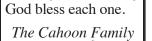
"Swing It to End It," a captain's choice golf tournament, will be held on August 11 at Botetourt Golf & Swim Club. The tournament is a local charity and has been in existence for 10 years. Golfers can register online at swingittoendit.org and can pick one of two tee times. First, second, third, fourth and last place will be awarded. There will be closest to the pin awards on every par 3. Raffles, red Solo cup, double circle and a cannon are for some other fun. The cost is \$400 a team. Lunch, snacks and beverages (including adult) will be

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Ebenezer UMC yard sale Saturday

Ebenezer United Methodist Church will have an inside yard sale and baked goods, plus sausage gravy/biscuits on Saturday, July 20, from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. Ebenezer is located at 85 Nace Road, Troutville.

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.

Free movie **Sunday at FUMC**

Fincastle United Methodist will host a Family Movie Event on Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m. in the Family Life Center on 137 S. Church Street. Come enjoy a showing of "October Sky" along with free popcorn, popped fresh from an old-fashioned popper. All are welcome.

Clothes Closet open Tuesday in Fincastle

Fincastle United Methodist's Clothes Closet will be open on Tuesday, July 23, in the Family Life Center, 137 S. Church Street, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations of gently worn, clean clothing and shoes may be dropped off at that time, too.

Back-to-School **Fun Time at Troutville Park**

Area children are invited to Back-to-School Fun Time at Troutville Park on Saturday, 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.

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.

Funds requested for **Kern-Mays** Cemetery

Donations are needed

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.

Eagle Rock Clothes Closet dates

The Eagle Community Clothes Closet located at Eagle Rock United Methodist Church, 14565 Church Street, will be open Saturdays, August 3 and August 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday, August 7, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Ladies', men's and children's clothing, as well as toys, are offered at no charge. To make clothing donations or volunteer to help with mission, contact Pastor Ray Sandifer at 540-525-0258.

Back-toschool sale at **Cloverdale Thrift Store**

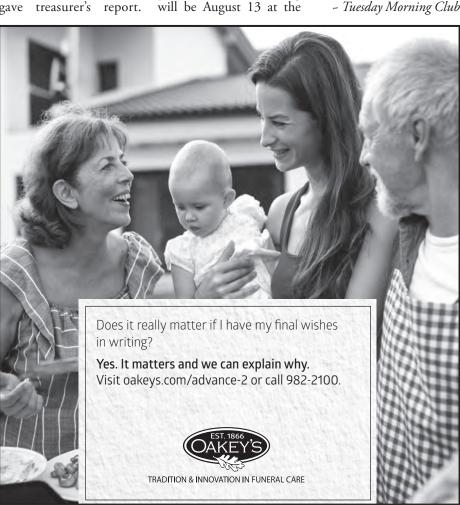
Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store a fabulous back-to-school special. All children's clothing from newborn to size 16 - 25 cents each. There is an enormous selection, come check it

Tuesday Morning Club donates school supplies

The Tuesday Morning Club met at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on July 9 with 12 members and one guest. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order. Mary Furr was hostess and had devotions. Nancy Goad won hostess gift, Nancy Waddell read minutes and Faye Kessler gave treasurer's report.

July's project was school supplies to Solomon's Mission in Buchanan for back-to-school day and a donation to the Fincastle Library. August's donation will be supplies to the Greenfield preschool class. Gale Webb and Rita Bruffey won game prizes. The next meeting will be August 13 at the

church. From left are: front, Rita Bruffey, Faye Kessler, Mary Furr, Nancy Waddell, Dorothy Brogan, Barbara Harris; back, Ruby Taylor, Pam Obenshain, Gale Webb, Linda Harris, Barrie Knox, and Nancy Goad; not pictured, Cheryl Wood.



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Work is underway on a road construction project to improve traffic flow and safety by converting the intersection at Route 220 and Route 839/Route 1126 (International Parkway/ Ashley Way) to a restricted crossing U-turn (RCUT). Construction is anticipated to be completed in summer 2025. Drivers can expect the following traffic pattern changes at the intersection of Route 220 and International Parkway/ Ashley Way:

Traffic Switch Updated: Upcoming Scheduled to start this week, drivers who use the

Route 839 (International Parkway) and Route 220 intersection can expect changes on weekdays during daytime hours. The change will affect drivers who turn right from Route 220 southbound into International Parkway or turn right from International Parkway onto southbound Route 220. The dual right turn lanes that are currently in place may be reduced to a single lane between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays until late July. Drivers should expect possible delays and pay attention to traffic control devices.



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Northbound Route 220 approaching the intersection is reduced to one lane. Drivers on northbound Route 220 will still be able to turn left onto International Parkway and right onto Ashley Way.

• The crossover

located 0.2 mile south of

the intersection is closed. Vehicles from

Ashley Way will use a single lane to go straight or to turn left or right onto Route 220. Speed limit has

been reduced to 45 mph in the work zone.

of the project, drivers can expect lane closures on Route 220 and traffic pattern changes at the intersection. Starting in July, drivers who normally turn left from Ashley Way onto southbound Route 220 or turn left from Throughout the life International Parkway onto

northbound Route 220 will have to turn right and proceed to make a U-turn using an available crossover. Estimated completion is summer 2025.

~ VDOT

Big Spring Park's outdoor classroom adds whiteboard

The outdoor classroom at Fincastle's Big Spring Park recently had a whiteboard installed by the town's lawncare contractor, Cole Crowder of Crowder's Lawncare. Breckinridge's Summer Academy had opportunity to enjoy some time outside using the classroom last month. Maintenance will continue on the classroom as it prepares for the upcoming schoolyear.

- Fincastle Herald staff







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AARP Fraud Alert: Consumer fraud fight goes to the White House

Last year the Federal Trade Commission recorded \$10 billion in reported fraud from U.S. consumers. Because fraud is underreported, we know that actual losses are much higher.

While education empowers older Americans to protect themselves, more is needed to eliminate this large-scale problem. That's why AARP advocates for bipartisan laws and regulations to strengthen consumer protections against scams on everything from illegal robocalls, to gift card regulations to cryptocurreny scams and more. This work is done in state legislatures across the country, in Congress and even at the White House.

Earlier this year AARP joined White House officials and industry leaders in a meeting aimed at helping the federal government fight back against the use of artificial intelligence-enabled voice cloning to commit fraud. A virtual White House conference followed in June, with AARP again at the table. With fraud already at an epidemic level, the addition of AI-powered scams is alarming, which is why AARP is focused on advocating for a strong legislative response to this

Already this year the Federal Communications Commission has moved to make it illegal to use AI voice cloning in robocalls targeting consumers. As a result, a scammer who cloned President Biden's voice to deceive voters in New Hampshire was recently fined

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

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~ AARP

BCPS

from page 1

Valley District School Board representative Tim Davidick recommended that when reviewing the CIP, the document "memorialize" should what the School Board asks for, what it needs, and what amount it is getting along with the difference, to better see what BCPS "is carrying forward."

"Right now, all we've been doing is kicking the can down the road for 15 years," Davidick said. "And I think that stops (if we can see where the money is going). I think we need to identify, 'this is where we're at,' and

this is like any debt at

your house.' Davidick

thinks "memorialized" the will document some attention if its incorporated with their budget documents located on the BCPS website. Russ noted that priorities that are changed, if any, will be posted.

Fincastle District representative Dana McCaleb asked Russ to go over examples of items included in the General Operating budget, which includes personnel (85%),instruction,

administration, transportation, operations maintenance, technology, and debt

Russ explained that any money that is left over by BCPS is moved into the Capital Reserve fund, which is then used to address maintenance issues at schools, with permission. money comes from the "efficiencies" in the annual budget, as pointed out by Davidick. The board unanimously approved the budget update.

superintendent The

his monthly mentioning report that the budget and finance departments are continuing working on the year-end processes and monitoring the FY24 expenditures and revenues. The department is also working with bookkeepers while preparing the annual School Activity Fund Audit.

Additionally, Russ shared that the human resources department conducted background checks and onboarding paperwork for new employees for the 2024-25 school year. A current list of job openings is available on the division website at https://bcpsva. tedk12.com/hire/index.

The maintenance department is currently working at James River High School, Eagle Rock Elementary, and Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC) on various projects that include roof repairs, asbestos testing, and sidewalk repairs, respectively.

Russ noted that due to Gov. Glenn Youngkin's recent executive order on July 9 calling for policies restricting cellphone use in K-12 schools, BCPS

is awaiting the guidelines from the Virginia Department of Education for implementation by

January 5. "We'll look at other school divisions' cellphone policies to see what parts or pieces we want to adopt, but we will have an updated cellphone policy," Russ said. "At this time, we're waiting on guidance from the Virginia Department of Ed(ucation) before I'm going to propose any draft but we will have ours in place well before the (January 5)

Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard: 146 Head Graded Steers 500-599 \$269.00-\$277.00

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NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 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.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

October 5 events.

NFF will also host a Veterans Day Breakfast November 11 from 6-10 a.m., a Thanksgiving meal November 28 beginning at 2 p.m., and Slacker's Annual Christmas Caroling to round out the year December 20 at 6 p.m.

For more information about New Freedom Farm, visit newfreedomfarm.org. The farm is located at 6118 Lithia Road, Buchanan, and is open Wednesday-Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CARMEN OLIVIA GRACE JARVIS v. BRIAN IONA, JR.

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Legals - Town of **New Castle**

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ROBERT CARPER, OWNER

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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:

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Legals - City of Radford

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VHSL from page 12

First awarded in 1990, the Cup represents 35 seasons of excellence. Six Cups are awarded for academic activities and athletics in each of the VHSL's six enrollment classifications. The academic activities winners were announced on June 12.

A point system determines the winners based on overall performance in VHSL state championship competitions. In athletics, first place earns 50 points, second place earns 45 points, third place earns 40 points, fourth place earns 35 points, fifth

place earns 30 points, sixth place earns 25 points, seventh place earns 20 points, and eighth place earns 15 points. Schools earning the League's Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award earn 50 points each.

Lord Botetourt finished 21st among 52 Class 3 teams with 112.5 points. The Cavaliers earned 45 points in the fall, then tacked on 67.5 in the spring with 22.5 points each in baseball, girls soccer and girls tennis.

James River was shut out in the spring after scoring 22.5 in the fall and 15 in the winter for 37.5 overall. That tied five other schools for 30th place among 50 Class 2 schools in the Virginia High School League

2023-24 National Guard Cup Athletics Standings presented by the Virginia Army National Guard

Class 1 Auburn - Total (402.5 pts.) Fall - 150 pts.; Winter - 45 pts.; Spring – 207.5 pts.

Class 2 Poquoson - Total (522.5 pts.) Fall - 150 pts.; Winter - 180 pts.; Spring – 192.5 pts. Class 3 Western Albemarle – Total

(720 pts.) Fall - 137.5 pts.; Winter -

222.5 pts.; Spring – 360 pts. Class 4 Atlee – Total (587.5pts.) Fall - 132.5 pts.; Winter - 125 pts.;

Spring – 330 pts. Class 5 Independence – Total (405 pts.) Fall - 145 pts.; Winter - 110

pts.; Spring – 150 pts. Class 6 Battlefield – Total (370 pts.)

Fall - 112.5 pts.; Winter - 85 pts.; Spring – 172.5 pts.

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recommend several alternatives to reduce algae growth.

A report on the status of the annual financial statement audit by the town's certified public accountant was postponed, due to an illness in his family. He will attend and report on the town's financial statement audit at the council's August meeting.

The July 4 fireworks have been rescheduled to

Saturday night, August 31, at Breckinridge Elementary School. More details regarding this event will be forthcoming, as the town may try to incorporate a "grand reveal" on the completed Big Spring Park project. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1841 will be selling hot dogs at the event as planned.

McFadyen also reported

that the town clerk, Morgan Keith, has taken a job with the Botetourt County Treasurer's Office. McFadyen will be advertising for applicants to fill this position soon.

McBryde from page 1

Leon's beloved clown character, "Buttons," was inducted into the International Clown Hall of Fame in 1990. Leon had a famous quote as what

production of clown noses today.

could be the company's mission statement: "When choosing your clown nose, don't blow it, pick ours." He volunteered with the

Buchanan Rescue Squad for many years and was blessed by helping those in need in his local community. Leon continued helping others by creating a program, "Let the Laughter Loose," which organized volunteer entertainers around the country to provide free shows and healing comic relief to families affected by natural disasters.

"Many people have asked what it's like growing up with a circus clown," Adam said. "The truth is, I never saw him as a clown or famous entertainer. He was just a really great

McBryde directed a training program for clowns and other entertainers called "Advanced Studies in the Performance Art of Clowning," which ran for several years and trained hundreds of performers. Programs at Advanced Studies included circus skills, face

painting, balloon sculpting, and skit development, but mainly focused on transforming clown characters into refined performing art entertainers.

The "Let the Laughter Loose" program was developed after experiencing the devastating flood of Buchanan in 1985. McBryde learned that months after a disaster, people were still feeling tense, stressed, and had troubles moving forward with life. The program was designed to visit an area affected by disaster, usually 6 to 12 months after the event, in order to help people learn to laugh again and begin the healing process. It was first activated after Hurricane Hugo decimated parts of the East Coast of the United States in 1989.

The memorial went on to talk about McBryde's last venture, which he greatly loved – a transformation into the Christmas legend of Santa Claus. He was honored to portray the jolly elf and perform for children of all ages as well as teach other Santas the art of performing.

For several years, Leon's character of "Santa Noel" was privileged to be the official Santa of the exclusive Atlantis Resort on Grand Bahama Island, but his most joy came from appearing at small, private home

visits and family gatherings. He captivated children ages 1 to 99 with stories, magic and wonder from the North Pole. "Santa Noel" was inducted into the Santa Claus Hall of Fame in 2017. "Dad worked with the local

Carilion hospice program and volunteered to visit patients and often visited the pediatric department during the Christmas season," Adam went on to share about his father. "Everyone, including the doctors and nurses, enjoyed their time with Santa Noel and have memorable experiences that they continue to share.'

Leon loved people and loved performing - he kept everyone laughing to the very end. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Linda McBryde; sister, Mary Lynn Fraser (Keith); son and daughter-inlaw, Adam and Tricia McBryde; daughter-in-law, Wendy McBryde; and grandchildren, Sean, Emily, Ty, Zip, Brandon, Leah and Lily.

The Celebration of Leon's Life will take place July 20 at 2 p.m. at Fincastle Baptist Church, 7330 Roanoke Road, Fincastle. Leon's dear friend, Chagy, will officiate.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



PHOTO COURTESY OF ADAM MCBRYDE

McBryde portraying "Santa Noel," who once served as the official Santa at the Atlantis Resort on Grand Bahama Island.

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blame on the apathy of the citizens when you have a county Board of Supervisors and School Board that refuse to listen to those who vote for them. The citizens are simply demoralized by this ongoing disrespect and I am hopeful that through our efforts in the BCRC we can help change that perception.

I want all the citizens of Botetourt County to know about the re-constituted BCRC. This BCRC is sanctioned by the Virginia Republican Party, as in the past, but we are actually working to further a true conservative agenda of the Republican Party at the county and state level. Membership in the BCRC is open to all residents of Botetourt County.

The BCRC is open to all residents of Botetourt County. Our primary goal is to recruit, support and get elected qualified candidates for local and state political offices who will adhere to the Republican principles of fiscal and social responsibility. Everything the BCRC is working to accomplish is for the benefit of all citizens of Botetourt County. I invite you to visit our website at mybcrc. com for more information. If you like what you see, join our community of like-minded citizens. We are growing, come grow with us!

Steve Dean, Chairman

Botetourt County Republican Committee

Reader wants supervisors to reconsider ordinance changes

I am a firm believer in individual property rights and the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as based on the Constitution and the principles this country was founded on. Upon reading the proposed changes to

cannot place all the the ordinances concern control and unlicensed vehicles, I feel this would be another step towards taking away these rights. These changes would make the Administrator's Office the judge, jury, and executioner on these issues with no recourse for whoever is being targeted.

> As for the requirement to keep grass below 12 inches, this would adversely affect properties that were "A-1" until a blanket rezoning several years ago changed them to "Residential." They generally are several acres in size and are still used for hay production.

> Concerning unlicensed vehicles, there are several valid reasons why someone may have them. There are vehicles used in farming or logging exclusively offroad, with no reason to be licensed or inspected. There are also those who collect/restore vehicles as a hobby. Or maybe just for a personal reason they

> may want to have them. I am by no means implying that anyone should be allowed to turn their property into a commercial landfill or dump, create a public health hazard, or encroach on neighboring property, or public lands or rights of way.

> In closing, I think the powers that be are already doing a satisfactory job in this area. Giving the virtually unlimited authority to the Administrator's Office would open the door for so-called "witch hunts" by persons or groups who, maybe for personal reasons or potential personal gain, would pursue enforcement of this

> I hope that when this comes up for vote at the supervisors' meeting on July 23, that they will consider this and reject, or at least postpone for further consideration, these proposed changes. James Norris

Cloverdale

was inaccurate

Inaccurate statements have appeared in these pages about the Botetourt County Republican Committee (BCRC). I would like to offer some corrections.

First, Mr. Steve Dean and the rest of the leadership of the BCRC were elected at a public meeting, duly advertised and open to all county Republicans. Current party leadership members were elected in an open nominating process and through voice votes. I was present at the meeting and I can attest that there were NO dissenting voices raised against any of the current leaders.

If nominal Republicans in Botetourt are unhappy with the results, perhaps they should have shown up at the mass meeting and brought their like-minded friends. You cannot expect to control a local party by sitting at home. The world is run by the people who show up, as my old boss, Ronald Reagan, used to say.

Second, meetings of the Board of Supervisors are videotaped and available online. Anyone can watch recent meetings in which the board's enormous tax increases were discussed. Far from being raucous and vitriolic, citizens' comments were measured and fact-based. If they were not as genteel or fawning as the board members are used to, that's a board problem, not a citizens' problem. Elected officials have a tendency to

forget that we, the people, don't work for them. They work for us. If the current board members expected that board meetings would be love-feasts or that none of their decisions would raise taxpayers' ire, they were hopelessly naïve. Under the Supreme Court's unanimous

1964 Sullivan decision, citizens do not

have to be polite, respectful, deferential

or submissive in talking to, or about,

elected politicians. Moreover, it is the

politicians who have the burden of proc in showing "actual malice" on the part of a citizen, a journalist, or an opposing candidate. Disagreement is not malice.

Attempting to bypass the required proof and simply link sharply worded and passionately felt objections to the man accused of vandalism and threats is an example of baseless guilt-by-association reminiscent of the worst days of Sen. Joe McCarthy.

As a former party chair myself, I know it is the legitimate role of a local political party committee to monitor the actions of elected officials, especially officials in the same political party. If this is something new for the Botetourt Board of Supervisors, or for the go-along, get-along crowd, I would advise them to get used to it.

Dr. Ed Lynch Cloverdale

Dean brought back the Republican Creed

Regarding John Williamson's letter to the editor on July 10 attacking Steve Dean and the BCRC (Botetourt County Republican Committee), God bless Steve Dean for bringing back the missing Republican Creed to the Republican Committee. For too long the Committee has stood for and achieved next to nothing while supporting non-conservatives for local office.

As Republicans, we expect our public servants to be socially and fiscally conservative. The current crop, with the exception of Walter Michael, has proven by their actions to be none of the above. Regular folks are rising up to stand against the transformation of our county into a congested, debt-ridden, high-tax, progressive playground. Charles Ruhl

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Sports Editor

RVAA City-County Meet is in Christiansburg this weekend







The Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association City-County Swim Meet will be held this Friday and Saturday at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. Read Mountain's team wrapped up the regular season on July 8 at Olympic Park. Here (left to right), Lauren Yates, 8, swims the 50-meter butterfly; Read Mountain's Alexander Hammer, 10, competes in the 50-meter backstroke; and Ashley Safrit swims the 50-meter backstroke.



Lord Botetourt's Noah Donaho played for the West All-Stars in the Commonwealth Games baseball tournament last weekend at Liberty University. Here, Noah takes a rip at the plate. He was one of six Roanoke Valley boys on the team.



Donaho plays on silver medal baseball team

Rising Lord Botetourt senior Noah Donaho was a member of the West All-Star team that finished second in the Commonwealth Games baseball tournament last week. The North team won the Gold at Liberty University. The West, coached by Rodney

Spradlin, opened with an 8-4 win over the Central All-Stars, then dropped a 7-2 game to East after leading 2-1 into the sixth inning. The next game was against the North and the West took a 2-1 win on a walk-off single by Major Marshall of Blacksburg in the bottom of the ninth

With West and North each having one loss they played again for the championship and North prevailed, 6-1. Donaho played third base for the West



Left to right in the group photo are Donaho, Trace Monroe of Salem, Tristan Lange of North Cross, Aries Oliver of Northside, Brogan Dent of William Byrd and Major Marshall of Blacksburg.

Athletics winners announced for the 2023-24 National Guard Cup and Va. Army Guard

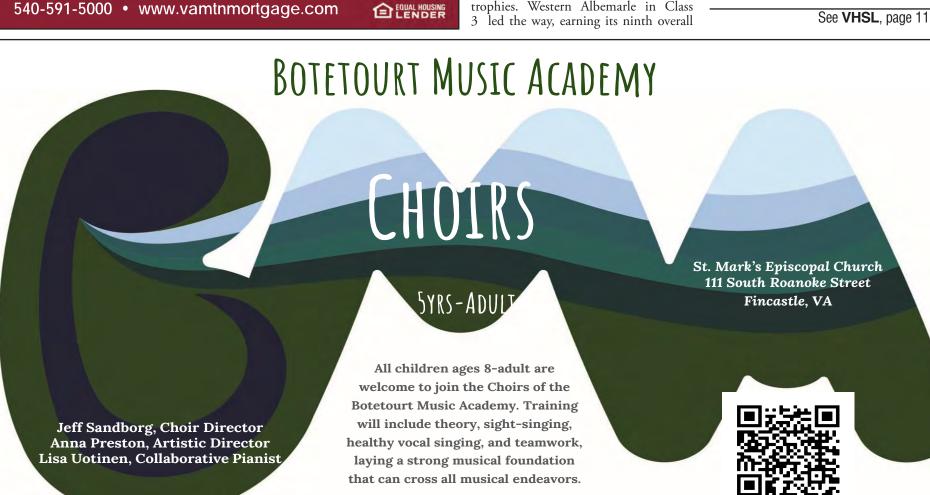
LB is 21st in Class 3, River is 30th in Class 2



The VHSL has announced the 2023-24 National Guard Cup winners, presented by the Virginia Army National Guard for year-long athletic and academic success. Lord Botetourt was 21st among the Class 3 teams and James River finished 30th in Familiar faces returned to claim more

trophies. Western Albemarle in Class

Cup and third in a row, while Auburn in Class 1 claimed its sixth consecutive Cup and seventh overall. Poquoson in Class 2 earned its second Cup in four years, and Battlefield in Class 6 earned its second Cup in three years. Schools claiming Cups for the first time include Atlee in Class 1 and Independence in Class 5.



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