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## County board approves new tax rate, operating budget

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The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors approved reducing the county's real estate tax from 79 cents per \$100 to 70 cents per \$100 with a vote of 4-1 at its much-anticipated meeting last Tuesday in Daleville. Blue Ridge Supervisor Walter Michael was the only board member that voted no.

The county released a statement from the board regarding its decision last week. In the release, the county updated citizens on their recent decisions.

"The past few months have been very challenging for the Board of Supervisors," Botetourt County Board of Supervisors Chair Steve Clinton said in the release.

"We have been trying to make the best decisions for all of the residents, businesses, and employees of Botetourt County. The largest decision was how to develop a budget that would lower the real estate tax rate and still be able to provide the exemplary services that are expected by the citizens. Property values have continued to increase due to housing demands nationwide, and Botetourt County is no different."

During last Tuesday's meeting, the Board of Supervisors also voted on the following budget-related issues:

- The Fiscal Year 24-25 Operating Budget totaling \$90,422,886 was approved with a vote of 4-1 (Walter Michael voting no). This was an 8% increase from the previous year, mainly

due to increased funding for public safety/first responders and Botetourt County Public Schools. More than 64% of the county's general budget is dedicated to public safety/first responders and education.

- Botetourt County increased aid for elderly and disabled persons relating to exemptions from real estate tax to become one of the most generous communities in our region.

- Vehicle personal property tax remains the same at \$2.71 as in the previous year.

- Business property tax will increase from \$2.71 per \$100 to \$2.94 per \$100.

- Machine and Tools tax will increase to an effective rate of \$1 per

\$100.

- Meals Tax rate will increase from 4% to 6% (The effective date of the proposed Prepared Food & Beverage tax rate adjustment is October 1, 2024)

The meeting brought a crowd for the citizen comment period, with many hoping for a greater reduction. Several citizens continued to share their opinions regarding the tax cut during the meeting's citizen comment period.

Board members shared their own thoughts at the meeting's conclusion. Board Co-Chair and Buchanan Supervisor Amy White felt that "there's no way we could make that kind of cut (net neutral) without impacting

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## Ware and town prepare for fireworks display this Thursday

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Paige Ware has lived in the Town of Fincastle for almost her entire life. She is a member of Town Council, a retired county librarian, and is heavily involved with her church and local organizations.

For the last 25 years, Ware has coordinated Fincastle's fireworks event every July 4th. This year's event will take place this Thursday night



PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

**Paige Ware, a member of Fincastle Town Council and town resident for nearly 80 years, is ready for the town's annual fireworks display this Thursday night at Breckinridge Elementary School.**

at Breckinridge Elementary School with fireworks beginning right after sundown.

Fincastle's fireworks display is an annual event for locals and even for people who don't live in the Fincastle/Botetourt area. Over the years, Ware has heard guests laud the spectacle and show their appreciation for the uniqueness of the event.

"So many people have told me that

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**Aspen Hill (also known as The Peck-Figgatt House), located at 322 East Main Street in Fincastle, is getting a restoration courtesy of Caroline and Donald Naysmith.**

## Historic Aspen Hill getting restored

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One of Fincastle's historic homes is getting a new look.

Caroline and Donald Naysmith, who have spent the last year restoring the town's "Old Jail," are now turning their attention to Aspen Hill, better known to local historians as The Peck-Figgatt House. While working on the improvements at the Old Jail, the Naysmiths heard about Aspen Hill and inquired about purchasing the home. Six months later, the historic home is getting a facelift.

A land clearing crew came out to the home last week and began clearing out a lot of the overgrown vegetation that surrounded the home, which was originally built around 1822. The home saw a bit of disrepair over the years, which is now being restored in the

Naysmith's 28th project.

The house saw recent updates in the plumbing and wiring, but will soon see improvements to the landscape, floors, walls, and roof, according to Caroline Naysmith.

"(The house) has beautiful wood floors," Naysmith said in a recent interview. "The wallpaper in the living room is exquisite. The old

Breckinridge piano is still standing and we're still trying to figure out what to do with that."

The house is designed in an adaptation of the Italian Villa style, also referred to as the Tuscan style. A Virginia Department of Historic Resources survey record in 2006 noted the house as being in excellent condition. The survey described the house as follows: "The main

See **Aspen Hill**, page 10



PHOTOS BY MATT DE SIMONE

**Caroline and Donald Naysmith pictured outside the historic home.**

## Suspect identified in Sports Complex vandalism

In a press release from the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office made available last Thursday, a suspect has been identified in the spray-painting vandalism that occurred at the Botetourt Sports Complex at some time between the evening of June 13 and early morning of June 14.

Last week, information was obtained by detectives identifying a suspect in these incidents. Preliminary investigation suggests the suspect had become increasingly

vocal and more focused on carrying out acts of violence, according to the release. The suspect has been taken into custody and the investigation is ongoing. Currently, the suspect is not being identified due to the ongoing investigation. There is no immediate threat to the public and more details will be released as the investigation allows, the release went on to say.

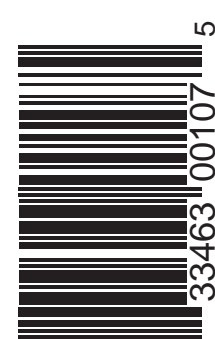
A previous incident occurred last April involving "threatening



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statements" spray painted at the complex roadway. Botetourt County Deputy David Moyer shared last week that the department thinks both spray-painting

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## Botetourt County History



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The history of the Botetourt County Courthouse goes back to 1770 when a log frontier structure was built to serve the newly formed county. Stocks and a dunking stool were used as forms of punishment for those who violated the laws. This picture shows the third courthouse, which was built in 1847. The courtroom was located on the second floor and heated by a fireplace in the north end of the room. In 1970, this building burned due to a faulty heating system. In the Clerk's Office, the fireproof vault saved documents that refer directly to Lord Fauquier, Lord Botetourt, Lord Dunmore, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick

Henry, Robert E. Lee, Col. William Clark and other prominent local citizens. This information was compiled by researcher and Botetourt County Historical Society board member Patricia A. Honts. The photograph, courthouse bell, a witness box and other artifacts can be seen in the Courthouse Display at the Botetourt Museum of History & Culture in Fincastle. The current Botetourt Courthouse is scheduled to be replaced by a larger building on the same location.

~ Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

## Henry honored by the VFW

VFW Post 1841 Past Commander Jerry Jacobsen presented Lee Henry, of the Sunshine Station in Troutville, an award from the VFW's highest official, the Commander-in-Chief, at the post meeting on Thursday, June 20, in Daleville. This is the highest award that a civilian can receive from the VFW for individuals who place local veterans in their highest priority in recognition and service



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for her many programs veterans. she has done over the past decades for local ~ Submitted by VFW Post 1841



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## 70th annual Buchanan Carnival continues



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The 70th annual Buchanan Carnival continues today at the town's fairgrounds. This year, the carnival featured seven musical acts continuing today through July 6. The remaining bands performing at this year's highly anticipated carnival include:

- July 3 – Midnite Blue
  - July 4 & 5 – Cimmaron
  - July 6 – American Honey
- The carnival will have wristband specials Wednesday-Saturday, July 3-6 from 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Tickets are now available online at

<https://colerides.com/tickets>.

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

~ Fincastle Herald staff report



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## Celebrate the Fourth of July with bell-ringing ceremony

Virginians are being invited to join in a historic statewide bell-ringing ceremony this Fourth of July as America gears up to celebrate its 250th birthday, and the Botetourt Preservation Partnership is marking the historic moment with bells throughout the county.

On July 4 at precisely 5 p.m., the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) will kick off a powerful moment of unity at the Virginia State Capitol Bell Tower. The historic bell will toll 13 times, symbolizing the original 13 colonies that won their independence.

The Botetourt Preservation Partnership is issuing a clarion call for churches and others with bells to mark the occasion in the same manner. Similar to the annual Fincastle New Year's Eve tradition, this is an opportunity to highlight the role Botetourt County played with the very birth of the nation.

"VA250 aims to create a truly unforgettable Fourth of July celebration that resonates throughout the

Commonwealth," Executive Director Cheryl Wilson said. "Imagine the joyous sounds of bells echoing everywhere, reminding us of the shared history and values that bind us together."

Botetourt Delegate Terry Austin serves as the chairman of the VA250 Commission.

The ceremony invites Virginians to join a long-standing tradition. Town halls, firehouses, places of worship, public carillons, cemeteries, and all citizens are encouraged to participate, livestream, and tag their bell-ringing using #VA250.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy officially established "National Bell Ringing Day" through U.S. Congressional Resolution Number 25, uniting the nation through the sounds of freedom – a tradition echoing the founders' celebrations.

The bell-ringing is part of VA250's grand Fourth of July celebration at the State Capitol, honoring America's founding and the spirit of freedom.

~ Submitted by Patsy Dickerson

## ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests June 24-30:

- Shane S. Nichols, 34, of Troutville, drunk in public, June 24
- Richard J. Sprinkel, 56, of Troutville, domestic assault, strangulation of another causing injury, June 26
- Tyson J. Heibel, 35, of Placerville, Calif., drunk in public, June 27
- Robert T. Meador, 34, of Buchanan, domestic assault, June 28
- Jonathan C. Honaker, 25, of Roanoke, driving under the influence, no operator's license, possession with intent to distribute drugs, June 29
- Julia L. McIntyre, 29, of Troutville, drunk in public, simple assault, obstruction of justice, June 29
- Larry M. Bobbit, 62, of Roanoke, domestic assault, June 30
- Tanner A. Williamson, 22, of Roanoke, domestic assault, June 30



# HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

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

## JAMES RIVER A HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Ripley Barry, Emma Bobbitt, Derrick Bryant, Hope Burton, Alexis Chocklette, William DeSouto, Katelynn Furry, Jaden Kitt, Grant Kovar, Kaeden Lehman-Knepprath, Chase Lester, Sara McFadyen, Damien Mitchell, Paiton Moore, Keegen Mundy, Makayla Petty, Vianey Ramirez-Bautista, Kaela Riddle, Ethan Sherman, Ethan Smith, Braylin Snider, Ethan Spickard, Paul Theimer, Zachary Vernon, Angela Vish, Drew Whitson, Abigail Wilson, Titus Wilson

JUNIORS: Kylee Aaron, Breanna Anduiza, Aiden Bartulis, Kaeli Berry, Sasha Birkhead, Ethan Bryant, Rylee Clark, Elizabeth Davis, Logan Deel, Kelsey Firebaugh, Avia Fochtman, Cassidy Gauvin, Koleman Harvey, Addison Jones, Adelynn Jones, SarahGrace Laughridge, JadyN Miller, Ella Monaghan, Konner Myers, Gracin Niday, Victoria Race-Waller, Daniel Slusser, Lucas St.Clair, Isabelle Stewart, Ava Thacker, Nevaeh Van Buren, Regan VanNess, Catalyne Webb, Avery Williams, Emily Woodson

SOPHOMORES: Hannah Albers, Nicole Baker, Brian Barger, Sydnee Breeding, Elise Buchanan, Regan Childs, Grace Curtis, Siera Davis, Caitlyn Downey, Olivia Eubank, Kaylee Gill, Aeris Hawkins, Cameron Hosey, Rylee Jordan, Gwendolyn Kincaid, Kenadi Kovar, Conor McFadyen, Josiah Merchant, Carter Mullins, Aaron Petty, Addisyn Rodgers, Madeline Rutledge, Mitchell Snare, Savannah Teaford, Jenna Tucker, Ryder Ward, Silas Whitson

FRESHMEN: Jeremy Albright, Olivia Ayers, Clayton Bia, Conor Childs, Evangelyn Clonch, Aidan Davis, Hailey DeMarco, Sydney DeMarco, Declan Duncan, Brennan Firebaugh, Mason Gilliland, Emily Griswold, Adeline Hanna, Jay Hipes, Ayden Jennings, Selene Kelley, Kristen Kessler, Paisley Kitt, Rhaya Kitt, Joran Little, Jeremiah Mays, Brennen Monaghan, Carson Mowles, Cora Mullins, Austin Myers, Kyleigh Napier, Brianna Patterson, Riley Persinger, Keegan Price, Ryleigh Scott, Gillian Smith, Leanna Steger, Cooper Stewart, Charles Stull, Kyra Taylor, Naudia Thomas, Vivian Vernon, Mark Voight, Samuel Wilson

## A-B HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Matthew Alderson, Carter Baka-Collins, Kyleigh Brady, William Dulaney, Lydia Dunbar, Zeal Hammons, Dylan Hicks, Anna Lakes, Honesty Liming, Aaron Mejia, Silas Miller, Evan Mines, Elle Norris, Alise Orent, Annabelle Peay, Colt Race-Waller, Tanner Reid, Aiden Shotwell, Edward Shumate, Sophie Stewart, Madeline Stull, Gracelyn Stump, Austin Thomas, Dakota Thomas, Lily-Ann Waddell, Abigail Warf, Corban Wilhelm, Walker Wilson

JUNIORS: Taylor Albright, Bobby Burrell, Isaiah Campbell, Caitlin Canada, Josiah Clark, Roselyn Dayton, Kailin Duty, Nathaniel Graff, Courtney Hodge, Cloey Joynes, Eric Jullien, Noah Longley, Griffen Lucas, Savanna Martin, Hunter Mays, Katherine McClung, Chase McGrath, Jared Monaghan, Jakob Mulcahey, Blake Orfield, Madison Painter, Kody Park, Halee Puffenbarger, Miguel Ramirez-Bautista, Madison Snare, Lainey Stephenson, Amber Stevens, Brianna Torres, Hunter Weaver, Jordan Wilhelm, Jonathan Wolcott, Isaiah Wright

SOPHOMORES: Devin Aaron, Jayden Alston, Miley Austin, William Ballard, Jack Beheler, Audrey Benson, Walker Bierer, Gavin Binns, Kaia Binns, Aiden Byrd, Anna Cash, Wyatt Chapman, Chase Clemons, Colt Cook, Keira Crawford, Anna Davidson, Carli Edwards, Landon Flores, Donald Griffin, Chloe Helmandollar, Ella Hutchens, Benjamin Lawson, Jennah Lynch, Randall McClung, Georgia Miller, Briana Mitchell, Maddox Moore, Madison Muncey, Dakota Myers, Abbey Parker, Hayley Rader, Jacob Reese, Makenna Saville, Emmett Thomasson, Jalen Thompson, Lillian Tinger, Emma West, Mia Williams, Maddox Woodyard

FRESHMEN: Khloe Austin, Landon Bolling, Tristen Brown, Chase Carlisle, Avery Carr, Gracie Cash, Emma Cecil, William Clark, Isaiah Coleman, Hannah Curtis, Christopher Daniels, Kennedy Davis, Efraim Echavarria, Lilly Falls, Rylee Forbes, Richard Francis, Brooklyn Hayslett, Amiah Higginbotham-Sandidge, Gretchen Huffman, Louisa Jamison, Braden Jones, Cheyenne King, Caleb Kinion, Sage Leeka, Caleb Longley, Sarah Lorman, Caiden Martin, Melody Martin, Parker Melson, Crystal Muncey, Reagan Peterson, Noah Riley, Jason Rose, Avery Saunders, Holden Saville, Abilene Simmons, McKinley Sink, Lacey Smith, Trenton Taylor, Abigail Thomasson, Addison Tranchese, Pierce Woodyard

## LORD BOTETOURT A HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: Grayson Alfano, Alexis Amos, Ainsley Anderson, Aidan Appicello, Allison Argabright, Sophia Burbridge, Keely Caldwell, Alexa Carillo, Eisen Colon-Arroyo, Owen Cooper, Sarah Crain, Amelia Dietrich, Erna Dietrich, Christina Ellis, Benjamin Ferrell, Aurora Fitzgerald, Anthony Foster, Casey Gentry, Colette Germain-Norton, Benjamin Gilbert, Hunter Gilbert, Donavan Goad, Dylan Gonce, Madison Guy, Nicholas Hall, Emily Hanson, Elizabeth Hodges, Mary Hodges, Abigail Huffard, Jackson Kemper, Spencer Krimski, Keaton Lucas, Juliana Manello, Casey McFarling, Sarah Miles, Chase Mitchell, Jade Morton, Jakari Nicely, Kaitlyn Nichols, Samantha Nichols, Taylor Orange, Kadence Overstreet, Rey Pablo, Tucker Peery, Emmerson Perdue, Theodore Piluso, Harriett Polinsky, Benjamin Prescott, Kelli Reed, Mikayla Reed, Emma Rice, Chase Richmond, Isabella Sanchez, Kaylee Sell, Riley Shupe, Avrey Smith, Jayden Smith, Brianna Teaford, Katen Tetreault, Grace Thomas, Emily Thompson, Emma Williamson, Lawson Wood, Emma Yates

JUNIORS: Natalie Alban, Connor Barnes, Addison Cadenhead, Emma Campbell, Madelyn Caron, Olivia Carswell, Rayden Chrimes, Brayden Coleman, Joshua Crigger, Kalob Daniels, Noah Donaho, Chase Dozier, Emily Duncan, Carson Edwards, Janey Farrar, Cameron Ferguson, Hunter Ferguson, Braelyn Folks, Campbell Franco, Joshua Frate, Sarah Frederickson, Erica Gergely, Cole Griffin, William Hall, Lindsey Hamilton, Jackson Harless, Jillian Harris, Bria Harvey, Ryley Hoffman, Lola Hollett, Grayson Hooven, Rebecca Huddleston, Morgan Huffman, Abigail Humphries, Walker Johnson, Abigail Kingery, Evan Klampfer, Blake Lovern, Jacob Malue, Caden Marshall, Ava Martin, Bailee Masters, Journi Maxey, Jasmine McDaniel, Jackson Miller, Aidan Mitchell, Hannah Mizuba, Maya Mougin, Kyle Nordgren, Oscar Ramos Cedillo, Kane Reczek, Seth Reiter, Mali Ruppel, Aaron Scher, Ena Sejtanic, Carson Shell, Jeremy Simmons, Aiden Siracusa, Hannah Slate, Brett Smith,

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# NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS AT BOTETOURT LIBRARIES

**Libraries closed July 4th**  
All library branches will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

**July Break**  
Some regular children's programs like StoryTime, STEM Club, and LEGO Club will take a break in July and resume in August. Check our online or print calendar for details.

**Didgeridoo Down Under**  
Tue, Jul 9, 11am, Buchanan  
Tue, Jul 9, 2pm, Fincastle  
Wed, Jul 10, 11am, Blue Ridge  
Wed, Jul 10, 2pm, Eagle Rock  
Join this energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, storytelling, and audience interaction. Great for the whole family.

**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**  
Wed, Jul 10, 10:30am, Fincastle  
The Secret Book of Flora Lea by Patti Callahan Henry  
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 "whodunnit" books and authors with fellow true crime enthusiasts. Choose your own books or find one from the list of recommendations. July theme: Survivors.

**Botetourt Senior Bingo**  
Tue, Jul 9, 10:30am, Blue Ridge  
Win fun prizes and enjoy social time with this popular game. Offered in partnership with the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office and Parks & Recreation.

**Outdoor Book Club**  
Tue, Jul 9, 11:30am, Troutville Town Park  
Join a leisurely group walk around Troutville Town Park while discussing your favorite books.

**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](http://BOCOLibraries.info).

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Decorum non-existent at supervisors' meeting

What kind of a society are we in anymore... ? was asked by one of the chronic complainers at the Board of Supervisors meeting last Tuesday.

What kind of society we are in anymore is not what was seen on display at a majority of that meeting during the public comment portions thereof.

Decorum at that meeting was non-existent. The chair requested several times that, for the sake of time there be no applause after each speaker, as there was much business to be conducted; however, no attention was paid to his repeated reminders. As each speaker threatened, bullied, attempted to intimidate and berated the board, the cheerleading clowns gave their round of applause anyway. Somehow, certain people just ignore the rules of conduct.

One person spoke who deserved more than applause! She thanked the board for all of their long and hard work. She aptly stated that it is not appropriate, okay or funny for any of our county officials to be threatened and stated that such conduct needs to stop. She went on to say that it is not acceptable on social media, in writing, or in symbolic ways. She stated that the board does not deserve such treatment, as no one does, and said she hated it was happening.

She went on to appropriately note that "It is idle hands and hardened hearts and simple minds that behave this way. That's, it's not okay, it's not acceptable."

She further noted that statements are brought to the meeting from the Botetourt County Republican Committee, and asked all to "please know" that those statements do not represent the entire committee and do not reflect unanimous support. When she finished, the echo of truth burst from the sound of dead silence thereafter.

Kudos to the gentleman who thanked Fire & Rescue for their recent service to him and his family. Far too often these excellent services are not given appropriate recognition.

Almost all of the chronic complainers said they were speaking for the many Botetourt County residents who can't afford to pay more taxes, but it was easy to see through that subterfuge. They were there for one reason only, because they do not want to pay their fair share.

For any of you were not at that meeting, or did not see the live broadcast, go back and look at the tape. I submit that, after you see it, you will agree that such conduct does not represent the society in which we live. Many came here from other places where they were "disgruntled." The problem is that they did not leave their disgruntlement behind and wish to inflict it upon us.

Bob Patterson  
Fincastle

## Thank you to Fincastle United Methodist Church

Thank you to the Fincastle United Methodist Church for the third in a series of Celebrating Fincastle's Historic Churches sponsored by Historic Fincastle, Inc. Thanks to the community for supporting these events. The church provided a cool respite from the extreme heat and humidity for the day. This event served as a great kickoff for the 4th of July 2024 weekend.

After having a wonderful history lesson from Angela Coon on the history and current activities of the church, the Botetourt County Brass Ensemble and the choir from the church treated us all to a rousing and moving celebration of patriotic music. One of the anthems the Ensemble played was John Phillip Sousa's "Washington Post March" that made you want to march around the sanctuary. The choir sang a touching rendition of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" as one of their selections. It brought a tear to more than one eye in attendance. The finale was the singing of "The Armed Forces Medley" and the recognition of those who have served our country in the military.

Many thanks to the Rev. Jim Bollinger, Music Director Heather Mitchell, Accompanist Mary Rae, Historian Angela Coon, and the musicians who worked very hard in preparation for this wonderful program. There was a fellowship gathering by the attendees under the historic honey locust tree afterwards. Thank you also to the people who made the cookies and lemonade. It was enjoyed by all.

The fourth and last Celebrating Fincastle's Historic Churches will be held this fall at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Stay tuned for more information and the date of this event. Thank you again.

Patsy Dickerson  
Historic Fincastle, Inc.

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20. Fevers  
22. One's mother  
23. Fertile desert spots  
25. Large integers  
26. Plate for Eucharist  
28. Tennis matches have them  
29. Peyton's little brother  
30. Monetary unit of N. Korea  
31. Head movement  
33. Twelve  
34. Renaissance musical instrument  
36. Behavior showing high moral standards

**CLUES DOWN**  
2. An alternative  
3. Laws  
4. Sense organs  
5. One from Utah  
6. Mariner  
7. People in charge of cattle  
8. Health insurance organization  
9. Ornamental box  
10. Forest-dwelling deer  
11. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)  
12. Atomic #71  
13. Become less intense  
15. Cowards  
18. Body ornament (slang)  
21. Applicable to all cases  
24. Multiplied by 6  
26. Afghanistan monetary unit  
27. Calendar month  
30. Cena and Lennon are two  
32. Monetary unit of Serbia  
35. First time on the market  
37. Georgia rockers  
38. Free from contamination  
39. Coastal region of Canada  
42. Clothing retailer  
43. It rises and sets  
46. Fathers  
47. Stain with mud  
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52. Orange-brown  
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# Libraries partner with Feeding SWVA, Botetourt Resource Center to offer meals to students



During the school year, local students receive healthy meals, but many go without during the summer. That's where Feeding Southwest Virginia comes in.

Botetourt County Libraries approached the Botetourt Resource Center, with a partnership opportunity through Feeding Southwest Virginia's Summer Food Service Program, to ensure that children have access to nutritious meals during the summer months. The Botetourt Resource Center serves as the primary partner and storage/distribution center, and library staff provides onsite assistance on meal distribution days. During their first visit to the Resource Center, parents/

guardians must fill out a short enrollment form to order meal boxes.

"It's not unusual to see hungry kids at the library," noted Buchanan Library Branch Manager Cheryl Wagner. "We don't have the resources ourselves to feed all those kids, or the space to store meals. But we know that kids can't continue to read and learn this summer if they're too hungry to think. We're so grateful to the Botetourt Resource Center for jumping at the opportunity and taking on this project with us."

Children aged 1-18 can receive free meals and snacks through this program. When families pick up meals,

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library staff will also offer educational activities that kids can take home, allowing kids to nourish both their bodies and minds!

The first food distribution date was Monday, July 1. Remaining dates are:

- Monday, July 15, 5-6 p.m.
- Monday, July 29, 5-6 p.m.

Distribution will take place at the Botetourt Resource Center located at 33 Bedford Street, Buchanan.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

## AARP Fraud Alert: Summertime Door-to-Door Scams

Summer is here, which means door-to-door sales crews are, too. But buyer beware because what they're selling isn't always legit.

These scams can show up in a variety of forms. Sometimes it's solar panels for your home at a can't-be-beaten price or it's a student selling magazine subscriptions to help fund their school program. Other times it's construction workers who say they stopped by because they just happened to be working in the neighborhood. One thing they all have in common is pressure to sign up or pay upfront.

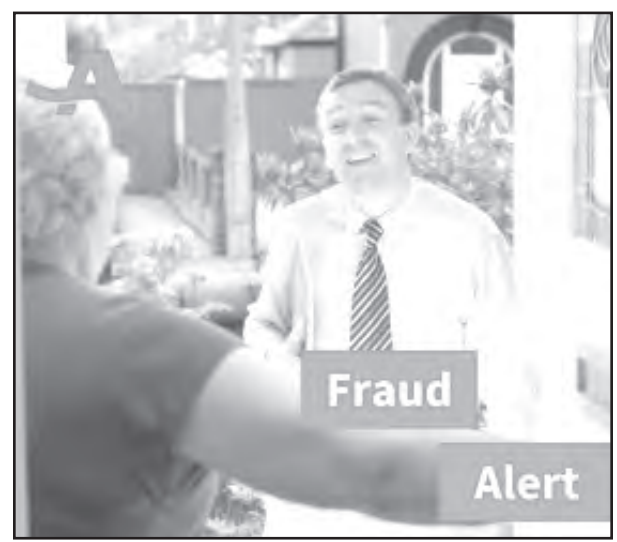
Any "deal" that you have to sign up for right away or that you have to pay for in advance is likely no deal at all. Your best bet is to proactively seek out the services

you need. And consider making a deal with yourself to never do a deal with someone before you've had time to do your research.

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

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. Learn how to proactively spot scams or get guidance if you've been targeted. Visit [aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) or call our dedicated helpline to speak to a fraud specialist at 1-877-908-3360.

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**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](mailto:jwr56fbc@yahoo.com). Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. [fincastlefaith.com](http://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.  
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**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.

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**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](http://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](http://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).

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**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](mailto: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](http://www.phbcweb.com).  
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Wits' End Corner

Read Psalms 106:1 through 109:31

Life can be like riding a ship rolling in the midst of a stormy sea: up one second reaching for the stars, the next second plummeting to the depths. The Psalmist wrote about those who “went out on the sea in ships.”

They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits’ end. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress (Psalm 107:27–28).

A. G. Ward wrote in the Pentecostal Evangel eighty-three years ago, “We have passed through many tests in the past twenty-four years, often we have been at ‘wits’ end corner’ but again and again we have found ourselves singing.”

Are you at the end of your rope? Cry out to the Lord. Your prayer life will be different. Your praise life will open up.

Your prayer should be like that of Jehoshaphat as he led God’s people when they were under attack: “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you” (2Chronicles 20:12).

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, I trust You to still the storms in my life.

Quicklook: Psalm 107:23–32

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.


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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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**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 [osloanoke.com](http://osloanoke.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](mailto: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](http://woodlandchurchbc.com). E-mail address: [woodlandchurchbc@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.buchananpresbyterian.org). Contact [www.admin@buchananpresbyterian.org](mailto: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 10:30AM. 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](mailto:fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) or call 540.473.2042.  
**Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church** - 78 Gala Loop Road, Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Rev. Emily B. Hook, pastor, 804-516-6552. Sunday School at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Morning Worship & Praise at 11a.m. each Sunday. Communion once each quarter.  
**Virginia Presbyterian Church** – 918 Pico Road, Buchanan. 24066. Worship 9:30 a.m. (nursery provided), Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

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

**UNITED METHODIST**  
**Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church**– 3936 Beaver Dam Road, just off Springwood Road, Springwood. Rev. Morris A. Bennett. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. followed by Worship, 10 a.m.  
**Eagle Rock United Methodist Church** – 14565 Church St. Eagle Rock 10:15 AM; Glen Wilton UMC, Main St. Glen Wilton, 9:00 AM; Shiloh UMC, Shiloh Rd, Eagle Rock, 11:15 AM. Pastor Ray Sandifer (540) 525-0258.

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

## Nichols, Dolores (Dee) Dawson

October 7, 1930 – June 22, 2024

Dee Dawson Nichols completed her earthly life on June 22, 2024, after a long illness. The middle daughter of Charles and Margaret Dawson, Dee was born in Duryea, Pa., where she lived until graduating from high school. Her next stop was Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., where she earned her B.A. degree in English and met her future husband, Hugh, the great love of her life. Hugh, who played violin, found out that Dee played the piano. They met when he asked her to accompany him for a violin performance. After college, they married and eventually moved to Eagle Rock, where Dee taught school and Hugh was a pastor.

Giving her life to Jesus Christ at the age of 15, Dee led many others to Christ through her example and Bible teaching. She had a tender heart for those who were suffering and went out of her way to help those in need. She freely offered to God's glory her gifts as a pianist and children's choir director throughout her husband's itinerant ministry. In the Roanoke area, Dee led three large choirs for children and youth at both Melrose Avenue Methodist in the '60s and Central United Methodist Church in Salem in the '70s.

While singing was always a passion, Dee had many other gifts. She taught piano lessons out of the home to many students, including her daughter, Sherrie. She was an excellent cook, marvelous hostess, meticulous housekeeper, and sewed many of her children's clothes. When the family moved to Buena Vista in the late '60s, Dee started teaching English at Parry McCluer High School. A later move to Salem found Dee teaching at Glenvar High School and then at Salem High School, serving as department head for a number of years at both. Her reputation was that of a tough, yet caring teacher. She prepared her senior students so well for

college English classes that they would come



back and thank her for all she had done to help them excel. During this time, she completed her Master of Arts degree at The University of Virginia, focusing on creative writing. She remained an avid supporter of UVA sports for life.

As if life were not full enough, Dee found time to dabble in all kinds of crafts, including wreath-making, painting, stained glass projects, and doll-making, to name a few. She loved raising plants and flowers and enjoyed being in a garden club. Dee was a wonderful mother who loved her children well. She and Hugh served as enthusiastic cheerleaders for all their children's activities.

Following retirement, Dee and Hugh lived at Smith Mountain Lake for a time before settling in Daleville. They eventually moved to The Glebe Retirement Community, where Dee enjoyed serving as a pianist, participating in the Legacy Program with local school students, being a Glebe Ambassador, and leading sing-a-longs in Assisted Living and Health Care for many years.

One of Dee's favorite Bible passages offers us great hope as we look to the future: "...though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long...but the things we cannot see will last forever." (2 Corinthians 4:16-18, NLT)

Dee was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Evelyn Walters and Norma Dawson; her husband, the Rev. Hugh E. Nichols; and an infant son. Surviving are her children, Sherrie Andrews (Clarke),

Perry Nichols (Susan), and Terri Bradbury; seven grandchildren, Kirk Andrews (Bethany), Keelah Andrews Voll (Eric), Elise Nichols, Katelyn Nichols Cunningham (Landon), Brent Bradbury (Liz), Shelly Bradbury (Alex), and Staci Bradbury (Casey); nine great-grandchildren, Paxton, Wade, Avie, Vallie and Susanna Andrews, Eliza and Esmee Voll, and Hudson and Sawyer Cunningham. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.Oakeys.com](http://www.Oakeys.com). Friends and family are invited to a Memorial Service at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at 11 a.m. The family will be available for visitation 30 minutes prior to the service. The Rev. Samuel Plymale will officiate. Entombment will be private at Old Dominion Memorial Gardens.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution might consider the Music Ministry of St. Mark's United Methodist Church (see address above), or the VBH Foundation, 3961 Stillman Parkway, Glen Allen, 23060. The family would like to thank The Glebe Chaplick Center Staff and Good Samaritan Hospice for their outstanding and loving care of Dee. Arrangements by Oakey's East Chapel, 540-977-3909.

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## Hayslett, Rita Moran

Rita Moran Hayslett, 90, of Buchanan, passed away peacefully at her home Sunday, June 23, 2024.

Rita was born on May 17, 1934, in Dungarvan, County Waterford, Ireland to the late Patrick and Hannah Moran. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Amos Link, and her second husband, John Franklin Hayslett; brothers, Tommy, William, Michael, Patrick, and James Moran; sisters, Bridget Dwyer, Mairead Byrne, Mary Bodie, Hannah Mackin, Teresa Coyle and Kitty Drummey, all of Ireland and England.

Rita is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Wayne Ayers, Buchanan; sister, Esther McCarthy, London, England; numerous nieces and nephews both here and abroad.

Rita was employed by Kenrose/Glad Rags in Buchanan for many years. She was previously a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Lexington, and a present member of the Church of the Transfiguration, Fincastle.

She became a United States citizen on November 13, 1963, something

of which she was extremely proud. Rita enjoyed traveling back home to Ireland and to England to visit her family, a journey she gladly made last summer for one last time.

The family received friends on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Buchanan Chapel of Botetourt Funeral Home. A funeral mass celebrating Rita's life was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, at the Church of Transfiguration in Fincastle. Interment was held at 3 p.m. in High Bridge Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Father Paul Lagco will be officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Transfiguration Capital Improvement Plan, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, 24090.

The family would like to thank Dr. Carolyn Clark and Dr. Molly Rutherford for the excellent loving care they provided Rita over the years. Also, a very heartfelt thank you to Good Samaritan Hospice Care for the excellent care provided to Rita and the family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.



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## Cahoon, Darys Caldwell

Darys Caldwell Cahoon, 91, of Fincastle, passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Cahoon; parents, Clarence and Lillie Caldwell; brothers, Carl and James; and sisters, Ethel, Hallie, Audrey, and Louise.

Darys was a caring and compassionate person who was a lifelong member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sister, Jennie Cahoon; sister-in-law, Judy Cahoon; numerous nieces and nephews,

including special niece, Debbie.

The family received friends on Monday, July 1, 2024, 10-11 a.m., with funeral services at 11 a.m. at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church with the Rev. Russell Shepherd officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, c/o William Ray Teaford, 2016 Mt. Pleasant Church Road, Fincastle 24090. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## 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.

## Galatia Community Meal July 8

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church Potluck Community Meal will be July 8 at noon at the Community Center

in Eagle Rock. Bring a dish or dessert to share with everyone and come for good fellowship and food. Tea (sweet and unsweetened), lemonade, water and coffee will be furnished.

## 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](http://springwoodbc.org).

## 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.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GLEBE

The Glebe’s groundbreaking ceremony featured (l-to-r) Jonathan Cook, president and CEO of LifeSpire of Virginia; Jerry Steele, Glebe resident; Shelli Schinkus, director of sales and marketing; Loretta Ikenberry, Ikenberry family; Suzann Rhoades, Ikenberry family; Ellen D’Ardenne, Glebe executive director; Rev. Nelson Harris, LifeSpire Board of Trustees; Peter Robinson, chief marketing officer of LifeSpire of Virginia; Tracey Jennings, chief operating officer of LifeSpire of Virginia; Sam Oakey, LifeSpire Board of Trustees; and Andy McLaughlin, new cottage resident depositor.

# The Glebe breaks ground on \$25M major expansion

The Glebe, a LifeSpire of Virginia senior living community in Daleville, has begun its \$25 million expansion project that will provide more independent living cottages and upgraded amenities while boosting the local economy. The expansion includes additional space for senior housing, upgraded dining experiences, and more room for community events. A formal groundbreaking for the cottages was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.

A total of 22 new cottages will be added to the campus. These new residences are specifically designed to allow seniors to age in place, maintenance and worry-free. The first set of cottages is expected to be ready by early 2025. The arrival of this

new housing is very timely. U.S. Census data shows that persons older than 60 years of age account for 28 percent of the overall population in Roanoke County. In adjacent Botetourt County, seniors account for 32 percent. The data also shows that the senior population is growing, driven by the aging Baby Boomer generation. This is creating an increasing consumer demand for attractive, new senior housing infrastructure.

The new cottages at The Glebe will feature large, open floor plans up to 2,500 square feet, expansive living and dining areas, state-of-the-art kitchens, and a two-car garage with a front-row mountain view. The demand for the project is demonstrated by the fact that all the cottages have already been reserved.

“The Glebe is a beautiful five-star senior living community surrounded by gorgeous, landscaped views of the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains,” said Ellen D’Ardenne, Executive Director for The Glebe. “We are excited to enter this next

phase of development with additional housing and upgraded dining experiences for current and future residents.”

LifeSpire of Virginia purchased the 65 acres of the Ikenberry Orchards, where the community is located now, decades ago. The new cottages are being partially developed on the Ikenberry House property, which was purchased in 2013. “The old Ikenberry House was uninhabitable and unused space,” said Mark Ikenberry. “Our family is happy to see the land go to good use by offering more housing options for local seniors in the community we care about so much.”

Over the next 24 months, The Glebe will expand and add amenities to its already robust senior living community to include a larger multi-purpose room, renovated culinary spaces and a new tavern.

The Botetourt Room, The Glebe’s multi-purpose room used to host community events, will get an upgrade by adding more than 1,300 square feet, allowing more room for community gatherings, performances, shows, and lectures. The room will total just over 3,700 square feet, offering

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FINCASTLE PLANNING COMMISSION AND FINCASTLE TOWN COUNCIL

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2 -2204 of the Code of Virginia the Fincastle Planning Commission and the Fincastle Town Council will hold public hearings regarding the matter referenced below:

The purpose of these hearings is to solicit public input on a proposed ordinance to regulate placement of solar panels and disposal of old units that are no longer useable, in accordance with section 15.2-2288.7 of the Code of Virginia.

The Planning Commission public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on July 11, 2024 at the Fincastle Firehouse.

The Town Council public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on July 11, 2024 at the Fincastle Firehouse as part of its regular meeting.

A copy of the proposed ordinance may be obtained by contacting the Fincastle Town Office during regular office hours.

**Melanie McFayden - Town Manager**  
Town of Fincastle

LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on **Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider the request listed below. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will make a final decision on the request. Complete information may be reviewed at the Community Development Planning & Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and is available online at <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>, by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section. Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Planning & Zoning Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to [planning@botetourtva.gov](mailto:planning@botetourtva.gov), or submit comments through the online form on our website at [www.botetourtva.gov](http://www.botetourtva.gov). Comments by postal mail must be received by Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on July 8, 2024.**

Amsterdam District: Devin and Kellie Montgomery request a Special Exception Permit for a Rural Home Business with possible conditions in the Agricultural (A-1) Use District. This property is located at 2916 Catawba Road, Troutville, identified on the Tax Maps as 87-26A.

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

FINCASTLE PLANNING COMMISSION AND FINCASTLE TOWN COUNCIL

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204, as amended, and Sections 601 - 603 of the Town Zoning Ordinance, this shall serve as notice that the Fincastle Town Planning Commission and the Fincastle Town Council will hold public hearings on July 11, 2024 in the Fincastle Firehouse for the purpose of soliciting public input on:

An application for a Special Use Permit to allow for short term rental at 35 East Main Street, Tax Parcel (73A (1)112), currently owned by Mitch and Bobbie Bowman.This property is zoned residential and is located in the Mixed Use District of the Town of Fincastle.

The Planning Commission will hold its public hearing at 6 p.m. in the Fincastle Firehouse.

The Town Council public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. as part of Council’s regular monthly meeting.

For additional information you may contact the Fincastle Town Office during regular office hours or Scott Critzer at 540-473-3377.

**Scott Critzer – Chairman**  
Fincastle Planning Commission

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on July 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider the request listed below. Information may be viewed at the Community Development Planning and Zoning Office at 57 South Center Drive, in Daleville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and is available online by scrolling down to the Planning Commission section at: <https://va-botetourtcounty.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>.

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Persons wishing to make comments may attend the hearing, mail their comments to the Botetourt County Administrator’s Office, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083, email their comments to [lbess@botetourtva.gov](mailto:lbess@botetourtva.gov), or submit comments through the online form on our website at [www.botetourtva.gov](http://www.botetourtva.gov). Comments by postal mail must be received by Thursday, July 18, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on July 23, 2024.

**Gary Larowe**  
Botetourt County Administrator

Stockyard Report	
Monday’s sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard: 352 Head	
Head Cows	\$1,125.00-\$2,275.00
Graded Steers	
400-499	\$280.00-\$285.00
500-599	\$265.00-\$291.00
600-699	\$263.75-\$281.00
700-799	\$197.00-\$259.50
Graded Bulls	
400-499	\$253.00-\$271.00
500-599	\$217.00-\$258.00
600-699	\$230.00-\$232.00
Graded Heifers	
300-399	\$256.00
400-499	\$198.00-\$253.00
500-599	\$170.00-\$259.00
600-599	\$236.00-\$256.00
Kill Cows	\$54.00-\$136.00
Kill Bulls	\$176.00-\$189.50

NOTICE

**Botetourt County Governmental Offices and Libraries will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024, in observance of Independence Day. The Office of Elections and the Botetourt County Landfill will also be closed on Thursday, July 4.**

PUBLIC NOTICE  
BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m., immediately followed by closed session. The public session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 143 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, Virginia with a physical quorum present and electronic access through [www.bcps.live](http://www.bcps.live). Citizens wishing to address the School Board are asked to complete a Request to Speak form prior to 10:00 a.m. July 11, 2024 at: <https://forms.gle/9vZoPXyxZR8bgEoQ6> or by contacting Susan Albert, School Board Clerk, at (540) 473-8263 or by email at [salbert@bcps.k12.va.us](mailto:salbert@bcps.k12.va.us).

TOWN OF  
TROUTVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL

The will be a Closed Work Session of the Troutville Town Council on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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Fincastle needs donations for the July 4 fireworks show!

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# Clarifications about the Unlicensed Farm Use Vehicle Program

New legislation clarifies and makes improvements to the unlicensed farm use vehicle program administered through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). These changes work to clearly define the program, how the exemption can be used and limits the collection of personal information.

## TO RECEIVE A FARM USE PLACARD:

1. Complete the application at <https://tinyurl.com/dmvmfarmuse>.
  2. Present your application, vehicle title and \$15 payment at your local DMV or DMV Select.
  3. Receive your placards which are valid for the life of the vehicle, but are not transferable.
- Farm Use Placard Requirements
- Enforcement of changes to the farm use vehicle program begin July 1, 2024.
- Must be covered under liability insurance.
- Must Be Titled. Continues the longstanding requirement for a title on any pickup truck, panel truck and SUV obtaining a farm use placard. However, if a title is needed, a separate \$15 titling fee will be imposed, but no sales and use tax would be imposed as long as the vehicle claims the exemption.
- Placards are Nontransferable. Permanent farm use placards issued by DMV are not transferable between vehicles but are valid for the lifetime of the vehicle and must be displayed in front and rear of vehicle at all times.
- Items Needed for Application:
1. \$15 application fee per vehicle
  2. Vehicle title
  3. Name of owner or lessee of the vehicle
  4. Approximate farm location and acreage where the vehicle is used

## Glebe

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more options than ever for entertainment.

The current Depot Café will get a complete makeover, emerging as The Marketplace, creating a modern, casual dining experience for residents. The new dining area will host additional seating, a covered patio and stone fireplace. Residents dining at The Marketplace will be able to enjoy an expanded cooking line and grill, a fire deck pizza oven, fresh salad bar and grab-and-go items. Private dining will be available in the newly decorated Blue Ridge Dining Room for special occasions and events, by reservation only.

Adjacent to The Marketplace will be a brand-new tavern with a large-screen television and billiards. The new tavern gives residents a place to

gather, relax and enjoy spending time with each other in a shared space. In addition, a new coffee and bake shop is being added near the Allegheny Dining Room offering a warm ambiance, comfortable seating, and coffee artistry.

As part of the renovations, The Glebe’s Assisted Living kitchen is being upgraded to provide an elevated dining experience for residents featuring fresh made-to-order meals.

“These projects represent a significant investment to our residents at The Glebe,” said D’Ardenne. “Today’s seniors want more options and want to stay independent as long as possible. We could not be more thrilled to provide these experiences now and in the future.”

## Church

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## 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.

## Suspect

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incidents are linked to the same suspect.

“As a member of your Botetourt County Board of Supervisors, I am immensely relieved that the potential crisis at our government facility was successfully prevented by the incredible work of our Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office,” Botetourt County Board of Supervisors Chair Steve Clinton said in the release. “Ensuring the safety and security of our employees and citizens is our highest priority, and this incident has underscored the critical importance of our vigilance and preparedness. While I am relieved, I am also saddened that such an incident could have potentially occurred in Botetourt County. I extend my sincere appreciation to our Sheriff’s Department, whose quick and effective actions made all the difference.”

“While I support our

citizens’ right to peacefully protest decisions made by our government, and the constitution protects those rights, it does not and cannot condone or tolerate acts of violence,” Sheriff Matt Ward added.

The Sheriff’s Office is asking any citizens who may have information related to the case or who may have witnessed the incident to contact Detective Sgt. Mioduszewski at 540-928-2252.

The release noted that this information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as detectives interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The department’s understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed.

~ Fincastle Herald staff report

5. The type of agricultural commodities produced on the farm

6. Statement signed by the owner or lessee that the vehicle will only be used for the purposes allowed under the farm use exemption

7. Statement signed by the owner or lessee that the vehicle is an insured motor vehicle

What specific changes were made?

1. Establishes criteria as follows for certain vehicles claiming the farm use exemption now required to obtain a permanent farm use placard from the DMV:
  - a. Pickup trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than or equal to 7,500 pounds;
  - b. Panel trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than or equal to 7,500 pounds; AND
  - c. SUVs with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than or equal to 7,500 pounds.
2. Trailers, semitrailers and vehicles weighing more than 7,500 pounds must only display a red and white farm use tag if operating under the exemption. These vehicles do NOT need a permanent placard from the DMV.
3. Prohibits the DMV from sharing personal, proprietary information from the placard application with anyone.
4. Clarifies that the vehicle obtaining the farm use placard is exempt from paying sales and use tax. However, sales and use tax will be imposed upon the current market value of the vehicle at the time that the vehicle is registered for a nonexempt use or sold to a person who does not qualify for the farm use exemption.
6. Adds to the practices available to a farmer operating a farm use vehicle:
  - a. Stop for a meal.
  - b. Dispose of incidental trash from the farmer’s or

employee’s home along with trash generated on the farm.

6. Using either the permanent placard from the DMV, if required, or a red and white farm use tag, you may travel up to 75 miles, between your tracts of land, to a storage house, packing plant or market.

## PENALTIES FOR MISUSE:

A first violation is punishable by a fine of not more than \$250, a second or subsequent violation shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of \$250.

## ENFORCEMENT BEGINS JULY 1, 2024.

For more information, contact Katelyn Rose Jordan, Local & State Advocacy Specialist Governmental Relations by calling 804-241-4042 or emailing [katelyn.jordan@vafb.com](mailto:katelyn.jordan@vafb.com).

~ Virginia Farm Bureau Federation



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF VA FARM BUREAU

## NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to Virginia Code §58.1-3975, the following real property will be auctioned for sale to the highest bidder at a simulcast (with online and in person bidding) public auction to be held at the **Greenfield Auditorium, Room 212, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia 24083, on July 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM.**

The sale of such property is subject to the terms and conditions below, and any terms or conditions which may be posted or announced Dudley Resources (“Auctioneer”) and Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC (“TACS”). Subsequent announcements take precedence over any prior written or verbal terms of sale.

	Property Owner(s)	Tax Map No.	Parcel No.	TACS No.	Property Description
N1	Walter Silvey	27A-99	18292	839836	Vacant; Railroad Avenue, Eagle Rock
N2	Forrest M. Redd	88A(1)130-131	26743	839827	Vacant; Roanoke Road, Daleville
N3	Lawson Turpin	27-54	18061	839830	Vacant; Elburnell Drive, Eagle Rock
N4	Dora E. Hoover	27B(1)SEC28-18	18327	839835	Vacant; Bessemer Lane, Eagle Rock
N5	Agrippa Richardson	27B(1)SEC2-26	18314	839833	**Unmapped Parcel**
N6	Agrippa Richardson	27B(2)SEC2-27	18345	839833	**Unmapped Parcel**
N7	James E. & Lola B. Broughman	10(2)A	10022	319453	Vacant; Big Hill Road, Eagle Rock
N8	Marvin E. Broughman, et als. c/o Carl Friedman	39-48	19033	496407	Vacant; Coffey Lane, Eagle Rock
N9	Phyllis W. Evans	16-4	17162	570632	Vacant; Roaring Run Road, Eagle Rock
N10	Harry & Bertha Coleman	65A(16)20&21	22451	571226	Vacant; Rabbit Run, Buchanan
N11	George W. Ripley c/o Branson Powell	43-39	19393	570648	Vacant; off Powell Road, Buchanan
N12	Bank of New York	101-307	10891	839838	Vacant; Brickey Hill Road, Troutville

**GENERAL TERMS OF SALE:** The Treasurer has the right to reject any bids determined to be unreasonable in relation to the estimated value of the Property. Any unsold property will be offered for sale again at the next auction, whenever that may be.

Properties are conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to any easements, covenants, agreements, restrictions, reservations, and any and all rights of record which may affect the property. Properties are offered for sale as-is, where-is, and if-is, with all faults and without any warranty, either expressed or implied. Persons are encouraged to make a visual inspection of the property within the limits of the law and to obtain an independent title search, at their own expense, prior to bidding on any of the properties to determine the suitability of the property for their purposes. It is not guaranteed that the property has a right-of-way or that it is not landlocked. Property is sold in gross and not by the acre. There is no warranty as to the accuracy of the GIS system, nor is the information contained therein a legal representation of any of the features of the property which it depicts. We do not provide and do not assist with obtaining title insurance or title to personal property.

**The sale of property to the highest bidder is not contingent upon obtaining financing.** Financing, if needed, is the sole responsibility of the high bidder. By bidding, parties are entering into a legally binding contract, waive all rescission rights, and understand that their bid is immediately binding, irrevocable, and enforceable. Additionally, by bidding, parties are representing that they have read, and agree to be bound by, all terms and conditions for this sale. Failure to complete the property purchase will result in forfeiture of any funds paid and may subject the highest bidder to additional damages, which may include expenses and any deficit upon resale.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** The highest bidder shall pay the high bid in full, along with the buyer’s premium and deed recording costs, following the close of the auction. **There will be a 10% buyer’s premium , subject to a minimum of \$150.00, added to the winning bid.**

**Terms applicable to In-Person Bidders ONLY:** The highest bidder shall make payment in full on the day of the auction. All payments must be made in the form of personal check, traveler’s check, cashier’s check, or money order. **No cash will be accepted.**

**Terms applicable to Online Bidders ONLY:** All interested parties must register and be approved by the Auctioneer. Registration and bidding are free of charge and are done through the Auctioneer’s website **<https://dudleyresources.auction/>**. If any interested bidders are unable to attend for in-person bidding and wish to bid on property, but do not have access to the internet, please contact Dudley Resources, at (757) 651-1729 for assistance.

The highest bidder will receive their purchase contract and balance due via email following the close of the auction. The contract shall immediately be executed and returned to TACS. **The full balance due must be received within seven (7) days following the auction closing (no later than July 23, 2024).** All payments must be made in the form of certified funds, cashier’s check, money order or wire transfer. Cashier’s checks and money orders shall be made payable to County of Botetourt and forwarded to TACS, at the address shown below. Cash and personal checks will not be accepted. Wire transfer instructions will be provided to the highest bidder upon request.

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Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC  
Attn: Tax Sales – Botetourt County  
P.O. Box 31800  
Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800



# Eagle Rock Ruritan Club news

The Eagle Rock Ruritan Club meeting on May 21 began with the singing of “My Country ’Tis of Thee” led by Peggy and Teresa Hamm. After Donna Vaughn gave the invocation, club members were served a meal by Eagle Rock Methodist Church members.

Robin Bolton, chair of the Membership Committee, introduced Chelsea Wood, branch banager of the Eagle Rock Library, who presented the program. She informed the club members of the current programs and activities offered by the Library.

Audrey Clark, chair of the Community Engagement Committee, reported on the recent Second Annual Science Fest, which was a tremendous success again this year and well attended.

Donna Vaughn, vice president and chair of the Finance Committee, announced that LEAP is being moved to the first and third Fridays from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

It was also announced that LOA will begin meeting at the center first and third Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Emma Bobbitt, a James River High School graduate, was congratulated on receiving the \$2,000 Eagle Rock Ruritan Club Scholarship for 2024.

At the June 18, club meeting, the Daleville Chapter of the VFW Women's Auxiliary served the meal. Victor Morales was the guest speaker. He is the new director of Parks and Recreation for Botetourt County, arriving just in time to participate in BOCO Wild in Buchanan. Morales previously served in Georgia at Berry College as the director of recreation, particularly enjoying being an Outdoor Recreation Specialist. He comes to Botetourt



Victor Morales COURTESY OF EAGLE ROCK RURITAN CLUB

County with a servant mindset, admitting that he needs to learn the community. Currently, the youth program is the largest group served by Botetourt Parks and Recreation, but Morales said he has a great desire to serve all ages. He may be reached at recreation@botetourtva.gov or at vmorales@botetourtva.gov.

Flags were placed on veterans’ graves in six area cemeteries for the Memorial Day weekend.

The Ruritans’ annual fish fry will be on September 28 at the Community Center. There will be 200 tickets available and it will be drive-thru only. Get tickets early from a Ruritan member.

The Ruritan meetings always close with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

With a motto “Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service,” members want to remind the community that the center is available for use by individuals and groups in the area at a nominal fee to assist with utilities. The center is also available for Bereavement Meals without charge. Contact person for center use is Glenda Williams, who may be reached at 540-884-2775.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SPECIAL COMMISSIONER’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to the terms of those certain Decrees of Sale entered in the Circuit Court of County of Botetourt, the undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale at a **simulcast** (with online and in person bidding) public auction the following described real estate at **Greenfield Auditorium, Room 212, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia 24083, on July 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM.**

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J1	Travis E. Bayne	38-36A	18898	839829	Vacant; Sunset Drive, Eagle Rock
J2	Jeremy J. Bursey	38-41	18911	639640	90 Windy Hill Road, Eagle Rock
J3	Travis E. Bayne	38-29	18881	839829	1044 Sunset Drive, Eagle Rock
J4	Jordan & Pauline Eubank	65A(1)4; 65A(1)3; and 65A(1)1&2	22321; 22313; and 22291	924032	220 Bridge Street North, Buchanan
J5	Alan J. & Marilyn Leidecker	86-31	25712	851479	6346 Blacksburg Road, Troutville
J6	William H. Smith	102(2)4	11709	924110	447 Orange Lane, Troutville
J7	Elsie E. Edwards Estate	109-220B and 109-220D	16272 and 16274	924036	502 & 500 Hope Lane, Blue Ridge
J8	Barry D. & Angela M. Bradley	108A(1)BK19-14	15336	839839	115 Sunnydale Court, Troutville
J9	Justice Farms of North Carolina	27B(1)F	18298	570645	15313 Narrow Passage Road, Eagle Rock

**GENERAL TERMS OF SALE:** All sales are subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court. The Special Commissioner has the right to reject any bids determined to be unreasonable in relation to the estimated value of the Property. Any unsold property will be offered for sale again at the next auction, whenever that may be.

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**PAYMENT TERMS:** The highest bidder shall make a deposit in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), whichever is higher, **along with a 10% buyer’s premium, subject to a minimum of \$150.00, added to the final bid.** Bids which are less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be paid in full at the time of the auction. Deposits shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) per parcel. Such sum shall be held by the Special Commissioner and credited towards the purchase price following confirmation of the sale. Subsequent taxes will be prorated from the auction date, and the highest bidder will be responsible for taxes from that date forward.

The balance of the purchase price and recording costs for deed recordation shall be deposited by the highest bidder with the Special Commissioner within fifteen (15) days of confirmation of the sale by the Court.

**Terms applicable to In-Person Bidders ONLY:** The deposit and buyer’s premium are due on the day of the auction. All payments must be made in the form of personal check, cashier’s check or money order. **No cash will be accepted.**

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# Aspen Hill

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**Landscaping work to historic Aspen Hill continued last week.**

block of this brick house is a side gable, two-story structure that holds a one story porch with turned posts, decorative brackets, sawn balustrade, and triglyphs in the frieze. A one story porch is also found at the east side, with identical ornamentation. A gable ell lies on the east side, and a one story addition is at the southwest corner. Polygonal bay windows are found at the south and west sides.”

Fincastle Town Manager Melanie McFadyen recently commented about the ongoing improvements to the home, saying that “the changes on that corner are stunning and it’s wonderful to see that lot opened up. I believe the house will be a real treasure for the town once the renovations are complete.”

The Naysmiths purchased most of the antiques in the home and plan on displaying them for a short time them once they finish their work that include some sets of vintage clothing and other western antiques.

Restoring historic buildings was a part of the Naysmiths’ dream when they began their business. Her work in restoration dates back to 1989 when she purchased the Larimore Plantation House in Washington, Mo., built in 1857. The Naysmiths have also restored Duncraig Manor in Southern Pines, N.C., and won awards for their restoration of the Alexander Homestead in Charlotte.

# Fireworks

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they would rather come to Fincastle for the fireworks because it was always such a wonderful event,” Ware said in a recent interview. “You wouldn’t believe how many people from Roanoke come here (for the fireworks). I’ve had people come and say, ‘Well, we were going to Roanoke, but we read that there were fireworks down here and we’ll be back from now on.’”

Ware took over coordinating the fireworks for Jeff Bowles, who took over from Harold Robertson, who originally set off the pyrotechnics uptown. She has several memories of the fireworks shows of years past but one year, in particular, Ware recalled a great fog that swept over the Fincastle area.

“One year, a fog rolled in,” she recalled. “Willie Simmons and his crew used fire them off at the baseball diamond (at Breckinridge). Well, we couldn’t see the fireworks at all due to the fog. Patty Ellis lived on the hill behind the Quickette and she could see it. They saw this beautiful fireworks (show across the road), but anyone that was over (at Breckinridge) couldn’t see it because of the fog!”

She remembers how Willie Simmons would travel to Tennessee to purchase the fireworks every year and would bring back a display that would outshine the previous year’s show. She recalled that one

year Simmons met “the man in charge” who would donate additional pyrotechnics on top of the town’s purchase for the Fincastle show. The crew would arrive a few hours prior to folks arriving to rig up the display. Now, the company who sets off the fireworks, Master Displays, Ltd. of Roanoke, arrives shortly before the event ready to go.

Ware feels that people enjoy the setting and that there is less “hustle and bustle” involved with parking and setting up to watch the spectacle. While guests find their spot on the ballfield, the town is excited about a special addition to this year’s event. VFW Post 1841 selling hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks for attendees that will be available beginning at 6 p.m.

Ware is appreciative for the individuals who no longer live in Fincastle who annually donate to the event. Great memories are long-lasting and those individuals continue to share their fondness of July 4th’s of the past.

The town is still seeking donations to help support the town’s annual fireworks display. Anyone interested in donating may do so by mailing donations to P.O. Box 250, Fincastle, Va., 24090, and by donating to the town’s Venmo account, @Townof-Fincastle. The town will also accept cash donations this Thursday night.

# Tax rate

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education significantly, without impacting public safety and, really, impacting services to our county. We hear a lot about (keeping the county’s) expenses the same and that would be wonderful if we had firefighters to man all of our volunteer stations. We don’t have that anymore, so we have to be realistic.”

White mentioned that the board members pay their taxes just like the citizens of Botetourt and how much she is impacted as well. She added that these decisions are an ongoing process and looks forward to continued engagements with community members on how to better serve the entirety of the county.

Valley Supervisor Mac Scothorn commended the budget committee and the board members who spent time putting together this year’s budget, as well as his appreciation for the feedback given from citizens about the budget and tax rate decisions.

To find out more information about the county’s budget, please visit www.botetourtva.gov/budget. Citizens may sign up for county news and notifications at www.botetourtva.gov/notifyme.





# Marketplace



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Help Wanted

**SanDow Construction is HIRING!!**  
Our company is hiring licensed and trained Asbestos Abatement workers and Supervisors for a project in Salem, Virginia. Asbestos Workers are responsible for the safe removal and disposal of asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) from structures following industry regulations and safety protocols. Applicants are required to have a current Virginia Asbestos Abatement Worker or Supervisor Asbestos License and certificates. Job Type: Temporary Pay: \$30.00 - \$40.00 per hour Schedule: 8-hour shift, Day shift, Monday to Friday Experience: Asbestos abatement: 5 years (Required) License/Certification: Virginia Asbestos License and Asbestos Certificate Ability to Commute: Local only Work Location: Salem, VA Other Requirements: Must have proper paperwork to work at military/ government bases. Must have a physical, fit test, and respirator. Must be 18 years old or older. Must have reliable transportation.  
  
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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

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF**

Legals - Botetourt County

**JOHN HARRISON STICKLEY, JR., DECEASED NOTICE**  
Having been requested to do so by S. Jane Judah, administrator of the estate of John Harrison Stickley, Jr., Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of John Harrison Stickley, Jr., and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 31st day of July, 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 John Harrison Stickley, Jr., or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of John Harrison Stickley, Jr., deceased, and persons interested in his 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 26th day of June, 2024.  
Malcolm McL. Doubles  
Commissioner of Accounts

**Trustee's Sale 112 Sunnydale Court, Troutville, VA 24175 (Parcel ID: 15342)**  
  
Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 12, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$110,000.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia on May 16, 2003, in Deed Book 0000, at page 0086, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on July 31, 2024 at 2:00 PM, in front of the building housing the County of Botetourt Circuit Court, 1 W. Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, the property designated as Lot 6, Block 19, according to Map No.3, Rainbow Forest, property of Botetourt Development Corp., Botetourt, Virginia made by C.B Malcolm & Son, SCE, June 28, 1962 of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 4, page 143.  
  
Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.  
  
TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds ! and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense.

Legals - City of Salem

This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 5310 Markel Road, Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23230, File No. 24-000332, Tel: 804-525-1570.

**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).  
  
THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM  
  
BY:Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM  
Planning & Zoning Administrator

**REAL ESTATE TAXPAYERS**  
Kristie D. Chittum, the Commissioner of the Revenue, would like to inform those individuals that were 65 or older or permanently disabled as of December 31, 2023, that they may be able to apply for the tax freeze during the months of July and August. Taxpayers must meet ALL the following qualifications:  
  
•Your name is on the deed for the property in which you are applying.  
  
•You were at least 65 years of age OR totally and permanently disabled as of 12/31/2023.  
  
•You were the property owner as of 12/31/2023.  
  
•The house you are applying for is your primary residence.  
  
•The gross income from all parties living in the residence and/or named on the deed is \$65,000 and under.  
  
•All assets, excluding the home you are applying for, is \$185,000 or under.  
  
Applications are in our office and online at [www.salemva.gov](http://www.salemva.gov). Assistance in completing the required tax freeze application is provided in our office by appointment. Please contact our office at 540-375-3019 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with any questions.

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**Order of Publication**  
CU-23-00275  
  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BENITO  
  
TONY MOULES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTONIO AND SUSANA MOULES 2021 TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2021 Plaintiff, v. DONALD DAVID HENNAGAN, JR., DECEASED; TIFFANY MARIE HENNAGAN; CYNTHIA ANN MARIE HENNAGAN; DESTENY NICOLE HENNAGAN; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE, Defendants.  
  
On reading the filings and evidence consisting of plaintiff's application and declaration for this order, and it satisfactorily appearing to me therefrom that defendant Desteny Nicole Hennagan, hereinafter referred to as ("Defendant"), cannot with reasonable diligence be served in any other manner specified in Sections 415.10 through 415.40 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and that the Defendant is a necessary party to this action.  
  
IT IS ORDERED that the summons be served by publication in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation published in Salem County, Virginia, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give Defendant actual notice of the action, and that the publication be made once a week for four successive weeks.  
  
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the summons, a copy of the complaint, and a copy of this order be forthwith mailed to Defendant if his/her address is ascertained before expiration of the time herein prescribed for publication of summons.  
Dated 5/24/24  
J. Omar Rodriguez  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
  
I ask for this: MAKAYLA A. WHITNEY, CA STATE BAR NO. 327687  
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF, TRUSTEE TONY MOULES

**SUMMONS NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: DONALD DAVID HENNAGAN, JR., DECEASED; TIFFANY MARIE HENNAGAN; CYNTHIA ANN MARIE HENNAGAN; DESTENY NICOLE HENNAGAN; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: TONY MOULES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTONIO AND SUSANA MOULES 2021 TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 4,2021**  
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.  
  
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear

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your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.  
  
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.  
  
NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is: Main Courthouse 450 Fourth Street Hollister CA 95023 Hollister CA 95023 CASE NUMBER: CU-23-00275  
  
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs' attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Makayla A. Whitney, Berliner Cohen, LLP, 1601 I Street, Suite 150, Modesto, CA 95354 Tel: (209) 576-0111 Date: 12/15/2023

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**Order of Publication**  
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No.**CL24000869-00**  
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 DONALD BROOKS SAVILLE, JR., *et al* Plaintiffs, v. RICHARD BARNETT, ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ESTATE OF EDITH CORDER BARNETT, *et al*. Defendants.  
  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
Upon consideration of the Affidavit for Entry of Order of Publication filed by the Plaintiffs, the reason for this cause is to obtain the whereabouts of any person who may have an interest in the property located at 3114 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and/or 3137 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and if such parties cannot be located, the secondary purpose of this cause is to quiet Plaintiff's title to the Property. An Affidavit has been made and filed showing that the Defendant **John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming a Title, Lien, Easement, or Other Interest in the Lands Known as 3114 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060; John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming a Title, Lien, Easement, or Other Interest in the Lands Known as 3137 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060; and John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming an Inherited Interest from Avery May, a/k/a Lee Evans May, Brandyne May a/k/a Brandyne May Moorefield** (collectively "John Does 1-100"), address unknown the general description of **"parties unknown,"** who by reason of true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of defendants JOHN DOES 1-100 are unknown to Plaintiff, and may have a beneficial interest in the Property. UPON CONSIDERATION whereof,

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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 31<sup>st</sup> , 2024 at 9 am, which date is no sooner than fifty (50) days after entry of this Order of Publication. And it is further Ordered that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in The News Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in the Montgomery County, Virginia. ENTERED the 11 day June, 2024  
K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge  
  
WE PRAY FOR THIS: FIDELITY NATIONAL LAW GROUP, the Law Division of Fidelity National Financial By: Lisa M. Ernst, Esq. (VSB#72718) 8484 Westpark Drive, Suite 310 McLean, Virginia 22102 (T) 703-245-0298 (F) 703-821-1618 Lisa.Ernst@fnf.com *Counsel for Plaintiffs*

**ABC NOTICE**  
  
Amando's LLC., trading as Amando's Italian Kitchen, 1154 E. Main Street., Radford, VA 24141-1748.  
  
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Restaurant license, for on and off-premises of beer, wine license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.  
  
Cotey Bentley, 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](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.  
  
The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:  
  
1.Petition of the Advancement Foundation, for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a proposed flea market use, located at 301 South Pollard Street, Suite A, Vinton, Virginia, tax map number 060.15-07-41.00-0000, zoned CB Central Business District.  
2.Proposed amendments to the Vinton Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would: require for an alternative financial institution use to obtain a

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special use permit in the GB General Business District, and allow for a personal service business use to be permitted by-right in the R-B Residential-Business District in Article IV (District Regulations); amend the standards for vehicle storage or impound lots in Article V (Supplemental Regulations); amend the yard and screening requirements for swimming pools, tennis, or pickleball courts, amend the standards and permitted modifications of the landscaping ordinance section, and remove the maximum motor vehicle parking requirements in Article VI (Development Standards); and amend the definition of flea market in Article XI (Definitions).  
  
Further information concerning this public hearing may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, during business hours, or via phone: (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing.  
  
Given under my hand this 31st day of May, 2024.  
  
Richard W. Peters, Jr. Town Manager

**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 Larochelle, 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](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

**Legals - Wythe County**

**ABC NOTICE**  
  
RAPID CENTER LLC., trading as RAPID TRAVEL CENTER, 5740 E LEE HWY, MAX MEADOWS, WYTHE COUNTY, VA 24360.  
  
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a convenience Grocery Store license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.  
  
RAJWINDER KAUR, OWNER  
  
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# Road work to impact Stoney Battery Road, Rt. 11 in Troutville

Weather permitting, Route 651 (Stoney Battery Road) will be closed at its intersection with Route 11 in the town of Troutville, beginning Monday, July 8, at 8 a.m. The closure is expected to be removed by Wednesday, July 10, at 8 a.m.

The road closure will be in place for drainage repairs. Drivers will need to use alternate routes such as Route 716 (Apple Orchard Road) or the northern end of Stoney Battery Road during the closure.

In addition, during this same timeframe, the right lane of Route 11 will be closed between Route 651 (Sunset Avenue) and Route 757 (Maple Avenue).

Message boards will be in place on Route 11 and on Stoney Battery Road to alert drivers to the closure.

~ VDOT

## Bank of Botetourt announces promotions

Bank of Botetourt has announced the promotion of four of its employees, Pam Harris, Shannon McClure, Blair Rose, and Christina Shoemaker.

Pam Harris is promoted to Assistant Vice President, Bank Secrecy Act and Fraud Officer, and will continue to work at the Bbank's Care Center. She has been with the bank for over 20 years and in her new role she will be responsible for coordinating and managing the day-to-day Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) compliance and overseeing the bank's Fraud Program. Harris enjoys volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, Roanoke's BankOn Wellness Series, gardening, cooking, and reading. She lives in Buchanan with her husband, Garrett, and their daughter, Reagan.

Shannon McClure is being promoted to Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management Officer, and is based at the bank's Care Center. McClure joined the bank in February 2022, bringing with her 14 years of experience in the financial industry. She graduated from Liberty University in 2023 with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and is currently working towards earning her Master of Business Administration degree at Western Governors



University. In her free time, McClure enjoys traveling, attending concerts and sporting events, and spending time with her family and friends. Currently, McClure and her husband, Darren, along with their three dogs and four cats, reside in Vinton.

Blair Rose is promoted to Loan Operations Officer and is also located at the bank's Care Center. In her new position, Rose will oversee and ensure that all loans are boarded and funded accurately and perform any necessary loan maintenance. Raised in Botetourt County, Rose graduated from James River High School and currently resides in Buchanan with her husband and their son. When she is not working, she enjoys spending time outdoors, working outside in her yard, and spending time with her family and dogs.

Christina Shoemaker is being promoted to Business Banking Officer and works at the bank's Bonsack location.

Shoemaker was born in Bluefield, Va., and grew up in Giles County where she went on to graduate from Bluefield College with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. Shoemaker is an active member of her church where she regularly volunteers with their youth group and in other church-related activities. Outside of work and volunteering, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends outdoors, at the beach, or on the river. She especially enjoys spending time with her husband, Tim, of 27 years, and their three children, Kirkland, Kaley, and Lane.

Bank President and COO Michelle Austin said, "We are grateful to have the opportunity to promote from within and provide a path for professional development. We know their combined accomplishments will help the bank continue to grow."

~ Bank of Botetourt



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## Lion honored for 45 years of service

At the Daleville-Fincastle Lions meeting on Tuesday, June 18, Lion Jim Reynolds was recognized for his 45 years of service to the community as a member of the International Lions Clubs. Reynolds initially joined the Vinton Host Lions Club on October 1, 1978. He later transferred his membership to the Vinton Luncheon Club and when he moved to Fincastle, he transferred to the Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club. He has served as president of both the Vinton Luncheon Lions Club and the Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club. Reynolds (right) received his 45-year award and a letter of congratulations from International Lions Club President Dr. Patti Hill of Canada, presented by the current president of the Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club, Lowell Skelton.

~ Daleville-Fincastle Lions

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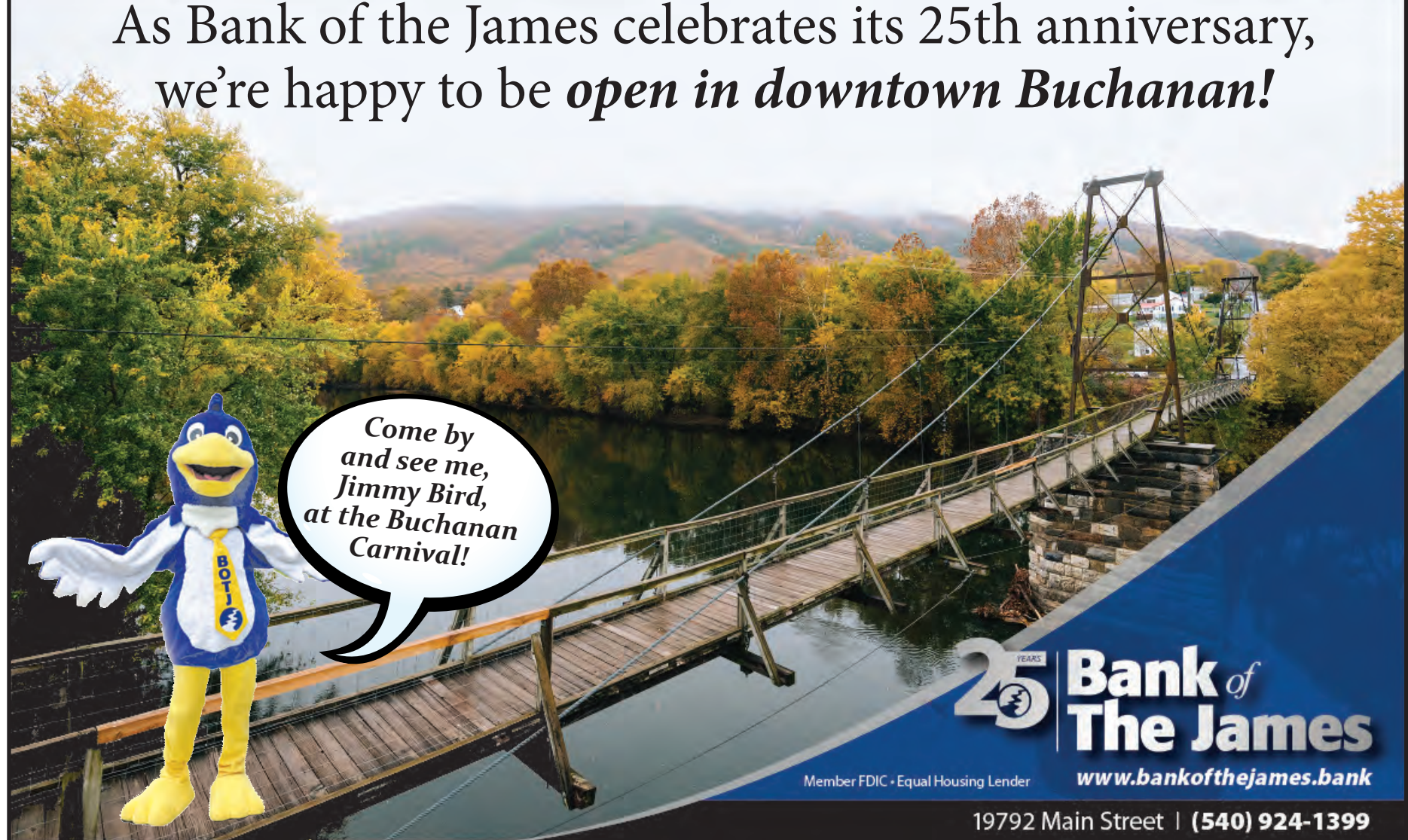
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# Firebaugh moves from coach to AD this week

Ryan Firebaugh moved from the James River basketball office to the athletic director's office on Monday as he officially takes over those chores. Firebaugh is replacing Chase Davidson, who has taken a job as assistant principal.

"I'm about done rearranging but I need to get the janitor down here to put some nails in the wall so I can hang up pictures," said Firebaugh on his first official day on the job. "I'm excited for this opportunity. I always thought this was something that would happen down the road, I just didn't think it would come this quickly."

Ryan knows his way around the building. He's a 2007 graduate of James River High School and he was a three-sport athlete for the Knights. He was a quarterback and defensive back on the football team under coach Philip King, a forward on the basketball team for Mike Goad and a third baseman for baseball coach Gehrig Ferguson. Sheila Proffit was the athletic director when Ryan was in school and he thought about her when he decided to leave teaching and coaching to take this job.

"I remember how she used to get out and just walk around and talk to kids," he said. "I think she missed the classroom. She was a really good athletic director."

Ryan leaves his positions teaching weight training, driver's education and ninth and 10th grade physical education. He expects to still be involved in the daily comings and goings of the River students in his new position.

"My wife and I have talked about it," he said. "I'm sure I'm going to miss coaching, but I can always go back to it."

Firebaugh has been involved in sports all his life. His family bleeds black and red and Ryan has had some kind of ball in his hands for as long as he can remember. His father, Nicky Firebaugh, has officiated basketball for 51 years and also does football. Older brother Chris also officiates basketball and football, and his sister, Julie Firebaugh Lacey played on championship softball teams at River and is now the volleyball coach at Bassett High School.

"It runs in the blood in our family," said Ryan, who also officiated high school basketball for two years and volleyball for one."

Firebaugh is a graduate of Ferrum College, where he played on the basketball team for four years. Ferrum legend Abe Naff was the athletic director at that time, although Ryan had little contact with the longtime Panther baseball coach.

"He seemed to be busy all the time," said Ryan. "I remember we won the USA South Conference basketball championship when I was a freshman. Before the game he came into the locker room with one of those things you use to size rings, and promised we'd get one if we won."

Ryan is still the proud owner of that ring and he keeps up with Ferrum athletics. The Panthers recently announced they were moving to Division II, where they can give athletic scholarships.

"I think it's a good thing," he said. "We have a lot of athletes around here who aren't Division I players, but they're still good college players and now they don't have to go all the way to Concord or somewhere to play Division II sports."

Firebaugh spent a fifth year at Ferrum



Ryan Firebaugh

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as a student assistant, then worked for the recreation department, first under Jim Farmer and then Shelby Bryant. He was on the maintenance crew, but he kept his eyes open.

"I saw what they did, setting up schedules and stuff," he said. "It was a lot like what I'll be doing here."

Firebaugh tried to get a job coaching basketball in college but that wasn't working out when he got a call from former River football coach King. One of his assistants, Shahan Burrell, was taking a leave of absence and King asked him to help with the football team. That led to a stint coaching football at Central Academy, one year as assistant and four as head coach, and a couple years on the high school staff. On Friday nights he served as the "spotter" for the varsity games.

Ryan coached on Goad's basketball staff for a year before his good friend Chad Conner, the Lord Botetourt varsity boys coach, asked him to come to LB. He spent two years with the jayvees, then moved up to be varsity assistant for three years. Eventually he took the job as head girls coach at James River when E.D. Schechterly resigned. He took a team that was winless in seven games during the COVID season and in three years the girls improved to 14-11 playing in the tough Three Rivers District. This past season ended just one win away from making the state tournament.

The Knights hired assistant Don Eggleston to replace Ryan as head girls basketball coach, and Firebaugh will also be stepping down as softball assistant. He's been Steve Austin's assistant for 11 years and that was a tough position to give up.

"Steve is great," said Firebaugh. "After the last game I was fighting back tears. We sat and talked for a long time."

Ryan decided to retain the Knights volleyball coach. His wife of three years, the former Linsey Bailey, coached the girls to a 14-10 record and made it to the Class 2 state quarterfinal in her first year leading the team. The Firebaughs have a 16-month-old son, Cooper, and he looks to be following the family tradition.

"He's already picking up balls and throwing them," said Ryan. "Any time he sees a ball he goes 'ball, ball.'"

Firebaugh expects a smooth transition as he takes the reins of the James River athletic department this week. He's been working with outgoing AD Davidson, who got rave reviews for his time on the job.

"Chase has been very helpful, he knows so much," said Firebaugh. "Most of the stuff is done. He's right up there with Sheila and Chuck (former LB athletic director Pound)."

## 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:

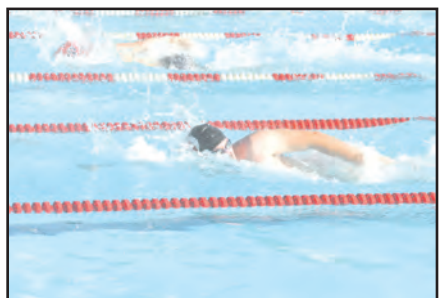
- Name of Nominee
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- Telephone Number
- Brief Explanation of Nominee's Credentials and Awards

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## Barracudas swim in RVAA meet

The Limestone Park Barracudas competed in a swim meet in Salem Monday against host Stonegate and Hidden Valley Country Club. Above, Elyse Johnston is off the blocks, Austin Nielsen (right) swims a freestyle race and Kate Deskins (left) competes in the breaststroke. Next week will be the final Monday night meets of the RVAA season as Limestone Park goes to Forest Hills, Read Mountain is at Olympic Park and the Ashley Plantation is at Hidden Valley.

## We knew 'em back when!!

Column by Brian Hoffman

When you watch kids playing in high school, you have no idea what the future may hold. Certainly, you don't envision them striking out New York Yankees with the bases loaded or coaching the Los Angeles Lakers.

I consider myself very lucky to have seen two of the area's best compete in the high school ranks – Lord Botetourt graduate Zack Kelly and Cave Spring's JJ Redick. It's not like I saw this coming, but it's fun looking back.

Let's take Kelly, who played baseball for LB and is now coming out of the bullpen for the Boston Red Sox. I asked longtime Cavalier coach Todd Smith if he looked at Zack as a future major leaguer when he donned the red and gray of LB.

"Possibly as a hitter, maybe, but not a pitcher," said Smith. "He's worked really hard to get where he is today."

Kelly is one of Boston's most reliable relief pitchers. Through Monday he appeared in 21 games with 29 and a third innings pitched. He has a 2-1 record, four holds and an outstanding earned run average of 1.53. His WHIP, which is figured by combining walks and hits allowed and dividing by innings pitch, is just 0.92. Anything under 1.00 is considered exceptional, as Zack has allowed 14 hits and 13 walks over close to 30 innings.

Kelly has 32 strikeouts, an average of over one per inning, and opposing batters are hitting just .136 when he's on the mound. He hasn't given up an earned run since June 12, a span of nine and a third innings and seven games.

Perhaps his signature game of the year came on June 16 against the Yankees at Fenway Park. The Sox were up 4-2 in the top of the seventh but the Yanks had the bases loaded and no one out when manager Alex Cora signaled for Kelly. Zack struck out Gleyber Torres and Jose Trevino, both swinging, then got DJ LeMahieu to fly out to center to end the inning unscathed. The Sox scored three in the bottom of the inning and went on to win, 9-3, but Kelly's performance was the highlight of the game. Zack had some friends from the Roanoke Valley drive to Boston for the game and they enjoyed time on the field after the big win.

Kelly, who was inducted into the Lord Botetourt High School Hall of Fame in 2023, has worked hard to get to this point. He's battled several injuries and had pitched just 23 innings in the big leagues prior to this season. Last year he appeared in eight games with a 3.86 ERA and spent a weekend in Salem the first week of September rehabbing with the Salem Red Sox.

Now an established big leaguer, Zack recently got his own bobblehead. On June 22 the Salem Red Sox gave away Zack Kelly bobbles to fans while Zack's mother, Tracy Kelly, threw out the first ball. Zack couldn't make it, as he was busy picking up the win in a 4-3 victory over the Reds in Cincinnati that evening.

And then you have JJ Redick, who was recently named head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers. While Kelly was somewhat of a surprise to make the big show in baseball, Redick was destined for big things at a young age. But head coach



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**LB grad Zack Kelly poses on the Fenway Park ballfield with friends following a Red Sox win over the Yankees on June 16t. Left to right are Graham Fischer, Zach McNally, Zack Kelly (holding son Kayden), JP McNally and Will Krause.**



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**JJ Redick shoots a jumper during his days at Cave Spring High School.**

of LeBron James and the LAKERS?!!!

I've been around for a while, and I can remember some hype about JJ prior to his freshman season at Cave Spring. I went to an early season Knights' game with the attitude, "Okay, big guy, let's see if you're as good as they say."

Well, he was. I left the gym thinking this was one of the best freshman basketball players I'd ever seen, at least live.

People ask me sometimes if so-and-so is a Division I player. I usually tell them, if you have to ask he's probably not. When you see a JJ, a George Lynch or a Richard Morgan, you don't have to ask that question. You just ask where, and you get Duke, UNC and Virginia.

Area basketball fans know all about JJ; Coach K coming to the gym at Cave Spring, fighting off foot pain to lead his team to a state championship, signing to play for Duke. After a great run with the Blue Devils he goes to the NBA for a solid career with several teams, playing in 940 games over 15 seasons. I went to see him play for the Clippers in Charlotte, and I saw him play for the Sixers in Philly. There was no denying he could shoot it with the best of them.

If that's not enough, he becomes the top analyst on the ESPN broadcast team for NBA games, a job not many would leave. Unless, of course, you're offered the head coaching job of one of the NBA's premier franchises. People wonder how he'll do. I have no reason to believe he won't be anything short of terrific.

Pretty cool, isn't it, to have two guys we saw grow up playing on the biggest stage of their sport? Makes you wonder who will be next.