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Botetourt County invites additional community input for Safe Streets & Roadways for All

Botetourt County, Roanoke County, and the Town of Vinton are collaborating on a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan through the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program...

discussion aimed at making the streets and roads safer for everyone. More than 260 people responded to the survey, sharing their thoughts on which roadways could be improved for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians...

Community meetings will be held on

See Safe Streets, page 8



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Austin and Lipps recognized by Roanoke Valley Greenways



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CO.

Woody Lipps (center) and Delegate Terry Austin (center right) were recognized at the 2024 Pathfinders for Greenways Volunteer Appreciation event held at Stoney Brook Vineyards last weekend.

Delegate Terry Austin and Woody Lipps were honored by Roanoke Valley Greenways during the 2024 Pathfinders for Greenways Volunteer Appreciation event held at Stoney Brook Vineyards last weekend.

One of Botetourt County's social media accounts expressed, "We are so happy that the 2024 Pathfinders for Greenways Volunteer Appreciation event

was held right here in Botetourt County! "Congratulations to Woody Lipps for being recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for his tireless efforts to help advance trails in the region. Delegate Terry Austin was also recognized for his crucial support to trails both in his district and across the state!"

- Fincastle Herald staff report

Buchanan's new town manager assumes position on August 30

Town cites her qualifications

At its meeting on Monday, August 12, the Buchanan Town Council unanimously approved an employment agreement with Angela Lawrence as the new town manager.

A press release from the town cites some background information on Lawrence.

She is completing her term as interim town manager for University Park, Md. She previously

See Buchanan, page 8



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF TOWN OF BUCHANAN



Deputy Trishanna Harris is the Resource Officer at Breckinridge Elementary.

BCSO School Resource Officers are now in all county schools

As students return to the classroom for the 2024-2025 school year, safety remains a top priority for schools across the county. This year marks a significant step forward in ensuring a safe and secure learning environment, as all 11 local schools now have a dedicated School Resource Officer (SRO). Troutville Elementary and Central Academy Middle School have welcomed two new officers, further enhancing Sheriff Matt Ward's commitment to student safety.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BCSO

Deputy Ricardo Haston is the Resource Officer at Central Academy Middle School.

With the addition of

these new officers, the SRO program has expanded its reach, ensuring that every school has a dedicated law enforcement presence. SROs serve not only as

protectors of children but also as mentors and educators, working closely with students, teachers,

See BCSO, page 8



PHOTOCOURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

Members of the dance line for Just Remember What "Mama Says" are Demarion Williams, Sagen Blackwell, Daniel Macaraeg, Jason Cox, Blake Steggell, Ben Miner, Selene Kelly, Preston Pauley, Oscar Seitz, Sara Miner, and Josh Miner.

'Footloose' continues this week at Attic

"Footloose, the Musical" continues this week at Attic Productions in Fincastle. It was adapted for stage by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie, with music by Tom Snow and lyrics by Dean Pitchford.

As noted by the publisher, "With dynamic new songs augmenting the

powerhouse hits from its bestselling Oscar-nominated score, 'Footloose' celebrates the exhilaration of youth, the wisdom of listening to one another, and the power of forgiveness."

A large, talented, local cast has

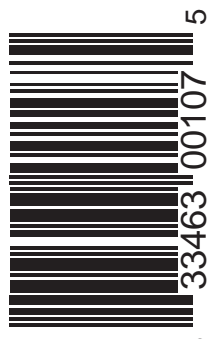
See Footloose, page 8

The Place to be in 2024! Daleville town center. Scan here to follow us on facebook for complete event schedule, and details.

AUG 24 Botetourt FARMER'S MARKET 8:30 to NOON

SEPT 7 Botetourt FARMER'S MARKET 8:30 to NOON

SEPT 7 THE BOGEYS 5-9PM



Botetourt County History



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCMHC

Sheep have had their winter coats sheared and cleaned. Shown here is the wool after it was processed into "roving" which aligns the fibers in one direction so it can be more easily spun. A drop spindle is then used to make the fibers into a single thread. Then the single thread is wound into a "skein" on the wooden instrument in the middle of the basket called a "niddy noddy." The arms of the niddy noddy point in opposite directions allowing the thread to be

looped around them more easily. This 1800s niddy noddy is made with a mortise and tendon joint, fastened with a square cut nail. The display is upstairs in the Botetourt Museum of History and Culture. When the museum moved to its present location, the large loom and spinning wheels were put in storage.

- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Breckinridge and Eagle Rock students back to school (and from the pool)



Students at Breckinridge Elementary School in Fincastle returned to school on August 12 and enjoyed a great start to the new school year. Above, new teacher Ashby Dunbar welcomes Wyatt Edwards to third grade.

Below, Breckinridge Principal Wyatt Turner greets fifth grader Dennon Dudding as he starts his final year of elementary school. Prior to its return to school, Breckinridge Elementary had a pool day for all students

who completed eight hours of reading over the summer. This year, Eagle Rock Elementary joined in as the schools celebrated their students' accomplishments.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



Botetourt enjoys Farmers Market Honey Fest

The Botetourt Farmers Market held its 4th annual Honey Festival, last Saturday at Buchanan Town Park. Over 50 vendors including food trucks lined the park's walkway as activities and

attractions for all ages took place throughout the morning.

The People's choice winner for the Honey tasting was Glenvar G-Bees.

For more information

about other upcoming events, follow the Botetourt Farmers Market on social media at @BotetourtFarmersMarket.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BOTETOURT FARMERS MARKET



Breckinridge fifth graders Zhanna Minnis, Jeania Aronson, Amelia Duff, and Charlotte Moulton celebrate their summer reading in the pool at Ashley Plantation.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARCY WOHLFORD

Eagle Rock Elementary students Madilyn Seibel, Emory Reid, Joanna Johnson and Liam Vaughn take a break from swimming and enjoy some snacks.

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ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for August 8-17:

- Deborah K. Powell, 66, of Troutville, drunk in public, August 8
- Sharon L. Walters, 61, drunk in public, August 9
- Lisa S. Goans, 38, of Roanoke, drunk in public, August 10
- Dustin L. Mullins, 31, of Troutville, drunk in public, obstruction of justice, domestic assault, reckless handling of a firearm, August 13
- Justin N. Cooper, 37, of Cloverdale, possession of ammunition by a felon, August 16
- Cameron B. Nicely, 33, of Troutville, drunk in public, August 17

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# Chamber invites public to two upcoming ribbon-cutting events



Virginia Medicare Solutions in Blue Ridge

The Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce will hold two ribbon-cutting ceremonies in Blue Ridge and Daleville next Wednesday, Aug. 28.

The first will take place at Virginia Medicare Solutions' newest location at 3615 Blue Ridge Boulevard in Blue Ridge. This open house event will feature a ribbon-cutting and refreshments from 9-10 a.m.

The second ceremony will be held at the new Fishin' Pig restaurant located at 70 Market Ridge Lane in Daleville (in front of iStorage). Samples and appetizers provided

by the restaurant's Waynesboro location will be served from noon until 2 p.m. The ribbon-cutting takes place at 12:30 p.m.

Last week, the chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Bank of James's new location in Buchanan.

For information about both events, contact the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce with any questions, 540-566-8812.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



GRAPHIC AND PHOTOS COURTESY OF BOTETOURT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Last week, the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Bank of the James new location in Buchanan.



Fishin' Pig restaurant

## Groendyk reunion August 24 at Limestone Park



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIMESTONE PARK

All former employees are invited to the annual Groendyk reunion on Saturday August 24, from 4-7 p.m. under the pavilion at Limestone Park in Buchanan. Family members are welcome to attend. The meal will begin about 4:30-5 p.m. Please bring a side dish to share and a 2 liter. The pool will be open and is \$4 per swimmer.

For more information, call Rhonda Cox at 540-529-5689, Missy Dudley at 540-314-9847, Dot Deacon at 540-254-2774 or Jerrah McKemy at 540-784-9868.

Limestone Park is located at 18291 Main Street, Buchanan.

- Submitted by Rhonda Cox

**TROUTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
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**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024  
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11:00 SAVAGE 93 22 MAG	11:00 RUGER 1922 22LR	3:00 TRADITIONS VORTEX STRIKEFIRE SOCIAL
11:05 TAURUS 32C 40 S&W	1:05 GLOCK 19 9MM	2:05 HOWA M1500 CARBON FIBER 6.5 PIC
11:10 STEVENS 320 12GA	1:10 NAA MINI REV 22 MAG	2:10 TRISTAR VIPER 28 GA
11:15 RUGER WRANGLER 22LR	1:15 STEVENS 301 W/ RED DOT 410GA	2:15 HERITAGE ROUGH RIDER 22LR/22MAG
11:20 HOWA M1500 300 PRC	1:20 BIG FRIG 70 QT W/ WHEELS	2:20 CZ 612 12GA
11:25 CASH \$500.00	1:25 CASH \$1,000.00	2:25 CASH \$2,000.00
11:30 BROWNING AB3 308 WIN	1:30 HENRY 1909 30-30	2:30 VORTEX CROSSFIRE II HOG HUNTER 3
11:35 SIG P320 9MM	1:35 SPRINGFIELD HELLCAT 9MM	2:35 MOSSBERG 500 410GA
11:40 MOSSBERG 835 12GA	1:40 WINCHESTER SXP BLACK SHADOW 12GA	2:40 BROWNING AB3 6.5 CREED
11:45 RUGER AMERICAN 7MM-08	1:45 HENRY 1901 22LR	2:45 HOWA BLACK APC CHASSI 308 WIN
11:50 TAURUS 605 357 MAG	1:50 HOWA M1100 22MAG	2:50 TRISTAR TRINITY 20 GA
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CITADEL TRAKR 22LR	NAA MINI REV 22LR
RUGER LCP 380	CASH \$400
TRADITIONS BUCKS-TALKER SOCIAL	STEVENS 301 410GA
MOSSBERG PATRIOT 308 WIN	CVA SCOUT 45-70
CITADEL BOSS24 12GA	VORTEX CROSSFIRE 3-9X40
CASH \$300	TAURUS 656 38
TAURUS G2 9MM	SPRINGFIELD XD5 45 ACP
SAVAGE AXIS 22-250	REMINGTON 783 243
MOSSBERG MAVERICK 88 20 GA	WINCHESTER SXP 12GA
BIG FRIG 45 QT	CASH \$500

**Rapid Elite - \$60**

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MAGNUM RESEARCH DESERT EAGLE 50AE	FRANCHI Instinct L 12GA
COLT PYTHON 357 MAG	TIXA TX SUPER WARRIOR 7 MM
SIG P229 LEGION 9MM	BORGARA CREST 6.5 PRC
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**Fincastle needs donations for the August 31 fireworks show!**

VENMO: @Townof-Fincastle



# NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS AT BOTETOURT LIBRARIES

**Therapy Dog Sessions**  
 September 9, 16, 23, and 30  
 4:30-6:30pm, Blue Ridge  
 Therapy dog Indy loves stories! Sign up for a 15-minute session to read to Indy and her handler, Debra Spradlin. Best for ages 6-12. Registration required; call 540-928-2900 to sign up.

**Sensory Storytime**  
 Wednesdays 6pm, Fincastle  
 Enjoy books, songs and tactile activities that build literacy, motor, and social skills – especially designed for children with special needs. Best for preschoolers.

**StoryBrush: Artistic Writing for Kids**  
 Wednesdays 3:30pm, Fincastle  
 Dive into a guided art activity, then build a story around your art. Every month follows a theme or type of art/story. August: Fantasy Genre. September: Nature/Animals.

**Fairy Tales StoryTime**  
 Fri, Sep 6, 3pm, Blue Ridge  
 Fri, Sep 13, 10:30am, Fincastle  
 Wed, Sep 18, 2:30pm, Eagle Rock  
 Spark your imagination with the classic story, "The Three Little Pigs." Kids will enjoy songs, sign language, story, and hands-on activities. Best for ages 4-8.

**Theater Workshops**  
 Every Wednesday, September 11 - October 16  
 6-7pm, Blue Ridge  
 With theater coach Kerry Williams, take this 6-week workshops series to cover different aspects of theater, including character development, character studies, performing, and dialog coaching. Best for ages 7-12. Space is limited; call 540-928-2900 to sign up.

**Life of a Revolutionary War Loyalist**  
 Tue, Sep 17, 4pm, Fincastle  
 Historic interpreter Jeff Briggs wears recreated period clothing and uses various items from the Revolutionary War period to discuss what life was like for a colonist loyal to the King of England. Great for the whole family.

**Eclectic Readers**  
 Wed, Sep 4, 12pm, Buchanan  
 Theme: Revolutionary War (Historical Fiction)  
 Wed, Sep 11, 10:30am, Fincastle  
 The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George  
 Discuss books and authors with fellow readers.

Find even more events at BOCOLibraries.info.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## See fireworks in Fincastle August 31

The Fourth of July fireworks in Fincastle had to be postponed because of rain and the back field at Breckinridge Elementary School was very muddy. The group that puts on the fireworks wouldn't do it with all this mud. The fireworks will now be on Saturday, August 31 at dark.  
 The VFW will have hot dogs and

drinks for sale.  
 Even though it will be almost two months late, it will still be a wonderful fireworks display. Paige Ware and family will be coming around asking for donations to pay for the fireworks which cost the Town of Fincastle \$7,000.  
 Come and enjoy the Town of Fincastle beautiful fireworks display.

Paige Ware  
 Fincastle

# Botetourt Longbeards banquet/gun bash September 19

The Botetourt Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host its annual fund-raising banquet/gun bash on Thursday, September 19. Again this year, the event will be held at The Barn at Back Creek, 528 Back Creek Lane, Buchanan. Tickets can be purchased from any Botetourt Longbeard committee member. There will be games, live auction, silent auction and fun for all. A meal will be served, and doors open at 5:30 p.m. Any questions, call Richard Pauley at (540) 254-2564.

- Botetourt Longbeards



PHOTOCOURTESYOFTUESDAYMORNINGCLUB

# Tuesday Morning Club donates supplies to Greenfield preschool

The Tuesday Morning Club met at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with 11 members on August 13. Ruby Taylor called the meeting to order, Dot Hillard was hostess and had devotions. Barrie Knox won the hostess gift. Nancy Waddell read the minutes and Faye Kessler gave the treasurer's report. The August project was supplies for the Greenfield preschool class. September's project will be a donation to Keep Fincastle Lit and to Botetourt Resource Center. Gale Webb and Nancy Waddell won game prizes. The next meeting will be September 10 at the church. From left are: front, Cheryl Wood, Dot Hillard, Priscilla Hedrick, Linda Harris, and Dorothy Brogan; back, Pam Obenchain, Ruby Taylor, Gale Webb, and Faye Harris.

- Tuesday Morning Club

Send us your community news!  
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## League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week



### Sandy

Sandy came to the LAP Shelter from Smyth County. She is super sweet and a little shy. She has been spayed, is up to date on vaccines and is heartworm negative.

The LAP Shelter is open from 8-11 and 3-5; 540-473-3853. Send donations to LAP, P.O. Box 561, Fincastle, 24090.

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# BUCHANAN EVENTS

- Feeding SWVA Mobile Market – August 28 – 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Resource Center
- NWTF Event – August 31 – Town Park
- BVFD Memorial Walk – September 7 – 8 a.m. at Town Park
- Buchanan Tri – Run, Ride & River Race – September 7 – Town Park

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  - Popular California/Nevada lake
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  - Fatty acid in soaps
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  - State of fuss
  - Romance novelist
  - Members of a household
  - Asserts to be the case
  - Type of infection
  - With metal inlays
  - Chinese philosophic principle
  - Early multimedia
  - Employee stock ownership plan
  - He investigated Clinton administration
  - Shells
  - Six
  - Snakelike fish
  - Capital of Kenya
  - Influential group (abbr.)
  - Used to chop
  - It comes as a case
  - Challenges
  - Small amounts
  - The Golden State
  - Peyton's little brother
  - For walking in Alaska
  - Buddhist honorific titles
  - Lively ballroom dance
  - Capital of Albania
  - Late night host
  - Draw from
  - A way to utilize
  - One who is not native Hawaiian
  - A power to perceive
  - Bulky
  - Horse mackerels
  - Proclaim out loud
- CLUES DOWN**
- Baths
  - Bedroom accessory
  - Young
  - Beef cattle
  - It's often in soap
  - For each
  - Innermost membrane enveloping the brain
  - A way to leave
  - Emaciation
  - Punish with a fine
  - Steeds
  - Having eight
  - Greek goddess of the dawn
  - Mature reproductive cells
  - Armadillo species
  - Ancient country in what is now Romania
  - Extreme greed
  - Stars
  - Poems
  - Places to sit
  - One from the Lone Star State
  - Small rails
  - One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
  - Where coaches work
  - Indicates position
  - Mammals
  - Resembling a wing
  - Beliefs
  - Hindu male religious teachers
  - Mischievously
  - Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
  - Large, deep-bodied fish
  - Horned squash bug genus
  - Excessively sentimental
  - Shared verbally
  - You can put it on toast
  - Data mining methodology (abbr.)
  - Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
  - Mauna \_\_\_, Hawaiian volcano

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 7 p.m.

**Inside Out 2**  
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**Friday, Aug. 23**  
 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Aug. 24**  
 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, Aug. 25**  
 3 p.m.  
**Thursday, Aug. 29**  
 7 p.m.

**Coming Next: Twisters**

See Answers, page 8

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# LAND TRANSFERS

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

- Wayne E. Adkins to Charles L. Roberts, 0.329 acres, \$505,000
- Charles L. Aird to Vadik R. Vargas, lot, Ashley Plantation, \$865,000
- Robert K. Allen to Alan S. Brenner, condominium, Town of Fincastle, gift deed
- William P. Arney to Joshua D. Witt, 28.756 acres, \$0
- William P. Arney to Carol W. Pugh, 1.55 acres, \$0
- Frances B. Arthur to Tyler Lee Jannay, 2 lots, Updike addition, Cloverdale, gift deed
- Bjorn Bahr to Renee M. Roberts, lot, Appletree West, \$480,000
- Margaret V. Bailey to Jason David Deel, 16.022 acres, gift deed
- Lewis R. Baker Jr. to Matthew Raymond Saunders II, lot, Tinkerview Gardens, \$385,000
- Michael B. Baker to William J. Shepard Jr., lot, White Oaks Estates, \$420,000
- Barry C. Compton Inc. to Bobby J. Kentrolis Jr., 1.25 acres, \$110,000
- Victor L. Basham to AABC Enterprises, lot, The Orchards, Botetourt South, \$225,000
- Carl H. Benson Jr. to Ralph D. Dillard, 1.70 acres, \$50,000
- Justin A. Bishop to Nadia L. Bishop, lot, E.C. Firestone Map, gift deed
- Rae Lea Byrd to Amy E. Ralston, lot, Stonegate, \$655,000
- CFF Properties to Chris J. Janney, lot, Stratford Place, \$393,000
- Christopher E. Deisher Living Trust to Justin Obenchain, lot, Sowder Farm, \$705,000
- Cohn, Goldberg & Deustch to WRW Enterprises, one acre, \$259,373
- Commonwealth Trustees to Barry Compton, unit, Tinkerview Townhouse, \$101,500
- Norman L. Craft to Jeffery Scott Goodfred, lot, Tinkerview Gardens, \$470,500
- John P. Dickerson to Ashley D. Miller, lot, Appletree West, gift deed
- Domus Investment Group to Sandra M. Hernandez, lot, former Latane Addition, Town of Buchanan, \$167,500
- Mildred Frances Durden to Todd Ray Austin, 1.909 acres, \$9,500
- Donna Lynne English to Robert Bowers III, parcel in Amsterdam, \$145,000
- Erbo Construction to William O'Brian Weaver, lot, The Preserve at Ashley, \$625,000
- Frances P. Farrell to Jack H. McCorkle Jr., 1.52297 acres, Walnut Manor, \$545,000
- Fralin & Waldron to Stateson Homes, 7 lots, \$337,030.94
- Godwin Cemetery Inc. to Trustees of the Fincastle United Methodist Church, approx. .022 acres, \$0
- Greenfield Real Estate to Blake W. Flinchum, lot, \$320,000
- Thomas Michael Gregg to Afterburner Inc., 0.50 acre, \$160,000
- Christopher G. Gross to Casandra Ware Zuniga, 2 parcels, \$55,201
- Robert E. Hambrick to Ava Carmen Hambrick, 15.19 acres, gift deed
- Robert Forrest Hardman to Nicole Hardman, two parcels, gift deed
- David Wayne Harris to Mark Arbogast, 2 acres, \$175,000
- Jonathan P. Harris to Lisa Jane Forsyth, 4.86 acres, \$439,000
- Grant W. Holmes to The Village at Stonegate, 0.819 acre, \$265,000
- Beverly A. Hoosier to John Garry Anderson, 1 acre, \$151,275
- Ray Bradley Huddleston to Iyad Alshami, lot, Ashley Plantation, \$595,500
- Hungate Fields LLC to Erbo Construction, 3 lots, The Preserve at Ashley, \$264,000
- Anthony Dean Hutchens to Shelton Homestead LLC, 3.010 acres, Diamondback, \$360,000
- Pamela Hope Jannay to Elaine D. Ratcliffe, lot, Botetourt East, gift deed
- Benjamin Krotke to Pine & Willow LLC, two parcels, \$47,995
- Lakeview Loan Servicing to Mark Curtis Mitchell Jr., 0.604 acres, \$225,000

- Steven H. Lancaster to John Edward Harris, lot, Apple Tree Village, \$499,000
- Lare Inc. to Gateway Circle Properties, parcels, \$1,750,000
- Steven E. Lawhorn to Trisha Fann, lot, \$85,000
- David Michael Lipes to Dalton A. Lipes, 3.223 acres, gift deed
- Donald Wayne Lovelace to Jonah Bolton, 2.303 acres, \$120,000
- James L. Manspile to Jeffery P. White, 17.175 acres, \$62,000
- Lawrence W. Markert to Michael O. Duncan, lot, Tinkerview Gardens, \$495,000
- John Ed Martin to Phillip S. Poage, two parcels, gift deed
- Jack H. McCorkle Jr. to Lee Michael Cross, lot, Cobblestone, \$800,000
- Zundra Alessandri Mullikin to Zachary K. Hodges, 0.715 acres, \$164,500
- Freda G. Mullins to Gary C. Woody, 1.524 acres, gift deed
- Elaine C. Newton to Craig V. Powers, lot, Stoneridge Townhomes, \$315,000
- Kevin Ryan Nicely to Nicely Investments, lot, Tinkerview Townhouse, gift deed
- Donna Boothe Nichols to Benjamin Allen Jenkins, 2.14 acres, \$263,000
- Mason A. Peay to Steven Browning, 1.15 acres, Town of Fincastle, \$314,950
- Michael Prior to Wesley B. Smith, no description listed, \$15,000
- Michael D. Prior to Travis B. Smith, no description listed, \$15,000
- Professional Foreclosure Corp. to JP Morgan Chase Bank, lot, \$83,474.99
- Joshua Rader to Jesse Snead Stewart, 10.733 acres, \$91,000
- Billy Rex Ramey Jr. to Samantha Marie Ramey Reid, 1.60 acres, Flatlands, \$17,000
- Nancy B. Ratliff to Harry Paul Wagner Jr., 22.476 acres, \$405,000
- Dewey Rotenberry to SGD Construction, 5.062 acres, \$122,500
- James E. Ryan to Thomas Ritchie, 37.25 acres, \$615,000

See Land Transfers, page 8



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# OBITUARIES

## Barnard, Willard Howard

Willard Howard "Willie" Barnard, 81, of Buchanan, passed away Monday, August 19, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Barnard and Laura Leanna Jackson, and mother-in-law, Eunice Sprinkle.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Harriett Lewis Barnard; sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Anne Barnard and Randy and Melissa Barnard; grandsons, Jacob (Laura Jane) and Justin Barnard; sister, Phyllis Price; brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Joy Barnard; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of Buchanan friends from the Moose Lodge to Good Times and everywhere in between.

Willie was the "chief instigator"



in maintenance for Piedmont then US Air for over 30 years. He also had a love for horses and could be seen on numerous occasions, on one causing a stir. "Barnyard Willie" had many animals like goats, chickens, roosters, along with horses.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2024 in Botetourt Funeral Home, Buchanan. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 22, in Mill Creek Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor Danny Quirin officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to New Freedom Farm, Buchanan. Online condolences may be made at [www.botetourtfuneralhome.com](http://www.botetourtfuneralhome.com) or 540-254-3000.

## Crow, Wesley L.

Wesley L. Crow, 83, of Troutville, passed away on Friday, August 16, 2024.

He was born on May 4, 1941 in Salisbury, North Carolina and had been happily married to his high school sweetheart, Diane Crow, for 61 years. He retired in 1999 from Piedmont/US Airways as an avionics technician/mechanic.

Wesley was the son of Erwin Eli and Edith Lomax Crow. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Diane Crow; and one brother, Bill Crow.

Wes is survived by two daughters, Regina (Gary) Kempic, Leslie C. (Lee) Dunbar; son, Marty L. (Allison) Crow; eight grandchildren, Nina Kempic, Jacob Kempic, Brianna (Benjamin) Diaz, Madison Crow, Molly Crow, Lydia Dunbar, McKenzie Crow and Eli Crow; one great-grandchild, Benson Diaz; two sisters, Barbara Ritchie and Mary Alice



Leach. He was a faithful member of Ebenezer UMC from 1977 to 2017 and Thrasher Memorial UMC from 2017 to present. Wes could fix or repair anything. He enjoyed using those skills to support his church, community and family. Wes loved being involved with his family's life, never missing an opportunity watching his children's and grandchildren's activities.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at Oakey's East Chapel with the Rev. John Hemming officiating. Interment was in Mill Creek Cemetery. The family received friends on Monday, August 19, 6 to 8 p.m. and two hours prior to the funeral service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Those wishing to make a memorial, please consider the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements were by Oakey's East Chapel, 540-977-3909.

# CHURCH NEWS

## Free Terrific Tuesdays Dinner August 27

Everyone is welcome to the Free Terrific Tuesdays Church and Community Dinner at Fincastle United Methodist Church's Family Life Center, located at 137 S. Church Street, on Tuesday, August 27. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m.

## Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open August 24 from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. Volunteers from the church will be the hosts. Anyone who is in need of food is welcome to come for meat, bread, milk and staples. The church is at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan.

## Summer sale at Cloverdale Thrift Store

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

Thrift Store is having a summer sale – all clothes and shoes are half-off the original thrift price. There is an enormous selection, come check it out.

## FUMC Clothes Closet dates

Fincastle United Methodist's Clothes Closet will be open on Saturday, Aug. 24 in the Family Life Center at 137 S. Church Street, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations of gently worn, clean clothing and shoes may be dropped off at that time too.

## GriefShare will begin again at St. Mark's UMC

GriefShare is a small support group offering hope and encouragement for those who have lost someone they love through death. The program consists of a workbook, video and small group discussion that offers compassion, confidentiality and sharing with others who understand. It doesn't matter how recent or long ago your loss happened,

you can find God's healing through this program.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville will begin the fall cycle of classes on August 22. There are 13 weeks of classes to be held in person in the fellowship hall. There are two sessions to choose from: 10-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.

Open enrolment for any session allows for those who can't begin on August 24 to come and join when they can. Call the church office at 540-992-3030 for more information. Registrations may be made on the church website at [www.stmarksmethodist.com](http://www.stmarksmethodist.com). All are welcome.

## Simulcast Saturday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will host the Priscilla Shirer: Going Beyond Simulcast on Saturday, August 24, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration will open at 8 a.m. with light breakfast fare available. Lunch will be served and the

event is free of charge. Pre-registration is required and you can register by emailing [phbcsimulcast@gmail.com](mailto:phbcsimulcast@gmail.com) or by calling or texting 540-915-8978. This is event is open to all ladies and gentlemen but seating is limited so register early.

## Help St. Mark's pack meals for Rise Against Hunger

St. Mark's United Methodist will be hosting a meal packing for Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, September 7 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Since St. Mark's started working with Rise Against Hunger as of this packing on September 7, members will have packed 300,000 meals that have gone to hungry people in many countries. The church needs 100 volunteers to make this happen on September 7 and invites the community to join for this meal packing. There are jobs for all ages. If you and your family would like to help, contact [susanbwagner59@gmail.com](mailto:susanbwagner59@gmail.com).

# Eagle Rock Methodist presents scholarships



Ella Wilbourne and Pastor Ray Sandifer

Eagle Rock United Methodist Church recently presented scholarships to two deserving young adults. Ella Wilbourne is a junior at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg majoring in Political Science. Jacob Vaness is a senior at Montreat College in Montreat, N.C., majoring in Business Administration. The scholarships were presented by Pastor Ray Sandifer.

- Eagle Rock United Methodist Church



Jacob Vaness and Sandifer

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# Fish Fry Sept. 13 in Fincastle



FILE PHOTO

The Knights of Columbus will have a fish fry on Friday, September 13, 5-7 p.m. at Church of the Transfiguration, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle; eat-in or take-out, \$12, ages 7 and under are free.

The meal will consist of two filets of lightly breaded flounder or six chicken nuggets (reserved for children or adults who do not want fish), sweet cornbread, crispy fries, creamy coleslaw, and choice of one dessert. A 50/50 drawing will be held. No advance ticket sales.

Proceeds to benefit several Botetourt County charities: Greenfield Elementary Backpack Ministry, Botetourt Food Pantry, Botetourt Resource Center and other local charities. For more information, call 540-904-3126.

- Knights of Columbus

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# County Town & Country Women's Club meets Monday

The GFWC Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club will hold their next monthly meeting on Monday, August 26 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church fellowship hall with a social starting at 6:30 p.m. and the business and planning meeting starting at 7 p.m. Women interested in volunteer work, developing leadership skills, and making new friends are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Mary Wingate, 540-520-0269, marywingate19@gmail.com.

- Botetourt Town & Country Women's Club

## Land Transfers

- RYT LLC to 165 Norfolk LLC, lots, Updike Addition, \$575,000
- Tina L. Scott to Decks for Daze, 0.3072 acres, \$70,000
- Karen R. Siano to Stephen M. Moran, lot, Knollwood, \$354,900
- SR Investments to Gateway Grid, two tracts, \$1,700,000
- Michael Stickley to Cody Ray Harvey, lot, \$227,000
- Bruce A. Stritesky to Chadley Baldwin, 3.283 acres, Braemar, \$517,000
- Melissa Thode to Jeremy D. Marsh, 1.628 acres and 4.585 acres, County View Estates, \$428,750
- Herman West to Nicole W. Sebastino, 11.396 acres, gift deed
- 365 Investment Properties to Ricky Lee Alls, 3.629 acres, \$590,421

## Buchanan



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Buchanan Town Council's next meeting will take place Sept. 9.

served as town manager for the Town of Dayton, Va., and for the Town of Chase City, Va. In addition, Lawrence has considerable experience as a leader of several non-profit organizations and served ten years as a planning commissioner, council member, vice-mayor and mayor for the Town of Ashland, Va. Lawrence began her professional career in Virginia with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, serving roles as a grants administrator, recreation consultant and greenways and trails coordinator. Buchanan Mayor Tristan Harris said, "We are excited to welcome Ms. Lawrence back to Virginia and to the Town of Buchanan. Angela brings broad experience as a local government manager and former local elected official, and the council was impressed by the depth of her knowledge, her demeanor and her approach to working with the Town Council and staff for the betterment of our community. We are certain

that she will be a valuable asset to the Town of Buchanan and the region, and we are looking forward to her assuming her duties." Lawrence earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University and also holds a Master of Business Administration (Public Institution Management) from the University of Texas at Arlington. She is a member of the International City/County Management Association and the Virginia Local Government Management Association. She is also an active volunteer with several community organizations including the Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. In her previous roles as town manager, Lawrence was successful securing and administering grants for community improvements and facilities, managing water and wastewater upgrades and stormwater improvements, and other infrastructure projects. She has built strong staff teams and

successfully and responsibly helped develop and implement town budgets and capital improvement programs. Further, she has served roles in planning, zoning, recreation, tourism and economic development and has facilitated charter, code and policy revisions. Lawrence commented, "I look forward to working with Town Council to implement its vision for the Town of Buchanan, to enhance the quality of life for town residents and to enrich the destination experience for tourists and other visitors to the town. I am particularly excited to work with council, town staff and members of the community to address challenges and opportunities of a changing community while retaining the small-town character and attributes Buchanan values." Lawrence will join the Town of Buchanan as the new town manager on August 30.

- Town of Buchanan

## BCSO

and administrators to maintain a safe and positive school environment. Officers engage with students on

a variety of important public safety topics through the Office of the Attorney General's Virginia Rules program. Some of the public safety topics discussed with the students include those focused on Bullying, Technology and You, Student Responsibilities, Drugs and substance abuse education, and many others. The Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded again this school year a grant that will continue to pay for the SRO position at Breckinridge Elementary



Dep. Harris



Dep. Haston

School. "The safety of our children has been and will continue to be a top priority for the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff Ward. "We are thankful for the Board of Supervisors' continued support in prioritizing school safety." With the addition of officers at Breckinridge Elementary, Troutville Elementary and Central Academy Middle School, the Sheriff's Office and county is not only reinforcing its commitment to the security of the children, but also ensuring that students have the support and guidance they need for a successful school year.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

**NOTICE**

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

For information regarding this meeting, please see [www.botetourtva.gov](http://www.botetourtva.gov) or contact the County Administrator's Office at 540-928-2006.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**  
**OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Botetourt County Planning Commission hereby gives notice that they will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 9, 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 Thursday, September 5, 2024. Website and email comments must be received by 9:00 AM on September 9, 2024.

Blue Ridge District: Dennis Lee & Jennifer Reynolds Corey request to rezone 5.37 acres from the Residential (R-1) Use District to the Agricultural (A-1) Use District, with possible proffered conditions, located at 1764 Blue Ridge Springs Road, Blue Ridge and identified on the Tax Maps as 103-92.

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- Fincastle Herald staff report

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**Legals - City of Radford**

**Order of Publication**  
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
**Case No. JJ004782-06-00**  
RADFORD CITY J&DR- JUVENILE DIVISION  
619 2nd street, Radford, Virginia 24141.  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: MALDONADO, KERON J.  
The object of this suit is to: Approve a Foster Care Plan submitted by the Radford City Department of Social Services regarding the above-named child. And it appearing that diligence has been used to attempt to locate the putative father of the child, Antonio Maddox, but despite that diligence, Antonio Maddox's whereabouts remain unknown to the Department; and it also appearing that the whereabouts and identity if any alternative birth father are otherwise unknown.

It is ORDERED that ANTORIO MADDOX and/or the UNKNOWN FATHER of the above-named child, a child whose birth mother is Karina Maldonado, appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before SEPT. 10, 2024 at 8:30 am.

August 5, 2024  
RUBY STUMP,  
CLERK

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
**Case No. JJ004805-10-00**  
RADFORD CITY J&DR -

**Legals - City of Radford**

JUVENILE DIVISION  
619 2nd street, Radford, Virginia 24141.  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re DENNIS, LAWSON.  
The object of this suit is to: approve a Foster Care Service Plan submitted by the Radford City Department of Social Services regarding the child, Lawson George Dennis. And it appearing that diligence has been used to attempt to locate the putative father of the child, Austin Blake Hixon, but despite that diligence, Austin Blakes Hixon's whereabouts remain unknown to the Department; and it also appearing that the whereabouts and identity if any alternative birth father are otherwise unknown. It is ORDERED that the defendant AUSTIN BLAKE HIXON and/or the UNKNOWN FATHER of LAWSON GEORGE DENNIS, a child whose birth mother is Ashley Dennis, appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before Sept. 3, 2024 at 9:00 am.

AUGUST 5, 2024  
RUBY STUMP,  
CLERK

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of the following:

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

Joint Planning Commission and Town Council public hearings to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 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 Planning Commission and Town Council will also hold a joint work session on September 3rd, at 5:15 p.m., prior to the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive comments concerning:

An ordinance amending Appendix B, Zoning, Article IV, District Regulations, Division 2, Multiple Purpose Districts, Section 4-5; Division 4, Planned Unit Development Districts, Section 4-11, and Division 5, Mixed-Use Development (MUD) District, Sec. 4-18 of the Vinton Town Code. The proposed amendment would require medical and dental clinic uses to obtain a special use permit in the R-B Residential-Business District, GB General Business District, CB Central Business District, M-1 Limited Industrial District, M-2 General Industrial District, PD Planned Unit Development District, and MUD Mixed-Use Development District, and it would require hospitals to obtain a special use permit in the GB General Business, M-1 Limited Industrial District, and M-2 General Industrial District.

Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment may

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

be examined in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179.  
Further information concerning this issue may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be present their views on this proposed amendment at the above public hearing.

Given under my hand this 6th day of August, 2024.  
Anita J. McMillan  
Planning and Zoning Director

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# River football stat man Austin steps aside



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
Steve Austin (left) will continue coaching softball at James River but is stepping aside from doing statistics for the football team after 35 years.

One long-time Knight will be conspicuous by his absence this season as Steve Austin has retired from doing James River football statistics after over 35 years on the sidelines.

"There really is no replacing him," said River football coach and former athletic director Tim Jennings. "It will be by committee because you don't find too many people who are willing to dedicate themselves to the school and program the way Steve did. He did it for almost 40 years, has easily watched more James River football, and most other sports at River, than anyone probably has in the history of

the school."

Austin started doing stats for the River team in the late '80s and has been a fixture ever since. He started when Doug Ross was the coach and served the team through five different head coaches, including Toby Peer, Philip King, Jacob Phillips and current coach Jennings. Steve was admired for his accuracy and inclusiveness when keeping the River stats.

"I know he made my job easy," said Fincastle Herald Sports Editor Brian Hoffman. "Every week Steve sent me comprehensive statistics, not only who ran or passed for the most

yards but who made the most tackles, which team had the ball the most minutes, who scored the touchdowns and what the time was on the clock and other notes like fumble recoveries and blocked kicks and the like. His stats were incredibly helpful in writing the weekly football story and I'm really going to miss him. He'll be hard to replace."

Austin cited health reasons for stepping aside.

"It has just worn me down," said Austin. "The only way I know how to keep stats is 'on the sidelines.' Running up and down the sidelines at my age, on bad knees, has just taken a toll."

Austin figures he's kept stats for well over 350 James River football games, both home and away. He realizes he's going to miss being in the middle of the action.

"I feel really lost, honestly, because it's been my life on Friday nights in the fall since (daughter) Kasey was a toddler and (younger daughter) Shannon was born in 1988. I know so many officials and coaches, and people at other schools, that I'm sure I'll be going through withdrawal pains. From late August through early November, since the late '80s, I have only been home on 'bye' Friday nights."

One of the highlights of Steve's time on the sidelines was when he got to keep stats for his son-in-law. The aforementioned toddler grew up to be a woman — and daughter Kasey is married to Jake Phillips, who coached the Knights' football team from 2015 to 2018.

"One of the most bizarre things that happened to me over the decades was keeping stats for my son-in-law," said

Austin. "I think he was two or three years old when I started doing this. What an unlikely happening!"

Austin, not to be confused with wrestler "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, is also the softball coach at James River. Athletic Director Ryan Firebaugh has been an assistant coach on the softball staff and a good friend of Steve's. Firebaugh also played football for the Knights and was an assistant coach during Austin's tenure as stat man.

"Steve has done a monumental job at stats for the football program all these years," said Firebaugh. "He has the stats down to a 'T.' He can remember stats from the first time he started doing them and even before that!"

"Steve did my stats when I played here and he was doing it while I was coaching basketball and softball with him for 11 years. He also does announcing for the girls and boys basketball games. He's a jack of all trades. He would also tell me stories while we were coaching together about how he would break down the stats on a Saturday afternoon or night while watching the Hokies play. Every stat is precise. Steve Austin is the definition of a Distinguished Knight and bleeds Red and Black for this high school."

Austin said he's going to keep coaching the Knights softball team as long as he feels comfortable doing so. He's had great success with the team, taking them to the state championship game in 2023.

"I'm taking softball one year at a time, but I plan to return," said Austin. "I don't want to get to the point where, instead of people asking me 'Are you going to retire,' they start asking me, 'When are you going to retire?'"

## Lord Botetourt golfers take early lead in Blue Ridge District

The first round of the Blue Ridge District golf tour of "mini-matches" was held at Ole Monterey in Roanoke last week and Lord Botetourt got off to a great start. The Cavaliers won the round and had three of the top four scores on the day, including medalist Alisa Davidova.

"I'm definitely happy to start off the district season with a good win and hopefully we can keep getting better each week," said LB coach Todd Smith. "It always helps your team score when you throw a

66 in there, so happy for Alisa. She played great."

Davidova had the low score of the day with a five-under par 66. That was six strokes better than LB teammate Jeremy Simmons, who carded a one-over 72 to finish second. William Byrd's David Foster was third with a 73 and Aidan Mitchell of LB was fourth with a 76. Also scoring for the Cavaliers was Hayden Firestone, who tied for seventh at 80. Garrett Honts carded an 81 and Jaxon Turner had an 84.

Teamwise, the Cavaliers

had a 294 to beat second place William Byrd by 35 strokes, as the Terriers came in at 319. Other scores included Franklin County at 325, Northside at 340 and Staunton River at 369. Host William Fleming did not field a team.

This week the Cavaliers have an 18-hole district match at Copper Cove on Tuesday, hosted by Franklin County High, and a nine hole match at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club against Rockbridge County on Thursday.

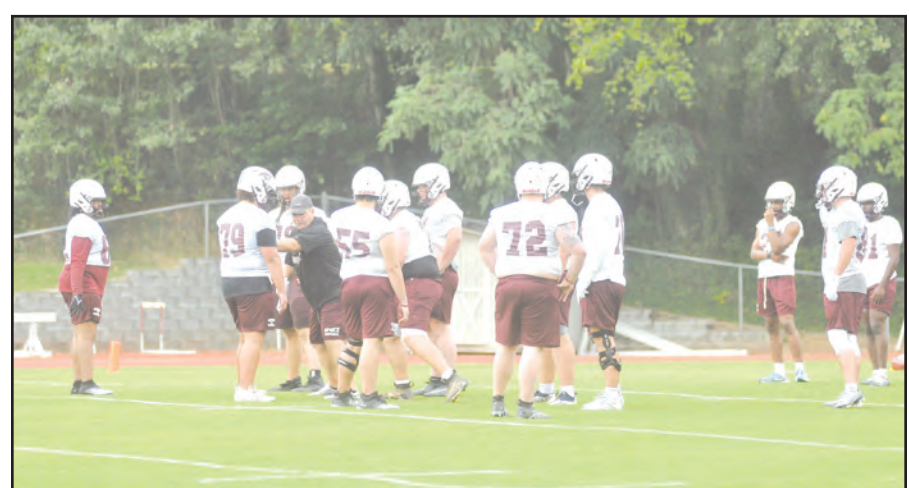


PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
Roanoke College football coach Bryan Stinespring (dark shirt) works with the offensive line on the Maroons' first day of practice last week.

## Long-time Blue Ridge coach is a volunteer for RC football

Jeff Highfill, who served as head coach at William Byrd High in the Blue Ridge District for 38 years, is back on the gridiron. Jeff is serving as a volunteer assistant coach for the brand new Roanoke College football team.

The Maroons opened practice last Friday on the field encircled by the C. Homer Bast track with over 60 hopefuls. The field got a new Bermuda grass surface over the summer and is green and lush for the first Roanoke College football practices since World War II.

Highfill retired from his head coaching position at Byrd after the 2018 season. Since then the field at Byrd has been named for him and he's spent time playing golf and enjoying retirement, that is until new Roanoke College coach Bryan Stinespring gave him a call.

"Coach Stinespring called me the first day he officially had the job," said Highfill. "I was honored. I told him my days of full-time coaching were over but I'd be glad to help."

If 13-14 hours a day isn't full-time, then Jeff is a part-time helper. He's been at the college for 8:15 a.m. meetings and the earliest he's been home

since practice started was around 9 p.m.

"I've gone from zero to 100 miles an hour," said Highfill. "We've had 12- to 14-hour days and I'm 72 years old, but it's great to be around that family atmosphere again with the coaches and players."

Jeff is coaching tight ends, kickers and punters. He'll be in the press box on game days, and the Maroons will have five club games this fall before taking on a full Old Dominion Athletic Conference varsity schedule for the 2025 season. This year's opener will be against the Hampden-Sydney College junior varsity team on Sunday, September 8, at Salem Stadium. The Maroons will also play jayvee teams from Shenandoah University and Bridgewater College, the George Mason club team and Fork Union Military Academy.

The Maroons have hit the ground running. Alumni Gym, where the basketball team played for many years before the Bast Center was built, is being converted into a football weight lifting facility. Locker rooms are a work in progress and new uniforms are ready to go, with white helmets and the RC bird logo on the sides.

"Everything seems to be top drawer," said Highfill. "Coach Stinespring has a great resume and it's an honor to work with him."

Jeff knew Stinespring from his days coaching at Byrd. "Stiney" has a long resume that includes a stint as offensive coordinator and recruiter for Frank Beamer's nationally ranked teams at Virginia Tech.

"He recruited our area for Tech and he always came by to see me," said Highfill. "Many times I told him we didn't have anyone he'd be interested in but he came by anyway, just to stay in touch."

Stinespring has heavily recruited the Roanoke Valley for his first Roanoke College team, which is comprised entirely of freshmen and sophomores. The first roster lists 53 freshmen and 10 sophomores. Of the 63 players on the roster only eight list their home as outside of Virginia.

"It's a great atmosphere and it will be interesting to see what happens that first Sunday," said Highfill. "It seems to be a good group of guys with a great attitude, and everything has been done first class."

## Floyd County wins Three Rivers match at Botetourt G&SC

The Floyd County golfers continued their domination of the Three Rivers District golf regular season tour with the low score at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club last week. The Buffaloes have had the low score at every district match in the young season.

Last Thursday at Botetourt, Floyd shot a 309, led by medalist Peyton Mason's 70. Radford was second at 322 followed by Carroll County at 336, Glenvar at 339, James River at 341, Alleghany at 344 and Patrick County at 351.

River was led by sophomore Landon Bolling, who shot 75. That was one

stroke better than fellow soph Mason Gilliland's 76. Mason Francis had 88 and Elizabeth Johnson had 102.

"The team played their hearts out, some of the best golf of the season," said coach Donna Cox. "Mason had his best ever match score and Elizabeth dropped nine strokes over her last outing at Great Oaks. This young team is so fun to watch and they work every day at improving their game. The future of James River golf is extremely promising."

The Knights were scheduled to play a match at The Homestead on Monday of this week, but that was cancelled as Bath County does not have a team.

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## Final tuneup for football, volleyball

The James River and Lord Botetourt football and volleyball teams will have their final scrimmages this week before opening the fall sports season. Next Monday is the first official day for Virginia High School League volleyball games and the football season opens Friday, August 30.

The James River football team scrimmaged at Nelson County last Friday and came away free of injury, which is key at this time of the year.

"Typical scrimmage stuff," said River coach Tim Jennings. "Had both good and bad but we got some

good film."

The Knights will be home this Friday to scrimmage Rockbridge County at 6 p.m., then open the season at Buffalo Gap on August 30.

Lord Botetourt scrimmaged at Emory & Henry last Thursday against Dobyns-Bennett of Tennessee, a formidable opponent to say the least.

"We have a lot of things to work on," said LB coach Jamie Harless. "Dobyns-Bennett is a 6A school and they'll win seven or eight games this year. They have luxury boxes at their stadium, so that ought to tell you something."

The Cavaliers are back on the road this Thursday for a scrimmage at Brookville. They'll make their home debut on opening day against Division 4 E.C. Glass on August 30.

In volleyball, the James River team was scheduled to scrimmage Rockbridge at home on Tuesday while Lord Botetourt is home to Hidden Valley on Thursday of this week, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The two county schools will open the season against each other next Tuesday, August 27, in Daleville.

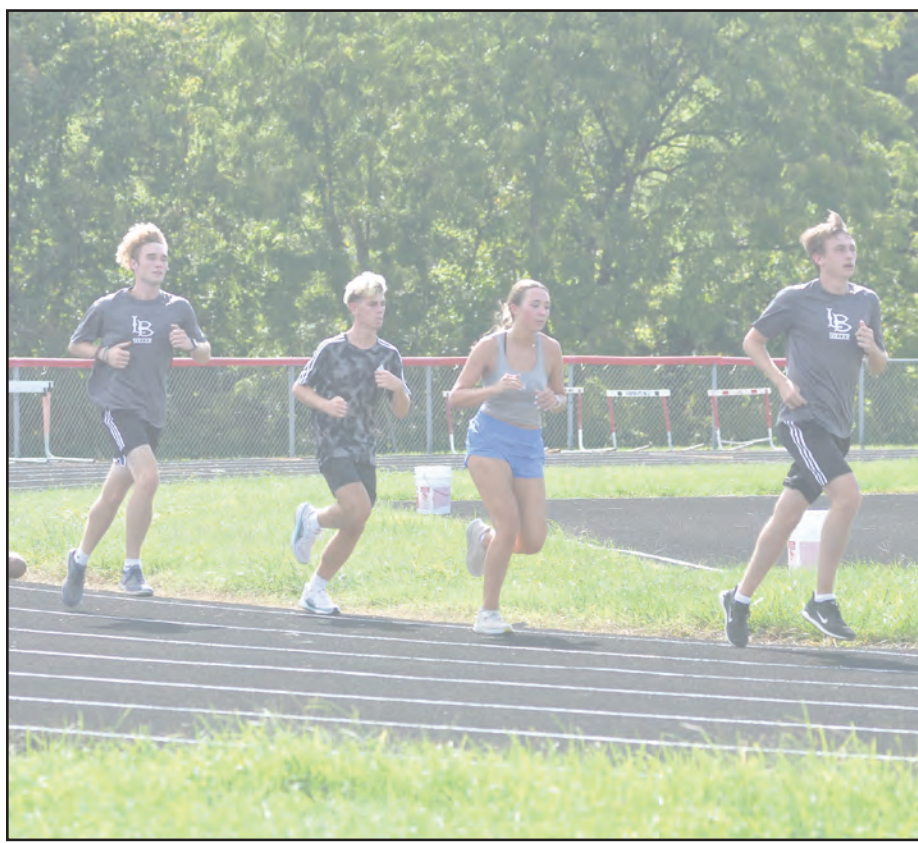
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James River players prepare for the football season.



First year LB head volleyball coach Samantha Wilkins goes over some preseason information.



LB cross country team practices in the stadium

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