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Botetourt coping with an 'abnormally dry' summer

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It's been a hot summer, no doubt. The average temperature in Botetourt County in June was hovering around 85 degrees. A little over 700 miles south of Botetourt County is sunny Orlando, Fla. Its June temperatures were around 92 degrees daily. There, it's Florida. This summer, "Florida" seemed to vacation here in Botetourt.

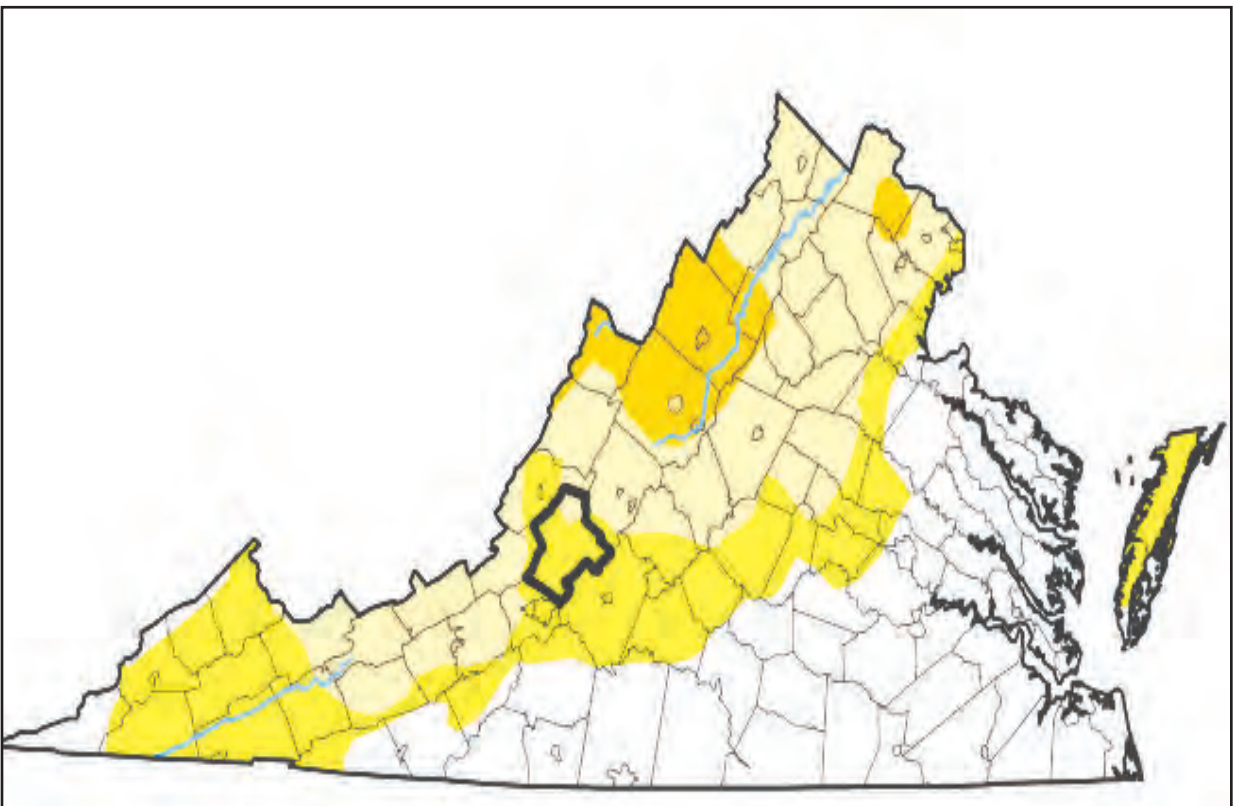
With the heat should come the rain, right? (At least that's the way it works in the Sunshine State.) Botetourt usually has an average annual precipitation of 41 inches and temperatures that average 87°F in July. However, this summer has seen a dry climate with little to no rainfall and multiple 90-degree days. In June 2023, the county saw an average precipitation of 3.74 inches of rainfall. This past June brought Botetourt only 1.2 in. on average.

Right now, Botetourt County is "abnormally dry," according to the U.S. Drought Monitor system. In terms of intensity, "abnormally dry" is a step away from what the monitor describes as a "moderate drought." The current estimated county population in "drought areas" totals 4,707. (To view an updated map, visit www.drought.gov/data-maps-tools/us-drought-monitor.) Additionally, 13,219 square miles of Virginia are under drought conditions with 24% (10,336 sq. mi.) "abnormally dry," per a PlantMaps study last week.

No rain means no grains, and for local farmers, the months of June and July brought forth a bit of concern as they prepare their respective feeds and fruits for the cooler weather months ahead.

At the July meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors, the board passed a resolution petitioning USDA Virginia Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Ronald Howell, Jr. to declare the county as a "disaster area to provide the means for those affected to qualify for some relief assistance."

Current County Executive Director of the Botetourt Farm Service Agency W.P. Johnson has kept an eye on the dry conditions in the county as it impacts local crops and livestock. Johnson sees some concerns with the lack of rain and the impacts it can have later this year.



Here is the current drought status in Virginia. Botetourt County, outlined in black, was mostly classified as "abnormally dry (D0 - yellow)" based on the current map of Virginia, published last Thursday.

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR

"A lot of the feeds that go to feed livestock, and grains as well, are produced primarily in the peak of the summer," Johnson explained in a recent interview. "Due to the lack of rainfall, most of the fall cuttings, some of the spring cuttings, and a lot of the corn crop has significantly been impacted as far as yield and/or growth."

"What that does is reduce the amount of feed that we have to carry livestock through the winter months and also to sell for revenue to keep cash flow for those people in the grain business."

Johnson explained producers sometimes are forced to

sell livestock or sell it early, and/or purchase feeds which creates an undue financial burden to actually keep their livestock on. The question ultimately becomes if the county is going to have a mild winter or a hard winter, which increases complexity.

For consumers, the direct market makes forced decisions about what they can deliver to the markets and their local customer base that may be accelerated or may have less volume, according to Johnson. The consumers may have to go through chain stores due to

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Troutville VFD golf tournament Sept. 27

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Troutville Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) will host its sixth annual golf tournament on Sept. 27 at Ashley Plantation at 11 a.m.

The tournament is a fundraiser put on by TVFD for the annual scholarship fund. Each year, TVFD gives out two \$1,000 scholarships

to Botetourt County high school seniors who are pursuing higher education in the public safety field.

In a recent interview, TVFD Lt. Jonathan Simmons discussed the tournament's inception.

"We've got several

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Grand opening of Nature Trail and fireworks display in Fincastle this Saturday night

The Town of Fincastle invites the community to the grand opening of the Big Spring Park Nature Trail this Saturday. The event will begin at 7 p.m. at the gazebo in Big Spring Park located at 108 Back Street in Fincastle. Following the opening ceremony, join the town and walk the quarter-mile trail and discover

the new outdoor classroom located outside of Breckinridge Elementary School.

Following the grand opening celebration, the town will put on a fireworks display that was postponed following inclement weather on July 4. The VFW will be on hand selling hot dogs for

guests. The fireworks will begin shortly after sundown.

For any questions, contact the Fincastle Town Office at 540-473-2200.

- Town of Fincastle



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Two local gunsmiths 'reunited' in Botetourt, nearly 200 years later

The spirits of two old gunsmiths were brought together recently in Mt. Union Cemetery in Botetourt County.

John Painter and John Sites were both mid- to late-19th century craftsmen living in the county. Both were gun makers.

Painter was born in 1810 and died in 1900. It is reported that he was active up until a few years prior to his death. Painter opened his shop in 1830. The shop is reported to have been in or around Haymakertown. He is also known as "The Gun Maker of Tinker Mountain."

John Sites left Botetourt County in 1835, heading west. He settled in Missouri and his life as a gun maker is better documented there than in Virginia. Reportedly, his shop in Botetourt was located at the edge of Fincastle along Springwood Road. Both artisans were working at the same time (1830-1835), in the same trade, and in the same community. It is most certain that Painter and Sites were acquaintances.

The rifles they made (American Long Rifles) were

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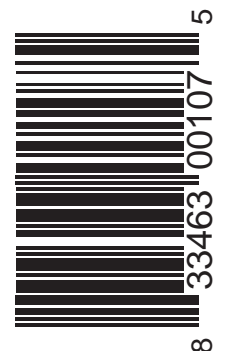
THE BOGEYS

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SEPT 20

MARTIN & KELLY

5-9PM



Botetourt County History



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There are six 1732-1932 George Washington Bicentennial Commemorative Plates displayed on the mantle in the Botetourt Museum of History & Culture. They were made in 1932 by Crown Ducal in England. The plates honor the birth of George Washington on February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Va. The one shown is titled "Washington and his

family." The collection is on loan from Ed and Betty Holt. It is on display to coincide with the DAR America 250 Patriots Marker that was dedicated on May 18, 2024, in the front yard of the BCHS Museum in Fincastle.

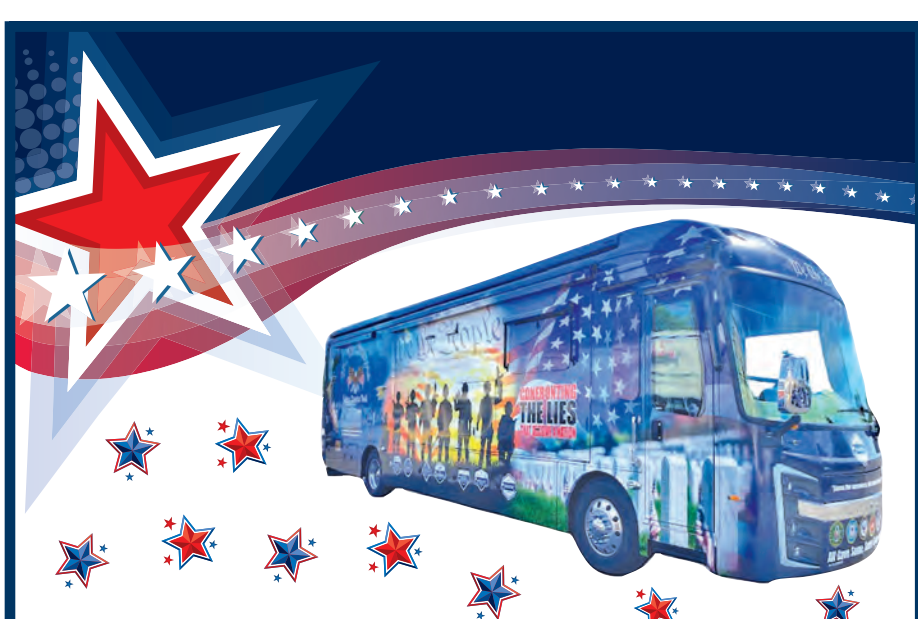
- Botetourt County Museum of History & Culture

Botetourt County Democratic Committee meeting September 9

The Botetourt County Democratic Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 9 at the Pomegranate Event Center, 106 Stony Battery Road, Troutville. With elections right around the corner, the meeting will include campaign updates in Virginia and other important information. Light

refreshments and fellowship begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting and speakers beginning at 6:45 p.m.

- Botetourt Co. Democratic Committee



Governor Youngkin To Greet Trump Caravan Arrival This Labor Day

The caravan will begin in Roanoke and end in Buena Vista, VA. The caravan is co-sponsored by the Roanoke and Botetourt County Republican Committees.

Decorate your car in everything red, white, and blue, with banners and flags galore; to show our local support of Donald Trump. There will be an award for the best decorated vehicle. This winner will be first in the caravan behind the lead car.

A new addition to the caravan will be the Navy Seals 6 Team Trump bus. Come see this amazing bus dedicated to those who serve, and those who did not return from their service.

The starting location is: 6621 Williamson Rd., Roanoke, VA (The old Food Lion.) All participants in the caravan will begin assembling in the parking lot at 8:30am anticipating a 9:00am departure time. The caravan will follow Route 11, through Botetourt County, arriving at the Rockbridge Annual Labor Day Festival by 11:00am. The festival is at 100 Glen Maury Park, Buena Vista, VA.

Once you arrive at Glen Maury Park, prepare to enjoy a day of festivities. There will be live music, food vendors, and political addresses by your local and state elected officials. Governor Glenn Youngkin will headline the politically star-studded event with Chris Head, Ben Cline, and senatorial candidate Hung Cao attending. The day ends with dazzling fireworks. Mark your calendar for September 2nd and join the Trump Caravan.

You may find information and updates on the caravan and other county political events at the Botetourt County Republican Committee website: mybcrc.com.

The Botetourt County Republican Committee (BCRC) is a Virginia Republican Party sanctioned political organization. The BCRC works to further the conservative agenda of the Republican Party at the county level. It is open to all residents of Botetourt County.

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Sheriff Ward implements 'Be Safe Botetourt'



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF BCSO

The "Be Safe Botetourt" Traffic Safety Program, implemented by Sheriff Matt Ward is a comprehensive safety initiative designed to increase traffic safety awareness and enhance road safety throughout Botetourt County. The program encompasses all traffic safety initiatives and traffic safety campaigns such as Click it or Ticket, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, School Bus Safety, and many other safety topics.

Through collaboration with community business partners, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and local and state law enforcement partners, this initiative focuses on proactive high visibility traffic enforcement and educating motorists on traffic laws to reduce traffic crashes and related deaths, serious injuries, and loss of property. By targeting dangerous driving behaviors such as speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, the program seeks to ensure the safest possible traffic environment for all motorists. "Be Safe Botetourt" also emphasizes community engagement and outreach, providing residents with information and resources to promote safe driving habits.

The intent of this initiative is for the sheriff

to incorporate proactive traffic enforcement strategies to identify and target high-risk areas, deploying resources effectively to enforce traffic laws. A data-driven approach is employed to inform and guide enforcement and education efforts, with continuous evaluation and adjustment of strategies based on outcomes. Sheriff Ward added that he is committed to the safety of county citizens and will provide the community with high-visibility traffic enforcement to minimize these senseless tragedies.

During the Labor Day holiday period, typically there is an increase in impaired-driving deaths — and that's why you'll likely see more law enforcement on the roads. Labor Day is one of the busiest and deadliest holiday travel times due to alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. Labor Day is a holiday that honors the contributions of American workers, and it's also a time for family gatherings, barbecues, and the unofficial end of summer. To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday, Sheriff Ward wants to remind the public that driving impaired is dangerous and has serious legal consequences.

Drivers are encouraged to follow these safety tips:

- Plan Ahead. With more vehicles on the road, traffic congestion is inevitable. Plan your

trips ahead of time and consider leaving early to avoid peak travel hours. Expect delays and remember that arriving a few minutes late is far better than risking an accident. Allow for extra time to reach your destination.

- Don't Drink and Drive. Labor Day celebrations often include alcohol; drinking and driving is a deadly combination. Arrange for a designated driver or use a rideshare service if you plan on consuming alcohol.

- Avoid Distractions. Stay focused on driving and the road. Avoid using your phone while driving. Driving distracted is one of the leading causes of traffic crashes.

- Buckle Up. Whether you're traveling across the state or across town, seat belts save lives.

- Observe the Speed Limit and Traffic Laws. Slow down and stick to the speed limit. Obey all traffic laws and remember that speeding and aggressive driving put everyone at risk.

"This Labor Day weekend, let's all do our part to make our roads safer this holiday. By planning ahead, staying alert, and following traffic laws, we can all contribute to safer holiday travels for everyone," Sheriff Ward said.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

HFI highlights Fincastle's upcoming Festival attractions

Historic Fincastle, Inc. (HFI) will sponsor the annual Historic Fincastle Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 28. In preparation for this event, there will be an article each week leading up to the festival highlighting some of the attractions. Today's article highlights the "Old Jail Gift Shop."

This building was constructed in 1897 during the height of seasonal vacationers from New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and other southern towns to escape the extreme heat in the South. There were two hotels in town as well as boarding houses that could house as many as 140 guests, which for a town of 675 people was "a lot of visitors." Does the fact that a new jail was built around this same time a coincidence or not, what do you think? If you look at the old building, you can see the architectural influences of the people from the New Orleans area: wrought iron trim, two stories, arched brick detail above the windows, etc.

There are three floors and a basement inside the very substantial walls of 32 feet by 32 feet. The bottom floor, now a gift shop, is where the jailer and his



PHOTO COURTESY OF HFI

family would live. Basically, the first floor has four rooms (one is now a hallway and a toilet), three exterior doors, an interior door to the stairs and 12 large windows.

The second floor would have housed the female prisoners plus the sheriff and a "booking" room. The third floor was "reserved" for the male prisoners. Between the floors, the ceilings are made of concrete so prisoners could not "dig

See Fincastle Festival, page 8

ARRESTS

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for August 19-25:

- Crystal M. Abijoye, 33, of Front Royal, theft of a credit card/card number, August 19
- Michael J. Boros, 52, of Roanoke, contempt of court, August 20
- Benjamin M. Clemons, 37, of Roanoke, shoplifting, contempt of court, August 20
- Justin N. Cooper, 37, of Cloverdale, failure to obey a court order, August 21
- Mason G. Hall, 56, of Troutville, brandishing a firearm, August 21
- Tina M. Hall, 54, of Troutville, assault and battery, August 21
- Oshanne Jimenez, 30, of Roanoke, petit larceny, August 21
- Yohanne Sabushimake, 21, of Roanoke, violation of probation, August 21
- Jerry L. Ayers, 63, of Fincastle, possession of Schedule drugs, August 24
- Phillip A. Rigney, 69, of Daleville, dangerous dog, August 24
- Jessica D. Redden, 42, of Troutville, drunk in public, August 24

Former Botetourt resident coordinating reunion of past Troutville High School students



A reunion for former students who attended old Troutville High School takes place Oct. 6 at Troutville Town Park.

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF SANDRA TATE

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Attendees of old Troutville High School have the opportunity to gather and share memories on October 6 at Troutville Town Park.

The reunion, weather permitting, will take place from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. with light refreshments provided.

Sandra Tate, a member of the last graduating class of Troutville High who now lives in the Hollins area, has worked with the Town of Troutville to coordinate the upcoming reunion. She grew up off of Coaling Road and attended the Cloverdale School prior to Troutville High.

"I started (at Troutville High) in 1954 in my eighth

grade class," Tate said in a recent interview. "There were 68 eighth graders. Twenty-six graduated in 1959. I just would like to see us get together and meet in the park where we all played football, basketball, gym – that was our athletic field. I would like to see us get together while we still have a memory and someone to listen to it."

According to Roanoke Libraries, the Troutville community built its first high school in 1905 that consisted of a two-story, four-room school. The first school burned in 1913, a new school was then soon built that served as a combined elementary and high school until 1927.

A new high school was constructed in 1927 and

remained Troutville High School until 1959. Students in the Troutville area attended Lord Botetourt High School thereafter.

This event isn't just for former graduates, but for all former students who may have attended at some point.

For questions, contact Sandra Tate at 540-366-6224 by September 16.



Members of the Botetourt County Historical Society stand in front of a portrait of Lord Botetourt in the State Capitol Building.

'Botetourt Day' in Richmond

The Botetourt County Historical Society (BCHS) hosted a bus trip to Richmond last Saturday for a special "Botetourt Day" at historic St. John's Church.

Andrew Lewis and John Bowyer attended the Second Virginia Convention as Botetourt delegates and were present when Patrick Henry gave his famous "give me liberty or give me death" speech. This day was meant to commemorate

Botetourt's involvement as the colonies progressed towards the Revolutionary War and independence.

"Overall, it was a great day and glad we were able to do it," BCHS Executive Director Lynsey Allie said of the trip to Richmond.

Delegate Terry Austin and his wife Kathy were present and Del. Austin actually portrayed the part of the Rev. Miles Selden in the re-enactment of the convention/Henry's speech. Cheryl Wilson,

the director of the VA250, was also in attendance.

The group then headed to the State Capitol Building for a tour and got to stop by the portrait of Lord Botetourt on the second floor.

For more information about the Botetourt County Historical Society, visit bothistsoc.wordpress.com/.

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A group of historical re-enactors poses for a photo during last weekend's event in Richmond.

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Closed for Labor Day
All library branches will be closed Saturday, August 31 - Monday, September 2.

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.

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.

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

A thank you from retiring JRHS statistician

I would like to thank The Fincastle Herald and Brian Hoffman for the unexpected article last week on my retirement from keeping James River football statistics. That job, and all those years, have been very special to me.
I would also like to thank, or recognize, all those individuals who have been on the football stat crew along the way, especially Randy Sink, Gary Deacon, and the late Tom McCulloch, all of whom I worked with for decades. We made a lot of memorable road trips and dodged a lot of deer. The long-term dedication of these guys is noteworthy.

They all made this activity a priority and we looked forward to Friday nights.
The last few years, Zach Hammons worked with me, and I am thankful to him for his work and dedication. We also had a lot of deep conversations and did our part to save the world.
To those of you who have contacted me in various ways since the article, thank you.
Lastly, as someone who is (grudgingly) aging out of the profession, I would like to encourage anyone reading this letter to consider volunteering. Whether it is sports, church projects, fire fighting, or other ventures, there is never enough help. You can make a difference.
God bless!

Steve Austin
Buchanan

"Bob at the Movies"

'Twisters'

By Bob Garver

It's usually at the end of the review that I talk about a film's MPAA rating, but I'll twist it up for "Twisters." Or rather, for its 1996 predecessor "Twister" and its all-time terribly-worded rating justification. The film was rated PG-13 for "intense depiction of very bad weather." Yes, the depiction was intense, and yes, the weather was very, very bad, but those twisters were so violent and destructive that "weather" seems like the wrong word to describe them. They may as well have used the term "extreme windiness." The twisters are similarly violent and destructive in "Twisters," which is much more sensibly rated PG-13 for "intense action and peril, some language and injury images."
The new film stars Daisy Edgar-Jones as Kate and Glen Powell as Tyler, two storm chasers with different reasons for traveling Oklahoma looking for tornadoes. She's trying to set up a 3-D mapping system that will

help scientists understand how tornadoes form and thus save lives. She used to think she could rig up a chemical reaction that could actually stop a fully-formed tornado, but a field test in the film's opening moments turns deadly, so she has to settle for the mapping system endorsed by her old friend Javi (Anthony Ramos). Tyler wants to shoot fireworks into a tornado to make a cool visual that gets him subscribers on YouTube and increase his celebrity so he can sell tacky merchandise. Kate is glad to have the moral high ground, or so she thinks.
As the film progresses, Tyler shows he has more layers than Kate initially thought. He's a learned meteorologist and a big-hearted humanitarian. It also turns out that Kate may have jumped on the wrong bandwagon. She and Javi are noble, but their team's sponsor isn't. Kate and Tyler find that they like chasing the storms together, helping recovery efforts together, and just plain spending time together. Cute squabbling turns to cute flirting. Please tell me it's not much of a spoiler to find out that there's

romantic chemistry between the smoldering cowboy and the beautiful scientist.
Then there are the twister sequences themselves. I used to be terrified of tornadoes, but the fear mostly dropped off when I hit my teens. This movie may rekindle some of that fear, especially after the opening sequence. The rest of the sequences are fine. I was never unconvinced that there was danger afoot. One thing I knew going in was that twisters, while they can form quickly, don't lend themselves to jump scares, so I was wondering what the film would have to do to push my buttons that way. There are two effective jump scares that made me scream for half a second and then laugh for several full ones.
You can probably guess the kind of experience that "Twisters" provides. It's a PG-13 disaster movie. The action scenes, while fraught with mortal danger, aren't going to feature anyone getting ripped limb from limb. The comedic and romantic scenes are

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League for Animal Protection's Waif of the Week

Cassie

Cassie joined the LAP family on August 13. She is 8 months old, spayed, HW negative and appears housetrained. She is about 40 pounds and will not get much larger.



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

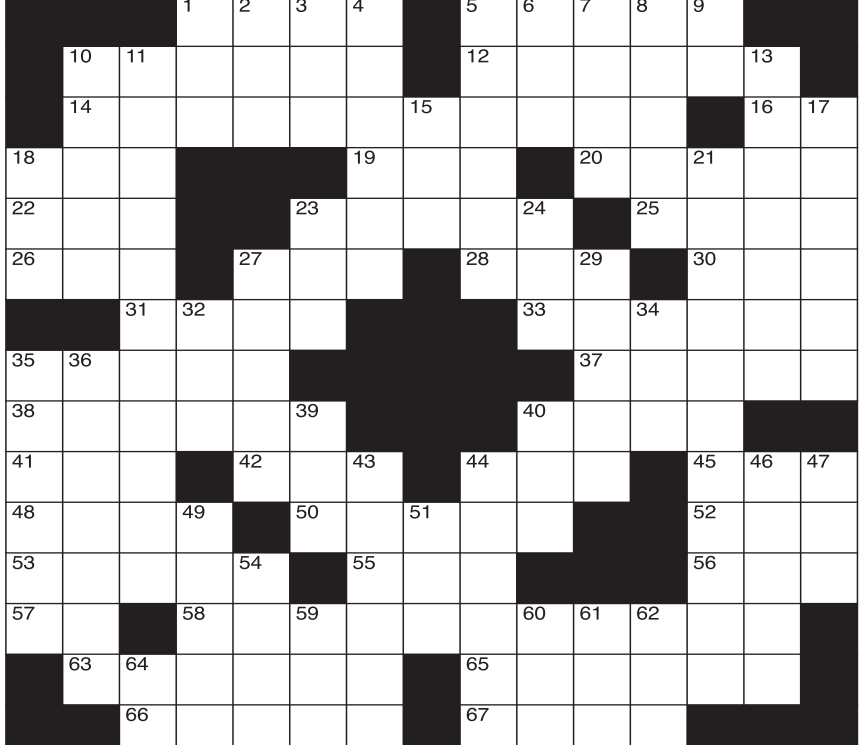
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- Feeding SWVA Mobile Market - August 28 - 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Resource Center
- NWTF Event - August 31 - Town Park
- BVFD Memorial Walk - September 7 - 8 a.m. at Town Park
- Buchanan Tri - Run, Ride & River Race - September 7 - Town Park

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Currency of Guinea
 - Avert something bad
 - Sounds
 - Immediate dangers
 - Legendary Tar Heels coach
 - Californium
 - Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
 - Coastal Scottish town
 - Triangular lower back bones
 - Trouble
 - A way to smile
 - Something that is not what it seems
 - Of she
 - Temporary living quarters
 - Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
 - Indicates near
 - Spiritual leader
 - Soup dish
 - No longer fashionable
 - Peaks
 - Alabama football team
 - King Cole
 - Digital audiotape
 - Open trough
 - The woman
 - Cools down
 - Turkic language
 - Body part
 - Pulse steadily
 - Embedded computer hardware company
 - Indicates shape
 - Thou (plural)
 - Old and remarkable
 - An evening party
 - National capital of Zambia
 - Tantalizes
 - Dark brown or black
 - CLUES DOWN
 - Not naturally outgoing
 - Exclamation of pain
 - Polynesian garland of flowers
 - Surrounded by water
 - Church towers
 - Hot beverage
 - Body parts
 - Travel documents
 - Railway
 - Gradually wear away
 - Measuring instrument
 - Minor dust-ups
 - Strongly alkaline solution
 - Extreme scarcity of food
 - Dash
 - Philly culinary specialty
 - Popular lager Adams
 - Snitch
 - Trimmed
 - Greek god of desire
 - Take to the limit
 - Cool!
 - Sound mental health
 - Native American group
 - Test for high schoolers
 - Rocky peak
 - Preferences
 - Bother
 - Call attention to (slang)
 - Snake-like fish
 - Bulgarian capital
 - Don't know when yet
 - Italian Seaport
 - Brooklyn hoopster
 - Where to bathe
 - Equal, prefix
 - Beverage container
 - Denotes openness

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Twisters

Haunted by a devastating encounter with a tornado, Kate Cooper gets lured back to the open plains by her friend, Javi, to test a groundbreaking new tracking system. She soon crosses paths with Tyler Owens, a charming but reckless social-media superstar who thrives on posting his storm-chasing adventures. As storm season intensifies, Kate, Tyler and their competing teams find themselves in a fight for their lives as multiple systems converge over central Oklahoma.

Friday & Saturday
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Sunday, Sept. 1
3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 5
7 p.m.

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unavailability due to lack of growth from the county's dry climate.

Local members of Botetourt's agriculture community continue to experience this year's unusually dry summer, waiting for the rain to return. While these conditions aren't as bad as droughts of the past, local farmers are keeping an eye on the dry conditions as they continue this week in the county before rain possibly enters into the forecast this weekend.

"This year, speaking area-wide, the intensity of the lack of rainfall for the four consecutive weeks in June combined with the temperature levels really impacted how crops responded and forages responded to that level of heat as well as lack of rainfall. Normally, we get a shower here and there to kind of ease through droughts. This time, it basically shut off and we basically didn't get anything for about four weeks," Johnson said.

"To combine with that, we had 80-, 90-, and even 100-degree temperatures that just cooked the crops. It basically shut them down. About July 15, crops almost looked dead. Then, we started getting rains in the latter part of July which made a difference in early August."

Some crops were too far gone by the time those rains came, but according to Johnson, the recent rains at the end of July and early August "gave hope" to farmers.

"When everything turns brown, there's nothing to graze, there's nothing to grab, nothing to cut, there's nothing to look at and it gives you an automatic depression where if things are green and look like they're growing, even if they're not growing, it gives hope and faith that you have a chance to save whatever is there."

Jay Etzler is a local cattle farmer of over 50 years and the owner of Etzler Country Hams. Due to the lack of rain this summer, it has forced some farmers like Etzler to find ways to make sure the stock remains fed and with plenty of water.

"There hasn't been as much rain as we would like," Etzler said when asked Monday about the ongoing dry conditions in the county. "We've been having to move some stock around that we normally wouldn't. It looks like, this week, I'm going to have to start hauling water to some (of the stock) that would normally water out of the creek that's dried up."

Although Etzler's farm is known for the country hams, its beef cattle that is his farm's main enterprise. The farm has "mama cows" and Etzler buys calves at 400-500 pounds, and then grows them to 800-900 pounds for eventual sale. However, in order for those calves to grow, they need to eat. Etzler explained that in these current conditions, cattle aren't going to eat unless they're comfortable.

"When it's hot, cows try to stay cool," Etzler said. "They'll stay in the shade - wherever the coolest spot in the field that they can find. They don't get out and eat like they would if it wasn't so hot and, consequently, don't put on weight that they normally would. That can be adverse for them as well."

As far as keeping the cows comfortable, it isn't necessarily up to the farmer to know what's best for the stock.

"(The cows) certainly know more about how they feel than I do and regulate that the best they can, given the conditions they have," Etzler chuckled when asked if he is having to move cattle to keep them cool. "We certainly try to keep them in situations where they have adequate shade and plenty of water. That's important."

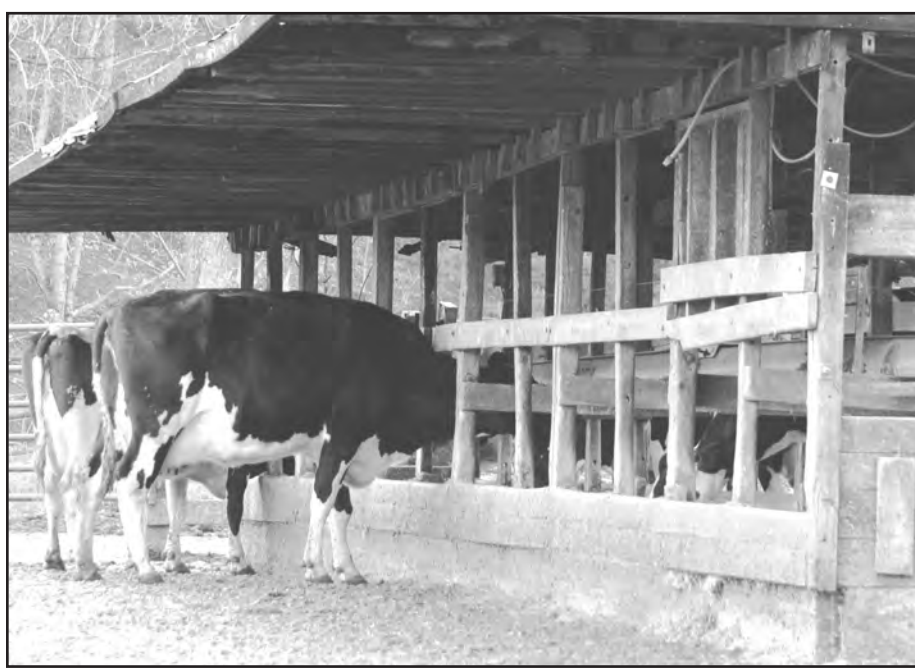
Etzler recalled droughts of the past in comparison to the current dry climate in the county.

"We have had worse droughts, but of course we're not out of the woods yet. It's probably been eight or ten years ago - the rain quit middle to the end of August and really didn't any substantial rain until Thanksgiving or just after. I can remember back in the late '70s/early '80s, we had absolutely no rainfall that summer. It was miserable and as hot or hotter as it is now."

The county received some showers around July 4 and recently managed to get a couple of inches of rainfall from the recent Hurricane Debby that touched down on Florida's panhandle and moved its way northeast. However, the county is drying off once again and waiting for the next batch of rainfall.

Other cattle farmers have felt the impact of Botetourt's hot summer. Courtney Henderson is a cattle/dairy farmer at Cave Hill Dairy Farm in Troutville. Her family has continued to find ways to keep their cattle comfortable, given the hot summer.

"With any drought, you're mainly concerned about not only crop growth, because there's always the chance that you're not going to have the crops,"



Cows feed at Cave Hill Dairy Farm.

PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Henderson said. "Without the crops, you're not going to be able to feed the cows or any of the livestock and you're basically depending on the storage you've had from other years."

Henderson shared that her family's farm is currently depending on storage of past years "a lot."

"I know in other places around the state, they didn't have any storage from last year," Henderson continued. "This drought has almost been a two-year drought for them. The biggest things are making sure the cattle have enough water, enough food, and making sure that we have grass because in droughts the grass becomes very scarce. You're depending on the hay you have and whatever you have from last year to help you make it through until crops are ready this year."

Henderson and her family have spent the summer moving the cattle to keep them cool. This year, Henderson said they've done "a lot of waiting" because the hay and corn aren't ready. Farmers often worry about running out of feed and constantly looking at the grass, waiting to see if it will soon rain.

The main focus of Henderson this summer has been keeping the cattle cool.

"It was so hot (this summer) every single day, I put in misters and fans just to try and keep them cool. We saw a drop in milk production just from that. I spent a couple hundred dollars on fans and misters and trying to figure out how

to make them feel cool and comfortable."

Henderson noted that there were a couple of cows that had evidence of heat stress and that she struggled at times to keep them comfortable, unsure if she was taking the right measures.

"You know the saying, 'You can lead a horse to water but you can't make them drink' - the same goes for cows," Henderson added.

Fortunately, Cave Hill planted corn later than some other farms in the area. Henderson thinks the recent rains came at the right time and will produce a decent corn crop for the farm and a good third-cutting of hay.

Some farms have been affected by the recent warm weather different than others. For the farms facing tough times, there are steps to take to better ensure the health and sustainability.

W.P. Johnson spoke about what can be done if a drought is officially declared by secretary of designation.

"Our (emergency loans) department is based out of Pittsylvania County. Our offices in Botetourt can help get that resource worked out," Johnson said. "From there, it becomes how well the risk was managed with either crop insurance activities or through risk management agency (RMA).

"Those options provide producers insurance just like your car insurance, but it's on crops, to be able to financially

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ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
New Beginnings Assembly of God, 1317 Narrow Passage Rd., 43 North. Sunday School, 10:00a.m.; Worship, 11a.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:00p.m., Pastor Steve Tremblay, email: pastorstevetremblay@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

Troutville Assembly of God, 118 Conner Lane, P.O. Box 728, Troutville, VA 24175, Pastor Dennis Carroll, 540-960-1224, Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Everyone welcome.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

Colonial Baptist Church - 221 Hillcrest St., Blue Ridge, VA 24064. Phone 540-977-5683. Senior Pastor Joel A. Wegner; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships; 10:30 a.m. Worship (Nursery, Tots' & Children's Church) - broadcast on Facebook Live; One Sunday evening worship per month at 6 p.m. Wednesday schedule during the school year: 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Studies; 6:45 p.m. WOL Teens, 7 p.m. WOL Gopher Buddies & Olympians (Age 3-Grade 6), 7 p.m. MERGE (College Age). E-mail: office@cbcblueridge.org; website: www.cbcblueridge.org; On Facebook, Instagram, YouTube

Crossroads Baptist Church - 1128 Wheatland Rd., Buchanan, Pastor Elmer Clemons, 761-5074 Home, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 P.M.

Faith Baptist Church- 4258 Botetourt Rd., 4 miles N. of Fincastle; Dr. John W. Reynolds, pastor- teacher, 473-2325, jwr56fbc@yahoo.com. Sunday School, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM. Wed. Bible study, 7 PM. fincastlefaith.com.

Lapsleys Run Baptist Church- Rev. David W. Halsey, Sr., Pastor. 608 Zion Hill Road, Fincastle. 540-556-3504. Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00a.m.

New Hope Baptist Church- 2315 Blue Ridge Blvd. (US 460), 977-6610, Pastor David McNeill; Sunday School, 9:45AM; Worship, 10:45AM, 7PM; Wed., Bible Study 7PM; Kings Presch, 7PM; Daycare and Preschool, Mon-Fri. 6:30AM-6PM.

Valley View Baptist Church- 17471 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Daniel Boone, 254-2760 (church), 254-2570 (H). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM, Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM; Wednesday: Prayer and Youth Ministries, 7 PM, Word Of Life youth ministry for 4 year olds-12th grade Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Bonsack Baptist Church - 4845 Cloverdale Rd. (Alt. 220) Dr. Chris Cadenhead, 977-5701, Sunday School, 8:30a.m. and 11a.m.; Worship 9:45a.m.; Wed. Bible study, 6 p.m.

Buchanan Baptist Church - 19730 Main Street, Buchanan, Sunday Bible Study for all ages 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study and activities for all ages. Facebook - Buchanan Baptist Church; Web Site -

buchananbaptist.com; Phone - 254-2253, Pastor - Darrell Naff; Minister of Music - Stephen Harris

Daleville Baptist Church- Corner of Valley Rd. and Orchard Dr., 992-1570; Senior Pastor Wes Belcher; Sunday School 9:15 AM, Worship 10:30 AM; Wednesday: Prayer & Bible Study - 6:30 PM, Youth - 6:30 PM

Fincastle Baptist Church- Located at 7330 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, Rt. 220, 1 mile south of Fincastle, 540-473-2861; www.fincastlebaptist.org; Sr. Pastor Kevin B. Cummings. Sunday Mornings, we offer a dual Bible Study/Worship Service at both 9:00 am and 10:45 am. On Wednesday evenings, we offer events for the entire family: Kids Club (3 years-5th grade) 6:15-7:30 pm; Middle School Ignite (Grades 6-8) 6:15-7:15 pm; Adult Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm; Ignite High School Group (Grades 9-12) 7:45-8:45 pm; and childcare (birth-36 months).

Forest Grove Baptist Church- 693 Mt. Moriah Rd. (Rt. 681), Eagle Rock, Rev. Jerry Marsh, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:35 a.m., Wed., Bible Study 7 p.m.

Glade Creek Baptist Church - 3148 Webster Road, Blue Ridge, Virginia 24064. Pastor Steve McChesney. Phone 540-977-1686 or 540-798-7462. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m., to include Children's Church. Wednesday evening Worship and Bible study begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

Mill Creek Baptist Church -11475 Lee Hwy., Fincastle, 992-3474. Danny Quirin, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday night activities begin at 6pm: Bible study, children and youth activities, choir and handbell rehearsals follow. office@millcreekbc.com

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church - 4930 Country Club Road (corner of Country Club & Haymakertown Roads), 540-992-5556. Pastor Danny Barham. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Worship can also be viewed online at the PHBC Facebook page or on Youtube (PHBCtube). Other activities and schedules can be found at www.phbcweb.com.

Springwood Baptist Church -88Copp's Hill Rd., Buchanan; Rev. Mike Anderson, 540-819-4616, Email pmike09@outlook.com. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday night bible study will be held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Troutville Baptist Church -P.O. Box 309, Troutville, VA 24175; 992-1026, Pastor Dr. Jeff Ritchey. Sunday School 9:45 AM; Worship 11 AM. Wednesday: Adult Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30PM; Youth & Children Activities 6:30PM.

Zion Hill Baptist Church- Intersection of Zion Hill Road and Old Fincastle Road. Pastor Donald Goforth (540) 884-2285. Sunday School -10 AM Worship 11AM. Youth Activities (grades 6-12) and Kingdom Kids (preschool-grade 5) Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren- 4708 Read Mtn. Rd., 992-1060; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wed. (Sept.-May), Family Dinner, 6 p.m., Bible study, 6:45 p.m. Preschool, after-school care & summer day camp for preschool and elementary age children. Patrick Starkey, Pastor; Shawna Burkhart, preschool director.

Mt. Bethel Church of the

God Repays

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Why do people sometimes seem to get away with sinning? Does God look away when these evils come against His children?

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When Israel turned away from the Lord, the people became prey for the enemies of God. The nations that attacked Israel assumed God would not judge their sin, but they were mistaken. God watched and recorded every evil deed. A day of accounting was decreed. In time, Israel's enemies lost wealth, status, and strength. Some even disappeared from the world altogether.

When trials come, Christians should not presume that God is unconcerned with their struggles. He sometimes uses difficulties to discipline and train them for righteousness. As His people wait upon Him, their faith grows.

One day you will be lifted above your trials, and retribution will be given to those who would plunder you.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, I trust You even now.

Quicklook: Ezekiel 27:26-31

Brethren- 10603 Narrow Passage Rd., Eagle Rock. PO Box. 183 Eagle Rock, VA 24085. Interim Pastor Dreama Osborne. 884-2292 (church), 540-597-8272 (cell). Sunday School, 10 AM; worship, 11 AM; Ladies' Aid meets 2nd Thurs. monthly.

Mt. Joy Church of the Brethren- 2565 Buffalo Rd., 10 miles N of Buchanan, 254-2298. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Michael Tabor, (540) 309-7595.

Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, 3732 Breckinridge Mill Rd, Fincastle, Rev. Dr. David A. Tozar - pastor, Sunday worship at 11am, preceded by coffee fellowship at 10:30, Bible Study Sunday at 6pm, 5th Sunday Potluck luncheon, Handicap Accessible, Contact Pastor Davd at dtozar9@yahoo.com. Follow on Facebook, Sunday worship and Thursday Bible study stream live.

Troutville Church of the Brethren - 5133 Lee Hwy., 992-1571; Terry R. Johnson, Pastor; Don Obenshain, Choir Director. Sunday Morning Services: Sunday School, 10 am; Worship Service, 11 am. Sunday Night Meetings: Rainbows, 5:30 pm; Christ Seekers, 6:00 pm. Wednesday Night Meetings: Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Choir practice, 7:00 pm. Family Fellowship Time will be held each 3rd Sunday of the month. Handicap Accessible. Our email address is: Troutvillecob@hotmail.com.

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EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

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.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

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

Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Virginia Presbyterian Church

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Church of the Transfiguration

- 7624 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle, VA 24090; Fr. Zaverio "Xavier" Banasula. 473-2656. Saturday Mass at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8:30am; Christian formation after Mass on Sunday.

UNITED METHODIST

Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church- 3936 Beaver Dam Road, just off Springwood Road, Springwood. Rev. Morris A. Bennett. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. followed by Worship, 10 a.m.

Eagle Rock United Methodist Church - 14565 Church St. Eagle Rock 10:15 AM; Glen Wilton UMC, Main St. Glen Wilton, 9:00 AM; Shiloh UMC, Shiloh Rd. Eagle Rock, 11:15 AM. Pastor Ray Sandifer (540) 525-0258.

Fincastle United Methodist Church

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

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

- 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Pastor Samuel Plymale, 992-3030. Worship Times: Praise and Worship Service at 9:00, with Blended Worship which celebrates Communion on the first Sunday of every month, with music led by our Praise Band. Traditional Worship Service at 11:00am. Traditional worship often with presence of the choir--this service is live streamed and celebrates Communion on the first Sunday. Children and Youth Ministries meet for Sunday School at 10Am each Sunday! Shipyard Youth meets every Sunday 4 to 6pm unless we are doing a special monthly mission. Frogs and Tadpoles Childrens Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 to 6pm!

Trinity United Methodist Church

- 19637 Main St., Buchanan; Rev. Doug Mitchell, 254-2475 (O). Worship, 9:45AM, Sunday School 10:30 AM.

OBITUARIES

Gray, Vinson Lee

Vinson Lee "Vince" Gray, 80, of Roanoke went home to Lord on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

He was preceded by his parents, Ethel and Gladys Barker Gray; and a sister, Judy White.

Mr. Gray was a member of Edgewood Christian Church and retired from Norfolk Southern Corporation after 38 years of service. He was a volunteer at the Virginia Museum of Transportation and took great pride in the restoration of his 1957 Chevrolet BelAir.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Brenda Harper Gray; children, Brendon Lee Gray, Laura Gray Coe (Tracy), Kristi Gray Smith (Tony); grandchildren,



Grayson Bentley Coe (Brie), Chandler Lee Coe (Celine), and Easton Harper Coe (Maddie); great-granddaughter, Willow Rae Coe; and an adopted grandson, Derek Gansauer and fiancée, Sherrill Alsop.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Virginia Museum of Transportation 303 Norfolk Avenue Roanoke, 24016.

Funeral services were conducted 2 p.m. Sunday, August 25, 2024 at Simpson Funeral Home, Roanoke, by Sheldon Cosma. Interment was in Forest Chapel Cemetery Cloverdale. The family received friends from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, August 24, at Simpson Funeral Home, 540-366-0707.

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. Online registration is available at <https://events.nwtf.org/460391-2024>. Any questions, call Richard Pauley at (540) 254-2564.

- Botetourt Longbeards



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Reservations open Sept. 3 for hunting opportunities at Virginia State Parks

New managed hunt site at former Falkland Farms

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation manages Virginia State Parks which offer hunting opportunities each year to select parks. Managed hunts are a key tool in managing the deer population and herd health. Participating hunters are asked to support this effort by following harvest guidelines associated with each hunt.

New this year is a hunting opportunity near Staunton River State Park on what was formerly known as Falkland Farms.

All terms and conditions must be followed as safety is a key factor in hunting, especially at a Virginia State Park. Terms and conditions address weapon types that can be used, the amount of blaze orange to be worn and a required safety course. Find more information, including dates, hunt packets, and hunt maps, by visiting the website: <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/hunting>

Overarching Virginia State Parks Hunting Rules are listed below. Review additional Terms and Conditions per individual park in the hunt packets on the website.

camping is permitted only in designated areas.

- Virginia game laws apply in all designated hunting areas.

- Hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of all state park buildings and roads.

- Lottery and reservation hunts require proof of completion of a hunter safety course.

State law requires hunters to wear blaze orange or blaze pink. The minimum required by law is a blaze orange or blaze pink cap or vest; most managed hunts at state parks require a blaze orange or blaze pink vest, at a minimum, which is more than required by state regulations.

Hunting opportunities range from open hunting in designated areas to managed deer hunts. Hunters can also reserve stands or zones on a first-come, first-served basis using the online system.

To make a reservation, visit <https://reservaparks.com/Web/> to participate. All reservation hunts have a \$15 reservation fee. Hunters must have an email to create an account in order to reserve a hunting date and location. It is encouraged that you set up this account well

in advance before the reservation period opens, as it can take some time for the information to process.

The first hunt reservation will go live on Sept. 3 and then open individually per park throughout the rest of the month. The reservation period begins at 9 a.m. and interested participants can view a grid on the website for more details on hunt locations and dates. Each park may have special regulations so be sure to read all the information before making a reservation.

For those interested in applying for a hunting opportunity but do not have access to the internet, call 1-800-933-PARK (7275) and select option 5. Please be advised that customer service representatives may not have access to all the hunt details. Hunters are strongly encouraged to apply online for the best experience.

For more information about hunting opportunities and programs in Virginia State Parks, visit <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/hunting>.

- Va. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation

CHURCH NEWS

Bonsack UMC celebrating 150th Anniversary

In September, Bonsack United Methodist Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary. All are welcome to the special services, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

- September 8: Guest preacher, the Rev. Tim Craft; dedication of new playground (bring a lawn chair if you are able); light lunch provided

- September 15: Guest preacher, the Rev. Tim Tate, brunch provided

- September 22: Guest preacher, the Rev. Doug Forrester, Valley Ridge District Superintendent; special

music; lunch provided by Pastor Rob

- September 29: The Rev. Rob Lough will preach at the final 150th Anniversary celebration service, appetizers served after worship

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.

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.

SWCD offers cost share programs to farmers and homeowners

Mountain Castles Soil & Water Conservation District is accepting applications for agricultural, residential septic, and stormwater cost share programs. "Cost share" means the costs of each conservation practice are split between the individual and the district, with the soil and water district paying 50-100% of the costs. The final amount of cost share depends on several factors, including the type of conservation program and the length of the maintenance contract.

"Over the years, many local farmers have participated in stream exclusion practices, which fence livestock out of the stream and provide alternative watering sources," said Dan Naff, conservation technician for the district. "There are still lots of Botetourt County farms that could use this infrastructure, and we have the funding to make it happen." Other practices, such as planting cover crops, building a waste storage facility, and planting trees along streams are eligible for funding.

The Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) is a cost share program homeowners and businesses can use to address stormwater issues on their property, such as erosion, poor vegetative cover, and excessive runoff. Many VCAP projects incorporate native plants into the design. Examples of projects include rain gardens, conservation landscaping, and permeable pavement.

While the agricultural programs and VCAP are available to everyone in Botetourt County, the residential septic program is confined to homeowners living in the Roanoke River watershed: Blue Ridge, Cloverdale, Daleville, and parts of Troutville. The septic cost share program offers 50% or more reimbursement for septic tank pump outs, repairs, and replacement systems.

For more information, contact Dan Naff at (540) 580-8373, Tim Miller at (540) 797-0217, or visit <https://www.mountaincastles.org/>.

- SWCD

AARP Fraud Alert:

AARP Victim Support Group Promotion

Have you been affected by a scam? Know that you are not alone.

AARP Fraud Watch Network offers free emotional support sessions for people affected by fraud. Trained peer facilitators conduct hour-long small group online sessions. You can join by computer, tablet, or smartphone. Discussions are confidential. You are welcome to attend one session or several – it's your choice.

Experiencing a scam can be devastating, but it doesn't have to define you. Sign up for a session at aarp.org/fraudsupport and take an important step toward emotional recovery.

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



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you can stop a scam. 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 or call the dedicated helpline to speak to a fraud specialist at 877-908-3360.

- AARP

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Karen C. Young,
Funeral Director

Locally owned & operated by I. Ray & Bobbi Sloan

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Register now for First Bank Fall 5K and 10K

First Bank is now accepting registrations for its 38th Annual Fall Run to be held on Saturday, October 19. The race, featuring 5K and 10K events, winds through the historic Town of Fincastle. "Hosting the largest event held in the Town of Fincastle each year takes a great amount of teamwork among the community," said Todd Ross, Roanoke Valley Market president. "The race would not be possible without the support from Botetourt County Public Schools, the Town of Fincastle, our volunteers, and the race participants. We also want to thank Botetourt County and our first responders who help make this event a

success." Online registration is available through RunSignUp.com. Everyone who registers by the October 5 early registration is guaranteed one of the custom long-sleeve shirts featuring a new design each year. The cost to enter is \$15 for students age 17 and under and \$35 for adults 18 and older who register prior to October 5. After October 5, all registrations are \$40. First Bank also announces the addition of a Pup Run/Walk. The registration for a friendly pup is \$10 with any paid adult runner registration. Pups will receive a bandana for participating. Dog biscuits and water bowls will be available along

the race course. The First Bank Fall Run starts at 9 a.m., beginning at Central Academy Middle School, extending through the Town of Fincastle, and ending back at Central Academy for an awards ceremony and refreshments. Custom medals and trophies are also presented to the top individual; first, second, and third place runners in adult and youth age groups; as well as runners who compete in elementary, middle school, high school, and open teams. "We always look forward to the excitement among all the runners, but especially the elementary school teams

who compete for trophies for their school," said Ross. First Bank presents \$2,000 in scholarships each year to students from James River and Lord Botetourt who have participated in a previous Fall Run. The 2024 recipients were Drew Whitson of James River High School and Erna Dietrich from Lord Botetourt. For additional information about the First Bank Fall run, email 5k10krun@fbvirginia.com or visit https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Fincastle/FirstBankFallRun.

- First Bank

Town and Country Women's Club earns national recognition

The General Federation of Women's Clubs held its 2024 Annual Convention in Chicago, Ill., June 29-July 1. More than 1,000 participants turned out for the convention whose theme was "Sparkle, Shine, Succeed." Along with several expert guest speakers, there were educational workshops and networking events. Many awards and recognitions were given to individual ladies, clubs, regions, and states for their volunteer work, fundraising, and in-kind donations throughout the 2022-2024 GFWC administration. At the convention, the GFWC Botetourt Town and Country Women's Club was recognized nationally for its Community Impact Project and awarded \$2,500 to be used to continue the members' community efforts. The club was also recognized most recently at the GFWC Virginia Summer

Conference in Blacksburg for this national award. The members of the Botetourt club worked alongside the Botetourt Historical Society, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department, neighbors, the Fincastle mayor and council, Historic Fincastle, Daughters of the American Revolution, Countywide League, Preservation Botetourt, and the Virginia State Garden Club to prepare an 1871 house for the relocation of the Botetourt County Historical Museum. Club members cleaned and painted every room of the house, supplied recycled packing materials for moving over 6,000 artifacts, and prepared food for workers and events held at the museum. The club also donated a microwave, refrigerator, cabinets, furnishings, and



Grace Tesoro (right) receiving monetary award from GFWC Virginia Past President Bonnie Rosemond



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GFWC BOTETOURT TOWN AND COUNTRY WOMEN'S CLUB. Grace Tesoro (left) accepting recognition from GFWC Virginia Past President Bonnie Rosemond at the GFWC Virginia Summer Conference

American and Virginia flags. Club members Ann Layman and Beth Pappas led this two-year project.

- Town and Country Women's Club

Fincastle Festival

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their way to freedom." The structure of the ceilings is curved to help support the weight of the concrete floor. This building served as the jail until the "new jail" was built in the mid-1960s. Since that time, it has been the home of the Fincastle Library, storage for the Christmas lights for the town and

the Chamber of Commerce of Botetourt County had offices on the first floor at one time. Caroline and Donald Naysmith are the present proprietors of this property. The gift shop is now open on Fridays (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) and Saturdays (11 a.m.-4 p.m.) thanks to many volunteers who

are helping the Naysmiths so they can continue work on their other restoration project in Fincastle (Aspen Hill on Main Street). To see a video on Caroline and Donald Naysmith and the Old Jail (take a tour through the building) go to YouTube.com and search for Caroline and

Donald Naysmith - Botetourt County Storytellers Series. The Old Jail Gift Shop will be open on Saturday, September 28 for the Historic Fincastle Festival.

- HFI

Gunsmiths

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an essential tool of life in the time. They provided protection and food. Guns were always near and always ready as life in that day was wrought with many uncertainties. In many situations, the rifle, loaded with a charge of black powder and a patched round ball, became a key to survival. It is often said, "If only these rifles could talk, the stories they could tell." In the image provided, the top rifle has a barrel, trigger guard, and patch box that are in the style of John Sites's craftsmanship. The quarterfoil finial of the patch box is a common Virginia feature and is

frequently found on Sites rifles and is not typical of Painter rifles. The barrel of the Sites top rifle is signed in script, "John Sites." If one looks closely and at the lines of that rifle, one will find similarities to the lower rifle made by and signed by John Painter. The conclusion is unmistakable. The top rifle was originally made by Sites but somehow, on some day, and under unknown circumstances, the rifle stock was damaged or broken beyond repair but yet the components were still functional so the owner took the broken rifle to John Painter with a request to repair, restore, or re-stock it. What might have happened is unknown but it was most likely after Sites had left for Missouri and Painter's shop was perhaps the only place such repairs could be made. Painter was probably the last of the "old time" gun makers still working in the county at that time. The cause of the Sites gun's damage can only be left to speculation, but imaginations have run wild for

well over a century. The gun may have been used as a club to defend the owner after his only shot missed its intended target. The owner may have fallen off his horse and rolled down an embankment while in pursuit of game or maybe while fleeing unsavory characters that were set upon doing him harm. Or, it simply may have been burned in a campfire by accident. It will likely remain a mystery. However the gun might have been damaged, John Painter became the one to put it back in usable condition. Fortunately, both of these rifles found their way into the hands of residents who would wish to preserve them so they may stand as a tribute to Botetourt County's past. John Painter and John Sites, together again in 2024.

- Fincastle Herald staff report

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, or submit comments through the online form on our website at 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.

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

TVFD

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members who knew scholarships for this particular discipline or major are few and far between," Simmons shared. "Like myself, I went to James Madison (University). I started out in engineering and then got on the fire department and learned about emergency management. There were no scholarships specifically for the emergency management program. "So, we talked about how to do different types of fundraisers, how to give back to the community that does really good in supporting us, and try to increase volunteerism but also the education in the field for the people that are doing this as a career or on the volunteer side. All of those (discussions) kind of led to (us coming up with a way to) support high school students as they go on and hopefully build themselves better to build the communities they serve better." In 2019, the scholarship fund was established. Scholarships are offered to county seniors who plan to pursue First Responder training, degree, or certification after graduation. In addition, First Responders in Botetourt County may apply for financial assistance if enrolled in a two- or four-year First Responder degree program. TVFD will provide golfers with lunch, all-you-can-eat snacks and beverages of all types, door prizes, a 50/50

Stockyard Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

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Graded Steers

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| 400-499 | \$258.00 |
| 500-599 | \$245.00 |
| 600-699 | \$211.00 |

Graded Bulls

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| 400-499 | \$269.00 |
| 500-599 | \$249.00 |

Graded Heifers

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| 400-499 | \$251.00 |
| 500-599 | \$232.00 |
| 600-599 | \$226.00 |

Kill Cows

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Kill Bulls

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NOTICE
 Botetourt County governmental offices, libraries and the landfill station will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024, in observance of Labor Day.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Public Auction

PUBLIC NOTICE
The contents of the listed unit will be sold at Public Auction August 30, 2024 at 11am at 1st Security Self Storage 5 Midway Plaza Dr. Christiansburg, VA. **D042**
1st Security reserves the right to refuse any bid. Terms: CASH OR CREDIT CARD AT SALE.

For Sale

FOR SALE
Two burial plots for sale at Roseland Memorial Gardens \$1700 each 540.392.5059

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24-183**
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA, Petitioner, case No. CL24-183
OSCAR R. MARTIN V. MRS. R.R. WEST VIRGINIA OLIVIER V. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FERDINAND RORER, DOE. HOUSTON, LOUIS A. SCHOLZ, HENRY SCHOLZ, M.M. ROGERS, HENRY SCHOLZ, JR., WILLIAM SCHOLZ, SUSIE S. WEAVER, LOUIS A. SCHOLZ 11, WALTER A. SCHOLZ, JR., MARGARET SCHOLZ, JENNIFER SCHOLZ, JOHN SCHOLZ, BRENDA SCHOLZ, AND MARY SCHOLZ, ET AL.; JAMES MCPHERSON V. BESSIE DOSS; STEWART E. BOWE V. CRAIG CITY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY; WITHROW MARTIN LEE, ET AL. V. N.E. CALDWELL, ET AL.; STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER V. MAGGIE S. RENOLDS, ET AL.; HARRY W. KESSLER, JR. V. CLYDE M. ROACH, HENRY ROACH, JR., RONNIE NEWMAN, SHERRY PLASTERS, DEBBIE STUTLER, DANIEL NEWMAN, MERLE WOODS, NANCY CECIL, CHARLOTTE WOOD GORDON, ROBERT MURRAY, RUSSELL SMITH, IDA LEE SMITH, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT J. REYNOLDS; GROVER T. HUFFMAN, ADMINISTRATOR FOR B.W. CARPER, DECEASED V. VIOLET CLAPSADDLE, ET AL.; MARY B. LITTLE, ET AL. V. WILBUR STAKES, ET AL.; JAMES L. PAITSEL, SR. AND SARAH B. GRAHAM, CO-EXECUTORS OF ELOISE G. CRAFT ESTATE V. D.F. HOUSTON; IN RE: ESTATE OF W.E. MILLS; EDITH HALL V. JOHN DEMPSEY ROACH, ET AL.; LESLIE ALBERT; CLARA ALFORD; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE BRITT M BROWN, ET AL.; J.E. BRYAN; FLORA BUGG; GEORGE BUGG; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LAW G. CARPER; CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; VIOLET CROWDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF J. DUDDING; EPPERLY V. LOONEY; EVELYN GOODWIN; ETHEL JENNINGS; ALBERTA JOHNSON; ERNEST JOHNSON; MARY MAE PEYTON; ESTATE OF MINERVA REYNOLDS; ROBERT SARVER; SUE STRINGFELLOW; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ADAM TAYLOR; D.B. TROUTT; VIRGINIA HIGHWAY V. SIXEAS; PAMALA YOUNG, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to disburse funds held by the General Receiver of the Circuit Court, which funds have been held by the General Receiver for more than one year and remain unclaimed. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be

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nonresidents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who hold an interest in the funds but are unknown, including the unknown heirs, successors and assigns of the individuals named herein and their predecessors in title, who have been made parties and given notice by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before October 7, 2024, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered: 8/1/2024 Sharon P. Oliver, Circuit Court Clerk, County of Craig, Virginia

I Ask For This: Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009 (540) 260-9011 (540) 260-0022 (facsimile)

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24-231**
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Plaintiff(s),

V. ESTATE OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY Defendant(s).

Case No.: CL24-231
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Petitioner, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC ("Commonwealth"), by counsel, and upon its Affidavit of Order of Publication requesting an Order of Publication, and IT APPEARING that the object of this suit is quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066 ("Subject Property"); and IT APPEARING that Wanda P. McKinney, the record owner of the Property, is deceased and no estate has been opened or List of Heirs or Real Estate Affidavit filed in the land records of this Court; and IT APPEARING that due diligence has been used to locate Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney or the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney ("McKinney Parties Unknown"); and IT APPEARING that the last known address for Wanda P. McKinney is 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and IT APPEARING that it is timely and appropriate that this Court enter an Order allowing for service upon the Defendants be completed pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 by Order of Publication in a newspaper with general circulation in and published in and approved by the Circuit Court for Botetourt, Virginia, and it is therefore,

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that an ORDER OF PUBLICATION, be and hereby is to be published in *The Fincastle Herald* once a week for four successive weeks in order to perfect service upon Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that all Defendants be placed on notice that a Petition is pending in the Circuit Court of Botetourt, Virginia, namely *Specialized Loan Servicing UC v. Estate of Wanda P. McKinney, et al.*, to quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that McKinney Parties Unknown must on or before the 18th day of October, 2024, make known to this Court any objection they may have to the Complaint, and claim any defenses to the pending action otherwise an order will be entered in favor of Plaintiff, and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court send notice of this service to Defendants Estate of

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Wanda P. McKinney and Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney at the last known of address of Wanda P. McKinney, 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that *The Fincastle Herald* shall file an affidavit of publication with the Clerk of this Court attesting to the dates of publication, attesting that the notice was published at least once a week for four successive weeks.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2024.

Joel R Branscom, Judge of the Botetourt County Circuit Court

We ask for this: SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Thomas Hodge, VSB #42862 Sara Tusse , VSB #79826 Jeff Fox, VSB#50986 ROSENBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 Telephone: 301.907.8000 Facsimile: 301.907.8101 Sara.Tussey@rosenberg-assoc.com Thomas.Hodge@rosenberg-assoc.com Counsel for Plaintiff

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY

8415 Flag Lane, Roanoke, VA 24019

Tax Map No. 106-191, Parcel ID 30488

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated November 13, 2020, in the principal amount of \$115,548.92, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 200005614, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Botetourt County Circuit Court, 1 W. Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, on September 12, 2024 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Botetourt County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:~

Beginning at the intersection of the extreme southern corner of Tax Parcel No. 106-193, of the western corner of Tax Parcel No. 106-194, and the extreme northern corner of the property herein conveyed thence proceeding S. 47 degs. 15' 00" E. 234.50 feet to a point; thence S. 36 degs. 54' 23" W. 105.89 feet to a point; thence N. 47 degs. 15' 00" W. 245.21 feet to a point; thence N. 42 degs. 42' 42" E. 105.34 feet to the place of BEGINNING and containing 0.5801 acres, as more fully shown on "Resurvey for Anthony W. Smith Showing Tax No. 106-191 located along Flag Lane", dated November 3, 2019, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, with the Deed in Instrument No. 200003069, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference hereto. TOGETHER WITH a fifteen (15) foot non-exclusive, appurtenant, right of way over Flag Lane as more fully shown on the aforesaid plat of survey.

TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.

WOODS ROGERS VANDEVENTER BLACK PLC, Substitute Trustee

For Information Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

THE DAMON COMPANY OF SALEM, INC., trading as SHREWD OUTDOORS, 201 E. MAIN ST, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application -Restaurant, Wine, Beer, consumed On

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and Off Premises Wine and Beer, license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

LAVEN NEWSOM, VICE PRESIDENT

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

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Applications received by 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 2, 2024 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

EEO/AA Employer

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

at its regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, to amend the existing special exception permit to allow for a second elementary educational facility on the property located at 101 Corporate Boulevard (Tax Map # 117-2-1). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

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

Legals - City of Salem

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

at its regular meeting on September 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider amending Chapter 106 - Zoning, Article IV – Development Standards, Section 106-406.25 of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to storage containers.

2. Consider amending Chapter 106 – Zoning, Article II - District Regulations, Section 106-214 – Highway Business District, Section 106-214.2(B)(5) – permitted uses; Article III - Use and Design Standards, Section 106-310 – Commercial Uses, Section 106-310.25; Article VI - Definitions and Use Types, Section 106-600 – Definitions, Section 106-602.9 - Commercial Use Types, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, pertaining to retail sales, smoke shops.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001203-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* AMBER LEE, KANE GALLIMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR. It is ORDERED that KALEB WARREN GALLIMORE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 11, 2024. JULY 30, 2024. K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication Case No. 24-JA-79 and 24-JA-80 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NICHOLAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In the Matter of: **Case Number: 24-JA-79 and 24-JA-80**
S. L., and E. L., Nathan Lovern, father of S. L., and E. L. and Ashleigh Powell, mother of said infants, (The object of this action is to notify the adult respondent parents of an Adjudicatory /Disposition / Termination of Parental Rights Hearing scheduled herein so that said adult respondents may appear to protect their interests.)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING(S)
TO: Nathan Lovern, Father of S. L., and E. L., You are hereby notified that abuse and/or neglect and/or abandonment petitions have been filed with the Circuit Court of Nicholas County, West Virginia, and assigned case numbers 24-JA-79 and 24-JA-80, where the father of the infants S. L. and E. L., is Ashleigh Powell and the father of the infants S. L. and E. L., is Nathan Lovern. A Preliminary Hearing/Adjudicatory Hearing/Termination Hearing will be held in this matter on the 26th day of September 2024 at 1:45 p.m., in the courtroom of the Nicholas County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Summersville, West Virginia, 26651. You and each of you are hereby notified that you have the right to have counsel present at all stages of these proceedings and ALL SUCH PROCEEDINGS

Legals - Montgomery County

payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season.

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Applications received by 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 2, 2024 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201 Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

EEO/AA Employer

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 child, Lawson George Dennis. 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 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. 10, 2024 at 8:30 am.

AUGUST 5, 2024 RUBY STUMP, CLERK

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Legals - City of Radford

CAN RESULT IN THE PERMANENT TERMINATION OF CUSTODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILDREN. Accordingly, you and each of you who may have an interest in these proceedings must attend and may make such defense as you shall deem advisable on or before the date and time aforesaid, or termination of your custodial and parental rights may be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Nicholas County, West Virginia, at the Nicholas County Courthouse, Summersville, West Virginia. STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION BY: /s/ JASMINE R. H. MORTON ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR NICHOLAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATE BAR ID NO.: 11348

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 – 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

Help Wanted

Help Wanted: Join the Valcom Team!
Valcom, a leader in voice paging, intercom, and emergency notification systems, is seeking dedicated individuals to join our production team. Be part of a company that's redefining communication and saving lives worldwide! We have positions available in hand soldering, product assembly, printed circuit board testing, metal fabrication, and more.

Open Interviews!
When: Starting Thursday, August 8th, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Continuing: Every Tuesday and Thursday through August 29th from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Where: Valcom Facility in Roanoke (address below)
Production Work Schedule: Monday - Thursday, 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mandatory overtime on Fridays is common during the summer and fall.

Benefits: Full-time employees eligible after 90 days for our full benefits program, which also includes retirement contribution and employee ownership! Requirements: Must have excellent attendance, ability to work mandatory overtime, great communication skills, problem solving skills, work collaboratively with team members and be adaptable. Some positions require previous experience in a similar role. Those hired will be required to pass a pre-employment background check and drug test. Can't make the open interviews? Fax or email your resume and cover letter. VALCOM 5614 Hollins Rd. Roanoke, VA 24019 Fax 540-767-1543 hr@valcom.com

Botetourt Retired Educators meet September 9

The Botetourt Retired Educators will meet on Monday, September 9, at the Family Life Center, Fincastle United Methodist Church, 137 South Church Street, Fincastle. All retired school personnel living in the area are invited to participate. Dues (\$35) may be paid at any meeting.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 11 a.m. The women of the church will provide lunch at a cost of \$18. Donations of paper products, personal care items and pet food will be collected for the Botetourt Food Pantry.

Current members should receive an email or a phone call about the meeting. Anyone interested in attending the meeting should contact Susan Martin (susanmartin730@gmail.com or 540-473-2636) by Tuesday, September 3. New members always welcome.

- Botetourt Retired Educators

Chicken barbecue at Buchanan Moose Lodge September 7

Buchanan Moose Lodge 2182 will have a chicken barbecue fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 7. Serving will begin at 1 p.m. The meal will consist of a chicken half, green beans, macaroni salad, and a roll for \$15; desserts extra.

Proceeds will go to help fund future charities that the Moose helps support.

Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Call 540-537-3357 or 540-537-3373 for tickets or information.

- Buchanan Moose Lodge



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Botetourt Rotary visits LAP Shelter

Botetourt Rotary Club members visited the League for Animal Protection (LAP) Shelter in Fincastle on August 21 for a tour and meet-and-greet with all the cats and dogs at the shelter. Anita Aaron (front, right) is the president of the Rotary Club and treasurer for the LAP. The group brought many needed items for the shelter. "It was a super afternoon and lobby dog Henry appreciated all the attention," said Shelter Director Pat Shaver.

- Botetourt Rotary Club

Botetourt Chorus beginning rehearsals for fall concert

The Botetourt County Chorus will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 9 at Ebenezer United Methodist Church at 85 Nace Road, Troutville at 7 p.m. All singers are welcome. There are no auditions.

The fall concert will be held on November 17, under the direction of Stephen Harris and accompanist Naomi Rock. The title of the fall concert will be "Giving Thanks." Anyone interested is invited to join the

chorus. For more information, contact Faye Bolt at 540-798-4049 or Kristie Claytor at 540-556-1563.

- Botetourt County Chorus

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perfectly predictable as well, with Edger-Jones and Powell having the pleasing chemistry I knew they'd have. Of the characters that survive among

Kate, Tyler, Javi, and Tyler's colorful team, I wouldn't mind seeing these characters in more movies. I'm sure the filmmakers can come up with more creative

storm scenarios. For now, this was exactly the movie I expected it to be, but I had a reasonably good time watching very bad weather.

Grade: B-

Twisters is rated PG-13 for intense action and peril, some

language and injury images. Its running time is 117 minutes, opening at the Buchanan Theatre this weekend beginning Friday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m.

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come back from any losses there. If the drought would have been a little bit more severe, there would have been some other programs that would've kicked in based on the (U.S.) Drought Monitor."

A lot of the country's disaster relief programs are triggered from the U.S. Drought Monitor, according to Johnson. The monitor states that eight consecutive weeks of "D2 (Severe Drought)" or

any time "D3 (Extreme Drought)" classifications are the beginning trigger for most of the disaster programs.

Botetourt County was in four weeks of "D2" this summer, but not enough to

trigger additional USDA relief programs, Johnson mentioned. As of August 22, Botetourt is in "D0" of abnormally dry classification, with the northern part of the county in "D1," moderate drought.



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Cavaliers tune up for Friday's season opening football game at home against E.C. Glass.

Busy week as fall sports seasons open

The Lord Botetourt and James River football, volleyball and cross country seasons all open this week as the Virginia High School League fall schedule gets underway.

The two local volleyball teams were scheduled to play each other on Tuesday at Lord Botetourt. On Thursday the James River girls go to Bassett and next Tuesday, September 3, River and LB go head-to-head again in Springwood.

On Thursday of this week both cross country teams hit the trail for the first time. Both will be participating in the "Bengal Clash" at the Smith River Sports Complex in Martinsville. The event is hosted by Bassett High.

On Friday fans are ready for some football with LB opening at home against E.C. Glass and James River heading to Buffalo Gap. Both had scrimmages last week in their final tune-ups for the real deal, with Lord Botetourt scrimmaging at Jefferson Forest and River hosting Rockbridge County.

"We did alright," said LB coach Jamie Harless. "We had a few more penalties than I like, but we'll get that cleaned up this week."

The game with Glass this Friday is

one of the best matchups in the Roanoke Valley. Last year the Hilltoppers won the game in Lynchburg, 14-7, and LB lost just one more regular season game and went to the second round of the playoffs in Region 3D. Glass went to the Region 4D final before losing to Salem.

"Playing a good team early helps you find out about yourself," said Harless. "Glass is a very good team and a much larger school."

River is off to Buffalo Gap, a team the Knights edged 13-12 in their opener at home last year. The Bison are running a single-wing offense this season.

"They don't run it like Giles, but it's something we rarely see," said River coach Tim Jennings. "We only found out last week they're running that offense and it's hard to prepare for. As long as we can do what we do, we'll be fine."

The Knights' running game looked good in last week's scrimmage with Rockbridge, rolling up over 500 yards between the varsity and junior varsity teams.

Look for a preview of all the fall sports team for LB and River in a special section of this week's The Fincastle Herald.

Floyd marches on at River course



Elizabeth Johnson of James River chips to the green.

PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

The Three Rivers District golfers played the Pete Dye River Course in a match hosted by Radford High last week and the Floyd County team continued to dominate. The Buffaloes shot a team score 315 to finish 16 strokes better than second place Radford.

Floyd has won every

round of the Three Rivers regular season tour thus far with the golfers scheduled to tee it up at Roanoke County's Hanging Rock Golf Club this Thursday. Just 16 strokes separated the next five teams as Alleghany was third at 358, followed by Carroll County at 363, Glenvar at 369, James River

at 370, and Patrick County brought up the rear with a 374.

River's low score was an 80 by Mason Gilliland, followed closely by Landon Bolling at 81. Playing just four golfers, Mason Francis shot 93 and Elizabeth Johnson carded 116 for the Knights.

Lord Botetourt pulling away in Blue Ridge golf regular season

After two rounds the Lord Botetourt golfers are threatening to run away and hide in the Blue Ridge District regular season of "mini-matches." The Cavaliers had the low score for the second week at Franklin County's Copper Cove on August 20.

The Cavaliers shot a team score of 299 to outscore host Franklin County by 21 strokes. Northside was third at 339, followed by William Byrd at 345 and Staunton River at 347.

After 36 holes Lord Botetourt now leads by 52 strokes with a total of 593. Franklin County is second at 645 and Byrd retained third place and is now at 664.

LB's Alisa Davidova was medalist for

the second week in a row. She shot one-under-par 71 to win the round with Nick Messenger of Franklin County finishing second with 73. LB had the next three low scores with Aidan Mitchell at 74, Hayden Firestone at 76 and Jeremy Simmons at 78. Davidova, Simmons and Mitchell own the top three spots in the season race after two rounds.

"We have a good lead but we want to play better golf each week," said Cavalier coach Todd Smith.

This week the tour was scheduled to stop at Hanging Rock in Roanoke County on Tuesday. Next Tuesday, September 3, the golfers are at Blue Hills.

Wooldridge was a Roanoke Valley great

A sports column by Brian Hoffman

The Roanoke Valley sports family lost a great friend last week when Dan Wooldridge passed at the age of 90 on August 20. He was a larger than life figure in the valley who touched lives in many walks of life.

The thing you heard most when Dan's name came up was that "he was a good guy." I know every time I saw him he had a big smile and friendly "how are you doin', Hoops?" that was warm and sincere.

Dan came from humble beginnings, growing up in foster care, to become one of the most respected basketball officials in the country. When former Duke coaching legend Mike Krzyzewski came to the Cregger Center in Salem to see his grandson play in December of 2022, he visited with Dan and shared memories of past games. Dan refereed many games RC legend Charlie Moir coached, and Charlie's son Page, who also coached Roanoke, knew Dan well.

"So many things to say about Dan, but what an amazing life and legacy," said Page. "I first knew Dan as an accomplished official, doing Roanoke College games, as well as being recognized as one of the best in the nation for many years. No doubt that our region has an extraordinary number of officials that have made a positive mark on a national stage that got their start and were nurtured along by Dan.

"Of course, we all recognize him as the driving force behind the creation of the ODAC, and along with Carey Harveycutter, the reason Salem is the City of Champions. His vision and network have created a legacy in our region that is absolutely incredible.

"And more than all this," Page added, "he was a good man, and enjoyable to be around."

Of the many aspects of Dan's sports life, his work with the Old Dominion Athletic Conference is among the tops in the Roanoke Valley. Current Commissioner Brad Bankston worked with Dan for many years before succeeding him as commissioner.

"Dan set the foundation for the ODAC and provided the energy to create a Division III athletic conference that will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next academic year," said Bankston. "His love for sports and our membership was infectious. This past winter was the first time I can remember that he was not sitting at the end of the press table watching the entire set of games. His love for the league will be missed greatly.

"Dan did a lot of things behind the scenes. One of the common themes you will hear from people is, 'Dan gave me my start.' That could have been in officiating, athletics administration, insurance sales, teaching, etc. He was always connecting and building relationships throughout his professional career. He provided that opportunity to me when I started working for the conference out of graduate school. It was his belief in me that placed me in a role I have cherished since our introduction in the mid-1990s.

"He was a great mentor. There will be a void in my personal and professional life moving forward. His counsel and support was always there."

A graduate of Lynchburg College, Dan played multiple sports for the Hornets and is a member of the Lynchburg College Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and was a co-founder and Hall of Fame honoree of the Western Virginia Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was involved in numerous

civic organizations in the Roanoke Valley and he and his wife, Nancy, were friends to many.

"Dan was just a great friend to me personally and to Salem," said Carey Harveycutter, director of the Salem Civic Center for many years. "Without Dan Wooldridge and his vision I really do not think Salem would be as strong as we are in sports marketing. It was Dan's idea to hold the ODAC Basketball Championship in Salem. First it was just the men then, when women's sports entered the NCAA, we also hosted the women's championship. The NCAA Basketball Championship would never have found its way to Salem had the city and the Salem Rotary Club not presented an outstanding championship."

Dan was also credited with bringing the NCAA Division III championship Stagg Bowl to Salem.

"The Stagg Bowl was Dan's idea from day one," said Harveycutter. "He had been a referee at the game in Phenix City, Ala., and thought the valley could do it better. He first went to Roanoke, then when nothing happened, came to us, starting with Mayor Jim Taliaferro. The rest is history.

"Dan worked diligently for many years to make our championships the best imaginable for the student

athletes."

Wooldridge's life in sports may be unsurpassed among people who passed through the Roanoke Valley. He officiated college basketball for 23 years, highlighted by 21 years in the ACC and 13 NCAA postseason tournaments. He represented the United States as one of two American basketball officials at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal and the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow prior to the American boycott.

He also officiated NCAA Division I Football in the Southern Conference for 26 years, became the first Commissioner of the Old Dominion Athletic Association, and served as Supervisor of Basketball Officiating for the Colonial Athletic Association and Supervisor of Football Officiating for the Big East Conference.

He coached high school baseball and football at William Fleming. He played minor league baseball for the Salem Pirates. He coached American Legion Baseball. You wonder how he got all this done in just 90 years!! He was truly an extraordinary man and we were so blessed to have had him pass our way.

A celebration of Dan's and his late wife Nancy's lives will be held at the Antrim Chapel at Roanoke College this Saturday, August 31.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Dan Wooldridge, an icon in Roanoke Valley sports, passed last week.