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Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond (left) introduced the police department's newest employee, Officer Brandon Settles, to Vinton Town Council at their meeting on January 19 (via Zoom).

Town Council plows through busy agenda

Vinton Town Council held its regular meeting on January 19 via Zoom. Police Chief Fabricio Drumond introduced new police officer Brandon Settles. Settles, 26, grew up in Bedford County and graduated from Staunton River High School in 2013. He has served as a volunteer firefighter in Roanoke County for about five years.

"I really enjoy serving and continuing to keep my community a great place to

live," Settles said. He lives in the Cave Spring area with his girlfriend Jacklynne and their three pets. Settles is currently in his second week of training at Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy.

"I am honored to be part of such an outstanding police department in the Town of Vinton," Settles said. Chief Drumond recognized Settles.

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Our Daily Bread now open in Vinton



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Our Daily Bread held its official grand opening in Vinton on January 19 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, town officials, and Our Daily Bread employees in attendance. Co-owners are Abigail Lawton and her husband Ruben Becerril (center of photo).

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Constructed in 1955, the building formerly housed Asia Gourmet and, before that, Barbecue Grill. At one time, CPA Joe Bush had his offices in the building. Bush was vice mayor of Vinton and a prominent local businessman who passed away suddenly at age 43, leading his friends and colleagues to rename the building in his honor. Our Daily Bread is leasing the property

from attorney Bruce Mayer, who purchased the property in 2005.

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Hemp Mill celebrates two years in Vinton, Part 2

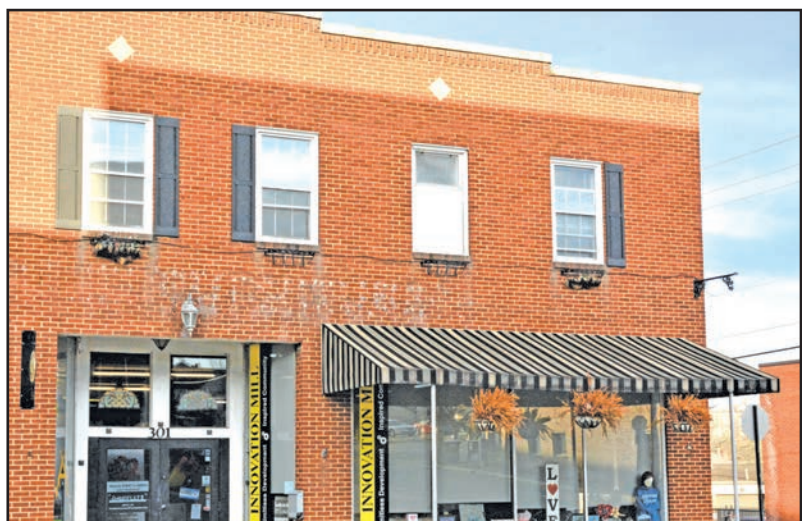


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The Hemp Mill has been located on Pollard Street in Vinton since 2018, part of The Advancement Foundation (TAF) Innovation Mill.

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Asked why she chose to grow her business in the midst of the pandemic, Lawton explained, "While expanding during the pandemic is not optimal, we have been considering a new location in Vinton for several years and when the opportunity became available, we decided that we would go ahead with the plans.

"We have always been interested in downtown Vinton," Lawton said. "When the Bush Building came available, we knew it would be the perfect new location."

According to its website, Our Daily Bread Bakery & Bistro was "established in 1980 and has steadily grown from a small bakery into a patisserie, bistro, and caterer."

The menu at the Vinton location will closely resemble the one at the Brambleton Our Daily Bread. Breakfast features over a dozen different types of omelettes, along with pancakes, crepes, waffles, French toast, quesadillas, several varieties of eggs Benedict. Breakfast is served all day.

The lunch menu features hot and cold sandwiches, including the "Vinton Steak and Cheese," salads, and "Chef Special Lunch Entrees" such as Caprese Balsamic Chicken, Pesto Salmon, the Pimento Cheeseburger, and Steak Diane.

Both dine-in and take-out are available.

"Breakfast and lunch menus will be very close to the Brambleton offerings," said Lawton. "We will not be doing dinners at the Vinton location, but we are planning on doing 'reheatable' family dinners 'to go' that can be picked up before we close at 3 p.m."

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Peters will serve as Board of Supervisors chair



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROANOKE COUNTY

Jason Peters, who represents the Vinton Magisterial District on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, has been named chairman for 2021. He was chosen at the board's organizational meeting on January 12.

Peters is now in his second term on the board. He previously served as chairman in 2015 and 2016. His first term began on January 1, 2014. His current term expires on December 31, 2021.

Peters is a graduate of William Byrd High School. He is employed as a Banking Officer at First Citizens Bank. He is a Lifetime member of the Vinton First Aid Crew, serving the community since 1992.

"I am honored to serve as chairman of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors again," Peters said. "In 2021, I want to continue our support of our county and town businesses as we continue to pray that CO-

VID relief is near. I want to also focus on economic development to increase job growth in the region. Cardinal Glass was a good start."

On January 7, Peters participated in the ribbon-cutting for completion of an \$8 million expansion project at Cardinal Glass in the Vinton Business Center.

"We are also working on a plan to change our compensation for our police, fire/rescue, and sheriff deputies," said Peters. "The past year has been a challenging for public safety and our board is committed to doing our part."

David Radford, who represents the Windsor Hills District, was named vice chairman.

Other members of the board are Paul Mahoney of the Cave Spring District, Martha Hooker representing the Catawba District, and Phil North of the Hollins District.



Debbie Custer is the owner of the Hemp Mill in Vinton.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Kelly Willis says hemp products have improved her quality of life after a horrendous automobile accident.

WBHS Terrier Spotlight of the Week



Carla Hatfield



Ryan Adams



Krista Martin



Jason Taylor

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Each school week, the administrators at William Byrd High School recognize faculty and staff members for their wonderful contributions to our students and community with the Terrier Spotlight of the Week.

The first Terrier Spotlight of the Week announced on January 15 is Carla Hatfield. Affectionately known as “Dylan’s Mom” (Dylan is our Top Terrier for 2020-2021) around the school, this “Top Terrier” mom is equally worth celebrating. The former English-teacher-turned-librarian has been a huge part of our success this school year. She has tutored students during Help Days, guided student research in the library, proctored

numerous SOL tests, and laminated roughly 20 years’ worth of Mr. Galbreath’s instructional materials. Through it all, Mrs. Hatfield has been a great sport and a wonderful team player. And in case you’re wondering, she is indeed related to the Hatfields from the infamous Hatfield and McCoy family feud. So, while she may seem kind, I don’t suggest getting on her bad side anytime soon! Thank you again, Mrs. Hatfield, for all of your hard work this school year.

Next up is another new member to William Byrd High School, Ryan Adams. The recent Virginia Tech graduate has brought his talents to Vinton, and our students are reaping the

rewards from it. Being a first-year teacher is never easy, and the challenges this year have made it even more difficult, but Mr. Adams has risen to the occasion! Apart from killing it in the classroom, Mr. Adams enjoys cooking and baking in his free time. And now that the Science Department knows this, they will be expecting tasty baked goods once the pandemic is over. Once again, thank you Mr. Adams, for all that you do for our students!

Our next Terrier Spotlight of the Week is Krista Martin. Mrs. Martin teaches Algebra I and II and serves as the Terriers swim coach. A fun and adorable fact about Mrs. Martin is that she

met her husband in 9th grade, sitting in the exact same classroom that she teaches in today. If that’s not a made-for-TV Hallmark movie storyline, then I don’t know what is! Whether it’s teaching in the classroom that she first caught feelings in, or pushing her swimmers to reach their full potential, Mrs. Martin does it all with a passion and enthusiasm that you can’t help but appreciate! Thank you again for all that you do to support our students and athletes.

Our final Terrier Spotlight is one of the most calm, relaxed, and gentle souls you’ll ever meet—our wonderful athletic director, Jason Taylor. While those who know him best may

not use those same adjectives to describe him, he has certainly had to cultivate these traits to navigate the ever-changing guidelines for high school athletics this year. Through all the obstacles and unknowns, one thing has remained constant: his commitment to our coaches and student athletes. As we inch closer to beginning our first competitive play since the COVID outbreak, Mr. Taylor deserves a great deal of credit and respect. Thank you, Mr. Taylor, for always supporting and advocating for the student athletes of William Byrd!

By the Administrative Team at William Byrd High School

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fellow Christian Americans,
This letter was dated January 7, 2021.

As I have watched the election events of the past few months play out, my heart has been deeply saddened. Yesterday’s events have broken it. As a history teacher who holds a Master’s in Education and in History, I am certain that this is not what our Founding Fathers worked so hard to establish! And it is not pleasing to God! What I see happening in America now is all too reminiscent of what occurred before the Civil War. Have we learned nothing?

Everyone wants to lay the blame for the disastrous state our nation and government is in at someone else’s doorstep. The liberal left blames the radical right. The radical right blames the liberal left. Conservatives blame the liberals and moderates. Then there are the Never-Trumpers and the Ever-Trumpers. Everyone is shouting so loudly that they can’t hear what anyone is saying. And, consequently, nothing ever gets solved. It is ludicrous!

So, where does the blame lie? In my opinion, there is plenty of blame to go

around, beginning with the total ignorance of America’s history and structure of government possessed by what appears to be the vast majority of her citizens. Most Americans believe anything the politicians, political parties and media tell them. They do not know what powers each branch of government possesses, how bills become laws or what the Constitution says.

According to the 2018 survey released by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, only about one third of Americans could pass the same citizenship test given to legal immigrants seeking citizenship. That is horrendous. How can America survive as a nation governed by its people, if the people are that ignorant of how the government is structured?

Apathy and the lack of involvement by the American citizen deserves a good deal of the blame. According to The United States Elections Project, there are over 250 million people in America who are eligible to vote. In this past November’s election, voter turnout was 66.7 percent or just under 160 million people. Nearly 100 million people who could

have registered and voted did not do so. And this was a record turnout election year. Why? Our government is founded on the principle of “government by the people.” The first three words of the United States Constitution are “We the people.” If the people do not show up at the polls and vote, (in local, state, and national elections), then the governing is no longer by the people.

Added to the massive problem of uninvolved citizens is the significant number of voters who cast their ballot for the person who they believe will give them the most “free,” stuff or who has the most likable personality instead of the person who would do the best job.

Our Founders were rightfully wary of the “common people” for this very reason. That is why they included so many protections against pure majority rule. They recognized that the majority could become just as much of a tyrant and despot as any individual. Their intention was for the “best of the best” or “cream of the crop” to be placed in government offices. They wanted true statesmen who were committed to what was the best for the nation and her citizens, not

career politicians who were out for personal gain.

Being a congressman or senator was never meant to be a career. Representatives were expected to support themselves through a career outside of government service. Elections have now become popularity contests with the candidate promising to hand out the most candy winning. The blame for this lies at the feet of the voters, not the politicians.

The most disappointing group that deserves a great deal of the blame is Christians. This nation was founded on Judeo-Christian principles. The Founding Fathers intended for Christians to ensure it would continue to follow that path. However, the “separation of church and state” argument has been allowed to chip away at those principles. And the Christian community has allowed this to happen.

First, they allowed it by withdrawing from the political process in the decades after the Civil War and remaining withdrawn through most of the 20th century (many remain disengaged). They embraced the idea that Christians should be otherworldly minded (focused on spiritual things) and not be involved in the things of this world, like government and politics. For nearly 100 years, Christians in America allowed a religious void to be created in the public and government realms. This void has been filled with socialistic and humanistic ideas and values.

More recently, Christians have thrown their undaunting support behind Donald Trump. This is somewhat understandable as he has been the more conservative candidate in the last two presidential elections, aligning more closely with biblical principles than the other candidates. However, Donald Trump is not the savior of the nation, as many Christians have made him out to be. And many of his actions, attitudes and words have not reflected the principles of biblical Christianity. Instead of turning to God and praying for a revival in America, many have worshipped at the altar of Trump. In doing so, a world already adverse to Christianity has been given ammunition to utilize against Christians and the biblical worldview.

Many Christians have refused to hold Donald Trump and his political allies accountable when they have behaved in an unacceptable manner. They have offered many excuses for the ugliness shown by these government leaders. In no way am I implying that everything in

the Trump administration has been negative. Many positive policies have been put in place. However, when Christians do not hold him or his allies accountable for wrongdoing, either by making excuses or remaining silent, they are reinforcing the self-righteous, hypocritical stereotypes placed on Christians by the world. Instead of being a loving and unifying force in our nation and drawing others to Christ, many Christians have significantly contributed to the hatred and division that is prevalent in America.

Added to this, Christians are some of the most ignorant citizens regarding our nation’s history and government. They have allowed themselves and their children to be indoctrinated with humanistic values and revised history through education. Their disengagement regarding the curriculum being taught and how it is being presented paved the way for indoctrination. Christians must become much more diligent about what is being taught in schools.

Conversely, many Christians believe the rhetoric and revised history offered by many of the religious right leaders instead of thinking for themselves. The debate over the “separation of church and state” is a prime example. Many Christians argue that the Founding Fathers intended for religion, specifically Christianity, to be interwoven with the United States government. They want Christian prayers and symbols to be prevalent in government buildings and workings. They believe this not because of their own research but because this is what some leaders have told them.

However, that is not what the Founders intended. It is true that the Founders wanted America to be a Christian nation and they did not want the government to have a hand in religion. However, neither did they design a government in which the church as an institution was to dictate policies and laws. Instead, they believed that when the institutions of state (government) and church (religion) intermixed, neither institution prospered. They designed a government in which the people chose the representatives to make the laws.

The intent of the Founders was for Republic to remain rooted in religion. They believed the Bible told them how to have a successful nation. According to Daniel Dreisbach, Micah 6:8, which says, “No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is

what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God,” was the passage from the Bible the Founders most often referenced.

John Winthrop referred to this verse in his sermon, A Modell of Christianity. George Washington referenced it in his Circular Letter to the States in June of 1783 when he thought he was retiring from public service. He ends the letter with a prayer that the citizens of the United States will “do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion.”

The only way to preserve the democratic republican government they created was if God was working in the nation. God worked through people. If the people obeyed God and followed His teachings, they would be moral and righteous. If they maintained these characteristics, then they would choose good, moral, righteous leaders. This trust in and obedience to God would protect the nation from the tyranny of sinful men.

Later, in his Farewell Address upon leaving the presidency, Washington said that anyone who tried to hinder the public role of religion and morality was not a patriot. As long as they were devout Christians, America would be a Christian nation. If they strayed from their Christianity or neglected their political duties (as they did after the Civil War and for the next 100 years) America would cease to be a Christian nation.

Simply put, the cure and the cure rests in the hands of Christians. What are we going to do about it? We can continue on the current path and watch America implode or we can seriously pray for true and deep revival to envelope our land and be diligent in both our spiritual and political duties. It’s “decision time.” No more sitting on the fence. Are we going to get educated about our history and government and storm the Throne of God, interceding for our nation? Or are we going to continue to be disengaged, or worse, be part of the problem, spewing hate and misinformed rhetoric while America dies? I know which choice I’m going to make. What about you?

*Christy Miller
A Saddened
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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Sixty-one years of volunteer firemen for the Stewartsville-Chamblissburg Fire Department means some amazing family recipes. With COVID restrictions, the fire department was not able to host their biggest fundraiser, the annual Fireman's Ham Dinner, so they opted for a cookbook with a wonderful dedication to the last surviving

charter member, Pete Dooley. Sadly, Pete passed away only a few weeks before the cookbook was printed. The cookbook contains a dedicated memorial to Pete and his 62 years of service to the fire department and a collection of recipes from the community. You may contact Angie Chewning to get them at 343-1364. The cost is \$20.

Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed new business Our Daily Bread to downtown Vinton. Our Daily

Bread is located at 126 E. Lee Ave., 566-3000 (the old Asian Gourmet), open for dine in and take out.

We also welcome Big Belly's to the downtown area at 105 W Lee Ave., 904-6666.

Good news about The Dogwood Restaurant expanding came out this week. Downtown Vinton is sure to be THE

PLACE TO BE!

The GFWC Women's Club of Vinton is collecting sweat-suits for men and women for the V.A. hospital (they prefer XL-XXL) and soup and crackers for Soup for Seniors LOA. If you would like to make a donation, contact Kathryn Sowers at 343-1364 or drop items off at the Vinton Chamber office.

Rosie's Gaming Emporium announces 'Together We Win' program

Colonial Downs Group has announced that every week in 2021, Rosie's Gaming Emporium will donate \$1,000 to a local charity from a community in which it operates. Vinton is one of those communities.

Fifty-two thousand dollars in 52 weeks to 52 worthy charities adds to Rosie's over \$1 million in donations to date.

Aaron Gomes, chief operating officer of Colonial Downs Group, stated, "Helping those communities around us is at the core of our operational philosophy. We truly believe that high tides raise all ships, and we are determined to add value to the communities in which we operate."

The first recipient of "Together We Win" is the Child Health Investment Partnership (CHIP) program of the Roanoke Valley. Autumn Lavering, chief operating officer of CHIP states, "Thanks to Rosie's generous contribution, we can continue to provide health and hope to children and families in need."

The "Together We Win" program will be administered through the Rosie's Gives Back charitable giving platform. Weekly contribution announcements can be found at <https://rosiesgaming.com/events/together-we-win/>.

Through Rosie's Gives Back, Colonial Downs Group has made monetary and in-kind donations of more than \$1.1 million and has logged over 1,100 service hours in Virginia com-

munities.

In other news from Rosie's, the expansion at the Vinton Rosie's is underway. The expansion is planned to almost double the facility in size and add a parking garage, with an investment "into the millions" and the hiring of many more employees.

General Manager Ernie Dellaverson shared "the big picture," and some details with Council at a town council meeting in November 2020 via Zoom. The project will add approximately 18,000 square feet to the building and increase the number of gaming machines from 150 to 500.

The proposed three and a half story parking garage will include 276 parking spots with elevators to the different levels with ADA accessibility. A drop-off lane will be added along with a large open walking space.

An entertainment section will be added to the interior, with 30 bar stools and a stage for live entertainment for up to a six-member band.

A new circular bar will be added in a separate section of the building. The facility basics will be expanded and upgraded including mechanicals and restrooms.

At the time, Dellaverson said plans were for "shovels in the ground in January" with the project completed by December of 2021. The existing facility won't shut down during the expansion project with parking currently available behind the

building.

Rosie's also announced that a resident from the Newport News area hit the highest Historical Horse Racing (HHR) jackpot in U.S. history at the Rosie's Gaming Emporium in Hampton on January 12. The jackpot, totaling \$914,530.90, was hit playing "Big Easy Money."

The player, who wishes to remain anonymous, plans to purchase a new home for his family and a sports car for himself. He stated that he brought \$100 to Rosie's to "try his luck" and had only been there for about 10 minutes when he hit the jackpot. He says the secret to winning was being "in the right place at the right time!"

Colonial Downs Group is a proud business operator in Virginia and with the opening of its fifth location in Dumfries will employ more than 1,000 team members in the Commonwealth, paying over \$30 million in annual salaries, wages, and benefits.

Rosie's Gaming Emporiums in Richmond, Hampton, New Kent, Vinton, and Dumfries offer innovative historic horseracing (HHR) gaming technology and full card simulating. Colonial Downs racetrack in New Kent County hosts live thoroughbred racing on two nationally renowned surfaces—Secretariat Turf Course, the widest turf course in North America at 180 feet wide and on a 1-1/4 mile dirt track, second in length to only the world-famous Bel-



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

An expansion project is now underway at Rosie's Gaming Emporium in Vinton. The renovations will almost double the facility in size. Rosie's will remain open during the expansion project, with parking currently available behind the building.



PHOTO COURTESY OF COLONIAL DOWNS

A preliminary architectural rendering of the Rosie's expansion.

mont Park.

Colonial Downs Group has made a \$300 million investment in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The company pays more than \$32 million in annual state

and local taxes plus an additional \$12 million in racing industry payments annually.

Those local taxes have made a big impact on the town budget in Vinton.

School Board reaffirms plan to return fourth graders to school on Jan. 25

The Roanoke County School Board met on January 19 and reaffirmed the plan to return fourth graders to classrooms full-time beginning on January 25. Students in grades K-3 have been attending in person to this point.

Certain identified students in grades 5-12, including English Language students, those with Individualized Education Plans, and those who are struggling, will also return to in-person learning four days each week.

Students may still opt for 100 percent online instruction.

Dr. Rhonda Stegall, Executive Director of Instruction, updated the board on COVID statistics. She noted that the Virginia Department of Health says that COVID cases are creeping upwards in the Roanoke

Valley.

In the county schools, 289 students have tested positive since schools opened in August, with a positivity rate of 4 percent. The staff positivity rate is 6 percent with 143 cases. Student exposures are now at 1 percent with 68 exposures; staff exposures are at 2 percent, with 36 exposures.

So far this school year, 3,301 students have been quarantined in an abundance of caution when they experienced symptoms which may or may not have been caused by the coronavirus; 1,083 staff members have been quarantined. Generally, about 75-80 substitutes have been needed each day.

Stegall and School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely both indicated that they believe the mitigation strategies instituted by RCPS in

the Return to School Plan for 2020-2021 have been successful—masks, social distancing, handwashing, and extensive sanitizing efforts. They urged members of the community to adhere to CDC and VDH guidelines to help reduce community transmission so that students can return to in-person classes on all grade levels as soon as possible.

In more good news, Stegall told the board that teachers and support staff will begin to receive their COVID vaccines with a mass kick-off event for local school districts on January 22. Seventy-eight percent of those employees have requested the vaccinations—2,248 in number. Stegall believes participants will be receiving the Pfizer vaccine, rather than Moderna.

Dr. Nicely also an-

nounced that CARES funding has enabled the school system to purchase air purifiers for individual classrooms.

Director of Community Relations Chuck Lionberger presented video interviews with several middle and high school students in which they indicated their new respect for in-school instruction, their gratitude for the efforts of their teachers in these challenging times, and their desire to return to school and normal activities.

Members of the board and Central Office staff all concurred in expressing their appreciation for the efforts of teachers, support staff, and school administrators in adjusting to this unprecedented school year. "Teachers have made the difference," said Mike Riley, Director of Secondary Instruction.

Dr. Stegall led a discussion on reinstatement of the sports program. Practices have been underway for two weeks. The first competitions were held on January 15. "So far, so good." Mitigation plans have been agreed upon by all the principals, coaches, and athletic directors, so that all county schools are operating under the same guidelines as they compete against one another—exclusively at this point, until regional competition begins.

She requested approval from the board for a "Senior Parent Night" in which parents of seniors would be able to attend and watch the competition; student athletes would be allowed to advance to regional play; and the gym at Northside High School would be used for the wrestling regionals. School Board members said

they would consider the proposals and take action at their strategy session on January 21. There was also discussion of how to fund the sports seasons this year without ticket sales.

In other action, the board voted to accept VDOE Security Equipment Grants for Glen Cove and W.E. Cundiff Elementary Schools, which will permit the purchase and installation of school security equipment—to be used for cabling at Cundiff.

The board also approved the VDOE Security Grant funding for Hidden Valley, Northside, and William Byrd Middle Schools. The funds at WBMS will be used to purchase additional security cameras.

A local match of 25 percent is necessary for the VDOE grants, which the board approved.

Our Daily Bread

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Vinton Our Daily Bread is located at 126 East Lee Avenue. It is well known for its pastries.

not optimal, we have been considering a new location in Vinton for several years and when the opportunity became available, we decided that we would go ahead with the plans.

"We have always been interested in downtown Vinton," Lawton said. "When the Bush Building came available, we knew it would be the perfect new location."

According to its website, Our Daily Bread Bakery &

Bistro was "established in 1980 and has steadily grown from a small bakery into a patisserie, bistro, and caterer."

The menu at the Vinton location will closely resemble the one at the Brambleton Our Daily Bread. Breakfast features over a dozen different types of omelettes, along with pancakes, crepes, waffles, French toast, quesadillas, several varieties of eggs

Benedict. Breakfast is served all day.

The lunch menu features hot and cold sandwiches, including the "Vinton Steak and Cheese," salads, and "Chef Special Lunch Entrees" such as Caprese Balsamic Chicken, Pesto Salmon, the Pimento Cheeseburger, and Steak Diane.

Both dine-in and take-out are available.

"Breakfast and lunch menus will be very close to the Brambleton offerings," said Lawton. "We will not be doing dinners at the Vinton location, but we are planning on doing 'reheatable' family dinners to go' that can be picked up before we close at 3 p.m."

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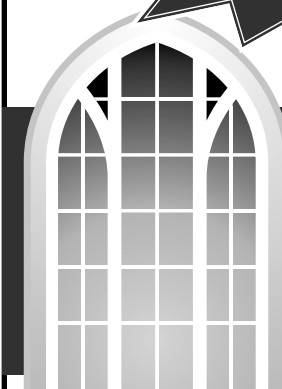
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State Farm Awards grant to Gauntlet Business Development Program and Competition



The top award in Gauntlet 2020— worth \$26,000 in cash and prizes— went to Jennifer Broyden, founder of GermZAPP, who developed a hand-washing app. Broyden had come up with the idea for her business before the pandemic, but it turned out to be quite timely: a real-time hand wash compliance and tracking system for restaurants, businesses, homes, and hospitals.

Supporting local entrepreneurs and small businesses in Southwest Virginia, State Farm has awarded The Advancement Foundation (TAF) a \$35,000 grant to help sustain and scale The Gauntlet, the Commonwealth's largest business program and competition.

The Gauntlet, now in its seventh season, is inspiring business development, growth, and innovation. During a time when it is needed most, State Farm and The Advancement Foundation aim to increase business development to rebuild the local economy. The

Gauntlet helps small business startups and current businesses develop new strategies for growth.

"State Farm is proud to provide funding for The Gauntlet through the Advancement Foundation," said State Farm spokesperson Kate Beadle. "We're committed to maintaining

the vibrancy of our communities by assisting non-profits that support small business development."

With State Farm's continued sponsorship, The Gauntlet has helped over 500 entrepreneurs from across the region start or expand their businesses. In addition, The Gauntlet

has engaged 250 community mentors and raised cash and in-kind awards totaling more than \$1.2 million. Top winners can receive up to \$30,000 in cash and in-kind support.

The Gauntlet incorporates participants from the Roanoke County, Roanoke City, Botetourt County, the Alleghany Highlands, and Rockbridge County. New this year, the program and competition will expand to include Bedford County, Town of Bedford, Big Island, Chamblissburg, Coleman Falls, Forest, Goode, Goodview, Hardy, Huddleston, Moneta, Montvale, New London, and Thaxton.

"Our role in working with communities is to provide a framework, utilizing The Gauntlet as a tool or an engine, so to speak, to build awareness, enthusiasm, and structure for everyone to find a role in support of local business development. It is this network of entrepreneurs, resource agencies, mentors, and community leaders that gives entrepre-

neurs confidence to step out," Annette Patterson, president of The Advancement Foundation, said.

The Gauntlet launched 70 businesses last May, amid a worldwide pandemic. The program moved completely virtual six weeks into the program. In 2021, a hybrid of virtual classes will connect entrepreneurs and mentors, industry experts, and Gauntlet alumni through the region's largest business support network. The launch of multiple new platforms will make it easier for the exchange of ideas, information, and resources including the new Biz NATION platform, which connects entrepreneurs, mentors, investors, and resource agencies.

Gauntlet applications are now open for the seventh annual Gauntlet at <https://startupspace.app/dynamic-survey/MTQz>.

For more information, interested entrepreneurs, mentors, sponsors, and community leaders can visit: <https://www.TheAdvancementFoundation.org/the-gauntlet>.

Vaccine Update

By Dr. Cynthia Morrow

Our vaccination efforts are now in full swing. During the week of January 11, Roanoke City and Alleghany Health District's (RCAHD) closed vaccine clinics were full of frontline healthcare workers in Phase 1a, and, working with our Medical Reserve Corps partners, we were able to begin vaccinations of first responders, teach-

ers, and corrections organizations in Phase 1b. Next week, we will be able to offer several thousand vaccines more widely to our PreK-12 public and private school staff. This is just the start of reaching the tens of thousands who qualify in Phase 1b while we continue to reach our healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities.

Thus far, demand for vaccine has far outstripped supply. We are currently in Phase 1a and Phase 1b. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Governor Northam expanded those groups last week. We are now able to prioritize our residents who are aged 65 and up, our medically vulnerable residents, and frontline essential workers. Within the group of essential workers, a total of nine priority groups have been identified for Phase 1b. The size of this targeted population is estimated to be tens of thousands in the Roanoke Valley and Alleghany Health Districts. The reality

is that despite working as quickly and safely as possible, it will take us months to offer a vaccine to all who are eligible and would like to be vaccinated because we do not yet have vaccine supply to support these changes. As Governor Northam said, this is a major logistical effort that takes planning and time as we adjust to the changing criteria.

We are working hard to get vaccine into arms as safely, quickly, and efficiently as we can. In addition to holding our own vaccine clinics, we are building our partnerships with local hospitals, independent healthcare organizations, and pharmacy pro-

viders to expand access to vaccine throughout the district. But again, it is important to recognize that currently, vaccination opportunities are limited by the supply of vaccine coming into our community. We will continue to promote those opportunities on our website, Facebook, and through the media. Depending on a person's healthcare provider and pharmacy, some of our older community members have been presented with opportunities and more opportunities will be announced this week.

It is also important for our community to understand that our health department clinics are very carefully

monitoring vaccine supply to ensure that not a single dose is wasted.

If you are curious to see where you fall in the prioritization phases, you can use a pre-registration tool on our website to learn under which phase you qualify: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/>

We know that it is difficult to wait, and we greatly appreciate your patience and flexibility as we embark on this monumental and critical task of bringing COVID-19 vaccine to our community. And while we wait, please remember the 3 Ws: Wear a mask, Wash your hands, and Watch your distance.

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GRADUATIONS

Band, Vance graduate from James Madison University

Two Vinton students have completed their degrees at James Madison University and were recognized during commencement exercises on December 19, 2020.

Lucas Vance of Vinton graduated with a degree in physician assistant studies.

Adrienne Band of Vinton graduated cum laude with a degree in me-

dia arts and design.

They were among 973 students who received undergraduate, master's, educational specialist and doctoral degrees.

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If festivals are your interest, the Vinton area hosts several festivals throughout the year from the Vinton Dogwood Festival to the Vinton

Fall Festival. Each festival offers its own unique atmosphere. When you are away from home it's always nice to feel as if you never left.

The Town of Vinton provides small town character with urban services and amenities located nearby. The small town atmosphere is characterized by a low crime rate; small, locally, and regionally owned businesses; and moderately priced homes. Views of the mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway abound.

Vinton represents the ideal type of community, small enough to provide a feeling of belonging, yet progressive enough to provide the facilities, services, and conveniences that are necessary to make a community feel like home to its citizens.

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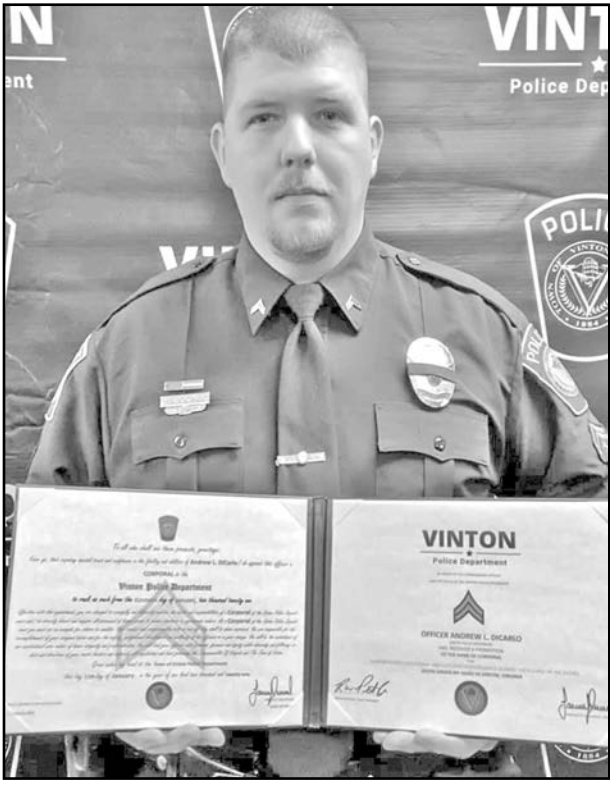
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Newly promoted Corporal Dustin Bray.



Newly promoted Corporal Andrew DiCarlo.



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Newly promoted Corporal Brandon Alterio.

nized Officer Brandon Alterio for being named by The Roanoker Magazine as one of the "40 under 40" upcoming leaders in the Roanoke Valley for 2021. Alterio has always had a passion for community service. He was named by his peers in the police department as Officer of the Year for 2020. He is an Air Force veteran who served multiple tours in Iraq. Alterio will complete his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Liberty University this spring. On his days off, Alterio works as a substitute teacher in Roanoke County schools.

In addition, Drumond proudly announced that three members of the Vinton Police Department have been promoted to corporal: Brandon Alterio, Dustin Bray, and Andrew DiCarlo. Their promotions "are a reflection of their strong character and passion for public service as members of the Vinton Police Department," Drumond said.

Finance Director Anne Cantrell announced that the town has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA)

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021—the fifth year to apply for and receive this prestigious award.

Cantrell and Dave Miller with Core & Main briefed council on Phases I and II of the meter and software upgrade project. In 2019, Davenport and Company presented a rate study to council to identify needed rate increases to address capital and operating needs in the Utility Fund. Council adopted the five-year rate increase in November 2019.

In January 2020, Core & Main was selected during an RFP for the meter upgrade project. The process was slowed somewhat by the pandemic; however, town officials determined that they need to move forward with the meter upgrades to reduce employee exposure during fieldwork and to improve the teleworking abilities of the town staff.

CARES funding will cover approximately \$365,000 of the costs of meter replacement. Davenport and Company will report to council at the meeting on February 2 on the best ap-

proach to financing the remainder of the project. The project is anticipated to "go live" in January 2022.

Principal Planner Nathan McClung briefed council on a proposed ordinance to amend the Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions section of Vinton Town Code. This ordinance deals with accumulation of trash and growth of weeds (grass over 12 inches high is considered a weed). To promote a more efficient and effective code enforcement process the amendment would allow for a civil penalty system to be instituted if a citizen is found to be in violation of the code, eliminating court hearings as part of the process. McClung noted that civil penalties provide a better alternative allowing town staff the ability to issue direct economic penalties to property owners or occupants who violate provisions of the code. The change in code would also allow "occupants" as well as property owners to be cited.

Currently, the code only allows property owners to be cited for violations, which causes a major hurdle for enforcement when there are negative landlord/tenant relationships, the property owner lives out of state, or there are absentee landlords or property management groups involved.

Civil penalties will be in the amount of \$50 for the first offense and \$200 for subsequent violations.

Council took action on amending an ordinance on solid waste in the Town Code. This amendment also added a civil penalty for non-compliance with solid waste disposal regulations. Upon the first and second violations, citizens will receive a notification tag. A third violation will result in a tag and visit from the Code Enforcement officer. A fourth violation will result in a \$50 civil penalty with 14 days to pay.

Council adopted a resolution opposing the newly instituted Boat Landing Access fees enacted by the Virginia General Assembly meeting in Special Session.

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (formerly the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries) proposed a new boating access permit and fee effective January 1, 2021, for anyone using department-owned or maintained boat access sites. While this does not affect the Town of Vinton public access site, council noted the difficulties this would cause

Council Chambers



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Town of Vinton, Virginia



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Infrastructure improvements funded mainly by CARES Act funding have been completed at the Vinton Municipal Building. Renovations have been made to improve safety for staff and citizens. This photo shows Council Chambers in the Municipal Building before (on left) and after the renovations, which replaced seating and flooring with materials easier to clean, disinfect, and maintain.

for the public, especially recreational paddlers, seeking to "enjoy the waterways in the state." The request for council to oppose the new fees came from the Friends of the Rivers of Virginia. The public had little notification that the fees were in the works.

At the request of Cantrell, council adopted resolutions allowing her to remove outstanding personal property delinquent taxes and vehicle license fees and delinquent water and sewer bills over five years old from active records to a permanent file after "all efforts were made by the Treasurer's Office to collect the delinquent taxes, including reporting them to the State Debt Set-Off Program." The collection rate for the water and sewer bills by the Finance Department was 99.59 percent. Council noted that the vast majority of citizens in Vinton pay their taxes and utility bills in a timely manner.

Town Manager Pete Peters updated council on several items of interest. He noted that the Our Daily Bread restaurant on Lee Avenue held its grand opening with a ribbon cutting on January 19. Joe Goodpies restaurant at Vinyard Station has announced plans to open on January 28.

Council members will hold their annual strategic planning retreat on

February 19, lasting half a day.

Peters updated council on the Public Works fleet of vehicles, which are to be replaced every 12-15 months in a leasing agreement with Enterprise. In the next three to four months, 13 crew vehicles will be replaced: seven GMCs, four RAMs, and one Ford F150. The town has learned from its police department leasing policy that frequent replacement of vehicles is more cost efficient as relates to maintenance. The town is well represented with the appearance of newer vehicles, and the policy also boosts staff morale.

Peters also updated council on improvements to the Vinton Municipal Building using CARES Act funding as well as other revenue sources (police forfeiture funds and reallocated budget funds).

Improvements have been made to the lobby/information center, the employee break room, the outside seating area, council chambers, flooring and accessibility, and the police department. Improvements throughout have provided a safer work environment for employees and citizens as they are easier to clean, disinfect, and maintain with touchless equipment and non-porous surfaces. Carpet has been replaced with laminate flooring.

Improvements to the Finance Department, including the drive-through window, have been especially notable to citizens, who have commented positively upon the changes.

Mayor Brad Grose remarked that he has been most impressed with the CARES Act funding program, which he says has stimulated the local economy by not just the purchase of materials, but putting contractors to work and funds back into the economy—that's in addition to the safety benefits.

In the Finance Report for November 2020, Cantrell noted that revenues are up, expenditures are down, and cash and investments on hand amount to \$6.9 million.

Peters reported from the Public Works Committee that cost estimates are being gathered to replace traffic lights at all 11 signalized intersections in Vinton—all of which are at least 50 years old.

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County Elections Office closes temporarily due to COVID

The Roanoke County Office of Elections at 900 Chestnut Street in Vinton will be closed through Sunday, January 24.

Out of an abundance of caution to limit the spread of COVID-19, the office will undergo a deep cleaning to ensure the health and safety of its

employees and citizens.

There have been no exposures to patrons.

During this time, citizens are encouraged to call the Elections Office at 772-7500, email the office, or visit the Elections website for any business-related matters.

Virginia ranks high on Education Week Chance-for-Success Index

Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane says that today's Chance-for-Success Index report from Education Week shows that Virginia's public schools continue to rank among the nation's best in preparing students for college and careers. The commonwealth earned a B in the annual report and ranked eighth in the nation.

The 2021 Chance-for-Success Index evaluates pre-pandemic state performance on indicators related to early

childhood education, achievement in reading and mathematics, high school graduation, family income, adult education and employment.

"This year's Chance for Success Index provides a snapshot of where we were before the disruptions to teaching and learning caused by COVID-19," Lane said. "Virginia's performance relative to other states shows that we have a strong foundation on which to build as schools are able to safely resume in-person

instruction and address the impact of the pandemic on students and families."

The index is the first installment of Education Week's three-part Quality Counts report on the nation's schools. The weekly education journal evaluates states in June on school finances, and in September on student achievement and progress toward closing achievement gaps. Education Week also reports overall Quality Counts state grades and scores in September.

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Frontline Heroes Honored



The Town of Vinton is honoring its Frontline Heroes throughout the month of January with a banner and Christmas tree lights in front of the Municipal Building and at the Vinton War Memorial LOVE sign. to show their support.

OBITUARY

Robert Dewey Stevens

Robert Dewey Stevens, 80, of Troutville, was given his Heavenly wings on Sunday, January 17, 2021.

He was born on March 23, 1940 in Bassett, Virginia, to the late Robert Woodrow and Hilda Stevens.

Dewey is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Malinda Christie Stevens; son and daughter-in-law, Robert Scott and Amy Stevens of Fincastle; daughter, Sheri Shay Stevens of Daleville; "Paw-Paw's" grandchildren, Katelyn Stevens, Robert Kincaid "Kaden" Stevens, and Genelayce Stevens; sister, Annie Haldren and husband, Doug; brother, Wesley and the late Vicki Stevens; and several nieces and nephews.

Dewey was a 1960 graduate of Stewartville High School and the College of "Hard Knocks." He retired after 42 years of service to Chesapeake Corporation, retiring as the Vice President of Sales. Dewey was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army in 1969. He enjoyed



anything outdoors or working on the family farm. He had a passion for serving others in need, volunteering at the Veterans Hospital in Salem and provided assistance with several ministries at Bonsack Baptist Church.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the compassion and medical care provided by the Carilion Hospice Team during his recent illness.

There will be no memorial service conducted at this time, however a celebration of life will be scheduled later this spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests to make a memorial donation to the Compassion Ministry or to the Sunday School Department at Bonsack Baptist Church, 4845 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke, 24019.

Arrangements are entrusted to Oakey's Funeral Service - East Chapel, Roanoke, 977-3909. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.oakeys.com.

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BAPTIST (COOPERATIVE)

VINTON BAPTIST CHURCH - 219 Washington Ave., Vinton, Virginia. 343-7685. Rev. Travis Russell. Sunday Services: Contemporary Service 8:45 a.m., Sunday School 9:50 a.m., Traditional Service 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Services: Family Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Bible Study 6:15 p.m., Children's Ministries 6:15 p.m., Youth Ministry 6:30 p.m. www.vintonbaptistchurch.org

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ECKANKAR

Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. Eckankar is a spiritual path that offers a Light & Sound Service on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. However, due to COVID-19, the Monthly Service and other ECK programs are now available online through Zoom. Visit www.eck-va.org for program listings or call 540-353-5365 and leave a message. We will return your call.

FOURSQUARE

EVANGEL CHURCH - 2360 Hardy Road, Vinton, (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 982-3694. Pastor-Tim Wright. Sunday, 10 AM - Worship Service, SuperChurch for Children; Wednesday 6:30-8PM - AWANA Clubs for ages 3-5th grade, Adult Bible Study.

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Time to Rest

Read Exodus 30:1 through 32:35

"This project has to be done right, and it has to be done soon. Work all weekend if you have to." Some work assignments make us wonder if we need to make a few clones to help us get the work done. Life's responsibilities may seem larger than we can handle, yet we need to learn the importance of rest.

"It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed" (Exodus 31:17).

God created the Sabbath for two key purposes. First, people need to set aside

a day to worship God and fellowship with His people. Second, we need a day of rest and refreshing. Scientific research bears this out.

Nearly everyone must contend with deadlines and expectations from others. God, however, wants us to set aside time to rest and to seek Him. Obeying His instructions for rest and worship actually helps us gain the energy and renewal we need to be more effective and productive in the responsibilities we carry.

Prayer Suggestion: God, please direct me in ways to better rest in You.

Quicklook: Exodus 31:14-17

1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, Sunday School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

NAZARENE

FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmcpc2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sundays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible School; Tuesdays & Thursdays Yoga 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Tuesday Evening Bible Study 6:45pm; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Thursday Girl

Scouts 7:00pm; 2nd Monday Supper with Rev. Skip at Famous Anthony's 6:30pm; 2nd Tuesday Luncheon with Rev. Skip at Famous Anthony's; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Skip Hastings-Interim Pastor.

UNITED METHODIST

THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

WESLEYAN

VINTON WESLEYAN CHURCH - 246 E. Jefferson Ave. Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez, 345-3385; Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Sunday School for all ages 10:00 AM, Wednesday Night Life Ministries - Children - Awana; G-5 Youth Ministry; Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM.

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**ORDER OF
PUBLICATION**
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316,
-317
Case No. 20-649
Botetourt County Circuit
Court
Mary Elizabeth McKenney
v.
Richard Lee McKenney

Legals - Botetourt County

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Case No. 20-649
Botetourt County Circuit
Court
Mary Elizabeth McKenney
v.
Richard Lee McKenney

Legals - Botetourt County

The object of this suit is to:
Obtain a divorce based on
separation of 1 year.
It is ORDERED that Richard
Lee McKenney appear at
the above-named court and
protect his/her interests on
or before 02/01/2021.
12-28-20

Sherry Perry
Deputy Clerk

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF 58 Lakeland Circle, Troutville, VA 24175 Tax Map #108(A)(1)BK2-19

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15, 1960, of record in the
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Date of Sale: February 9,
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Court, PO Box 219,
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the amount of \$10,000 or
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whichever is lower. Final
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for any third party
purchaser.

2. The Special
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right to reject all bids,
extend the time to receive
bids or withdraw the
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time. In addition, should the
Special Commissioner be
unable, for any reason, in
his sole discretion, to convey
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sole remedy in law or equity
shall be the return of his
deposit. Upon refund of the
deposit, the sale shall be
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Additional terms may be
announced at the time of
the sale. The Special
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the above-described
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John K. Prillaman, Esq.
Special Commissioner

For Information Contact:
John K. Prillaman, Esq.
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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGINA B. HUTCHENS, DECEASED

NOTICE

Having been requested to
do so by Jane Judah,
Administratrix of the estate
of Georgina B. Hutchens,
Deceased, and in
accordance with Section
64.2-550 of the 1950 Code
of Virginia, as amended,
all creditors of Georgina B.
Hutchens, and all persons
in any way interested in
her estate are hereby notified
that I have fixed the 17th
day of February, 2021 at 10
o'clock a.m., at my office at
13 South Roanoke Street,

Legals - Botetourt County

Fincastle, Virginia as the
time and place for
determining an account of
the debts and demands
against said Georgina B.
Hutchens or her estate, the
priorities among them, and
the names of the persons to
whom they are due.
All creditors of Georgina B.
Hutchens, deceased, and
persons interested in her
estate should appear at the
time and place named, or
any other time or place to
which the proceedings may
be adjourned, and protect
their interest.
Given under my hand this
the 11th day of January,
2021.

Malcolm McL. Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - City of Salem

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of
Virginia VA. Code
Ann. §§ 8.01-316, -317
Case No. CL20-2497
Roanoke County Circuit
Court
April Lynn Webster-Mullins
v.
Timothy Roger Mullins
The object of this suit is to:
Obtain a divorce based on a
one year separation.
It is ORDERED that
Timothy Roger Mullins
appear at the above-named
court and protect his/her
interests on or before
2-26-2021 @ 4:30pm.

1-4-2021
Jennifer Vest
Deputy Clerk

Legals - Craig County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA CODE § 8.01-316
**Case No. JJ002182-04-00,
JJ002182-05-00,
JJ002182-06-00**
CRAIG COMBINED
COURT- JUVENILE
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia,
in re PAITSEL, RAYNE,
AKA BABY GIRL GARMAN
The object of this suit is to:

The object of this suit is to
terminate the residual
parental rights of the father
of Rayne Paitset, aka Baby
Girl Garman thought to be
either Daniel Garman,
Christopher Allen Paitset or
Unknown Father pursuant
to Virginia Code Sections
16.1-283 B and C, and
which child is under the age
of twelve (12) months and
was born to Kristen Nicole
Garman. Residual parental
rights are defined in Section
16.1-228 of the Code of
Virginia (1950, as amended)
as the rights and
responsibilities remaining
with a parent after the
parent loses custody of a
child, including but not
limited to the right to
visitation, consent to
adoption, the right to
determine religious
affiliation, and the
responsibility for support.
The termination of your
residual parental rights will
permanently end all of your
rights and responsibilities to
the child named in the
petition. The ties between
you and your child are
severed forever and you
become a legal stranger to
the child.

It is ORDERED that Daniel
Garman, Christopher
Paitset & Unknown Father
appear at the above-named
Court and protect his or her
interests on or before
02/17/2021 09:30 AM.

12/29/2020
Patty Taylor
Deputy Clerk

Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Pursuant to an Order of
Sale entered in United
States vs. Aimee E Reese,
and Randall J. Reese, Civil
Action No. 7:19-cv-00645,
United States District Court
for the Western District of
Virginia Roanoke Division,
the United States will offer
for sale at public auction, to
the highest bidder,
according to law and
pursuant to the terms and
conditions set in herein, the
property described below:

Legals - Montgomery County

Date: February 25, 2021
Time: 10:00AM

Sale Location: Front of the
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Courthouse 1 E Main Street
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bidders will be required to
wear a face mask and
maintain a social distance.

Title Offered: The property
shall be offered for sale at
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clear of all liens and
interests of the parties to
this action.

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The Terms of Payment:
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Western District of Virginia

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

No bid (except for bids
made by the United States)
shall be accepted by the
IRS, unless the same is
accompanied by a certified
check or cashier's check, in
the minimum amount of
\$1,560 made payable to the
United States District Court
for the Western District of
Virginia. Before being
permitted to bid at the sale,
all bidders shall display to
the IRS proof that they are
able to comply with this
requirement. No bids will
be received from any person
who has not presented
proof that, if he or she is the
successful bidder, he or she
can make the deposit
required by the Order.

The successful bidder shall
tender the balance of the
purchase price, in certified
funds payable to the United
States District Court, at the
office of the IRS on or
before March 25, 2021.

In the event the successful
bidder defaults on any of
the terms contained in the
Order, the deposit shall be
forfeited and retained by the
IRS as part of the proceeds
of sale, and the real
property shall again be
offered for sale, without
further permission of the
Court, under the terms and
conditions of the Order, or,
in the alternative the real
property shall be sold to the
second highest bidder.

The United States may bid
as a creditor against its
judgments without tender of
cash.

The sale of the real property
shall be subject to
confirmation by the Court.
Upon confirmation of the
sale and receipt of the
entire purchase price, the
Court shall issue and the
IRS shall deliver to the
purchaser, a deed
conveying the real property
to the purchaser. Upon
confirmation of the sale, all
interests in, liens against, or
claims to, the real property
that are or may be asserted
by any of the parties to this
action are discharged and
extinguished.

The United States reserves
the right to reject any and
all bids and to withdraw
the property from sale.

*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION*****

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Federal Tax Lien by the
Department of Justice.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ018725-06-00
Montgomery County
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
In re Dejah Moser
Montgomery County DSS
/v.
Telisha Leigh Moser
Gebhart

Legals - Montgomery County

The object of this suit is to:
Terminate the residual
parental rights of Telisha
Moser Gebhart legal parent
of Dejah Moser a minor, in
that said parent has, without
good cause, failed to correct
the conditions which
resulted in the child entering
foster care and it is not
reasonably likely that they
will be able to do so in a
reasonable amount of time,
failed to maintain continuing
contact with the child and
substantially plan for the
child's future. Residual
parental rights include, but
are not limited to the right to
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adoption, the right to
determine religious
affiliation, and the
responsibility for support.
The termination of residual
parental rights will
permanently end all of your
rights and responsibilities to
the child named in the
petition.
It is ORDERED that Telisha
Leigh Moser Gebhart
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1-12-21
Amie Blankenship
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Left, Steve Tingler of William Byrd picks up his Glenvar opponent on his way to a win Tuesday night. Above, Derek Burton is on top and in control in his victory.

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Byrd wrestlers pin Glenvar, at Northside tonite

The Big Orange wrestling team will be back on the mats tonight when the Terriers travel to Northside to take on the Vikings. Action begins at 5 pm but no fans are allowed to attend.

William Byrd opened the season in front of an empty gym on Tuesday in Vinton against Glenvar. Two mats were used in the match, alternating

bouts with the other being cleaned while a match was taking place. Byrd won the match, 45-27.

“We followed the VHSL guidelines and went back and forth the whole night and everything went smoothly,” said coach Thomas Kessler. “We were lucky enough to get everyone on our team a match in exhibitions. I was

happy with our performance since we have only had about two weeks of practice under our belts.”

Gage Cockran, Dexter Gaines, Derek Burton, Steve Tingler, Xavier Preston, Landon Lorton, Jerze Webb and Hunter Richards all picked up wins in the dual to add to the team total.

Byrd boys defeat Glenvar, CS in first swim meet of the year

The William Byrd boys swept two Roanoke County opponents Monday night as the Terrier swim team returned to the pool. The boys beat Cave Spring and Glenvar at the Gator Center in Roanoke.

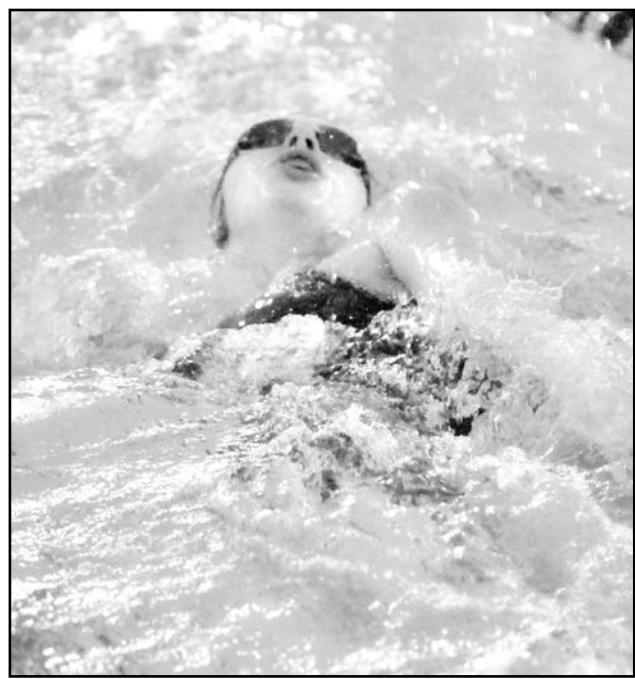
The Byrd girls lost to both teams, but that wasn't a big surprise. Glenvar returns most of last year's Class 2 state championship team and Cave Spring is also very strong. In fact, the Knights defeated Glenvar in Monday's meet.

Scores in the boys' meet were Byrd 77 to Glenvar's 11 and Byrd 50 to 40 over Cave Spring. The Glenvar girls scored a 67-25 win over Byrd and Cave Spring beat the Terriers, 63-24.

“Our boys' team is tough,” said Byrd coach Krista Martin. “Even though our season has been shorter and we haven't had as much time in the water, the swimmers impressed me with their times. Many athletes had faster times than they swam last season and some even had big drops.”

First place finishers for the boys included the 200 and 400 Medley Relay teams as well as Austin Nielsen in the 200 IM and 100 Breast, Colin Murtaugh in the 50 Free and 100 Fly and Aiden Brinkley in the 100 Back.

The Terriers were back in the pool Wednesday for Senior Night. Their final regular season meet is next Wednesday, January 22, against Glenvar at the Gator Center, beginning at 8 pm.



Swimmers are back in the pool

The William Byrd swim team opened Monday night with a meet against Cave Spring and Glenvar at the Gator Center. Above, Byrd's Aiden Brinkley swims the breaststroke and, left, Elsie Kincer does the backstroke. Right, Byrd's Amber Vaughn is on the blocks and ready to dive in.

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“I thought she presented a lot of challenges to us throughout the game, but our girls competed start to finish and never let them punch us without us having an answer,” said Greenway. “Sophia(Chrisley) played an extremely efficient and good game running the point for us and finishing with 24 points. She wasn't forcing anything and really just let the game come to her. She scored here 16th and 17th points in the 3rd quarter when we took the game over.”

Emilie McCaskill added 13 points.

“They were just more aggressive than we were,” said Glenvar coach Jeff Johnson.

The Terriers were scheduled to play Cave Spring on Wednesday, but results were too late for publication. Byrd is back home Friday to host Hidden Valley followed by trips to Northside Monday and Glenvar on Wednesday, January 27. The Terriers are only playing Roanoke County schools during the regular season due to the pandemic.



William Byrd's Sophia Chrisley(#13) passes to a teammate cutting to the basket in last week's win over Glenvar.

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Hole-in-One for Semones

Tim Semones, a former William Byrd standout athlete and 2013 Inductee of the Salem Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame, had his first hole-in-one on Friday January 15th at the River Oaks golf course in Myrtle Beach. Tim lives in Myrtle Beach and was filling in for a guy on a golf trip who couldn't go. Also on the trip were many former Byrd athletes, parents, and former coaches such as Gary Walthall, trip organizer for the 15th year, Gene Riggs, Andy Nicely, Andrew Nicely, Keith Gray, Ken Moses, Tim Greenway, Chad Yount, Rud Peters, Scott Graybill, Scott Stanley, Wade France, B.J. Scott, Jimmy Sherwood and Otis Dowdy. Others on the trip, but not from Byrd, included F.L. Slough, Randy Boone, David Peck, and John Allison.

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ODAC hoops begin this week

The Roanoke College men's and women's basketball teams are scheduled to open this week with no fans allowed. The Maroon men opened on Tuesday against Greensboro with a 67-61 loss and on Saturday, January 23, Hampden-Sydney comes to RC. The Maroons are also home against Ferrum on January 28.

The women will open on the road

at Shenandoah on Thursday of this week with their home debut on Sunday, January 31, against Eastern Mennonite. The Maroon women are at Emory & Henry this Sunday at 3 pm.

All Roanoke College basketball games will be broadcast by play-by-play man Ron Myers and color man Bob Southard on the Maroon Sports Network.

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Boys make up for lost time in "Twilight Zone"

The William Byrd boys got off to a late start in basketball due to the pandemic, but they're making up for it with a busy schedule of games. Byrd has four games scheduled in eight days beginning with Wednesday of this week. The Terriers were home against Cave Spring on Wednesday, but results were too

late for publication. On Friday they play at Hidden Valley, followed by home games against Northside and Glenvar on Monday and Wednesday of next week. The Terriers are only playing Roanoke County schools with "fanless" gyms due to the pandemic. The Byrdmen opened at Glenvar last Friday

with a 76-63 loss in a very unusual setting. Along with having no fans, the team sat "social distanced" in the bleachers behind the coaches and everyone not playing had to wear a mask. It was a quiet atmosphere save for the players on the bench making some noise and the Glenvar cheerleaders. "It was like an episode

of 'The Twilight Zone,'" said Byrd coach Josh Cunningham. "There was a weird feeling to everything. Some aspects were good, as the players could hear what you were saying. But we're all competitive and you want that pressure of a packed gym. At the end of the day, I'm just glad we were playing. There was a point where I didn't think we'd get to play at all."

Byrd led 37-35 at the half before the wheels fell off. Glenvar outscored the Terriers 15-10 in the third quarter and 26-16 in the fourth, led by stand-out Stephen Barber, who had 30 points.

"I was a little disappointed in our defense," said Cunningham. "I think both teams did some good things offensively, especially with a limited amount of practice, but our defense needs to be better."

Trevor Ruble and Camden Richardson led Byrd with 15 points each. Cade Hanson had 13 and Ethan Tinsley had nine. Byrd was missing Jamie Cawley and Tyler Martin, two bigs who would have helped around the basket against Barber. They're both expected to be back



Byrd's Jeff Williams shoots a three against Glenvar.

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Ethan Tinsley of Byrd is guarded by Glenvar's Aiden Alexander. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

this week.

The Byrd junior varsity picked up a win against Glenvar. Jaylen

Wheeler filled in for Tyler Goodman as coach and picked up his first win.

Girls open with a win

The William Byrd girls basketball team opened the season with a 49-42 win over Glenvar last Friday night in a "fanless" gym in Vinton. It was the first game of the delayed season for both teams.

"I thought it was a well played game on both sides," said Byrd coach Brad

Greenway. "Congrats to both teams on getting ready in such a short amount of time to play a competitive game."

Glenvar came out hot with point guard Olivia Harris, a University of Lynchburg signee who is going to be a 1000 point scorer.

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Byrd's Emilie McCaskill lines up a shot in last week's win over Glenvar in Vinton.

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