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Joe Goodpies restaurant at Vinyard Station held their soft opening on Feb. 1.

Joe Goodpies opens at Vinyard Station

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Dining in downtown Vinton has been kicked up another notch with the opening of Joe Goodpies at Vinyard Station. The new brick oven eatery held a soft opening for invited guests on February 1, with plans to open to the public on Thursday, Feb. 4.

Developer Dale Wilkinson, General Contractor Greg Rhodes, and Aaron Miller, area director for owner Line Management Inc. of Salem, were on hand to welcome guests and show them around. Mike Jones is the general manager.

In addition to a dining area with tables and booths, there is a bar with stools and raised tables, and a small private dining room featuring Vinton Motors memorabilia, with the Vinton Motors logo painted by local artist Tonya Weaver Kirk. Vinyard Station was the home of Vinton Motors for almost eight decades. The Vinton Motors Room pays tribute to the family.

In 1931, during the height of the Great Depression, Bill Vinyard left his family farm to build his own business: Vinton Motors Company. Originally on the northwest corner of Polard Street and Washington Avenue, Vinton Motors became a cornerstone of the Vinton community. Fourteen years later, Vinyard moved his dealership across the street to its now iconic

location.

In 1979, Billy Vinyard Jr. took over his family's business. Vinton Motors continued its success, selling up to 300 cars per year and earning Ford's prestigious Blue Oval Status.

In 2008, during the height of the automotive industry crisis, Vinton Motors Company had to shut its doors and the building stood vacant for several years.

The Town of Vinton collaborated with the Vinyard family and the Wilkinson Group to bring new life into the classic structure with the Vinyard Station project. Unfortunately, Billy Vinyard passed away in September 2019 before renovations began.

The entire structure has been lovingly restored with great attention to detail by the developer and contractors. The original ceiling has been preserved.

The restaurant seats 45 under COVID restrictions – 90 once those restrictions are lifted.

Joe Goodpies has plans for 45 full- and part-time employees. The wait staff on opening night was eager to serve and solicitous.

Actually, "Goodpies" might be a tad modest. According to diners at the soft opening, "Greatpies" might be more accurate. These are pizza pies we are talking about, although key lime pie is on the menu.

According to owner Jack

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Town of Vinton debuts branded vehicle, designed by Sun Solutions



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Town of Vinton has a new marketing tool – a vehicle wrapped by Sun Solutions in Vinton. Shown left to right are Trevor Belcher of Sun Solutions, Vinton Director of Community Programs and Facilities Chasity Barbour and Sun Solutions owner Jeff Belcher. Sun Solutions is located on Walnut Avenue.

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Prepare to be "wowed" by Vinton's newest marketing tool – an eye-catching "InVinton" vehicle wrapped as a "moving billboard" by one of the town's most prominent businesses, Sun Solutions. The driver is Chasity Barbour, Vinton's Director of Community Programs and Facilities. The vehicle itself is not new; it came to Community Programs from the Public Works Department, where the fleet is being replaced by pickups trucks leased from Enterprise.

The Town of Vinton puts a great deal of effort into marketing itself. Citizens and guests are invited – on signs and banners, and in publications – to "Eat, Shop, and Play InVinton." Town Manager Pete Peters says this striking vehicle is "gonna turn heads all around the Valley."

Sun Solutions is located on the well-traveled Walnut Avenue corridor. Barbour and Peters noticed several Botetourt County public vehicles parked there with bold vehicle wraps, decided they needed something as impressive for Vinton, and paid Sun Solutions a visit.

The business, owned by Jeff Belcher, specializes in vehicle wraps, window tinting, and graphics. If you have been on the roadways of the Roanoke Valley and found your attention drawn to vehicles wrapped vividly with advertisements, chances are they were

created by Sun Solutions.

Barbour sent her ideas for the design of the town vehicle wrap to Sun Solutions. They created the design with some back-and-forth tweaks. The wrap now includes "VINTON" branding, dogwood flowers to symbolize the town's most famous attraction – the annual Vinton Dogwood Festival – and the Town Clock at the Municipal Building.

"The wrap represents the town tastefully and still is a great branding mechanism along with keeping the dogwood flower a part of it," said Barbour.

Once the design was finalized, Sun Solutions created the product and just recently finished the installation.

Belcher opened his shop in Vinton in 2002 in a smaller 1,500-square-foot building next door to his current location at 219 Walnut Avenue. As his workload steadily increased with a growing demand for vehicle wraps and graphics, he expanded into the neighboring 5,000-square-foot building. Extensive renovations enabled him to work on four vehicles at once instead of the one or two he could accommodate before.

Sun Solutions designs, produces, and installs everything from one-inch decals to enormous vehicle and wall wraps. The company also does large format printing and glass tinting, which was his initial enterprise, tinting several vehicles per day.

Belcher's main customers are area businesses and organizations. He creates and installs all the graphics for Carilion vehicles from ambulances to the Lifeguard helicopters, the police car fleet in Roanoke City, and the Botetourt County fleet of public vehicles, to name a few. Local businesses, such as Vinton Appliance, Macado's, Grand Home Furnishings, and Vinton Roofing, are his customers, along with others beyond the Roanoke Valley.

Vehicle wraps and graphics have quickly become the No. 1 form of outdoor advertising, especially for small businesses – more effective and more economical than traditional outdoor advertising, with less visual pollution. Up to 50,000 people may view advertising on a vehicle each day at a very economical cost compared to billboard advertising or other signage, and with no need of replacement for up to five years.

Belcher is a native of Vinton and a graduate of William Byrd High School. He studied commercial art at Virginia Western. His family owned Belchers Grocery on West Cleveland Avenue in Vinton for many years and other property in the town. His father, Mike Belcher, was well known throughout the area in drag strip racing.

Belcher has always had an appetite for art and design and an interest in cars. He began working

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Vinton's first substantial snow of the season



Vinton Public Works employees were out early tackling the snow at the Vinton Municipal Building. Shown left to right are Shawn Welch, Charles Barber, Mack Huggins, Acting Public Works Director William "Bo" Herndon, and Travis Swain.



Vinton welcomed its first substantial snow of the season January 30-31. Shown is the stately Vinton War Memorial on Washington Avenue.



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The High Ground Vinton-Roanoke County Veterans Monument.

WBHS Terrier Spotlight of the Week



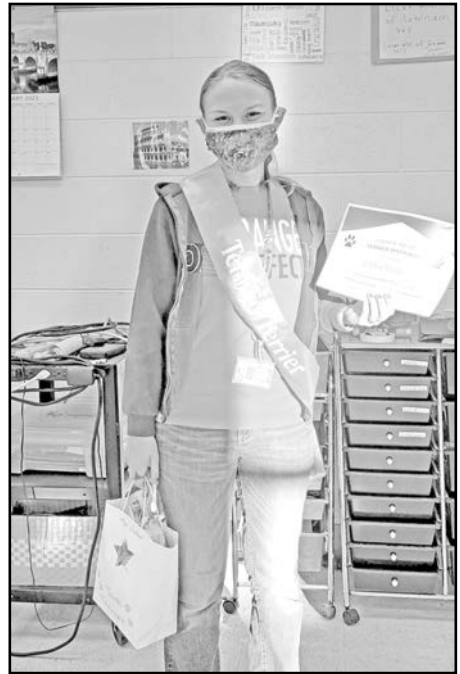
Beth Whitehead



Denise Sartell



Stephanie Taliaferro



Chloe Scales

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Each week the administrative team at William Byrd High School recognizes faculty and staff members for their wonderful contributions to the students and community with the Terrier Spotlight of the Week.

The first Terrier Spotlight of the Week, announced on January 29, went to Beth Whitehead. She is one of our phenomenal co-teachers and Special Education case managers at William Byrd. Her intelligence, professionalism, and attention to detail makes her a joy to work with, as does her dry and witty sense of humor. She also has a way of breaking through with some of the most challenging

students. Where others have failed, Whitehead has found a way to build those relationships and ultimately get results for students. Outside of school, she enjoys living her best soccer mom life or tucking into a book with a cup of black coffee. Thanks again for all that you do to support our students!

Next up is another savvy veteran of William Byrd —Denise Sartell. Teaching during the pandemic has been challenging, as well as emotionally and spiritually draining on educators, but you would never know by watching Sartell enter school each morning. Each day, this talented and charismatic art

teacher enters with a smile and positive attitude that inspires those around her. Outside of being a fantastic art and computer graphics teacher, she enjoys, you guessed it— making art — as well as spending time outside and snuggling with her doggos. Once again, thank you for all that you do for our students!

The next Terrier Spotlight of the Week is Stephanie Taliaferro, one of our wonderful economics and personal finance teachers. She and Mrs. Woods are a well-oiled machine up in room 232. They provide both engaging instruction as well as an inviting atmosphere for students. As if teaching wasn't physically

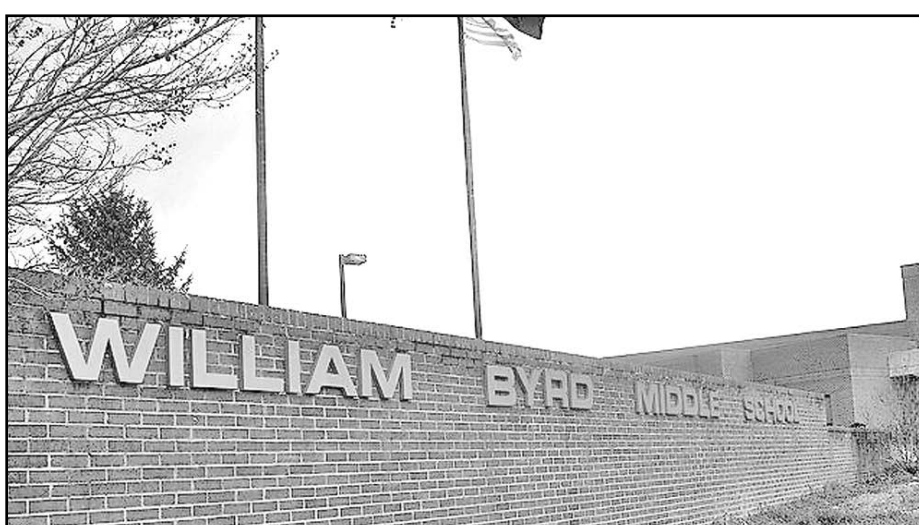
demanding enough, in her spare time she enjoys kickboxing or attending a spin class. We'd like to say thank you again for being such a great teacher and wonderful colleague.

Our final Spotlight is on Chloe Scales, everyone's favorite Latin teacher. Scales has been with William Byrd High School for the past five school years. During this time, she has overseen significant growth in the Latin program. This should come as no surprise for anyone who has observed her classroom. She is strong instructionally and, perhaps more importantly, she has a wonderful rapport with her students. As any of her

students will tell you, her room is "chill vibes only." Whether it's one of her Latin classes or the Knitting Club that she sponsors after school, Scales' room is a place where students can feel accepted, safe, and comfortable. Outside of teaching, she enjoys playing the cello or harp in a band with her husband. Fun fact: the musician couple first met at the Floyd Country Store. Thank you for bringing some of that "running on Floyd time" to William Byrd and for all that you continue to do to support our students.

By the Administrative Team at William Byrd High School

WBMS announces A and A/B Honor Rolls for second nine weeks



William Byrd Middle School has announced students who have been named to the A and A/B Honor Rolls for the second nine weeks.

Students on the A Honor Roll include:

Grade 6: Alyssa Abdelhadi, Elizabeth Abrams, Kyle Bell, Janelle Bibby, Aubrey Blewett, Raegan Bowman, Madelyn Brown, Hudson Cain, Addison Collins, Cohen Cook, Jenna Cruz, Fallon Davis, Colter Dean, Carina Dibenedetto, Heidi Dixon, Campbell Duff, David Foster, Brandon Hurley, Lukas Johnson, Cole Johnston, Stella Jones, Britton Jordan, Landyn Kidman, Reagan Kirby, David Krawczyk, Austin Kroner, Scotlyn Leonard, Vincent Liu, Olivia Long, Helena Longstreth, Olivia Lorek, Mia Martin, Emma Milliron, Tyler Minnix, Penley Moore, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Sydney Nichols, Carly Norton, Kendall

Norton, Sadie Panko, Sebastian Perdomo, Michael Ramos, Luke Richardson, Bruce Robinson, Abigail Saritelli, Willow Seth, Aubrey Sink, Elliott Smith, Riley Spradlin, Zachary Stiltner, Bailey Tabor, Zane Telsch, Gavin Thornton, McKayla Tingler, Nicholas Toney, Sydney Tuck, Owen Webb, Connor Whitehead, and Maggie Zimmerman.

Grade 7: Kyndall Agee, Joshua Allen, Ryan Barber, Kelsey Bell, Ainsley Bolen, Braeden Booth, Aubrey Booze, Sophia Brown, Kaylin Bumgarner, Lily Carrell, Anna Carter, Addison Clark, Sydney Coles, Evelyn Dickason, Ashton Dillon, Kendall Dodson, Hallie Foster, Samuel Geist, Elizabeth Gheen, Sofia Gonzalez, Kevin Green, Benjamin Grimm, Keegan Harnish, Keegan Harold, Tyler Harris, Kalee Hayes, Brooke Hershel, Ryan Hurley, Macabe James, Cary Jones, Brooke Justus, Tate Kotz, Shelby

Krawczyk, Tatianna Kubik, Carter Leonard, Kenady Leonard, Cannin Lutz, Elizabeth Martinez, Miley Moses, Lindsay Murtaugh, Emily Ngo, Jayden Niday, Lilian Perez, Mallory Peroulas, Gabrielle Romeo, Adleigh Ross, Kyle Saccocci, Keith Schult, James Smith, Jarrett Smith, Mallory Summo, Ethan Sutton, Kaeleigh Swan, Evan Tabor, Annabelle Teague, James Toler, Zane Vasser, Lucy Whitenack, Darin Witcher, and Lennon Wright.

Grade 8: Ava Ashworth, Hunter Butterworth, Abigail Day, Graysen Divers, Camryn Dullaghan, Emily Fisher, Skylar Fitzgerald, Kendall Gordon, Aidan Hardy, Sophie Holcomb, Hannah Janney, Jada Johnson, Kyle Kalinke, Kristin Kochendarfer, Nathaniel Lynn, Kaylee Makuch, Ryan Markham, Grace Onwi, Ashley Ortiz/Martinez, Eliza Otey, Ellawyn Pagan, Christian Parker, Madelyn Pittman, Meera Raichura, Gino Ruks, Emma Rupe, Gregory Stiltner, William Thompson, and Camden West.

Students on the A/B Honor Roll include:

Grade 6: Adok Adok, Erica Barton, Alannah Bonnell, Tanner Bromfield, Ava Brown, Lane Brunk, Natalie Buck, Riley Carlisle, Andrew Carter, Casey Carter, Emily Clinebell, Jadarian Davis, Cooper Dooley, Alexis Felty, Jaxon Fowler, Lanaiya Hardy, Caiden Harnish, Aniyah Harper, Emmalee Harris, Austin Hornaday, Shayla Hunt, Christopher Hurd, Levi Johnson, Owen Johnson, Alexander Jones, Arianna Krista, Ailynn Macaulley, Joseph Madonna, Bradley Martin, Layla Matz, Jackson McCoy, Ellie McCulloch, Caden McReynolds, Giovanni Pandolfini, Brody Parrish, Jeremy Paul, Maggie Peters, Nathan Pickeral, Myles Preston, Genevieve Price, Thomas Purcell, Adalynne Reeves, Grace Reynolds, Hope Reynolds, Makayla Ring, Liam Robertson, Colin Rodgers, Charley Sherburne, Riley Slusher, Colton Sotherden, Noah Spradlin, Tarren Staten, Ramsey Stephens, Hayden Sutphin, Aubrey Tidrow, Michael Tidrow, Jakeem Toler, Lauren Toney, Izabella Trumble, Kara Watkins, Sammara Weaver, Colton West, Logan Williams, Skye Williams, Makaylah Witt, Logan Wood, Isabella Worley, Aiden Wright,

and Mija Zavala.

Grade 7: Jeremy Abbott, Ethan Alexander, Logan Andrews, Lillian Ashley, Blake Austin, Ceiliann Baldwin, Aiden Barton, Olivia Basham, Jacob Bray, Austin Bumgarner, Jenna Bunce, Quin Carter, Jillian Christopher, Asher Claybrook, Jacob Courtemanche, Matilyn Cox, Kalyn Dangerfield, Emma Dooley, Isabella Dudley, Nevaeh Edwards, Shelby Ensor, Paul Ferreebe, Draven Flinchum, Katelynn Franks, Cody Gardner, Braelynn Gibson, Shaun Gower, Ryleigh Grubb, Brooke Hale, Avery Harper, Osheanna Hartless, Luke Helton, Natalie Holland, Jaden Holmes, Owen Humphreys, Taylor Jacobsen, Lauren Johnson, Connor Jones, Addison Kincer, Izhiah Logan, Kennedy Lohrmann, Teddi Lorenz, Cara May, Ryan McIntyre, Dagan Miller, Autumn Mills, Collin Mills, Parker Minnix, Charlotte Mullen, Morgan Odum, William Regal, Andrew Reynolds, Meisha Robinson, Anna Sanderson, Makenzie Scott, Ava Sexton, Dalin Shemoun, Napiray Sierraprin, Mitchell Sigafos, Ja'niya Silvey, Bryce Simpson, Emma Simpson, Tanner Songer, Taylor Spangler, Christian Stanley, Payton Steahly, Camden Thepsimuong, Angelina Thomas, William VanName, Aliyah Ware, Devin Wilkins, Noah Williams, and Morrison Wright.

Grade 8: Mario Arias, Natalia Baker, Thomas Bibby, Isaiah Board, Marshall Bruner, Evan Copening, Lily Cornett, Emma Craddock, Madeline Cunningham, Zahara Davis, Brogan Dent, Gabriel Dixon, Abigail Dooley, Hayden Eads, Savanna Fisher, Devin Freeman, Lacie Gibson, Emily Glass, Landon Haithcock, Macie Hall, Payton Hall, Hayden Hamblin-Lish, Nathan Hiemstra, Megan Higgins, Allie Jamison, Lillian Johnson, Mallory Johnson, Sara Lang, Samantha Martin, Emma Matthews, Jenna Matthews, Riley Maydian, Khloe Mills, Alexander Montgomery, Genevieve Paul, Spencer Peters, Ethan Powell, Becca Radford, Blake Richardson, Sean Rickman, Reid Ruble, Landon Sarver, Vanessa Sattah, Ian Sigmon, Stephen Underwood, Connor Wheeler, Sarah Wilcox, Carson Wood, and Mary Wray.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Baseball team
 - 5. Hymns
 - 11. Actor Jared
 - 12. Fragrance
 - 16. Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
 - 17. Nordic God
 - 18. Weighed down
 - 19. Coppola's mob epic
 - 24. Nanogram
 - 25. Famed street artist
 - 26. Identifier
 - 27. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 28. In addition
 - 29. Micturated
 - 30. Shock
 - 31. Accept
 - 33. Allotment
 - 34. Eras
 - 38. Emerges
 - 39. Cape Verde capital
 - 40. United Arab Emirates capital
 - 43. Small amount
 - 44. Back of the foot
 - 45. Pakrit language
 - 49. Home of "60 Minutes"
 - 50. Condemn
 - 51. Ailed
 - 53. Elevated railroad
 - 54. Rebelliousness
 - 56. Ancient Greek city
 - 58. Clothing company (abbr.)
 - 59. Member of the cabbage family
 - 60. Softens or smooths
 - 63. Mass of coagulated liquid
 - 64. Problems
 - 65. Irish Republic
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Dress
 - 2. Deadly
 - 3. Says aloud
 - 4. PT Anderson film "___ Nights"
 - 5. Teacher (abbr.)
 - 6. Anesthetized
 - 7. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
 - 8. ___ and behold
 - 9. French young women (abbr.)
 - 10. Scorch
 - 13. Notre Dame
 - 14. Express disapproval
 - 15. Cars need these
 - 20. Not off
 - 21. Unit of mass
 - 22. You
 - 23. Concealed
 - 27. Parent-teacher organizations
 - 29. Approximately 3.14159
 - 30. Chinese conception of poetry
 - 31. Satisfaction
 - 32. College degree
 - 33. Formerly Ceylon: ___ Lanka
 - 34. Effeminate
 - 35. Something to solve
 - 36. Horses like these
 - 37. Intelligence organization
 - 38. Blood type
 - 40. Exhibition
 - 41. Poisonous plant
 - 42. Aluminum
 - 44. Possesses
 - 45. Penetrate w/ a sharp instrument
 - 46. Ring-shaped objects
 - 47. Speaks at church
 - 48. Form in the mind
 - 50. Selectors
 - 51. Probability of default
 - 52. 2001 Spielberg film
 - 54. Where to get a sandwich
 - 55. News
 - 57. Modus operandi
 - 61. Exists
 - 62. Politico-economic union

2020 Regional Paycheck Protection Program data

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Under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) started as a result of COVID. The program guarantees loans made by private sector financial institutions. Loans can be forgiven (becoming a grant) provided 60 percent of the funds are used for payroll to help retain workers.

Applicants had to self-certify that they were eligible for PPP loans. All loans over \$2 million will be reviewed by the SBA. Based on data released in December, these are highlights from the RVARC region:

Loans under \$150,000 were given to 3,287 businesses in the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission region.

These smaller loans total \$113.4 million and potentially benefited 10,920 jobs as reported by the small businesses. 544 additional businesses received loans between \$150,000 and \$10 million, which helped support 23,622 jobs as self-reported by these businesses.

Two businesses received over \$5 million in loans. Twenty-nine businesses received between \$2-5 million, and 40 businesses received between \$1-2 million.

In total, about 38 per-

cent of the region's businesses received assistance from the PPP.

Using self-reported data, 24 percent of the region's jobs were identified as potential beneficiaries.

Transparency rules allow businesses that received more than \$150,000 to be identified by name in the database.

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) has been reopened and will accept second applications from businesses that received first round PPP loans. Visit the SBA website to learn more. <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Angie Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

We are excited about the opening of Joe Goodpies! They held a “soft opening” this week for friends and family. The food was amazing, the place is beautiful and the staff was fantastic! Another great addition to our downtown landscape! More to come soon. Pictured is a mural by Vinton’s own Tonya Weaver Kirk – a tribute to the Vinyard family for their long contribution to the Vinton

community.

Another new addition to our downtown: Artworks is a new fine arts gallery opening within Earthworks Pottery, LLC. The gallery will be open Thursday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Artwork includes paintings, pottery, prints, gifts and cards created by Roanoke Valley artists Bobbie Caton, Leah Coffman, Susan McLaren and Jim Privitera.

Caton is a regional watercolor artist who has expanded into creative use of alcohol ink, acrylic and collage. Her work has been displayed throughout the Roanoke and

New River Valleys and the Allegheny Highlands. Coffman is a Boretourt-based watercolor artist who also explores other media such as alcohol ink, graphite, acrylic on canvas and oil. She has had work on display in the Floyd Center for the Arts and in the Moss Arts Center in Blacksburg. McLaren is a regional watercolor artist with work in other media including acrylic and pen and ink. Her work has been displayed in the Allegheny Highlands and in the Roanoke Valley. Privitera is a well-known Vinton potter who regularly teaches classes out of

his Earthworks studio and displays his work in the new Artworks gallery and other venues around the Roanoke Valley.

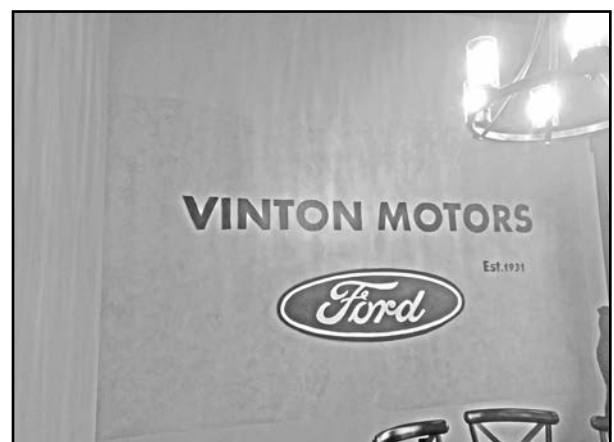
All the artists are delighted to be part of the Vinton community. We are celebrating Thursday, Feb. 5 at 11:30 with a ribbon cutting. How neat is it that our little town has an art and pottery studio!

Do you have a business idea or invention? The Gauntlet might be for you! There’s still time to sign up for Virginia’s largest Business Program & Competition! Take the plunge, you will be glad you did! Sign up today at www.theadvancementfoundation.org/

Classes start February 9.

For more information, contact Shannon N. Dominguez at (434) 609-1172 (cell), www.TheAdvancementFoundation.org.

Remember to mark your calendars. We have changed the date of the Senior Services Expo to September 21.



Beyond Books

Greetings once again from the Vinton Library, where love is in the air! February is National Library Lovers’ Month, and we hope that all of the library lovers in the area will come celebrate with us.

Just as a reminder, we’ve reopened our doors for patrons to come inside and use the library. We’re open on a reservation basis for Roanoke County residents. County residents can call or go online to book a one-hour reservation, then come inside to browse, use computers, or take advantage of our many other services. We hope you’ll make a reservation soon and come show us how much you love your library!

The reason this monthly column is called “Beyond Books” is because we want to use this space to highlight the many ways we try to serve our patrons and the community. Everyone knows they can get a book at the library, but not everyone knows we have full print, copy and scanning services, or that we regularly host pet adoption events in cooperation with RCACP, or that we have a state-of-the-art telescope that patrons can take home with them. And now we’re adding another item to that list of services that go “beyond books” – Happy-Lights!

A HappyLight is a therapeutic lamp that emits a bright white full-spectrum light that safely mimics sunlight (without the harmful UV rays). They are proven to help with winter blues, light deprivation, jet lag, Circadian rhythm disruption, and more. The Vinton Library has received a number of these helpful lamps that our patrons can check out for a 14-day period, and these short, gloomy February days are perfect to try one out. If you’re interested, or just want to learn more about Happy-Lights, give us a call.

One of the main ways we go “beyond books” at the library is with all of our classes and programs! Here is a sample of what’s going on this month. Online Zoom programs require registration; go online at rocolibrary.org to sign up and to view the full calendar.

Are you interested in calligraphy but don’t know where to start? Join us for Calligraphy for Beginners on Zoom, Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. You’ll learn the history, techniques, and applications of the Western branch of this timeless art form.

Stop by the Vinton Library between Monday, Feb. 8 and Monday, Feb. 15 for your own Great Backyard Bird Count Kit! Kits include a bird feeder craft, a backyard bird count bingo card, and information about participating in the Audubon Society’s Great Backyard

Bird Count.

Learn more about the library’s online offerings at Virtual Library Tour: Databases on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. We’ll be taking a guided tour of the databases available for free online with your library card. Explore Lynda.com, Consumer Reports, Morningstar, and much more.

Parents! Did you know that the Winter Reading Program is underway? And did you know that you can participate too? This year’s program started in January, but don’t worry if you’re getting a late start, because you can count books all the way until March 5. We’re counting books on the Beanstack app this year, just like we did with the Summer Reading Program. Just download the app and find Roanoke County Public Libraries. Once you’re signed up, it’s just a matter of logging the books that you or your kids read. You only have to read two books to earn a prize! If you have any questions about how the program or the app works, give us a call at 857-5043 and we’ll be happy to walk you through it!

Here at the Vinton Library, we love our patrons, and we hope you love the library too. Stop in this Library Lovers’ Month and see us or join us on Zoom at any of our informative and fun programs. Follow us on social media @rocolibrary to see all the ways you can show the love! We can’t wait to see you at the Vinton Library, where we meet you at your wonder.

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Roanoke County School Board meets in work session

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The Roanoke County School Board met on February 2 for a work session covering a wide variety of topics from the mental health of students during the pandemic to reopening the fall sports program in the middle and high schools to the proposed budget for the next school year to a COVID update.

Dr. Shawn Hughes, director of School Counseling, talked with board members about efforts by the school system to address the mental health of students who have been significantly impacted by the pandemic and subsequent school disruptions.

Hughes emphasized the support needed from a partnership of parents and the schools to lower student anxiety, depression, isolation, sleeplessness, and even trauma, during these challenging circumstances. She noted that students need outlets such as extracurricular activities and socialization to reduce stress; they need structure and routines; and they need certainty in their lives. Tim Greenway, Vinton’s representative to the School Board, echoed the concerns of Hughes that the mental health issues caused by the pandemic will linger for years and must be dealt with.

A special effort has been made, during the course of this unprecedented school year, to train educators to spot students with mental health issues, including suicide prevention training and development of a crisis tip-sheet. David Linden, who represents the Hollins District, asked Hughes if it

could be determined which students might be experiencing the most stress and mental health issues—those who are learning 100 percent virtually or those who are attending school in-person, at least part-time. Hughes said there does not appear to be a clear distinction between the two groups as far as mental health is concerned. The majority of students have adapted to the situation and learned to be resilient. The schools have tiered programs to help those who are struggling.

Chris Lowe, director of Facilities & Operations for RCPS, presented a comprehensive list of updates on maintenance and construction projects underway or planned—everything from lights replaced at W.E. Cundiff Elementary to replacing sprinkler heads at William Byrd Middle to the upcoming renovations at William Byrd High School.

He also detailed plans to restructure the maintenance teams in the county schools to make the system more preventative and less reactive. Maintenance teams would be set up in five zones—mainly adhering to Magisterial Districts—with one electrician, one plumber, two HVAC technicians, and one maintenance coordinator responsible for each zone. He believes this plan will help chip away at the school system’s 500+ outstanding work orders.

Dr. Rhonda Stegall, executive director of Administration, gave her usual COVID update with the good news that “our numbers of cases are coming down.” RCPS faculty and staff are scheduled for their second doses of the COVID vaccine on Feb-

ruary 12 in another mass event.

She led a lengthy discussion of the options for scheduling fall sports (football, competitive cheerleading, volleyball, golf, cross country) and whether middle and high school students will compete “In County” or “In District.” The board will make a decision at its next meeting on February 11.

Director of Finance Susan Peterson continued discussion of the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year, covering the topics of compensation, benefits, and departmental budget requests. The school system hopes to provide raises for employees, including teachers and support personnel, as well as increase the pay for substitute teachers, nurses, and instructional assistants. She shared the good news that health insurance premiums will not be increasing for employees next year.

Peterson hopes to recoup budget items which had to be slashed from the 2020-2021 budget due to the pandemic.

There was a brief discussion of the amount of money the school system is required to pay annually for flood insurance and an upcoming increase of 25 percent in those charges. The Burton Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT) is the reason for most of those expenses (some \$180,000 annually) as it lies in the floodplain in Salem. This fact gave the School Board renewed determination to build a new BCAT facility near the Central Administration building on Cove Road. Back Creek Elementary also lies in the floodplain.

Terrier Lacrosse Club recruiting elementary/middle school youth

The 2021 Terrier Lacrosse Girls Youth Lacrosse season gets underway in March. Registration is currently open for elementary and middle school age players. The season extends from mid-March through mid-May.

The Terrier Lacrosse Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing skills and sportsmanship in a safe, positive, and fun environment.

It is the feeder program for William Byrd High School, ensuring players have fundamental skills before playing at the high school level.

Players interested in participating have some options to gain more information:

Like the Terrier Lacrosse page @ [terrierlacclub](https://www.facebook.com/terrierlacclub)

Register on their website at www.roanokelax.com

Email terrierlacclub@gmail.com

Grant Beecher is the Terrier Lacrosse Club president. The coaches include Beecher, who is head coach for the middle school team; Kelsey Harris, the head coach for the elementary team; Chris Rupe and Aaron Hylton. Board members include Beecher, Vice President Aaron Hylton, Treasurer Kim Hylton, and Gloria Harris, secretary and fundraising chair.

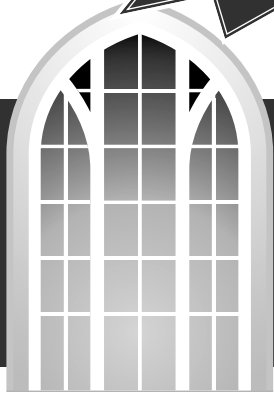
Beecher describes lacrosse as “one of the fastest growing sports in the United States and getting great movement globally. It is a wonderful community no matter where you go. Girls lacrosse is also a very inexpensive sport for the beginner.”

He advises that “anyone interested in playing should try it even they don’t have any experience. Lacrosse is a sport a person can pick up whether they are in elementary school or high school. The coaching staff is trained through US Lacrosse to help any level player to grow and become better.

“As a coach of different sports, I will say I haven’t found a sport like lacrosse that promotes unity and team spirit,” Beecher added. “It never ceases to amaze me how these girls really support each other. Over my years of coaching, I have heard from players who join lacrosse because they heard we promote fun and skills at the same time.”

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EPA Brownfields Grant work continues



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Property on Cleveland Avenue in Vinton is on the target list for Brownfield Grant Assessments spending.

Debbie Adams
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The EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.

A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Basically, the purpose of the program is to return vacant or underutilized properties to productive reuse by providing funds for initial assessments and planning that will serve to incentivize investment and jumpstart redevelopment and revitalization.

The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act passed in 2002 and amended in 2018 was designed to help states and communities around

the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites.

Under this law, the EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants.

In 2019, the Town of Vinton was awarded a Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$300,000, targeting four areas: the Route 24 /Washington Avenue/Gus Nicks Boulevard area, the Route 634/Virginia Avenue/Hardy Road area, Pollard Street, and the Cleveland and Jackson Avenues area.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds (\$180,000) were designated to be used to conduct six Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds (\$120,000) were to be used

to conduct four Phase I and one Phase II environmental site assessments.

Both types were to be used to develop a GIS-based brownfields site inventory and database, to prioritize sites, to develop three clean-up plans, and to support community outreach activities.

The Town of Vinton signed a contract with the Draper Aden Associates consulting firm to manage the grant in January 2020. Draper Aden Associates Design Engineer Stephanie Houston is serving as the project manager.

A Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Group (BRAG) was formed early on in the process made up of town staff, residents, and regional officials.

In June 2020, Houston organized an online BRAG session which presented an overview of the grant program and what was to come. On January 27, 2021, she updated the Town of Vinton and the advisory group via a Zoom meeting on progress on the grant activities and Brownfields inventories that have been completed or are in various stages of completion.

Brownfields Inventories have included collecting a list of brownfield sites in Vinton, collecting information about the specific brownfield sites, and prioritizing the order in which brownfields sites should be assessed.

As of January 4, 2021, eight Property Approval Questionnaires (PAQs) which have been submitted

for funding approval by the EPA have been approved and are in various stages of completion:

Proposed hotel site bounded by Pollard Street, First Street, and Cedar Avenue: Proposed Phase II actions including the Phase II ESA (Environmental Site Assessments) with soil and/or groundwater sampling to evaluate whether contamination is actually present on the subject property, and a Hotel Market Study have been completed and approved for the hotel site. A Marketing RFP has been proposed and approved and is on-going. A Phase II ESA was completed for the hotel site using funds from the EPA Brownfields Grant and the Virginia Brownfields Assistance Fund (VBAF) grant. DPC Hospitality completed a hotel market study for the Vinton hotel site on July 13, 2020, which was soon after presented to town council. The market study indicated there is a market justification for a limited-service hotel in the area, that occupancy will most likely stabilize at 73 percent by 2025 (with an opening in 2023), and that its Internal Rate of Return will be 20.2 percent. DPC will now begin a targeted search for developers, prepare RFPs, and review proposals to select a developer for the project.

Properties on Cleveland Avenue/Pine Street/Jackson Avenue, and Hardy Road: Phase I assessments (a review of records and visual inspection of the subject property and surrounding properties to assess the possibility of

contamination on the property) have been proposed, approved, and are pending for these properties.

Former William Byrd High School site on Highland Avenue: Phase I inventories have been proposed, approved, and completed at the former William Byrd High School annex, along with an ACM/LBP survey (Asbestos-Containing Materials/Lead Based Paint). A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was completed at the annex in August 2020 which allowed the developer to obtain a loan and move forward in redeveloping the site.

Former Steve's Garage on Jackson Avenue: A Phase I inventory has also been proposed, approved, and completed for this site. A Phase II inventory at the property is pending. A Phase I ESA at the garage was completed in September 2020 which allowed the town to move forward with possible options for redevelopment into a recreational area or event space. The redevelopment of this site will support the town's Downtown Revitalization and Walnut Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Accommodations Project.

Gish's Mill site: An initial structural assessment for storm damage at the historic Gish's Mill site was completed on June 22, 2020, as part of a Virginia Department of Historic Resources disaster relief grant. Vinton's Principal Planner Nathan McClung explained more assessments are underway at Gish's Mill

related to its location in the flood plain and rezoning issues to be dealt with beginning with the Planning Commission.

Approximately 31 percent of the initial funding has been spent to date, with about \$200,000 approved but not yet committed to specific projects.

The current three-year Brownfields Grant cycle will end September 30, 2022, leaving about 18 months to go, but Houston said many grantees have seen great success in maintaining funding for many years with multiple grants.

Now that work is well underway with the hotel and Gish Mill sites, Houston asked the committee to consider which of the sites to tackle next or whether there are other properties they would like to add to the list.

Vinton Director of Planning and Zoning Anita McMillan suggested concentrating on the Cleveland Avenue/Pine Street/Jackson Avenue properties and adding property adjacent to Gish's Mill to the target areas. All are privately owned.

Lori Kroll from Draper Aden and Vinton resident Janet Scheid suggested a planning/designing charrette to gain neighborhood input on potential redevelopment of the Cleveland Avenue properties.

The consensus was that the focus should next be on the Cleveland Avenue properties and the property bordering Gish's Mill. Houston will begin in-depth work on plans for those sites.

Farmburguesa provides hot meals for seniors

The LOA has expressed its appreciation to the Farmburguesa restaurants who partnered with the Plating

Change Initiative in providing 250 hot meals for local seniors in January. Some of the seniors at Clearview

Manor and Porter's Haven in Vinton, McCray Court, Elm Manor, and Morningside Manor, along with Diner's Club members and some of Meals-on-Wheels clients received a hot burger and waffle fries from Farmburguesa.

"We are so grateful for this extra special treat for our seniors with food insecurity!" LOA representatives commented.

Farmburguesa was also

involved in an eight-week campaign through the Plating Change Initiative to serve over 2,000 hot meals to residents across the Roanoke Valley. Partners were US Foods, PMI Payroll Management, Feeding America, Commonwealth Catholic Charities, The Least of These, the LOA, the United Way, and the Town of Vinton government.

Residents and staff at

Berkshire Health and Rehab received meals as part of the initiative.

Farmburguesa co-owners Jimmy Delgado and Kat Pascal and Farmburguesa were recognized as 2020 FRONTLeaders in Business on the Service Front in restaurants for "aggressively marketing home delivery and curbside pick-up, to setting up outdoor dining areas, sometimes in parking lots" by Valley Business

FRONT.

Farmburguesa launched its in-house delivery business the very day last spring the owners were told by the governor they had to close down due to the pandemic, enabling them to keep their employees on the payroll.

There are two Farmburguesa locations - the original one on Pollard Street in Vinton and another at Grandin Village in Roanoke.

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Kat Pascal and Jimmy Delgado (right) deliver meals to employees and residents of the Berkshire Health and Rehabilitation Center in Vinton, accompanied by Vinton Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour (left).

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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.

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From the Pulpit

Compassion

I wanted to share with you a verse that has been on my heart since the end of 2020. It is a familiar passage for many of us, and I admit that I previously focused on one section and missed something vitally important for how we walk today.

Matthew 9:35-38 (NKJV): 35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with

compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

We are very familiar with the truth in this passage regarding the harvest and our biblical mandate to be a co-laborer in His Harvest. What we don't see at first glance is the heart of our Savior and the example it sets for us today.

In verse 36 one must note that Jesus was "moved with compassion, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."

When I reread this passage during 2020, I must admit that I reflected on the natural movement of my own heart when seeing "the multitudes" and realized that I had some serious growing to do! I am tempted to look at people in weary situations and dismiss their plight with a simple "they are weary because of their own doing" or "they knew better." In short, my natural heart move was not to compassion like Jesus but rather frustration, calloused, and compassion absent thinking.

As a pastor, this convicted me to the core. Jesus, knowing the people's weariness and the cause, was still moved with compassion. Our almighty and all-knowing Jesus even knew

their failures in the future, yet His first heart move was to have compassion.

We also see that Jesus, as He was dying on the cross for our sins, was also moved with compassion for those who were nailing Him to the cross. What an example for us today! The cry of my heart after seeing this truth is Lord, help me to please see people's weariness and be moved with compassion. I believe that should be all of our cry during this politically and socially divided season.

We should look past people's hardened exterior, their own short comings and be like Jesus. We should notice and care for their weariness. Whether it was their own fault or not, they

are still hurting. Our world is so full of people who are weary and hurting. They are like sheep without a shepherd. They are lost and tired. Maybe it would change our world if we all were moved with compassion first. Will you join me in changing your perspective and asking God to help you in the area of compassion?

Lord, thank you so much for being a God who cares so deeply that you are moved with compassion. Please help me to be moved with compassion like you. Help me to see people's weariness over their faults and shortcomings. Help me to give light in this dark world. Amen.

By Pastor Gareth Stephenson, Parkway House of Prayer

PET OF THE WEEK



"Mack", 5 years old, neutered male
Mack is a gentle giant who loves to play. He is always down for a good game of tug. He is only reserved until he gets to know you and then he has a wide open personality and lots of love to give.



"Rolo", 1 year old, neutered male
Rolo came to us very scared and reserved. Our staff has been showing him that humans can be pretty cool and worthy of trust and he has been learning how to play and snuggle. He would love a quiet home to call his own.



"Clarice", 1 year old, spayed female
Clarice is shy but very sweet and would love a quiet home where she can snuggle up with her human. She has been staying in a wonderful foster home for the last few weeks and is really coming out of her shell and showing her lovely, sweet personality.

Sun Solutions

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Sun Solutions owner Jeff Belcher and Vinton Director of Programs Chasity Barbour discuss new banners the company is producing for the town.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Sun Solutions creates and installs the wraps for Carilion, including its Lifeguard helicopters. The company's work is seen across the valley and beyond.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Sun Solutions also designed and installed wraps for Botetourt County.

for Auto Trim Design while he was still in high school and remained there until he became self-employed in 1998.

He now has two employees, his son Trevor, and Paul Griffin, a graphic designer who works part-time. Trevor also graduated from WBHS and shares his father's artistic skills. Griffin is from Boston and works for the Vinton Post Office.

Their process begins with a consultation with clients on their design vision to determine what the customer hopes to achieve. Sun Solutions then translates that vision to reality using Corel-Draw professional graphic design software. They engineer the design digitally on an enormous onsite printer loaded with rolls of vinyl from suppliers 3M and Avery. They laminate the vinyl and install the end product.

Their materials are high quality vinyl made to stretch and conform to the shape of the vehicle or space. The rolls of printed designs resemble peel-and-stick contact paper, although much easier and more forgiving to work with.

Once the design is complete, it takes a couple of

days to install. With an in-house printer and custom cutter, they offer a quick turn-around time.

While Sun Solutions does vehicle wraps for all sorts of companies, they also design and install graphics on personal vehicles for individuals.

"Wraps are usually cheaper than a paint job and much more individualized," said Belcher.

They create wall wraps for homes and businesses. One of the most memorable was a NASCAR wall for a die-hard race fan.

"The sky is the limit," said Belcher. "We can make your fantasies into reality and make your home or vehicle into one of a kind."

Sun Solutions is in the

process of designing more signage and banners for the town. It also has worked with Peters on a unique concept to use perforated vinyl window statics to cover some of the projects that are under construction in the town.

"For example, Twin Creeks Brewing Company has a gray tarp in the window at 109 South Pollard," said Peters. "I am working with them to create a window static to highlight the activity going on inside and look a little more attractive in the meantime. We'll do something similar at 121 East Lee, now that Jeff Janney has leased that space for warehousing. These statics will highlight the businesses, also featuring the 'InVinton' branding. With all the

activity in town and traffic driving through every day, I don't want to miss a single opportunity to highlight what's going on."

Sun Solutions is open from 8:30 to 5 Monday through Friday, and can be reached at 342-6505. A gallery of their work can be

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Holmes named Regional Commission's associate executive director

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) has announced that Jeremy Holmes has accepted the position of associate executive director. Reporting directly to Executive Director Wayne Strickland, Holmes will take on additional administrative duties at the Commission, including managing the development of the annual work program, along with a number of other special projects and management duties.

As associate executive director he will retain his position as Director of RIDE Solutions, the regional Commuter Assis-

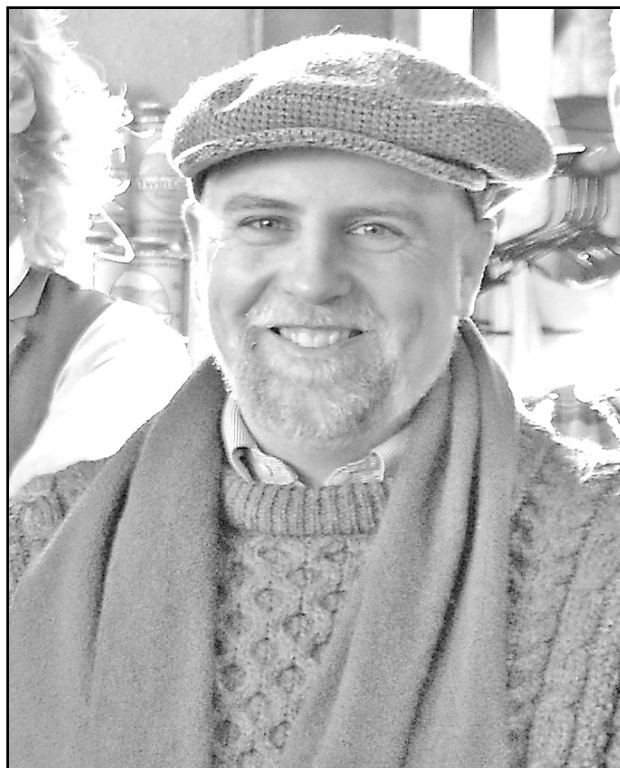
tance Program he has led since he started at the Commission in 2006. Holmes has been a familiar face in Vinton with the RIDE Solutions BikeShare program in past years and 2019's Tweed Ride.

"I'm thrilled to take on this new leadership role at the Commission," Holmes said. "And I'm particularly honored to step into a role that has been newly created to expand the Commission's ability to take on projects to better support our local government partners."

This year represents Holmes' 15th year at the Commission. During that time, in

addition to leading the RIDE Solutions program, he has worked on air quality and sustainability programs, including managing the Air Quality Action List and the Volunteers for Energy Program, working with the Livable Roanoke Valley partnership, and other projects.

Holmes holds and has held leadership roles in the Roanoke Valley Cool Cities Coalition, the Greater Roanoke Valley Asthma and Air Quality Coalition, and Healthy Roanoke Valley. Previous to the Commission, he worked at The Roanoke Times as the Data Analysis manager in the Circulation Department



Joe Goodpies from page 1



Members of Vinton Town Council (left to right) Laurie Mullins, Keith Liles, and Mike Stovall, attended the opening of Joe Goodpies



Developer Dale Wilkinson and General Contractor Greg Rhodes renovated the former Vinton Motors to create the Vinyard Station complex, home to Joe Goodpies. They elected to keep the original ceiling.



Jason Peters, his wife Candye and their children enjoyed the opening of Joe Goodpies. Peters is Chairman of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors and represents Vinton on the board.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Joe Goodpies features brick oven pizza from their 10,000 pound pizza oven.

Winston, who also owns Jersey Lily's Roadhouse Grill on Orange Avenue and Jersey Lily's in Salem, Joe Goodpies features a brick pizza oven weighing 10,000 pounds, visible from the dining area.

The menu features 18 varieties of pizza, with freshly made dough and sauce – or you can "build your own." Pizzas on the menu range from pepperoni to Hawaiian to Margherita to Sriracha Shrimp.

Chicken wings, boneless and bone-in, come with a choice of several sauces including Mango Habanero and Dark Rum.

Burgers are another specialty, from the basic All-American Cheeseburger to The Sunday Cure (with fried egg, ground beef, applewood bacon, cheese,

tomato, and Bloody Mary ketchup) to Maui Wowie.

There is an array of specialty salads, appetizer choices, and hand-cut fries.

There's a long list of "Sandwiches Over Vinton" – heroes, subs, and clubs. There are kids meals, weekday lunch, and weekend specials, along with Pizza Monday, Chicken Wing Tuesday, and Burger Wednesday deals.

The restaurant offers beer (bottled and on tap), wine, and mixed drinks.

The Vinyard Station project got underway in November 2019 and has kept passing motorists fascinated with its steady progress ever since, despite the pandemic.

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a formal ribbon-cutting for Joe Goodpies in the coming

weeks.

According to Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters, the Town of Vinton will host a separate ribbon-cutting for the entire Vinyard Station Complex, once completed, later in the spring, inviting members of Town Council, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, the Roanoke County and Town of Vinton administrations, and the developers to celebrate the project and recognize all those who have made contributions to a successful completion of the project.

There will be speeches by council and board members, tours of the property, and recognition of partners and businesses who participated in making the project a reality.

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Families Deserve Respect

Read Numbers 1:1 through 2:34

In our fragmented families today, it is difficult to understand the closeness of Israelite families. They worked together, lived in the same area, and had tribal leaders who counseled them, taught them God's Law, and arbitrated their disputes. God appointed a leader from each tribe to help Moses count the men of his tribe. God also told them where to arrange their tents so each tribe lived together. By living so closely together, they must have learned a great deal about getting along with one another.

So the Israelites did every

thing the Lord commanded Moses; that is the way they encamped under their standards, and that is the way they set out, each of them with their clan and family (Numbers 2:34).

In today's society, respect is often a missing ingredient in families. Often, families intentionally live a distance from each other so they don't have to spend much time together. Maybe we should return to the Israelite model and learn to appreciate and depend on one another more.

Thought for Today: The family structure is important to God.

Quicklook: Numbers 2:32-34

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SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF 58 Lakeland Circle, Troutville, VA 24175 Tax Map #108(A)(1)BK2-19
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public auction on the date and time referenced below.

Lot 19, Block 2, according to the Map of Blocks 2 through 7, of Rainbow Forest, property of Botetourt Development Corporation, Botetourt County, Virginia, made by C.B. Malcolm and Son, S.C.E.'s dated August 15, 1960, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Plat Book 4, page 102.

Date of Sale: February 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Location: outside the Botetourt County Circuit Court, PO Box 219, Courthouse, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090.

Terms: CASH; a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Final settlement is subject to Court approval of terms. Time is of the essence.

OPTIONS:

1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Special Commissioner nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser.
2. The Special Commissioner reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Special Commissioner be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Special Commissioner will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property.

John K. Prillaman, Esq.
Special Commissioner

For Information Contact:
John K. Prillaman, Esq.
OPN LAW
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Roanoke, Virginia 24018
(540) 725-8194

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA,

a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Case No. CL19-619**
Complainant, v.
GARLAND L. BROWN, ET AL, Respondent(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows:
Tax Map Nos. 107A(7)BK1-1 and 107A(7)BK1-4
Account Nos. 13419 and 13458

All those certain lots or parcels of land, together with any improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in the County of Botetourt, State of Virginia and being more particularly described as follows:

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BEGINNING at an iron pin on the south side of Cloverdale Avenue, (S.R. 1004), said pin being the front corner of Lots 2 and 3, proceed with the south line of Cloverdale Avenue S. 33° 23' W. 102.6 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 1; thence with the west line of Lots 1 and 4, S. 43° 40' E. 165.50 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 4; thence with the south line Lot 4, N. 46° 20' E. 150.00 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 4, being located on the west line of First Avenue (S.R. 1002); thence with said west line N. 43° 40' W. 50.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 4, said point being the Southeast corner of Lot 3; thence with south line of Lot 3, S. 46° 20' W. 50.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 3, said point being the Southeast corner of Lot 2; thence with the east line of Lot 2, N. 43° 40' W. 138.50 feet to point of BEGINNING of this description and containing 0.464 acres, more or less, and being shown on a plat made by Lewis A. Hickman, Jr., C.L.S., dated May 24, 1973, attached to a deed of partial release dated August 16, 1973, from Lucille R. Taylor, and Being all of Lots one (1), two (2), and four (4), Block 1 (1), Uptide Addition as shown on a plat made by Smith, Bradford & Co., Engineers, which map is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Plat Book 1 at Page 45; and Less and except 0.006 acre conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 420 at Page 291; and

Being the same property conveyed to Garland L. Brown from Lisa McFarland Snow by Deed dated May 18, 1999 and recorded May 26, 1999 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Deed Book 569 at Page 1496.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book U at Page 350, Deed Book R at Page 387, Deed Book N at Page 451, Deed Book O at Page 71, Deed Book 420 at Page 291.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Garland L. Brown, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 8 Cloverdale Ave, Cloverdale, Virginia 24077; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose

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location cannot be ascertained appear on or before February 23, 2021 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 11th day of January, 2021.

Joel R. Branscom
Judge

I Ask For This:
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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

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold public hearings, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on February 24, 2021, at 3:00pm in the Community Room at the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearings shall be to determine if certain structures are dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structures should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structures are located as follows:

- (1) A dilapidated structure located at 625 Union Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map # 161 - 7 - 5); and
- (2) A dilapidated structure located at 329 Chestnut Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map #144-9-6).

All parties in interest at the public hearings will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a

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potential dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036).

THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY Troy D. Loving
Troy D. Loving,
Building Official

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Building Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 36-105 Code of the State of Virginia, on February 24, 2021, at 3:00pm in the Community Room of Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, regarding the following:

Appeal the decision of the building official regarding the property located at 901 S. Colorado Street (Tax Map #184-4-8).

At the hearing all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why the decision should or should not be upheld. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036).

THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY Troy D. Loving, CBO

Troy D. Loving, CBO,
Building Official

Legals - Craig County

ABC NOTICE

Lemon Hotel LLC, trading as Lemon Hotel LLC, 9 Hotel Lane, Paint Bank, Craig County, Virginia 24131-8058.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer On premises and Mixed Beverage on premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Stephen H. Cutler, Vice President/Secretary

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.

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:

Date: February 25, 2021
Time: 10:00AM
Sale Location: Front of the Montgomery County Courthouse 1 E Main Street Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. All prospective bidders will be required to wear a face mask and maintain a social distance.

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

Description of Property: Being all of Lot 45, containing approximately 1.978 Acres, The Ridges Subdivision Phase 6, located in Montgomery County, Virginia. Parcel ID number 140178. Pin number 045-9-45.

Property May Be Inspected at: Drive by only

For information about the sale: Call Sara Wright at 865-274-7349

Minimum Bid: \$7,800

The Terms of Payment: See Below

Form of Payment: All payments must be by Certified or Cashier's Check made payable to the United States District Court for the 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 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

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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*******

This is not an advertisement of a sale of administratively seized property. This is an information notice only regarding a sale being conducted by the Internal Revenue Service as a result of the foreclosure of an Internal Revenue Service 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 *lv.*

Telisha Leigh Moser Gebhart
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 visitation, consent to 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 appear at the above-named Court and protect her interests on or before February 16, 2021.
1-12-21
Amie Blankenship Clerk

C.H. "Hank" Partin, Sheriff MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 1 East Main Street Christiansburg, Virginia 24073 Tel: 540-382-6915 Fax: 540-381-6869

In accordance with Section 2-13 of the Code of Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Sheriffs Office will be holding a public display of unclaimed property prior to disposing of the property. The display will be available on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 from 1pm to 2 pm at the Sheriffs Office.

The items to be displayed are as follows:

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| Pistol (2012-003369) | Pistol (2017 -013465) |
| Knife (2016-008611) | Backpack, knife, money (2013-001546) |
| Two pistols, gun magazines, badge, Tactical bag, knife (2014-002843) | Jewelry (2015-002376) |
| Knife (2014-001212) | Pistol, magazine (2017-000296) |
| Kent Bicycle (2018-012088) | Two knives (2012-002371) |
| Socket set (2012-002004) | Schwinn Bicycle (2017-007462) |
| Kent Bicycle (2016-014558) | Ring (2016-015823) |
| Knife (2015-001261) | Leaf blower (2020-014036) |
| Pistol (2017-007034) | Shotgun (2015-001964) |
| Cash (2018-010212) | Tile saw (2014-000994) |
| Television (2017-000323) | Pistol & holster (2013-002647) |
| Five Knives (2018-012137) | Knives (2015-002103) |
| Knives (2019-018922) | Coins (2014-002664) |
| Coins (2013-001546) | Necklace (2017-006830) |
| Rifle (2007-001520) | Compressor (2014-000688) |
| Kent Bicycle (2018-015382) | Huffy Bicycle (2014-000589) |
| Roadmaster Bicycle (2014-001197) | Huffy Bicycle (2020-000118) |
| Raleigh Bicycle (2020-001628) | Dyna Craft Bicycle (20 17-0 14863) |
| Necklaces, ring, bracelet (2018-022727) | Silverware (2018-022667) |
| Pistol, magazine (2019-003133) | Coins (2015-001759) |
| Two jackets (2019-018717) | Battery powered grease gun (2018-024165) |
| Coins, binoculars, camera (2016-015899) | Pistol (2012-002370) |
| Cell phones (2017 -006327) | Knives (2016-015980) |
| Drill, vacuums (2019-004610) | Paint, paint kit, door kits, comforters, clothing, Knife (2018-016829) |
| iPad (2016-006994) | Camera, faucet set (2018-015997) |
| Box cutter (2018-011507) | Knife (2018-022118) |

The purpose of this display is to locate the owners of the listed items. Anyone claiming ownership of an item must provide adequate proof of ownership. **This is NOT a public sale of these items.**

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The William Byrd Region 3D champion boys swim team is comprised of, left photo left to right: Brycen Nielsen, Cole Kovacevic, Nathan Miller, Aiden Brinkley, Elliott Gaines, Colin Murtaugh, Austin Nielsen, Matthew Hoyos, Michael Hoyos and Griffin Horacek. Right photo, these boys comprised the relay teams that broke two school records. Left to right: Colin Murtaugh, Nathan Miller, Austin Nielsen and Aiden Brinkley.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

William Byrd boys are Region 3D swimming champions

The William Byrd boys are Region 3D champions after finishing at the top of a nine school meet at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center last weekend. Byrd scored 126 points to 109 for second place Cave Spring.

“The boys swam so fast!” said Terrier coach Krista Martin. “The energy for the whole meet was amazing.”

The swimming Terriers started off the day winning the boys’ 200 medley relay and breaking the school record from 2015. The previous record in the boys’ 200 medley relay was set back in February of 2015 by the foursome of Khalil Fonder, Chase

Plaster, Billy Ferguson and Michael Craddock with a time of 1:41.53. On Saturday the Byrdmen beat that record with a time of 1:40.77 with a foursome of Aiden Brinkley, Austin Nielsen Colin Murtaugh, and Nathan Miller.

The momentum just kept on going from there. Murtaugh won the 50 free with a time of 21.65 and the 100 fly with a time of 51.15. Brinkley was region champ in the 100 back with a time of 55.64 and Nielsen took the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:00.92.

Byrd ended the meet with another school record in the 400 freestyle relay. The previous record was set

last year by Nathan Miller, Austin Nielsen, Matthew Hoyos and Colin Murtaugh with a time of 3:38.88. The 2021 boys won the event and crushed that record on Saturday with a time of 3:21.84 set by Miller, Murtaugh, Brinkley and Nielsen.

Six Byrd boys qualified for state, Griffin Horacek, Miller, Murtaugh, Brinkley, Nielsen and Michael Hoyos. The state will be timed finals at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center on Sunday, February 14th.

Hidden Valley won the girls’ Region 3D meet, and Cave Spring was also the runnerup in that one. Byrd finished eighth with 30 points.



Byrd’s Noah Thompson runs at a “Polar Bear” meet.

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William Byrd indoor team heating up in outdoor meets

The William Byrd indoor track team is gearing up for the post-season with “Polar Bear” meets outside. Last Saturday the Terriers were at Northside for a quad meet with Cave Spring, Hidden Valley and the host Vikings.

Sela Beatty started the day off with a win in the 55m dash with a time of 7.63 seconds. Remi Figart finished 3rd with a time of 7.99 and Sydney Blewett finished 4th in 8.24 seconds. Figart also won the 300m dash with a time of 45.60 seconds and Emma Dalton fwas 3rd at 52.58 seconds.

Emma Gordon won the 500m dash in 1:29.92 and Kelsey Roth was 3rd at 1:34.04. In the 55m hurdles Beatty won with a time of 12.37 seconds.

The 4x200m relay won in 1:56.72 with the team of Chloe Harrilla, Figart, Dalton and Beatty. Blewett won the shot put with a throw of 25’11”.

The boys team had a great day at Northside as Noah Thompson finished 2nd in the 55m dash with a time of 7.15. Isaac Roth won the 300m dash in 38.90 and Walker Nance ran 43.68. Nance won the 55m hurdles with a time 10.10

Dakota Bell won the 500m dash in 1:19.26 and Case Crawford finished 3rd in 1:24.85. The 4x200m relay team won with a time of 1:43.17 with Roth, Nance, Tyler Buxton and Thompson.

Keaton Band finished 2nd in the shot put with a throw of 32’6” while Jacob McKinney finished 4th at 26’1” and Jack Hinkle was 6th at 22’1”.

The Byrd Indoor Track And Field will be traveling to Christiansburg High School on February 13th, 2021 for the Region 3 Championships starting at Noon.

Girls have “Sr. Night” Friday, region basketball next week

The William Byrd girls’ basketball team will be competing in the Region 3D tournament next week, but coach Brad Greenway has no idea who or where the girls will play. That will be decided sometime before Monday’s play-in round.

A total of 10 teams will play in the regional, including Bassett and Magna Vista, who did not play a game in the regular season. Somehow the teams will be seeded from one to 10 and the seven through 10 seeds will play Monday to trim the field to eight. Then, the remaining eight will play Tuesday.

“I have no idea who we will play or what seed we will be,” said Greenway.

The Terriers will wrap up the regular season with a game at Hidden Valley on Wednesday of this week and “Senior Night” at home against Northside on Friday. Byrd is 4-2 in the Roanoke County round robin after a 44-30 home loss to Cave Spring Tuesday night.

“Tough night for us offensively,” said Greenway. “Sophia Chrisley led us with 14 points and we had three

other players combine for 16 points. That’s not going to get it done. We need to find a way to put them in better position to get easy buckets somehow.”

Zada Porter, one of top players in the Roanoke Valley, had 26 points for the Knights.

“She is one of the most talented players I’ve seen come through this valley in my time here with her speed, size, and scoring ability,” said Greenway. “But to hold your opponent to 44 points, at this level that’s usually going to be good enough to give you a chance to win. We just couldn’t find the basket for long stretches.”

Last Wednesday at Glenvar Chrisley and Emilie McCaskill combined for 38 points in a 48-40 win. Sophia had 20 and Emilie had 18 and both hit four three-pointers for the Terriers. Olivia Harris had 18 for Glenvar.

“We were able to get out ahead early and did a good job of maintaining that lead throughout,” said Greenway. “We had some scoring droughts throughout the game but luckily we were able to put together enough runs to get over the hump.”



Byrd’s Gretta Walls looks to pass in last week’s win at Glenvar. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Byrd’s Jamie Cawley looks for a teammate in Tuesday’s game at Cave Spring.

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key looking to create something. He found Cameron Richardson in the corner and he knocked one down with three seconds remaining to send the game into overtime. Byrd then outscored Glenvar, 13-7, in the extra period for the win.

“That was a fun game,” said Cunningham. “It would have been a good one to have fans at.”

Richardson led Byrd with 27 points, 14 of which came in the fourth quarter and overtime. Jamie Cawley had 17 and Ruble had eight.

Byrd played host to Hidden Valley for “Senior Night” on Wednesday but results were too late for publication.

BIG ORANGE WRESTLING

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“Hunter Richards came up big and got us a pin to win the match,” said Byrd coach Thomas Kessler. “Northside came out tough on their Senior Night and brought the competition to us.”

Last week Byrd swept the two Southwest County teams on the Terriers’ “Senior Night,” defeating Cave Spring once and Hidden Valley twice. The Byrdmen have a strong senior class with Derek Burton, Gavin Ellis, Steve Tingler, Mac Simmons, and Jerze Webb.

“This class has had a dual record of 32-11 and 325 individual wins between

them,” said Kessler. “The class has also seen a district title, Big Orange Title, and two region runner up titles. We will miss this group and we are happy that we get a post season to send them out the right way.”

Last week the Roanoke County School Board voted to allow the wrestlers to compete against teams from outside the county, opening the door for Byrd to compete in the regional and state.

“We are excited about being able to compete in the post season,” said Kessler. “In our sport that’s the end goal for kids so it is very exciting they are allowing us to go.”

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Region 3D basketball begins Monday

The William Byrd boys' basketball team will wrap up the regular season on Friday with a game at Northside, then play in the Region 3D tournament next week. The seeding for the tournament will be decided sometime before Monday, when the 10 team tournament begins. On Monday the seventh seed will host the 10th seed and the eighth seed will host the ninth while the top six have a bye. Then, Tuesday, the remaining eight will play at the sites of the higher seeds.



Byrd's Camden Richardson attacks the rim at Cave Spring Tuesday.

PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

How the seeding will be conducted is a mystery. Byrd has been able to play only Roanoke County teams in the regular season and two of the teams in the regional, Bassett and Magna Vista, have not played at all.

"I just know it starts Monday but I have no idea where we'll be seeded," said Byrd coach Josh Cunningham. The Terriers are 2-4 in the county robin robin after a 67-43 loss to the Knights in Cave Spring's new gym Tuesday. Trevor Ruble led the Byrdmen with 11 points on a tough night for the visitors.

"If you don't come ready to play Cave Spring is going to exploit you," said Cunningham. "They're a good team, and it was just a matter of a lot of little things that hurt us."

Last Wednesday at home the Terriers won a thriller over Glenvar, 67-61, in overtime. Byrd had a seven point lead at the half but the Highlanders rallied and had a three point edge with time running out. Byrd had the ball with Ruble at the top of the

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The William Byrd football team goes through conditioning drills on the lower field at the high school. Regular practices start today.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Terriers spring into football

Normally the Super Bowl signals the end of football season, but not this year. For Virginia high school teams, it's just beginning.

Football practice officially starts on Thursday of this week by the Virginia High School League athletic calendar during the coronavirus pandemic. William Byrd will begin official practices today, although athletes have been conditioning according to protocols prior to this week.

This will be a different kind of preseason practice for the teams. Normally, prior to the fall season, temperatures are in the 90s for August workouts. With the fall season moved to the end of winter and early spring the temperatures are about 60 degrees colder and snow is still around.

Thankfully, the Terriers have an artificial turf field to practice on. Byrd will go from 3 pm to 6:30 pm today and Friday, then practice from 8 am to 10 am Saturday morning. The pandemic hasn't hurt the turnout for the team.

"Our numbers are good going into

the season, and our coaching staff is excited that we have added players to our varsity and junior varsity roster," said coach Brad Lutz, who enters his second season at the helm under trying circumstances. "When we took over the program, we had 17 returning players in the football program. When we start this season, we have 58 total players on our team roster, which includes junior varsity and varsity. With that said, we have numerous multi-sports athletes who will be competing in regionals, so we will not have our entire roster for the first week of practice."

The first games are scheduled for Monday, February 22nd. The Roanoke County School Board will have a say in who the Terriers play.

"At this point, we are uncertain about our schedule," said Lutz. "If we play our district schedule, we will play all of the Blue Ridge District teams and Spotswood High School. If we use the same format as winter sports, we will play county teams."

Byrd senior Jerze Webb (right in photo) wrestles in a recent match in Vinton.

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Big Orange wrestles in region Sat.

Christiansburg High School will be the site of the Region 3D wrestling tournament this Saturday. The tourney will be a one-day affair and only the top two in each weight class will advance to the state at the Salem Civic Center on Thursday, February 18th.

The Terriers are anxious to see what they can do in their first tournament of this unusual season. They've only been allowed to wrestle Roanoke County opponents to date and Byrd has dominated the four other county schools. On Tuesday the Big Orange wrapped up the regular season with a 41-39 win over Northside.

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