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## New and bigger Big Lots opening in Vinton

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Big Lots operates over 1,400 stores in 47 states across the nation; there are four in the Roanoke Valley alone, including one in Vinton. The Vinton store has been located at Lake Drive Plaza on Hardy Road for 31 years.

The store does a booming business, and that growth has led to change. The original store has recently closed and a newly renovated and greatly enlarged space has opened just down the street at River Park Shopping Center on Bypass Road. Big Lots is the anchor store; other tenants include Pizza Hut, Dollar General, and the Defy Gravity Training Center.

A soft opening was scheduled for February 25 with a grand opening set for March 13.

Jeff Greene has been general manager of the Vinton Big Lots for the past 26 years. Many of the store's employees have been on the team here for over 20 years. The new store will add about 15 positions to make a total of 35-45 employees.

Developers are the Wilkinson Group led by Dale Wilkinson. Renovations got underway at River Park in the fall of 2020 to create a "store of the future." On the exterior, the entire façade has been replaced with major parking lot improvements as well.

Big Lots District Manager Terra Breeding says that the building was just a shell when renovations began.

The former Big Lots at Lake Drive was about 25,000 square feet. The new sales floor at River Park is 39,000 square feet, including a 7,000-square-foot furniture pad. Furniture is one of the main reasons for the move, in fact. The furniture area is one of the biggest in any Virginia Big Lots store.

Hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

At the grand opening in March, customers will be able to sign up for Easy Leasing for just \$1 (with a checking account),



**Big Lots will hold its grand opening celebration in Vinton on March 13. The soft opening takes place on February 25.**



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Big Lots is the anchor tenant at River Park Shopping Center. Other tenants include Pizza Hut, Dollar General, and the Defy Gravity Training Center.**

rather than the usual \$49 initial payment in the popular lease-to-own program.

The River Park Shopping Center was constructed in 1988. A Winn-Dixie grocery originally occupied the space until it closed in 2005. Super Dollar Discount Foods moved in in 2008. The new Big Lots is one-third bigger than the Super Dollar.

Big Lots had its origins back in 1967 when Sol Shenk founded Consolidated International Inc. He is considered one of the true visionaries in the discount retail marketplace.

Shenk loved making "crazy closeout deals," particularly on auto parts and vehicles. The company launched the Odd Lots/Big Lots closeout chain in 1982. Over the years the chain grew to include Big Lots, Odd Lots, Mac Frugal's Bargains, Closeouts, and

Pic 'N' Save.

In 2001 all of the stores were converted to the single Big Lots national brand with headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. According to the website, the mission is: "We help people live BIG and save LOTS."

Big Lots in the Roanoke Valley include stores on Hershberger Road in Roanoke, in Salem, and at Cave Spring. There are about 40 stores in Virginia.

Big Lots defines itself as a "unique, non-traditional, discount retailer," offering an extensive assortment of brand-name items and products including food, furniture, seasonal items, electronics, accessories, home décor, toys, gifts, and now apparel.

It is a publicly traded company on the New York Stock

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**Judah Clements founded his Judah Bug Lemonade business last year and is now participating in the 2021 Gauntlet Business Program and Competition.**

## The Gauntlet welcomes youngest entrepreneur, Judah Clements

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Over 100 entrepreneurs signed up for this year's Gauntlet Business Program and Competition. Unique among them is Judah "Judah Bug" Clements, the youngest participant ever.

The Gauntlet provides opportunities "for innovative entrepreneurs looking to start small businesses or for existing businesses looking to rebuild or expand." A 10-week session of business classes is followed by a competition for approximately \$300,000 in cash and in-kind prizes.

Training sessions focus on business topics such as accounting, business management, financing, organizational skills, research, time management, customer acquisition, budget and cash flow, legal structure, manufacturing, E-commerce, web development, business location, marketing, product and/or service development, technology, and business plan development.

Sounds a little complicated for a young man, but Judah established his Judah Bug Lemonade business last year when he was

just 6 years old. He is following in the entrepreneurial footsteps of his father Philip and his company, The Foundry, who were participants and award winners in the 2019 Gauntlet program.

"Judah got to see me go through the Gauntlet and was at the awards ceremony," said Philip Clements. "He has a general idea of what the Gauntlet is about and signed up so that he could grow his business."

With his father's assistance, Judah went through the business development process last year to get Judah Bug Lemonade off the ground, ordering samples of lemonade mix from vendors to make a choice on which brand to use in his lemonade, creating a website and Facebook page, designing the branding, and even negotiating with the lemonade distributors they chose to enable him to purchase fewer packets than their standard bulk quantity.

"For as long as I can remember, I have enjoyed being silly and creative," Judah explains. "I love coming up with new ideas and building things with my dad."

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## William Byrd's Black Swan yearbook wins first place in national ASPA contest

The William Byrd High School 2019-2020 Black Swan yearbook has won first place in the national American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) contest.

"This is the first time the staff has entered this particular contest, but we entered because we wanted the feedback we knew the judges would give us on our book," said yearbook sponsor Christina Acker. "We usually only get feedback from VHSL competition, which we enter nearly every year. Many people don't realize that VHSL scores yearbooks, but their competition was cancelled due to the pandemic."

According to the judge at ASPA, "Your yearbook shows excellence in the fields of writing, photography, and in your page design and contains elements/sections of a memorable yearbook that will be treasured for years to come."

"In addition to the challenge of completing the book while out of the school building during the pandemic, the staff had to cancel a trip to the Columbia Press Association Conference in New York City," Acker said. "They were scheduled to leave the week be-



**Members of the William Byrd High School Black Swan yearbook staff with their 1st place award from the national American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA). Shown left to right are Catherine Dullaghan, current Editor in Chief senior Natalie Mullins, Design Editor Bayla Kessler, and Cassidy Wrye.**

fore schools closed in the spring.

Last year's editors Natalie Mullins and Caroline Faulkner held Zoom meetings with Acker to resolve the challenges of replacing prom with COVID coverage and tackling spring sports when the competitive seasons barely got off the ground.

"Even after school closed for the pandemic, Natalie approached students and parents online and scoured social media to gather the resources we

needed to finish the book," Acker noted. "School technically ended in May, but she didn't stop working until we submitted the final pages at the end of June. I don't know how we would have finished it without her."

"I'm so thankful for a staff of great students who love the book as much as I do," said Mullins. "We worked countless hours to make each spread

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## Sandzimier nominated for Presidential Scholars program



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**Joey Sandzimier**

Joey Sandzimier, a senior at William Byrd High School and the Roanoke Valley Governor's School, has been nominated for the U.S. Presidential Scholars program. Candidates for this prestigious honor are chosen on the basis of their outstanding scholarship. Each year, up to 161 students are

named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

All graduating high school seniors who have scored exceptionally well on either the SAT or the ACT college admission test during the window that began in September 2017 and ran through October 2020 are automatically considered for participation.

The U.S. Department of Education looks at test scores in each of the states/jurisdictions. The combined file of scores from the top examinees are then ranked from high to low in each state. The scores associated with the top 20 male examinees and top 20 female examinees are used to identify the candidates in each state. When ties occur in the cut off score, more than 20 persons of that gender are selected in that state.

To be considered further, candidates must submit candidacy materials, including essays, self-assessments, secondary school reports, and transcripts. Candidates

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## Gathering for school sports events

By Cynthia Morrow, MD, MPH

As vaccination efforts expand and COVID-19 disease activity decreases in our community, we are getting more and more questions every day about when things can return to “normal.” Questions about school sports are no exception.

Each week I have the pleasure of holding a routine conference call with the superintendents of the school systems located within the Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts. We have discussed a wide range of topics affecting public education including community trends, vaccination plans for school staff, and strategies to get children safely back into classrooms.

Recognizing the role youth sports play in our society, we have also spent a significant amount of time discussing how students can safely engage in sports. Physical activity, including youth sports, is essential for physical and mental well-being. While outdoor sports are generally considered a safer setting than indoor sports with respect to disease transmission, with a new season of high school sports getting underway this week, I continue to urge coaches and parents to take measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in all settings. Such measures include:

- To the extent possible: coaches need to ensure that physical distancing is maintained, promote the use of face cov-

erings when players are not on the field, and provide resources for handwashing/hand sanitizing.

- Coaches, school staff, parents, and players need to understand the risk of transmission of disease and respond accordingly. Outdoor contact sports, such as football, pose a significantly greater risk of transmission than non-contact sports such as tennis or golf.

- Schools need to create and maintain places for spectators in accordance with current Executive Orders.

While we are so pleased to see the overall local infection trends coming down since their peak after the holidays in January, we cannot afford to let down our guard, at home, at work, and in places where people may gather, such as at sporting events. It is clear the positive impact that sports can have in young people’s lives. In order to enjoy these activities safely, we must all remain vigilant by continuing to wear masks, wash hands, and keeping a physical distance from each other. We know these mitigation measures work to keep COVID-19 transmission rates down, and when combined with ongoing vaccination efforts, especially for school staff and our most vulnerable citizens. Together, these tools give us the best chance to provide as safe a setting as possible for sporting events in our community.

## Vinton Dogwood Festival scheduled for April 23-24

The Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee plans to hold a scaled back version of the annual Vinton Dogwood Festival on April 23 and 24.

The 2020 Dogwood Festival was cancelled in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic last spring.

The Committee cautions that the planned events are subject to Virginia restrictions being lifted.

The Town of Vinton has provided conditional approval to continue planning the Vinton Dogwood Festival. The Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee will work with state and local guidelines prior to and during the event.

These guidelines may include mandatory mask wearing, limited capacity, sanitizing stations, one-way flow of traffic, increased spacing between vendor booths, rides and concessions, and/or other requirements as determined by the health department. Prospective vendors, sub-contractors and participants will be informed of requirements on a regular basis.

The Dogwood Committee is accepting applications from craft, food, non-profit, and business/retail festival vendors on its website at <https://www.vintondogwoodfestival.org/vendors>.

Vendors booths/tables will be lined up at least 10 feet apart along the downtown streets.

Vendor registration fees will be 100 percent refunded if the Dogwood Festival is cancelled in advance due to COVID-19 restrictions. The festival committee will inform vendors of cancellation no later than April 10.

According to Mary Beth Layman, media coordinator, “At this point the activities include the craft show, business

showcase vendors, entertainment, the selection of the Dogwood Queen 2021 and introduction of her court on Saturday, April 24.” Plans are to crown the queen at noon.

Entertainment is planned for Friday, April 23 and the 24th. Other activities are in the works and will be announced later. The traditional parade will not be held this year.

The first Dogwood Festival was held in 1956 and is now in its 66th year.

Dogwood Festival Committee members include President Beth Abbott, Food Vendor Coordinator and Town of Vinton Liaison Chasity Barbour, Treasurer Jeff Teass, Secretary Rena Whorley, Sponsorship Coordinator Karen Obenchain, Retail/Business Coordinator Britany Lane, Craft Vendor Coordinator Callie Webb, Entertainment Coordinator Joey Nicely, Media Coordinator/Carnival/Children’s Events Mary Beth Layman, Queen’s Court Coordinator Susan Teass, and Past President Connie Houff.

For additional information email the festival at [info@vintondogwoodfestival.org](mailto:info@vintondogwoodfestival.org) or call (540) 983-0645 and follow the prompts to leave a message for the Dogwood Festival.



## From the Pulpit

### ‘All Things to All People’

Based on 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 – We must be all things to share the Gospel to all people. All means all.

Fight, conflict, disagreement, division – we are very familiar with these words these days. Sadly, we are living in a divided world and nation; there are many broken families and isolated neighbors as well.

Even Christianity is divided broadly, by denominations, beliefs, theology, preference, and so on. That’s the reality we live today.

This is not just today’s issue, but also during the time of the apostle Paul. As we can see from the book of 1st Corinthians and in Galatians, it’s clear that there have been many conflicts and divisions in the church.

At any point, Christians ended up disagreeing with each other even though they all believed in Jesus Christ faithfully. These things have been repeated in the last two thousand years in history of the Christianity.

Why do these conflicts happen among those who believe in Jesus? It is not easy to judge who’s right or wrong when a conflict happens in the church and in Christianity, because we don’t have the right or authority to judge who’s right or wrong – only God does. More fundamentally, no matter how good humans are, conflicts cannot be avoided. That is a human dilemma to live with.

Yes, we have the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church where it is written what we believe as United Methodists. However, Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Lutheran, non-denominational and other denominations – they also have their own books of discipline. So, are they wrong? No! They are just different than us – what they believe, their doctrines, theology, and policy. It’s just different, not wrong.

To be “one” does not mean to be the same; oneness is not sameness, but an embrace of diversity and difference. Therefore, unity does not mean that we all have to be the same or agree with each other, but being one with our common denominator, Jesus; our purpose is to be like him.

We are not created to be the same; God provided a beauty of diversity for us as He created each and every one of us so unique and different. No one and nothing created by God is the same. We should not stop knowing that oneness is not sameness, but obey what Jesus told us, which is to love God, love my neighbor as myself, and love others who need our help and hands. Love, embrace, forgive – those are the keywords that we have to remember and live out in our lives.

The issue is that when such a conflict or fight happens, the reason for the conflict disappears and the threads of each other’s emotions get hurt and are negatively entangled. Paul did not do that in today’s passage. He did not lose or miss the most fundamental and core value when he fought against other apostles and those who criticized him.

For Paul, the Gospel is most fundamental and essential. He expressed his passion towards the Gospel like this, “If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel.”

This is a very strong statement and a totally amazing confession. Paul accepts the Gospel as the basis of his existence. Preaching the Gospel to him was as normal and absolute as eating and breathing. That’s why he was able to accept the criticisms of others, and also criticize others. He could do anything to preach the Gospel. He was given freedom by the Gospel.

In Galatians, Paul proclaims that now the law is just a guidebook for our spiri-

tual journey, not the goal or purpose of our faith. The law is a tool that allows us to be reminded how important grace is because we are justified by faith, not by law. We have never been enslaved by the law given from God as a guidebook to follow to be in holiness.

Jesus didn’t only come to free us from the law; he came to ultimately free us from sin. Because the law never enslaved us, but sin enslaves us. Our freedom in the Gospel, in Christ, is freedom from sin.

Through Jesus Christ we now receive the ultimate salvation through accepting and confessing that Jesus Christ is Savior. That is God’s grace! Grace means when God gives us gifts even though we don’t deserve them. That is God’s gift. That is God’s unconditional love towards us. That is the true freedom in the Gospel that we should fully enjoy as the Apostle Paul did.

In the Old Testament, God’s people were under the law. But in the New Testament, God’s people are no longer under the law. “We are no longer Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female. But we are all Children of God.”

Whether we are Republican or Democrat in our politics, whether we are conservative or liberal in our theology and worship, the most important thing is that we are all children of God who are enriched and filled with Christ, the Gospel, which is the most fundamental and essential core value for us Christians.

Gospel means “good or good news.” Good news could be defined differently from person to person. For those who took an exam, good news could be getting an A; for those who got a COVID test, good news could be that the result would be negative.

We Christians truly believe that the “good news” is what happened to and through Jesus Christ. Because that’s the path of eternal life. The decision of Paul to immerse himself in the Gospel is based on this fact and truth.

Participating in the Gospel means being obsessed with the gospel. People do not deal with the Gospel but depend on it.

Since English is my third language, I searched the word “all” in Google to see what’s the exact definition of it. As a pronoun, the word “all” is used to refer to the whole quantity. And as a noun, it means “the whole of one’s interest.” In other words, we, as a WHOLE body and ONE body in Jesus Christ walk together with ONE purpose; to make disciples of Jesus Christ to ALL nations, not just a particular people, group or country, sharing God’s love, preaching the Gospel, and participating in the works and the mission of God to transform the world into God’s kingdom bringing heaven down here to earth.

My hope and prayer for us, Thrasher, and for people who are worshiping with us, is to be “all things to all people” with everything we have. Let us love, embrace, forgive and treat my neighbors and others as myself, not hating or discriminating those who are different than me, those who have different politics, beliefs, perspectives, opinions, skin colors, cultures, background, and so on. That’s what Paul told and showed us. And that’s what Jesus has shown us in his earthly life.

I pray for reconciliation, restoration and revival in our faith, our worship, our church and community, our denomination, Christianity, our nations, and this world that we are placed in and sent to transform into the kingdom of God.

Therefore, I strongly encourage you and me, us, to participate in the Gospel as Paul tells us today as we become “all things to all people.”

By Pastor Seong Jae Jo  
Thrasher Memorial UMC

## Big Lots

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Exchange with annual revenues exceeding \$5 billion.

“We are excited for the relocation of the Vinton Big Lots to River Park Shopping Center,” said Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters. “Both developer Dale Wilkinson and Big Lots have invested a significant amount of new capital into the building and infrastructure, and it is always great to see older properties being renovated and create new leasing options to support and grow our small-town economy.

“Big Lots provides a great and popular shopping option for the Vinton community and this new location will provide for a much larger footprint and offer more variety for their customers,” Peters added. “The foot traffic that this new location will generate will also help breathe new life into the shopping center as a whole and will become the anchor tenant that River Park has been missing for the last several years. It will help attract new businesses and retain

the smaller retail and service industry shops to fill out that space.

“Another benefit of Big Lots relocating is that it has freed up a space a Lake Drive and that appears to have already been secured for a new national retailer to our community that will hopefully be another destination for shoppers coming into Vinton that did not exist previously,” Peters said. “All in all, this is a great project all around for our town and will result in a net increase in retail.”

## Yearbook

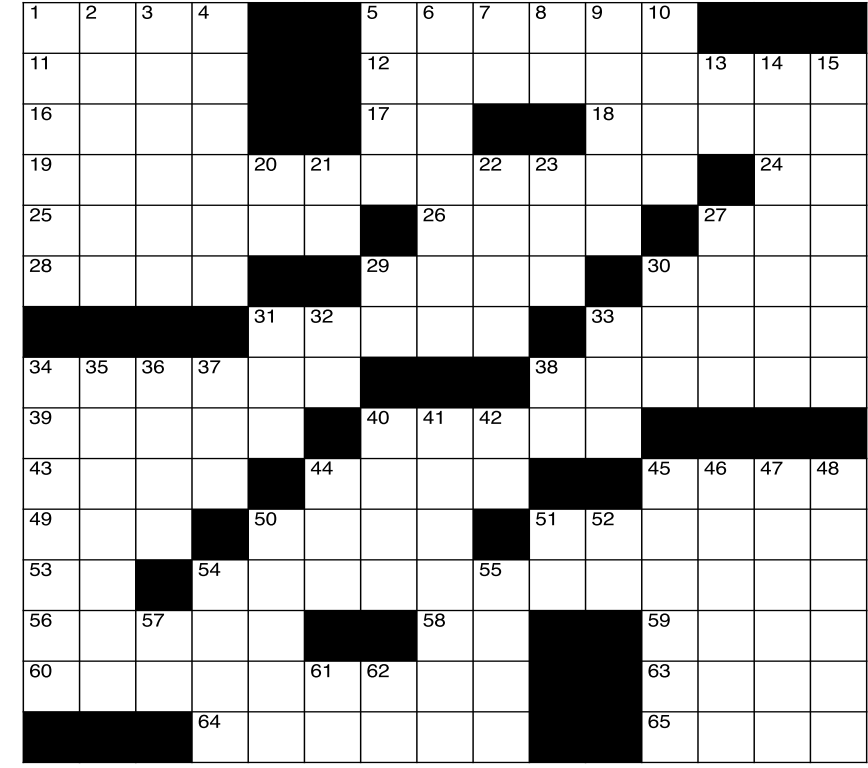
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perfect, so I’m very grateful that we were recognized with this award.”

Members of the 2019-20 staff were Clarissa Blankenship (Alum), Madison Burks (now in 10th grade), Gracie Clifton (10), Bryson Crawford (11), Emma Dalton (11), Grace Davis (12), Catie

Dullaghan (12), Gracie Fairbanks (12), Bayla Kessler (12), Tessa Nash (11), Faith Powell (10), Hailey Rogers (12), Briahna Stacey (Alum), Christine Widener (12), Kassidy Wrye (11), Editor Caroline Faulkner (Alum), and Editor Natalie Mullins (12).

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Ancient Persian city
5. Spindles
11. Stake
12. Retrain
16. Close by
17. Commercial
18. One who publicly announces
19. American ballplayer
24. Junior’s father
25. Go up or climb
26. Concern
27. When you hope to get there
28. Iacocca and Oswald are 2
29. Plant of the lily family
30. Male college organization
31. National capital
33. Raccoonlike animal
34. Symbols of fertility
38. Astronomy unit
39. Series of ridges in anatomy
40. Hebrew leader
43. A portent of good or evil
44. Supreme goddess
45. Gelatinous substance
49. Engage in a contest
50. Famed ballplayer Ruth
51. Pledge
53. —, denotes past
54. Revival
56. Spanish surname
58. Gold
59. Elsa’s sister
60. Workplace
63. Large quantity of something
64. Engraved
65. Discount

### CLUES DOWN

1. Shoe
2. Disquiet
3. Posture
4. Large nests
5. Soviet “Second Symphony” composer
6. Joins 2 pipes of different diameter
7. Exist
8. Overdose
9. Pleat of fabric
10. Predict the future
13. Burgeoning technology
14. Having made a valid will
15. Having no fixed course
20. — route
21. Lethal dose
22. Indian musical pattern of notes
23. Athlete
27. Geological times
29. Atomic #21
30. In support of
31. Brew
32. Certificate of insurance
33. Taxi
34. Type of saying
35. For cigars
36. Phil —, former CIA
37. Local area network
38. Gym class
40. Philippine Island
41. Not great or bad
42. Eastern part of NY state
44. Gov’t lawyers
45. Constructions
46. Former British gold coin
47. Unkeyed
48. Rechristen
50. Threaten persistently
51. Southeast
52. Cools your home
54. Removes the leaves
55. Regretted
57. Thus
61. Relief organization (abbr.)
62. Exclamation of surprise

## PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Goodview Elementary School's Teacher of the Year is Barb Pennington. Barb has worked at Goodview Elementary School (GES) for 25 years. She has been a Reading Specialist for 19 of those years, as well as the School Testing Coordinator for the past eight years.

Barb is a wonderful example of a teacher with great leadership qualities. Her service on the leadership team at GES is valuable as she advocates for the students, ensures they are following expectations with test-

### Angie Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

ing, and shares resources and ideas to improve instruction. She is always so calm and caring with each of the students. She works hard to help them grow by taking into account

their individual learning styles, abilities, and interests. She fosters lasting relationships with her students and that bond is so apparent. It is clear she is good at what she does and truly loves the children.

Teachers across the school and district frequently comment about how Barb has gone out of her way to mentor others and share any knowledge or information that may be beneficial. She is such an asset. We are extremely grateful for you, Barb!



## Entrepreneur

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Judah Clements and his parents set up a lemonade stand to sell his products at the 2020 Vinton Fall Festival.**

Cardboard airplanes, wrestling rings, and cool skateboards for my Lego guys are just a few of our accomplishments. It is fun to create and we love spending time working on projects.

"A couple of years ago, we pulled over after being flagged down by a group of neighborhood kids. They were selling lemonade and me and my dad love lemonade. It was so cool to see what they were doing. They were all working together and having a blast," he said.

"The next spring, I watched as middle school students played soccer across the street from our home and thought how cool it would be to make a lemonade stand so the fans would have something to drink while they cheered for the games," Judah said. "My dad promised we would create a lemonade stand—and then the pandemic happened. But I don't give up that easily! So, we started JudahBug.com, an online lemonade stand that also supports Angels of Assisi."

"I love to help people and animals. Starting this business allows me to express myself creatively and to partner in supporting a cause," said Judah, nicknamed "Judah Bug" by his family.

Last summer, after a modest grand opening at his home, he raised over \$1,000 for Angels of Assisi.

In September, Judah officially started the business, JPC, LLC, and opened his own bank account.

In October 2020, he and his parents set up his lemonade stand at the Vinton Fall Festival, where he sold bottled lemonade, lemonade mix, and T-shirts.

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, a businessman himself, congratulated Judah on his new business, "You saw a need and came up with your own innovative idea."

"After the Fall Festival, we ended up having to focus our time more on school so Judah did not get to work on the business as much as he would have liked," Philip Clement says. "After the slow fall we wanted to be really focused going into 2021 and the Gauntlet was a perfect opportunity."

In December, Judah interviewed and hired Chelsey Blake as director of Operations and Marketing for Judah Bug and was accepted into the Gauntlet Business Program and Competition for 2021.

"Chelsey was recommended to us," Philip said. "When Judah was considering bringing someone on to help, she seemed like a good candidate. He met with her on Zoom and told her his story and asked her questions. Chelsey is amazing! She is highly educated and talented. We are so so, so lucky to have her on the team."

The Gauntlet is now in its seventh year with entrepreneurs from around the region. Due to the pandemic, classes are being held virtu-

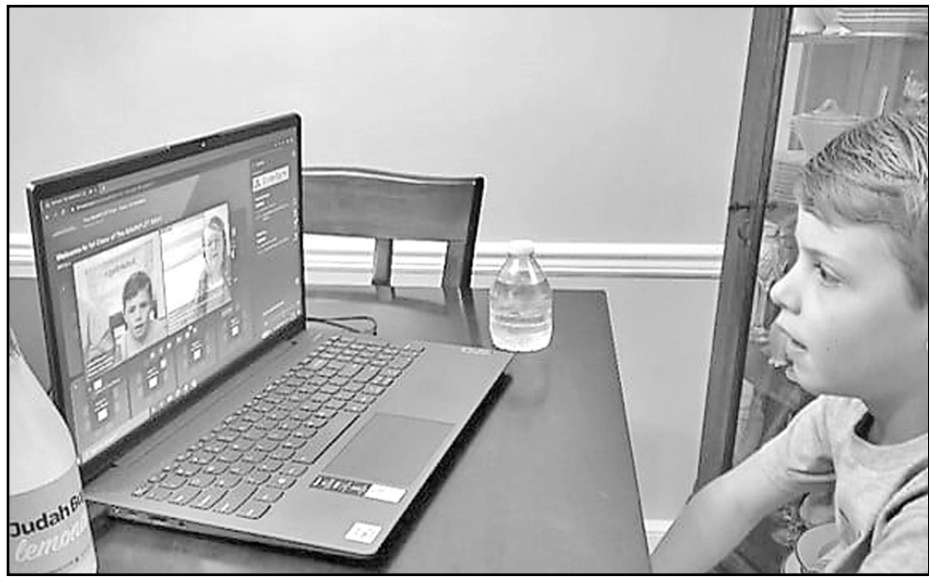
ally.

Though Judah will attend some of the virtual classes, he won't directly participate in the full extent of all of the Gauntlet program; instead, Blake will represent the Judah Bug brand. He does, however, plan to pitch for Judah Bug alongside her at the end of the course in the final competition.

According to his dad, Judah has shown up to the first three 2021 Gauntlet virtual classes and "hung out for the first 15-30 minutes."

"He loves to drop into the individual tables and talk with people," Philip said. "He also loves messaging the people he knows—it is hilarious. He isn't overwhelmed by it all, a little shy at points, but very natural for him to be in the conversations."

"After our main session each week, we break up into groups," Blake notes. "Our table host allows each member of the table an opportunity to practice our elevator pitch [peppy three-minute presentations summing up their business]. Then we discuss the homework from the week. So far, we have mostly worked on our business plan and preliminary research. We've also been working on our SWOT analysis to process through the strengths and weaknesses of our business model. Our breakout sessions have also been a great time to meet other entrepreneurs/business owners in our region since our tables change from week to week."



**Judah Clements is participating in the virtual Gauntlet Business Program, assisted by Chelsey Blake, his director of Operations and Marketing.**

"Judah's real engagement with the Gauntlet will be through Chelsey," Philip said. "She will be bringing the conversation to him each week and discussing the topics from the program. Together they will make decisions on what needs to be done next. In the end Judah hopes to further define his mission and vision for the company and to chart a course for 2021. He wants to develop awareness of his brand, his cause, and increase his impact to both animals and young people who want to start businesses."

Next month Judah will be meeting with a group of elementary students to discuss his business and how they can start one themselves.

"Judah is still very excited about selling his lemonade and supporting Angels of Assisi with a portion of his profits," said Blake. "As of now, Judah's product line includes bottled lemonade, powdered drink mix, and branded T-shirts. As he gains knowledge through the Gauntlet, it will be awesome to see how he chooses to grow or change his business model and product line."

"Judah Clements with Judah Bug Lemonade is the youngest participant we've had in the Gauntlet and we are thrilled to have him join the tribe!" said Shannon Dominguez, director of Business Development for The Advancement Foundation (TAF) and Gauntlet facilitator. "He is setting a precedent



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**Judah Bug Lemonade had its beginnings selling bottled lemonade and packaged mix.**

for other young entrepreneurs to bring their ideas to the Gauntlet Program, too! The minds of our youth are our future. We want to support and foster their ideas by providing them with the tools, resources, and support they need to witness the creations of their imagination come to life."

"We are so proud to have Judah as a participant in the Gauntlet," said Annette Patterson, founder and CEO of TAF and the Gauntlet. "The truth is entrepreneurial

mindset is the most important skill for the future of work. Entrepreneurial mindset includes recognition of opportunity, critical problem-solving and communication. Whether Judah works for himself or for someone else in the future, these will be the skills that separate good from great!"

For more information on Judah Bug Lemonade, visit Judah's website at JudahBug.com or his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/judahbug2020/.

## Sandzimier

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are evaluated on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and an analysis of their essay. Application is by invitation only.

In late March, approximately 500 semifinalists are chosen by an independent, national committee of educators convened by the Commission on Presidential Scholars. Six to 20 semifinalists are identified for each state/jurisdiction by the review committee. The number of semifinalists identified per state/jurisdiction is based on a proportionate number of test takers for that state.

In April, the Commission on Presidential Scholars makes the final selection of the students. One young man and one young woman are chosen from each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and from families of U.S. citizens living abroad. In addition, up to 15 students are chosen at large.

U. S. Presidential Scholars are recognized by the President and final candidates are invited to the White House, generally in June.

"We are very proud of his accomplishment of being nominated!" said Sandzimier's guidance counselor at WBHS, Katie Brendenkamp.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of President Lyndon Johnson, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended by President Jimmy Carter to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended by President Barack Obama to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

Joey is the son of Jason and Julie Sandzimier.

# Vinton State of the Town address goes virtual

The annual Vinton State of the Town Address scheduled for March 11 has been postponed due to pandemic health guidelines and will now be a virtual event in late March with the time and date still to be announced.

The event is traditionally a break-

fast meeting held in late November each year by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Vinton at the Vinton War Memorial. The Chamber usually installs its new officers and board of directors at the meeting, while the mayor and town staff report on the

past accomplishments and future plans of the town.

The 2020 address was postponed due to the pandemic and rescheduled for March 2021. Continuing COVID restrictions have led to the event now going virtual, to be produced and broadcast by RVTV.

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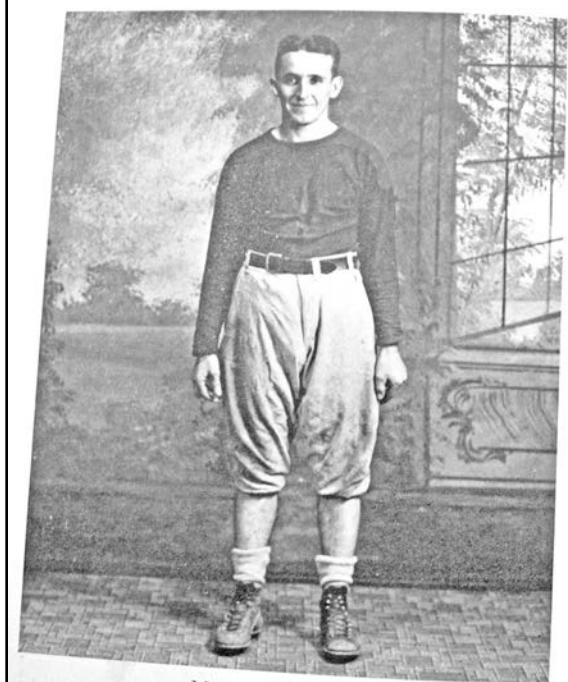




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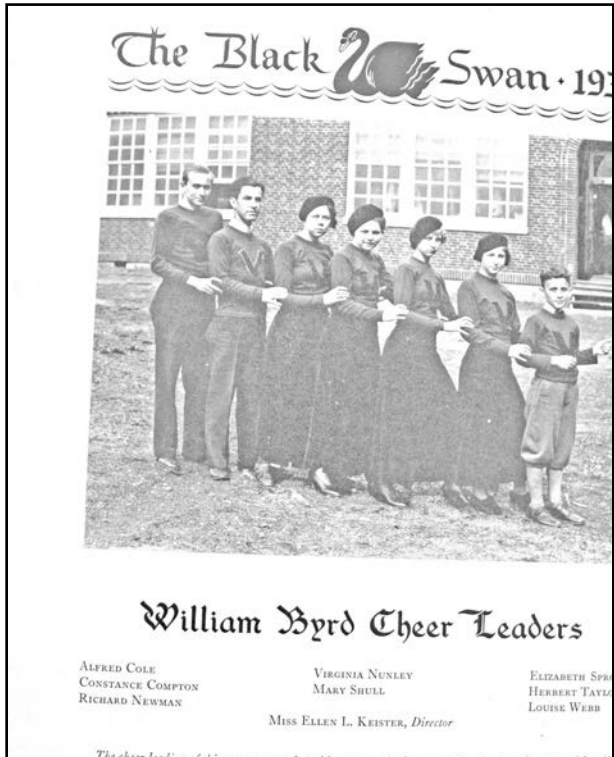
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## The Black Swan • 1933



Mr. Paul E. Ahalt  
Coach

Terrier football coach Paul Ahalt.



William Byrd Cheer Leaders

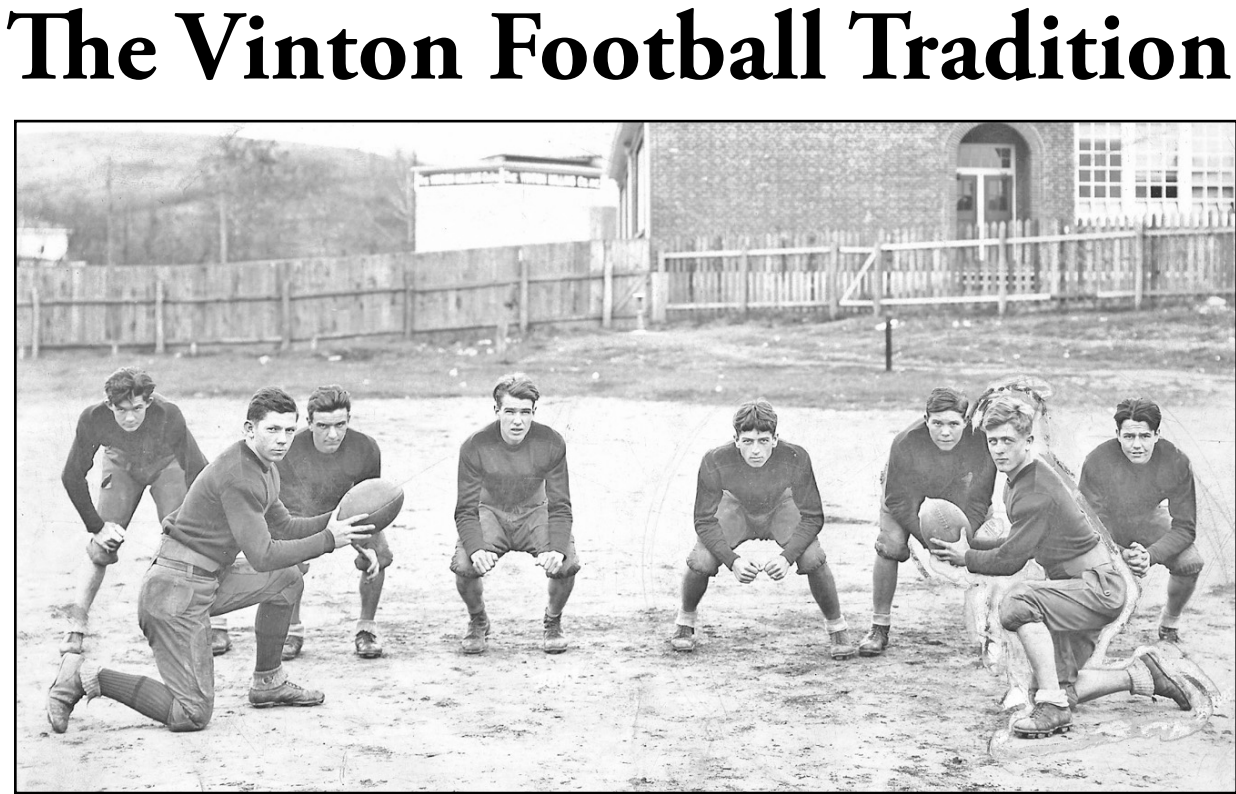
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William Byrd High School cheerleaders 1934.



The 1929-1930 Terriers football team.

The fall football season is about to get underway at William Byrd High School, delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Football seems to have always been an important part of high school life in Vinton. Back in the late 1920s when the school was still Vinton High School and the William Byrd High School “on the hill” had not yet been built, Maurice “Squire” Givens was the coach. Games were played on Leggett Field, the first football field in Vinton, “across from the Flour Mill.”

But even then the football team was known as the Terriers and described as “determined, aggressive, and scrappy.” Their colors were maroon and orange.

Practices started in mid-September. Generally, about 30-35 young men came to try out. The first game was usually played in late September.

The Terrier opponents back then were Bedford, Christiansburg, Blacksburg, New London, Lexington, Jefferson, Radford, Moneta, Shawsville, Buchanan, and Buena Vista High Schools, and the Melrose Athletic Club.

Coach Paul Ahalt became the new

coach in 1930. Vinton High School scored 114 points during the season in his first year, while their opponents scored 59 points against them in return. Coach Ahalt and his team went on to win the State Championship in 1932.

However, the Black Swan yearbook in 1934 described 1933 as the most successful football season in the high school’s history.

According to the yearbook, “At the opening of the season, Coach Ahalt had a practically inexperienced squad to work with. Nevertheless, he sent onto the field a scrappy, determined, and spirited team, intent on victory. Under his splendid coaching and the cooperation of our team a scheduled was completed with seven games played and seven games won.”

The yearbook goes on to say, “The team was ably directed by Captain James Beard who did his part in carrying the pigskin from the fullback position. Besides backing up the line, he was expert at punting and passing. Beard was assisted from the halfback position by Dent and Kaylor who did no small part of the line-smashing. The elusive quarterback was none other than Herman Scott.

After calling signals, he smuggled the pigskin across on end runs. Dent, Kaylor, and Scott combined to make the way clear for our smashing quarterback.”

The season opened with the Terriers opposing Glass High of Lynchburg. The final whistle found the score 7-6 in Vinton’s favor.

At Martinsville, the Terriers were again victorious by a score of 7-6.

The team, visiting Radford on the Homecoming Day, “spoiled their fun by snatching a 7-0 victory. But Lane High of Charlottesville, visiting us on our Homecoming Day, experienced no such good luck. The Terriers climaxed a successful day with another 7-0 win, and also avenged on old score with the Charlottesville lads.”

In the big game of the season—Jefferson High—the Terriers “continued their good work, ringing up a 13-7 victory over the Magicians. In the game seven seniors completed their high school football career. They were Beard, Chapman, Dent, Falls, Moore, Scott, and Pollard.”

The William Byrd Terriers open this year’s football season on February 27, playing Magna Vista.

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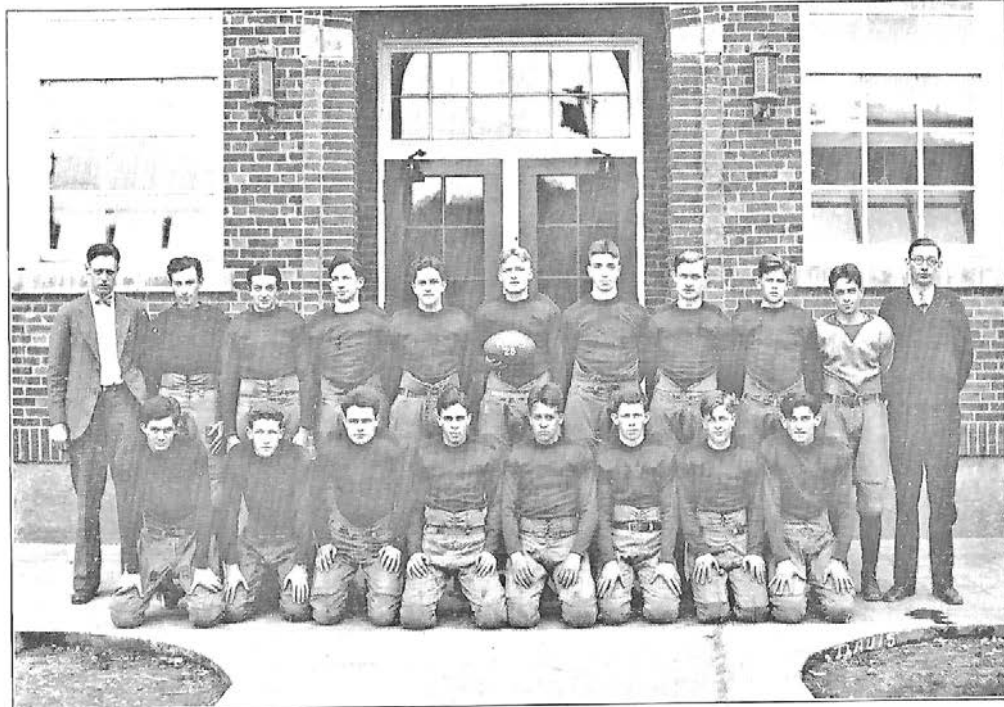
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The 1929 Vinton High School football team.

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# Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

The Town of Vinton, a community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, welcomes you to our community. Vinton, a town rich with history, has over the years found itself to be one of a few communities that continue to relish the past by offering an environment of a comfortable lifestyle with the feeling of being a part of a large community family. The town, with its proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smith Mountain Lake, provides many opportunities for those who wish to stop and shop at our local farmers market or one of our unique specialty shops.

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

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# PETS-OF-THE-WEEK



**“Chance”, 4 year old, neutered male**  
Chance is just the coolest pup! He loves all people and is a big fan of play-time too. He’s always ready for a round of fetch or tug! Chance would love an active family to go on adventures with.



**“Lloyd”, 3 year old, spayed female**  
Lloyd is a lovely, lazy lap-cat! He’ll happily snuggle with any human in his sight. He’d make a great television binge-watching buddy or a nice lap-warmer while you curl up with your favorite book. If you’ve got cuddles and head scratches to give he’s the cat for you!



**“King”, 2 years old, neutered male**  
This handsome hunk is King! He’s one of our long stay residents. He is SO ready to find his forever home. He’s a playful and energetic pitty who’d make a great hiking and jogging companion. King love scratches and is an adorable leaner, he’ll throw his entire body on you if you’re petting him because he can’t get close enough.

# Vinton History Museum will celebrate National Unplugged Days March 5-6

Celebrate National Unplugged Days March 5 and 6 at the Vinton History Museum and its Little Free Library.

Throughout the world the Little Free Libraries are conducting scavenger hunts. The InVinton Community Scavenger Hunt Packets contain a

hard copy of the hunt, pencil, crayons, paper, and a coupon for a hamburger or cheeseburger at McDonalds in Vinton.

The packets will be available in the Little Free Library beginning March 5. Participants are encouraged to complete the

scavenger hunt and return to the museum to receive a small prize. Everyone is always welcome to “take a book or share a book” at the Little Free Library

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days to feature historic unplugged artifacts such as Vic-

trola record and cylinder players, treadle sewing machine, butter churn, washboards and “Lumberjacks” and much more.

The Vinton History Museum, located at 210 E. Jackson Ave., Vinton, is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and the

first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In compliance with COVID-19 state guidelines masks are required and six people at a time can tour the museum.

For more information email [info@vintonhistorymuseum.org](mailto:info@vintonhistorymuseum.org) or 342-8634.

## Backpack Run returns to Green Hill Park on March 20



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**The annual Roanoke County Schools Education Foundation Backpack Run – both virtual and in-person – is scheduled for March 20 at Green Hill Park. Registration is now open.**

The Backpack Run, presented by the Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation, is back and all new. This year’s Backpack Run offers the best of both worlds – in-person and virtual races for the 5K and 10K distances.

The in-person races will take place on March 20 at

Green Hill Park, starting at 9 a.m. The 5K and 10K races will both begin at the same time. Runners participating in an in-person race will be randomly assigned a corral to stagger start times.

Also new this year is a virtual half marathon featuring a custom finisher’s medal and an all-new Back-

pack Challenge – participate in all three race events (5K, 10K, and half marathon) to earn all three individual finisher medals and a fourth exclusive custom Backpack Challenge medal. Challenge runners participate in all three events virtually or have the option to substitute one virtual event for an in-person race (5K or 10K).

Registration fees for the 5K (virtual and in-person) run \$25-\$40. Fees for the 10K (virtual and in-person) are \$40-\$60. Registration for the half marathon (virtual only) is \$65-\$80. The Backpack Challenge (5K, 10K, and half marathon) is \$140-\$160. Prices vary depending on age (student or adult) and team participation.

Register for the in-person 5K, 10K or Backpack Challenge by March 1 to guarantee an event T-shirt on March 20. Finisher medals and event T-shirts for virtual events will be available for pickup or shipping in late April. Register at [www.supportroanokecountyed.org](http://www.supportroanokecountyed.org).

Proceeds go to support the Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that, since 1991, has provided more than \$1.5 million in support including grants for teachers and scholarships for students in Roanoke County.

## Looking for tax forms? Check the Vinton Library

Looking for tax forms? Swing by a Roanoke County Public Library branch, including the Vinton Branch, to

pick up federal tax forms. Virginia tax forms can be printed upon request.

All forms are located behind service desks. You

may also utilize the drive-thru or curbside services.



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## Vinton History Museum hosts Facebook memories

While you’re stuck at home during the pandemic, checkout the “Vinton Memories & History” Facebook page hosted by the Vinton History Museum. The page has become popular with more than 2,200 followers who say the page has allowed them to reconnect with friends and to learn more about Vinton. It’s also a great place to see

past articles and photographs from The Vinton Messenger.

The Vinton History Museum, located at the corner of Maple Street and Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton, is open for visitors on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with face mask and social distancing requirements.

## Virginia Rent Relief Program funds available

The Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP) is designed to support and ensure housing stability across the Commonwealth during the coronavirus pandemic. Depending on availability of funds and household need, the RRP may provide financial assistance for rent payments for eligible households. This includes financial assistance for rent payments past due beginning

April 1, 2020 and onward with opportunity for renewal based on availability of funding and the household’s need for additional assistance and continued eligibility.

Mortgage relief applications are no longer being accepted at this time.

Visit <https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/RMRPEligibility/> to see if you may be eligible for RRP.

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# DMV adds 50+ online service options

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is now offering even more convenient online service options for customers during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Customers can now skip a trip to the DMV and instead visit [dmvNOW.com](https://dmvnow.com) to replace their commercial driver's license (CDL), driver's license learner's permit, driver privilege card or learner's permit, or limited duration driver's license, permit or CDL.

Online credential replacements are only available to customers age 18 and older. These transactions previously required an in-person visit.

"DMV continues to add online options to not only make service more convenient, but to create additional appointment opportunities for customers who need in-person service," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb. "Customers have come to rely on alternate means of service for every aspect of life during the COVID-19 pandemic and we will continue to look for ways to meet new expectations."

Virginia is an innovator in online services and became the first state in the nation to offer secure online driver's license renewals in the 1990s. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, DMV quickly navigated to an appointment-only operational model for in-person service and has increased the number of online transactions to over 50, necessitating fewer in-person visits and prioritizing the health and safety of customers and staff. Some of the most popular online transactions include vehicle registration renewals, driver's license renewals, and requests for vehicle and driver transcripts.

Credentials ordered online are mailed to the applicant. The U.S. Postal Service advises it is experiencing unprecedented volume increases and limited employee availability due to the impacts of COVID-19; therefore, the delivery time for DMV materials may be delayed.

# DMV reminds motorcyclists to ‘Gear Up’ for Spring-like weather; motorists urged to be on the lookout for motorcycles

As some spring-like weather rolls in, motorcyclists roll out to enjoy the highways and byways of the Commonwealth. To help spread a message of safety, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) launched a campaign this week urging motorcyclists to wear the proper gear when taking to the road and motorists to be on the lookout for the more vulnerable road users.

"Motorcyclists must do everything they can to protect themselves as they are sharing the road with vehicles that are many, many times the size of theirs," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb, the Governor's Highway Safety representative. "Gearing up with the right safety equipment every time is the simplest way to do that."

Wearing the proper gear, from head to toe, can often save a motorcyclist's life during a crash. In 2020, 87 motorcyclists died in crashes on Virginia roadways, according to preliminary figures. More than 1,700 crashes involving motorcyclists were reported and 1,479 motorcyclists were injured; 672 of those injuries were categorized as serious.

A helmet is the most important piece of safety equipment that a motorcyclist can wear. In Virginia, the law requires that motorcyclists and their passengers always wear a helmet which must meet or exceed the standards as specified by the Snell Memorial Foundation, the American National Standards Institute, Inc., or the U.S. Department of Transportation. A rider without a helmet is 40% more likely to suffer a fatal head injury than a helmeted rider.

Motorcyclists and other vulnerable road users, such as bicyclists and pedestrians, are more susceptible to serious injuries as a result of crashes because they are much smaller and lack the protections of larger vehicles on the road.

"Safety is a shared responsibility," Commissioner Holcomb said. "Whether you are a new driver or have been on the road for 50 years, we all need a reminder of the importance of looking out for each other. Stay focused behind the wheel because people's lives actually depend on it. Yours does as well. We all want to get home safely at the end of the day."

DMV offers some tips to help motorists heighten their awareness of motorcycles:

- Allow for extra following distance behind motorcycles because riders often slow down by downshifting or coasting, which means the brake lights aren't always activated.
- Since a motorcycle's narrow profile can cause it to be hidden in a car's blind spot when it's behind a car, check rear view mirrors often to be aware of motorcycles approaching or following.
- Take an extra moment to look twice for motorcycles when changing lanes, turning at intersections, pulling out of driveways or pulling into traffic because motorcycles may look farther away than they actually are, and it can be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed.
- Be mindful that a motorcycle's turn signals aren't always self-canceling like a car's turn signals. Some riders, especially beginners, may forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change.
- Be aware that when motorcyclists adjust lane position within a lane, they are not being reckless or trying to show off. The adjustment is often made to improve visibility and to minimize the effects of debris, passing vehicles or wind.

For more information about motorcycle safety, visit [tzdva.org](https://tzdva.org). To view DMV's safety message about the importance of gearing up before heading out on a motorcycle, click here.

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Joe had lived in the country his entire life. Life on his parents' dairy farm was predictable and comfortable. Now he was leaving for college, and a whole new world lay ahead. When Joe's parents dropped him off at the university on orientation day, he reeled from the culture shock. This sure is going to be different, he thought.		Times of transition can be difficult, but if we rely on God, He will help us navigate each new season of life.
The Israelites had a similar experience as they prepared to enter the Promised Land.		Challenge for Today: Pray for someone you know who is facing a major change in his or her life.
The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come (Deuteronomy 11:10).		Quicklook: Deuteronomy 11:8-17

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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](mailto:sttimothy1201@verizon.net).

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## Legals - City of Salem

**NOTICE**  
OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC VEHICLES, TAXICABS, AND FOR HIRE CARS FOR WHICH CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY SHALL BE ISSUED DURING THE NEXT YEAR AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING TO WHICH PERSON OR PERSONS SUCH CERTIFICATES SHALL BE ISSUED. IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 98-94 of The Code of the City of Salem, Virginia, the Council of the City of Salem hereby gives notice that at the regular meeting of said Council to be held on March 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Blvd., Salem, Virginia, a public hearing will be held for the purpose of determining the number of public vehicles, taxicabs, and for hire cars for which certificates of public convenience and necessity shall be issued during the next year and for the purpose of determining to which person or persons such certificates shall be issued. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such certificates should or should not be granted.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2021-2022 budget on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The hearing will begin at 5:30 PM at South Salem Elementary School, 1600 Carolyn Road, Salem, VA 24153. Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, March 8, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

- provide their name and address,
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## Legals - City of Salem

### NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

TO: CITY OF SALEM REAL ESTATE OWNERS

The Board of Equalization for Real Estate Assessments in the City of Salem will meet on Monday, April 12th-13th 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center located at 1001 Roanoke Blvd, Salem, Virginia.

The Board will continue its meeting from time to time thereafter, by adjournments, at and for such time or times, at the same place or such other place or places, as may be designed and deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish and complete its task of equalization of real estate assessments and to discharge the duties imposed by law upon the Board.

Said meeting will finally be adjourned on April 13th, 2021, unless the powers of the Board are extended by order of the circuit court for the City of Salem. The purpose of the Board meeting is to equalize property assessments in the City and to hear and give consideration to all complaints of any inequalities in such assessment so that the burden of real estate taxation shall rest equally upon all owners.

At its meeting, the Board will hear and decide all inequality protest complaints, whether made by property owners, the City, or any taxpayer, on appeal to this Board by property owners. The Board may equalize any assessment by raising, or lowering assessments fixed by the Assessor, in proper cases, in order to make assessments uniform in the City as far as practicable.

If you wish to discuss the assessment with the Board, call 375-3058 for an appointment by March 12th, 2021. The Assessor is required by law to prepare necessary papers for the Board and for the property owner who wants to appeal to the Board of Equalization.

Information pertaining to the Assessor's valuations, along with forms for appeal to the Board of Equalization may be obtained from the Assessor's office by calling (540) 375-3058, or online at www.salemva.gov.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

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Pinkesh Patel, Member

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## Legals - Montgomery County

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia Va. Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316-.317  
**Case No.CL21000021-00**  
Pulaski County Circuit Court  
Hope Marie Moles LONG v Robert William LONG, Jr.

The object of this suit is to: obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony from the Defendant on the grounds of living separate and apart for a period exceeding one year. It appearing by affidavit that the Defendant's last known address of residence was 1670 Spruce Drive, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; that the Defendant's present whereabouts are unknown; and that diligence has been used by or on behalf of the Plaintiff to ascertain Defendant's whereabouts without effect; that the Plaintiff previously sought service of process on the Defendant at his last known address stated above; and the Sheriff of Montgomery County, Virginia has filed a return of service stating that the process has been in his hands for 21 days and that he has been unable to make service of process; it is ORDERED that the Defendant appear before this Court on or before April 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and protect his interest herein.

It is ORDERED that Robert William Long Jr. appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before April 15,2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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