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**Vinton's newest police officer, Officer Robert Rowell (center), was introduced at the Vinton Town Council meeting on March 2 by Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond (right). They are shown with Lt. Glenn Austin.**

## Chief introduces new hire to Town Council

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Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond introduced the department's newest police officer to Vinton Town Council at its meeting on March 2. Officer Robert Rowell was born in Nashville and moved to Vinton in 1989. He attended W.E. Cundiff Elementary and then graduated from William Byrd High School in 1999. At WBHS, his school-related

activities were track and cheer-leading.

Soon after high school, Rowell joined the United States Navy and served on the USS Hayler as a damage controlman and firefighter and as a search and rescue swimmer. He was honorably discharged in 2004 and returned home. He is married and has three children. In his spare time, he enjoys wood-working, helping his parents

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## Roanoke County to expand in-person classes, again

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Roanoke County Public Schools (RCPS) is in a position, based on the data, to expand the Return to School Plan for school year 2020-2021 once again, allowing more students access to face-to-face instruction. That's the conclusion of the school administration and the School Board based on information presented at a work session on March 2.

Fifth graders will return to four days of in-person instruction beginning on Monday, March 15. Students in grades 6-12 will return to four days of in-person instruction on Monday, March 22. A four-day plan was chosen over five days so teachers will have dedicated time on Wednesdays to work with their all-virtual students.

Students in grades K-4 will continue to attend in person five days each week. Schools are creating plans to maximize social distancing with three feet, rather than six feet, being the minimum allowable distance.

The 100 percent online option remains available for all grade levels. Current hybrid learners may switch to 100 per-

cent online but need to notify the school division by March 15. Students who have been 100 percent online may be able to return to in-person learning—if space allows—but need to make their requests by March 15.

In July 2020, the School Board members adopted an "expandable plan for re-opening schools." They rejected using off-site spaces for schooling, doing half-day schedules, having all students attend without six feet of social distancing, or having all students do 100 percent instruction.

In developing the initial plan, RCPS took into account several factors including the safety and security of staff and students; the fact that in-person instruction is most effective; that skill development is crucial in primary grades; that social/emotional learning is significant; that childcare was a concern for families; that the school system needed to rely on public health experts; that the needs of vulnerable students needed to be met; and that six feet social distancing was considered the most important measure and constraint.

The board, after much discussion and some dissension, adopted a plan in which students

in grades K-2 attended in-person five days per week while students in grades 3-12 attended in-person two days per week with three days of remote learning under a hybrid plan.

All students had the option to choose 100 percent online learning. School schedules were adjusted to dismiss one hour earlier than usual. Six-foot social distancing was required to the extent possible. Face coverings were required in most settings. Daily temperature checks were instituted.

In October, the plan expanded for the first time, allowing third graders to attend in-person five days per week, while Special Education and EL students in grades 4 and 5 began attending in person four days each week. In-person Hybrid Help Days were added for grades 6-12 on Wednesdays.

In January 2021, fourth graders began attending in-person five days per week. Special Education, EL, and failing students in grades 5-12 attended four days in-person, while mitigation strategies continued.

The decision to expand for the third time was based on revised

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## BCAT/WBHS students win regional Scholastic Art Awards

Three Roanoke County students who attend William Byrd High School and the Burton Center for Arts and Technology received awards in the February re-

gional Scholastic Art Awards hosted by the Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley. They are Urunna Anyanwu, Nick Boksa, and Andrea Gonzalez. Natalie Strum is

their art instructor.

The Scholastic Arts Awards program, sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, is the nation's longest running and most prestigious recognition program for young

adults in the arts. BCAT art students in the Center for Visual Arts (CVA) and Graphics Communication classes collected an impressive 13 Gold Keys, 18 Silver Keys, and 26 Honorable Mentions.

Anyanwu, a senior, won three Gold Keys, one Silver Key, and three Honorable

Mentions. Her Gold Key

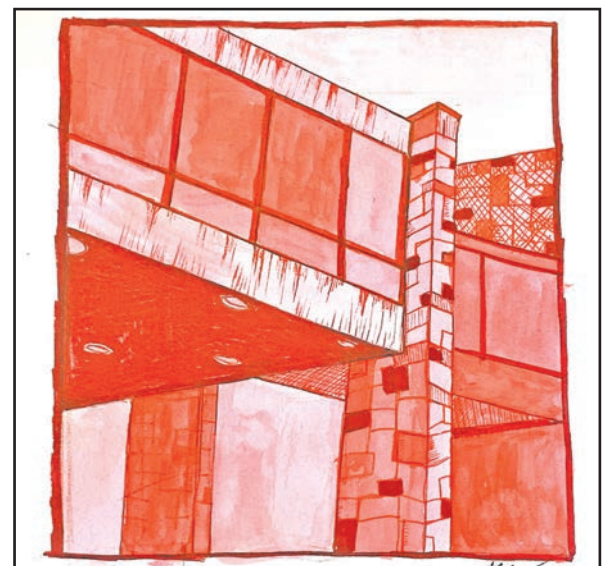
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**Urunna Anyanwu, a student at BCAT and William Byrd, won a regional Scholastic Art Gold Key Award for "Pieces of Me." She won a total of three Gold Key, one Silver Key, and three Honorable Mention awards in the annual event held at the Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley.**



**Andrea Gonzalez from BCAT and WBHS won an Honorable Mention at the regional Scholastic Art Awards for her "Ego Timorem Sum." She won one Gold Key, two Silver Keys, and three Honorable Mentions.**



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**BCAT and WBHS student Nick Boksa won an Honorable Mention at the regional Scholastic Art Awards for his "Monochromatic Architecture."**

## Meet your new editor—Matt de Simone



PHOTO BY BETTY JO BARGER

**Matt de Simone is the new editor of The Vinton Messenger and The Fincastle Herald.**

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As of February 3, it is my pleasure to serve as editor of The Vinton Messenger and The Fincastle Herald, taking over for Daniel Tyson, who was editor since September of 2020.

I was born and raised in Roanoke County, graduated from Northside High School, and, years later, earned my M.F.A. in Journalism from Full Sail University in Winter Park, Fla.

My Master's program taught me about the print media industry and

the new media often used these days via social media platforms.

A little about me: My father's love for sports influenced me to have the same passion. I'm also a big music fan. Phish, Weezer, and Deftones are three of my favorite bands. I enjoy going to live shows held outdoors (preferably in warm weather).

I've collected/read comic books since I was a little boy. Some of my favorite characters include Superman, the X-Men, and Invincible. My time in the Orlando area allowed me to discover the

magic of Disney World—a place I never visited until I moved to Florida back in 2014.

When I returned to Virginia in 2018, I met then-Fincastle Herald and Vinton Messenger Editor Aila Boyd in a chance encounter. Shortly after that, I began working at The Herald as a contributing writer. One year later, I became the newspaper's layout artist. Now, I have the honor of taking over as the editor of both the Fincastle and Vinton newspapers.

The Vinton Messenger provides Vinton and Roanoke County with local news and features highlighting the community's growth and longevity. I want to continue that tradition and look forward to learning more about the area, its leaders, and its progress. I am looking forward to providing Vinton with news and updates about this wonderful community.

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# WBHS Terrier Spotlight of the Week



Caitlin Lilly



Dr. Barbara Hassell



Leigh Anne Conner



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Billy McBride (on right) with Principal Tammy Newcomb

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

The first Terrier Spotlight of the Week announced on February 26 is Social Studies Department chair, Caitlin Lilley. Lilley is one dynamite AP US History teacher. One could argue that few classes are as important as U.S. History, but like any other course, its significance and influence comes down to what the teacher makes of it.

Lilley tackles this all-important course with passion, objectivity, and a commitment to diversity and inclusion. We'd like to also recognize her along with the diversity committee

for their hard work and efforts in creating engaging activities and resources for this year's Black History Month.

Outside of being a phenomenal history teacher, Lilley coaches the academic team and enjoys reading and playing the piano #cultured #classy. Thanks again, Ms. Lilley, for being a great teacher and mentor for our students.

Next up is everyone's favorite Deutschlehrer, Dr. Barbara Hassell, the German teacher at William Byrd. A veteran teacher of 26 years, Hassell is a consummate professional who deeply cares for her students. She has also had to juggle many responsibilities throughout this already challenging school year. Hassell teaches at both Glenvar

and William Byrd High, and she has even assisted in the front office when we've been short-staffed. Hassell is willing to do whatever she can to help support her students and colleagues. Outside of education, she enjoys cooking, travelling, and spending time with her three sons and nine grandchildren. Thanks again, Dr. Hassell, for always going that extra mile for our students!

Next is everyone's favorite bookkeeper, Leigh Anne Conner. Conner has been the financial guru at WBHS for the past 20 years. The challenges of this school year have required her to perform many tasks beyond keeping the books. The pandemic has caused staff shortages across the country, and

our staff and front office has not been immune to this. As a result, Conner has had to step in and perform a variety of different duties in the front office.

Her reliability and versatility this year have been a huge asset. Outside of school, she enjoys making crafts, spending time with her family, or lounging around the pool on a hot summer day. She has also recently become a grandmother! Samuel or "Sammy" Thomas Brown was born on February 5. Conner and her family couldn't be happier with their new little bundle of joy. Mrs. Conner, thank you again for all that you have done to support William Byrd this school year!

Finally, comes our last spotlight of the week, Billy Mc-

Bride. This is a bittersweet spotlight, in that it's McBride's last day here at William Byrd. After 25 years of working with Roanoke County Public Schools, he has decided to retire. While we're all happy for Billy and want to celebrate his retirement, his hard work, kindness, and generosity will be sorely missed. Our safety and success at this school year would not be possible without him and our dedicated maintenance staff. To Mr. McBride, one last time, we would like to sincerely say thank you! We wish you a happy and peaceful retirement.

*By the Administrative Team at William Byrd High School*

# Vinton Library welcomes new staff

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The Vinton Library has welcomed two new staff members: Senior Library Assistant Caitlin DeMarco and Senior Library Assistant-Youth Services Jennifer Whitcomb.

While DeMarco was born in Pennsylvania, she grew up in the Glenvar area of Roanoke County. She holds a double undergraduate degree in Classical Civilization and European Studies from the College of William and Mary and earned her Master's of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland.

Her duties will include working closely with Branch Manager Kimberly Burnette-Dean to "help keep the library running smoothly, as well as helping to develop programs for our adult patrons. We have a great staff of people who all work together well, and I'm excited to be a part of that."

"I actually started working as a library page at the Glenvar branch library when I was a high school

student at Glenvar High," said DeMarco. "Working there, helping the patrons and learning from the librarians how everything worked – that was what influenced me to pursue a career in libraries, as did my work at the library and archives of the History Museum of Western Virginia when I was home for the summer from college."

"After I got my MLS, I worked as an archivist at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.; at the archives of the World Bank; and then as a library assistant at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg," DeMarco said. "When I saw the position available at Vinton, however, I jumped at the opportunity to come home – to Roanoke and to the Roanoke County Public Library system."

"As a history fan, it has been fascinating to delve into Vinton history and I'm hoping to work on programs to highlight Vinton and its part of Roanoke County," she commented. "I know my parents are thrilled to have me living in Roanoke

again, though Covid has put a damper on actually being able to meet up. I look forward to us all being fully vaccinated!"

Outside of work, DeMarco says, "It's cliché, but I love reading – fiction, non-fiction, pretty much anything. I dabble in fiction writing and crochet. I'm also a big fan of walking, particularly in nature, so I look forward to rediscovering the trails around Roanoke!"

Jennifer Whitcomb grew up in "the beautiful town of Northampton, Mass." She will be overseeing the Children's and Young Adult departments.

Her duties will include presenting story times and programs, managing the children's and Young Adult collections, staffing the children and YA service desk, and contributing virtual content for RCPL's social media accounts.

"We have lots of wonderful take-and-create kits and virtual programs that children in Vinton can take part in while we are waiting for in-person programming to return," Whitcomb notes.



Caitlin DeMarco



Jennifer Whitcomb

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"For March, the Children's Department is offering lots of fun virtual programming including take-home Wonder Packs, Storytime @ Home, Mo in March (which focuses on all-things Mo Willem), Spring Into Fiction Book Club, Spring PreK Dance Party, and more. Patrons can check the Program Schedule on the Roanoke County Public Library website or call the Vinton library for more details." Whitcomb is currently completing her Master's in Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree at Valdosta State University. She expects to graduate in August 2021. She received her BA in Art History from the University of Massachusetts in 2007.

"Before coming to the Vinton Library in February of 2021, I had worked at the South County Library for

six years," said Whitcomb. "Most of that time was spent exclusively in the Children's Department, where I staffed a high-volume service desk, supported the Children's Librarian, and presented story times and other various programs."

Whitcomb and her family have lived in Vinton for seven years and "it has always been an interest of mine to work at the Vinton Library. I look forward to getting to know our Vinton patrons and getting involved in community outreach in the future."

Whitcomb has 11-year-old twins (a boy and a girl) who are fifth graders at Herman L. Horn Elementary School.

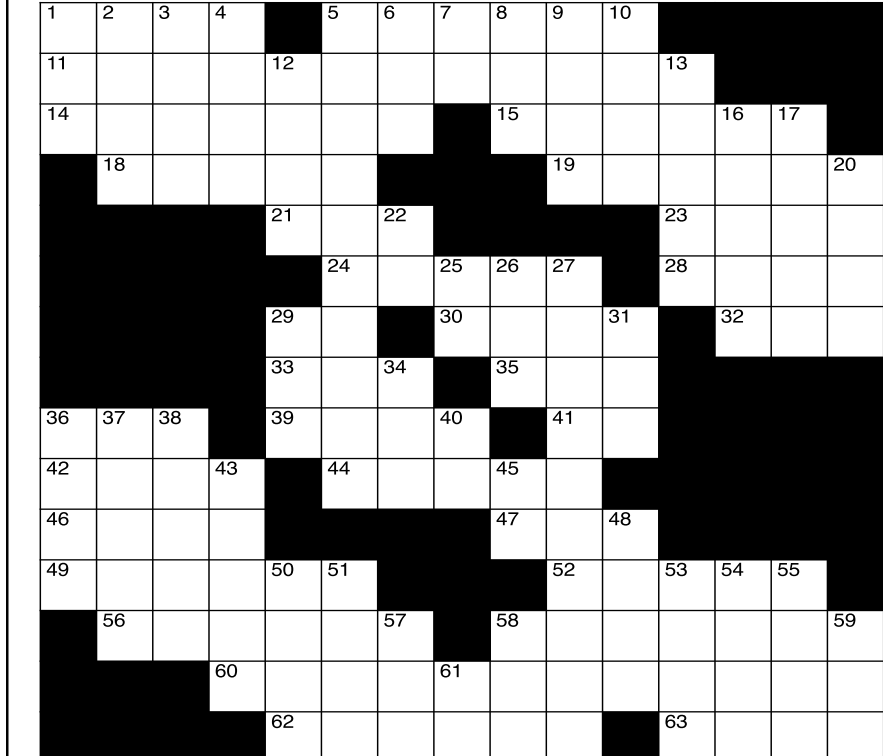
"Early literacy became a passion of mine after becoming a mother and dedicating myself to fos-

tering a continuing love of reading with my own children," Whitcomb says. "Working with the library, and specifically with children, felt like a natural progression."

Her hobbies include handloom weaving, macramé, gardening, hiking with her family and their dog, reading middle grade and YA fiction, and visiting local craft breweries.

The Vinton Library is now open by reservation for county residents, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with visitors not to exceed 25 percent normal occupancy. Patrons may make reservations for one hour time slots via <https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/2421/Vinton-Library> or by calling the library at 857-5043. Curbside service is also available.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| <b>CLUES ACROSS</b>                        | 39. Digits                         | 6. Affirmative                            | 38. Slang for military leader                   |
| 1. One of Noah's sons                      | 41. Expression of sympathy         | 7. Not caps                               | 40. Football's big game                         |
| 5. Openings                                | 42. Bleats                         | 8. Type of medication                     | 43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres |
| 11. Rising from the dead                   | 44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner | 9. Monetary unit                          | 45. Equally                                     |
| 14. Expressions for humorous effect        | 46. Vegetable                      | 10. Private school in New York            | 48. Forest animal                               |
| 15. North American country                 | 47. Turf                           | 12. Small stream                          | 50. Heavy stoves                                |
| 18. Flowed over                            | 49. Disorganized in character      | 13. A person of wealth                    | 51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)                   |
| 19. Tags                                   | 52. Takes                          | 16. Exclude                               | 53. Song  |
| 21. Long-lasting light bulb                | 56. Rules over                     | 17. Someone who vouches for you           | 54. Type of pickle                              |
| 23. Off-Broadway theater award             | 58. More fervid                    | 20. Vegetable part                        | 55. Offer in return for money                   |
| 24. Khoikhoi peoples                       | 60. Sweet drink                    | 22. Gov't lawyer                          | 57. Soviet Socialist Republic                   |
| 28. Beloved movie pig                      | 62. Cry loudly                     | 25. Term to address a woman               | 58. Burns wood (abbr.)                          |
| 29. South Dakota                           | 63. A friendly nation              | 26. Swiss river                           | 59. Beloved singer Charles                      |
| 30. Tai language                           | <b>CLUES DOWN</b>                  | 27. About senator                         | 61. Three-toed sloth                            |
| 32. Get free of                            | 1. A title of respect in India     | 29. Paulo, city                           |   |
| 33. Afflict                                | 2. His and                         | 31. Native American tribe                 |   |
| 35. Transmits genetic information from DNA | 3. Employee stock ownership plan   | 34. "Titanic" actor                       |   |
| 36. Commercials                            | 4. A type of bond (abbr.)          | 36. Campaign for students' rights (abbr.) |   |
|  | 5. Acting as if you are            | 37. Capital of Senegal                    |   |

## PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Congratulations to Ben Belcher and Autumn Gilley, who were engaged on December 25, 2020. Wedding date is set for September 19, 2021. Parents are Lisa are Mike Gilley and Pam and David Belcher.

Ryan Gilley and Logan Gilley are expecting their first child April 30, 2021. Grandparents for the new baby are Mike and Lisa Gilley of Vinton. Her mother is Lorinda and Alan

Woodall of Williamsburg. Her dad is Dave and Neri Wrichard of Roanoke. The couple lives in Wilmington, N.C.

Make sure to check out the retrospective for Johnny Weaver and Nick Shelton. This exhibition is a retrospective of wood-turned sculpture spanning over 20+ years from artists Johnny Weaver of Moneta and Nick Shelton of Roanoke. It is free, 1318 Riverland Road, SE, Roanoke, Friday, 6 p.m.

## Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

Remember to wear a mask and use all recommended social distancing practices to keep this event safe for all attending.

Congrats to Ethan Tinsley (Byrd), who was accepted to Randolph Macon on a sports

scholarship. Parents are Mitzi Wheeler Thornton and Tony Thornton.

Vinton resident Chad Robertson has been named to the Dean's List at James Madison University for the fall 2020 semester. Students who earn Dean's List honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Robertson is a management major. His parents are Carrie and Barry Robertson,

both of Vinton.

The Vinton Chamber is now accepting teams for the annual Golf Tournament on May 20 at Botetourt Golf & Swim Club.

The Chamber also is accepting vendor applications for the annual Grapes & Grains Festival on May 15 at the Vinton War Memorial. For more information on these and more events, contact the Chamber at 343-1364 or [angie@vinton-chamber.com](mailto:angie@vinton-chamber.com).

## Beyond Books

Here at Roanoke County Public Library, we've been working hard to expand our services beyond the walls of the branches. This process has been in the making for some time, with our Virtual Library offerings and digital eBook and eAudiobook collections growing by leaps and bounds in recent years.

Outreach services and multimedia checkouts such as early learning tablets, telescopes, and Virginia State Park backpacks are among the other ways we've been bringing the library home to you in new and exciting ways. The pandemic forced us to pivot entirely in that direction for a while, and we're proud of the virtual programming, takeaway crafts, and more that have resulted from this difficult time.

While the library itself is open (call us or go online to make your reservation!), we're by necessity limited in what we can offer in the building. Never fear, however, as we're still providing online classes and events for all ages, and we're continuously adding to the take-home resources. Last month we highlighted the mood-lifting Happy Lights, and this month we want to shine a spotlight on something else you may not know we offer: WiFi hotspots!

Hotspots are small devices that contain a set amount of mobile wireless data, ready to connect your phones, tablets, laptops, and more to the Internet. They work using cell phone towers—we have both Verizon and T-Mobile hotspots available—so as long as you can get a cell phone signal, you can access the Internet using these hotspots at no cost to you.

The hotspots are available for checkout, one per library card, for a 28-day checkout period. They're a great way to access a strong, secure Internet connection, whether you're on the go or just at home. You can visit our catalog at [rvl.info](http://rvl.info) to place one on hold or give us a call if you have any questions (857-5043).

Here's a sampling of classes coming up in March

for adults; as always, visit our calendar at [rocolibrary.org](http://rocolibrary.org) for the full listing and to register for Zoom programs.

- On Tuesday, March 9 at 4 p.m., join us to learn about Heirloom Gardening. You'll find out why it's important, as well as where to find heirloom seeds and varieties.

- Do you need to put some practice into your professional communication? Join us on Tuesday, March 16 at 4 p.m. for Professional Writing 101. We'll be going over the basics of formal writing and how to apply it to your current or potential job.

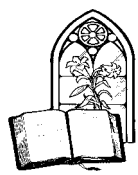
- We'll be having a Cyber Security Workshop on Wednesday, March 17 at 2 p.m. Learn how to keep your devices and yourself safe on the internet!

- Each Monday in March the most checked-out books of 2020 will be competing in a winner-take-all March Madness Tournament of Books! Go online to vote for your favorites and help us decide a winner.

We're also kicking off a fun new program this month we'd like to tell you about. From March 15 through May 15, we hope you'll stop by the library and join our Spring Loyalty Rewards Program! You can get a punch card in the library, at the drive-thru, or through curbside service at any RCPL location. Bring your card each time you visit the library in that time period, and we'll add a punch. You'll earn a prize once you reach 10 visits, and at 20 you'll win a grand prize! Just ask for a card at the library beginning March 15 and start earning your rewards!

We're excited to see everyone back in the library, but we want to create a positive impact on your life even when you're not here. We hope you'll take advantage of our online classes, virtual events, and circulating items like our new WiFi hotspots! Whether you're here or at home, at the Vinton Library we will meet you at your wonder.

By Vinton Library Assistant Bryce Chalkley



## From the Pulpit

# 'A Smell Good Day'

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever (Psalm 118:24, 29)."

"Well, at least it's a smell good day." These were the words my 5-year-old said before leaving for school one morning last week. We had just closed the door and were walking to the car when he noticed how dark it was outside. He asked, "Why is it always so dark lately when I leave for school?" I think that is a question we have all been asking. Over the last two weeks we have had more cloudy days than sunny days in the Valley. Almost daily, precipitation of some kind has fallen; on some days, we have seen snow, sleet, rain, and freezing rain all in the same day. The last two weeks have been cold, dark, and wet. Psychologically, that can have an impact on us.

According to columnist Beth Daley, sunshine has been found to boost positive moods, dampen negative moods, and diminish tiredness. One 2013 study in Minnesota found that

restaurant goers tip better on sunny days. Another study by Uri Simonsohn found that university admissions officers weighed the academic credentials of applicants less critically on sunny days. Medically speaking, physicians believe up to 10-20 percent of the population suffers from SAD—Seasonal Affective Disorder—otherwise known as Seasonal Depression. SAD can affect mood, sleep, appetite, energy levels, relationships, and overall self-worth. Whether we have a diagnosis or not, it is scientifically proven that exposing skin to sunlight produces vitamin D. This promotes the brain's production of serotonin, which is the key hormone that stabilizes our mood, feelings of well-being, and happiness.

Personally, I do grow weary of rainy days. I am thankful for the rain and understand its necessity for life and growth. However, sunshine does seem to lift my spirit. After a number of consecutively cold, gray, gloomy skies, I too can feel a bit gray and gloomy. I felt that way on the morning Parker asked, "Why

is it always so dark lately when I leave for school?" In response, I tried to look past my gloominess and use his question as a conversational piece. I talked with him about the water cycle, cloud levels, and types of clouds. We looked up cloud types such as the really high and puffy Cirrocumulus clouds, and others such as the low and gray Stratocumulus clouds that tend to cover most of the sky. I explained that because the sky seemed to be full of Stratocumulus clouds that day, the sun's rays could not shine through. As a result, it was dark.

I was proud of our research and thought his question had turned into a wonderful teachable moment about science. Instead, he used it to teach me something even more important. In response to my scientific answer about low-lying clouds, Parker took in a deep breath and said, "Well, at least it's a smell good day." When I asked him what that meant he said: "When the clouds are low you can really smell them, and I think clouds smell so good." Then he took another deep breath and said, "It's going to be a smell good day."

Before my conversation with Parker, all I could

think about was how dark and gray it was outside. I just wanted to complain and commiserate with someone. And yet, Parker reminded me of the goodness that surrounds us each day. It is okay to be sad; it is okay to feel gray and gloomy. When we do, we should talk about that with someone. However, it is also vitally important that we choose to look for the good in each day. That is what Psalm 118 is all about—a reminder that God is the one who creates each day. And because God is good, what He creates is also good. Sometimes that goodness can be seen; sometimes heard; sometimes felt. And on some days, through the perspective and deep breath of a child, his goodness can be smelled.

The next time you face a gray, gloomy, cloudy day, be sure to stop, close your eyes, and take a deep breath of that cool, damp air. It might not change what you see or hear, but it might just change how you feel. For even when it is not a pretty day, it can still be a "smell good day."

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

*By The Rev.*

*Travis Russell*

*Vinton Baptist Church*

# Breakfast Lions initiate new member

The Vinton Breakfast Lions have initiated a new member into the organization. Linda Witmer was welcomed to the organization at its meeting on February 24. She was sponsored by her sister, Sandra Witmer. Linda Witmer is retired and a resident of Richmond but divides her time to be with her sister who lives in Roanoke.

Upcoming for the Breakfast Lions Club is the annual Bland Music Scholarship Competition at Thrasher Memorial Methodist Church on Sunday, March 7.



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**The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club welcomed new member Linda Witmer (left) at the meeting on February 24. She was sponsored by her sister, Sandra Witmer.**

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# Dogwood Festival issues call for vendors

The Vinton Dogwood Festival is accepting vendors for the 66th annual festival, to be held April 24. All types of festival vendors are welcome: handmade crafts, non-profit and professional food vendors, business, retail and non-profits.

On Saturday, April 24 there will be a wide vari-

ety of activities for all ages, including a craft show, crowning of the dogwood queen and court, live entertainment on two stages, children's area, food and business vendors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information or to sign up as a vendor, visit [www.vinton-dogwoodfestival.org](http://www.vinton-dogwoodfestival.org) to

download information or to submit an application on-line.

Applications may be mailed, e-mailed, or picked up and dropped off at the Vinton War Memorial. For additional information, contact Chasity Barbour at 540-983-0645 and follow the prompts.

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<p>The following students from the Mount Pleasant and Bonsack areas have been named to the Virginia Tech Dean's List for the Fall of 2020:</p> <p>Olivia Ashworth, a Freshman majoring in Human Development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences</p> <p>Elena Boitnoitt, a Senior majoring in Finance in the Pamplin College of Business</p> <p>Ethan Bowser, a Freshman majoring in Music in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences</p> <p>Andrew Brooks, a Junior majoring in Accounting and</p>	<p>Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business</p> <p>Emily Brooks, a Senior majoring in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences</p> <p>Molly Carpenter, a Senior majoring in Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business</p> <p>Madeline Craig, a Junior majoring in Interior Design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies</p> <p>Everett Fletchall, a Senior majoring in Biochemistry in the College of Science</p> <p>Rebecca Geisler, a Sophomore majoring in Biological Sciences in the College of</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>Sophie Griffin, a Junior majoring in Human Development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences</p> <p>Preston Hall, a Sophomore majoring in Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business</p> <p>Emily Hash, a Senior majoring in Criminology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences</p> <p>Jackson W. Moses, a Freshman majoring in Business in the Pamplin College of Business</p> <p>Madison E. Moses, a Se-</p>	<p>nior majoring in Biology in the College of Science</p> <p>Adam P. North, a Senior majoring in Public Relations in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences</p> <p>Seth Robertson, a Junior majoring in General Engineering in the College of Engineering</p> <p>Justin Seymore, a Junior majoring in Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business</p> <p>Christian Smith, a Junior majoring in Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business</p> <p>Abby Spotswood, a Junior majoring in Environ-</p>	<p>mental Resources Management in the College of Natural Resources and Environment</p> <p>Mason Stanley, a Freshman majoring in Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences</p> <p>Ryan Stanley, a Senior majoring in Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences</p> <p>Aalyssa Stuckey, a Sophomore majoring in Sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences</p> <p>Payton Taylor, a Junior majoring in Criminology in</p>	<p>the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences</p> <p>Charles Watson, a Senior majoring in Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business</p> <p>Peyton Wilmer, a Senior majoring in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences</p> <p>David Zaragoza, a Senior majoring in Finance in the Pamplin College of Business</p> <p>To qualify for the Dean's List, students must complete at least 12 credit hours graded on the A-F option and earn a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.</p>
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The museum was unable to hold its two largest fundrais-

The term of lease will be for one 15-month term and three additional one-year renewals at a total cost of \$800 per year—\$100 per

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To qualify for the Dean's List, students must complete at least 12 credit hours graded on the A-F option and earn a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

The town is in the process of upgrading its ERP software to Tyler Munis, but doesn't anticipate full conversion until January 2022, so it needs to main-

Unfortunately, the town had to change vendors resulting in unplanned charges. During the relocation of the sewer line project, the contractor encountered rock charges not accounted for during the original contract price and has invoiced the town for the charges. Council will take action to rectify the situation and

Ray Sandifer was appointed by council to the vacant citizen position on the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable TV Committee for a term beginning on March 2 and ending August 31, 2021.

The annual Vinton Town Council retreat is scheduled for Friday, March 5, from 1 to 5 p.m.

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# Libertarians nominate Davison as 19th District House of Delegates candidate

The 19th District Roanoke Valley Libertarians have chosen Dean Davison as the Libertarian candidate for the 19th District in the Virginia House of Delegates race. District 19 includes parts of Bedford and Botetourt Counties, the City of Covington, and Alleghany County. The seat is currently held by Republican Terry Austin, who ran unopposed in 2019 and is seeking his third term.

Libertarian voters elected Davison at their nomination convention unanimously, with many calling him a beacon for principled Libertarians. Davison has served as the District 5 chair of the LPVA and is currently LPVA State Secretary, elected in March 2020. Davison resides in Stewartsville.

Davison cited a range of thoughts among his reasons for wanting to run for public

office.

“I am running for office for the people not just in my district, but the Commonwealth, who are tired of endless regulations and having their rights taken away,” said Davison. “In the 19th District, focus on the Second Amendment is huge. A large portion of the population are law abiding citizens and gun owners. Recently the [Bedford County] board of supervisors limited the ability of citizens to address them monthly, instead allowing constituents to address the body every few months. That is a stomp on our citizens’ first amendment rights. So as rights are being stomped on, the delegate currently in office has done absolutely nothing to stop this or address this and the constituents suffer. That should not be accepted.”

Brian Hiner, chair of the

Roanoke Valley Libertarians, said Dean has been an active member of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, helping to promote individual liberties and freedoms throughout the commonwealth. With over 20 years of service as a volunteer firefighter, Davison knows the meaning of giving back to the public and caring about the people.

“I feel, if elected, he would work hard for his constituents and the Commonwealth of Virginia using the same leadership he has demonstrated here at the Roanoke Valley Libertarians and the fire department he volunteers for,” Hiner said. “Dean is absolutely the right choice for the people.”

Davison is focused on more than just the Second Amendment.

“My opponent is advocating to let the Board of Educa-

tion be elected but demanding certain candidate qualifications like being a government official,” said Davison. “The government has to start nosing out of the people’s business. The Board of Education should be elected, not appointed. Then we have HB 1243 which takes the ability to raise money from charities like The American Legion, AmVets, schools, churches, fire, and EMS. To criminalize casino nights and bingo, which help those less fortunate, does nothing but hinder private charity. My opponent voted for HB 1243 – hurting those in need, including first responders, police, and the military, on ways to fund operations and charity.”

Davison explained his position further. “Being in the fire service, I understand helping people. I have for over 20 years. I’d like to repeal HB

1243 and instead advocate for a fair tax cut, blocking regulations that target farmers and small businesses, and reform election laws.”

Many in the region have discussed frustration with the growing divide between Republicans and Democrats. “You don’t have to vote for one of two parties. The Libertarian Party of Virginia and the Roanoke Valley Libertarians represent all of your rights all of the time,” said Davison. “Change must start locally.”

The Libertarian Party is the third largest political party in the United States, founded in 1971. Libertarians strongly oppose any government interference into their personal, family, and business decisions. They believe all Americans should be free to live their lives and pursue their interests as they see fit, as long as they do no harm to another.

## Classes

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CDC guidance issued on February 12, which stated, “The many benefits of in-person schooling should be weighted against the risk of spreading COVID-19 in the school and community,” and school-specific factors such as mitigation strategies, local needs, and number of cases.

Executive Director of Administration Dr. Rhonda Stegall shared data from the American Academy of Pediatrics demonstrating the critical importance of wearing masks, whether social distancing is one, three, or six feet in distance, to prevent COVID-19 transmission.

Stegall emphasized that COVID cases and exposures have been trending downward locally. Throughout the school year, the percentage of positive cases in Roanoke County Public Schools has remained very low, never exceeding 3 percent even during the height of winter. The percentage of student or staff exposures has not exceeded 1 percent during the same time-

frame.

“Since the first day of school, our ultimate goal has been to bring all students back for full-time in-person instruction and we have steadily been making strides to meet that goal,” said School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. “All this time, we have remained committed to following the guidance of public health experts.

“The CDC and VDH have maintained that six-foot distancing should be observed to the extent possible, but a minimum of three-foot physical distancing is acceptable so long as students and staff are wearing masks,” Nicely said. “Now that a significant number of our staff and many at-risk members of our community have received vaccinations, combined with the continuing decline of cases in our community, we are adopting the more flexible CDC and VDH guidelines.”

RCPS has taken these actions because conditions are changing, school is a safe place to be if

mitigation procedures are stringently followed, and vaccines have been a “game-changer.” RCPS has “met and exceeded the governor’s expectations to maximize in-person learning all year and have stayed open all year without any school closures.”

A survey of 2251 RCPS staff members indicates that 91 percent of staff members who wanted to be vaccinated for COVID have received their first dose; 72 percent have received first and second doses, with 89 percent on track to becoming fully vaccinated.

In a call to school superintendents on March 2, Dr. James Lane, Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction, said, “The intent of the CDC guidance is to do six-foot distances to the extent that you can, but it is OK to do less, if needed, to have more students in school. The prevailing guidance from VDH and VDOE is that using three-foot distances is acceptable.”

The school system con-

cedes that distancing of less than six feet may increase quarantine numbers.

Within the latest expansion plan, RCPS says, “Physical distances of six feet will continue to the extent possible, but students will be seated at three-to-five foot distances in many classrooms and buses. Two students may occupy one seat on buses as needed, with masks required. No classroom will have desks at less than three-foot distances. Mask requirements are essential and will be enforced.”

Parents will be encouraged to transport their students if able. Bus seats will be assigned for consistency and to help reduce potential exposures. Selected windows will be open to allow free air circulation and buses will be sprayed between each run.

RCPS has determined that 16 of 16 elementary schools are able to maintain social distancing of three feet or more; three of the 16 will need to use their gyms for classrooms.

At the secondary level,

11 of 11 schools are able to maintain social distancing of three feet or more. Eight of the 11 will utilize overflow rooms to achieve the three-feet distancing.

To maintain six feet of social distancing between students who need to remove their mask to eat, students’ mealtimes will be staggered within the classroom, as needed.

The current one-hour early dismissal schedule will be maintained to allow teachers time to work with remote and struggling students. It also provides planning time for elementary staff.

School Board members support the expansion. David Linden noted that the board’s Return to School Plan had always been “expandable and retractable,” although it has never had to retract—due to the efforts of administrative staff, teachers, students, and parents.”

Tim Greenway stated, “Roanoke County and families win today. I am thrilled.”

Jason Moretz comment-

ed that the “community just needs to continue to be vigilant and do their part.”

Chairman Don Butzer thanked Dr. Nicely and his team for their “incredible plan with its great level of detail.” He said that the School Board itself has been laser-focused on getting students back in classrooms safely. The board and the school system are taking a calculated risk with the newest expansion, factoring in the mental health of students and concerns about equity. He expressed the board’s heartfelt thanks to teachers who executed the plans that were developed.

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## Worship Directory

### 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

If you would like to see your church services listed here in the Vinton Messenger contact Tucker Frye at 540-473-2741 or email [tfrye@ourvalley.org](mailto:tfrye@ourvalley.org)

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

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





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### Legals - City of Radford

**Radford Seeks Proposals for CDBG Action Plan 2021-2022**  
The City of Radford is seeking proposals for its anticipated Public Service Funds for the upcoming

### Legals - City of Radford

2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.  
Eligible applicants include: (1) Registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations, (2) Governmental entities, including public agencies, commissions or authorities that are independent of the City of Radford, (3) Churches that meet the requirements of IRC section 501(c)(3), regardless of their application and recognition from the IRS (4) Institutes of higher education. Program beneficiaries must be low or moderate income.  
Public service programs include, but are not limited to: health care, job training, recreation programs, education programs, anti-violence programs, services for senior citizens, youth services, services for homeless persons, substance abuse counseling and treatment, domestic violence services, mental health services, immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing/tenant landlord counseling.  
Interested applicants should submit a brief (3-page maximum) narrative that describes the proposed project, needs addressed, target population and the type of service. You may mail or deliver your proposal to: Melissa Skelton, 10 Robertson St, Radford, VA 24141. You may also submit proposals electronically to [melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov](mailto:melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov). Proposals must be received by March 22, 2021 to be considered for funding during this Annual Action Plan cycle. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Skelton at the email above or by phone at 540-731-3603.

### Legals - City of Salem

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.  
Pinkesh Patel, Member  
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](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.  
ABC NOTICE  
Pizza Den LLC, trading as Pizza Den, 1302 W Main St, Salem, Virginia 24153-4.  
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Jason Booker, Owner  
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### Legals - City of Salem

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. and protect his interest herein.  
2-16-2021  
Trish L. Albert  
Deputy Clerk

### Legals - Town of Vinton

participation in this public hearing by Council members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on the proposed tax rates by emailing [sjohnson@vintonva.gov](mailto:sjohnson@vintonva.gov), leaving a message at 540-983-0607 or writing to the Town Clerk, Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voice mails, emails and other messages containing comments on the Ordinance will be provided to Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to [sjohnson@vintonva.gov](mailto:sjohnson@vintonva.gov) by 12 Noon on Monday, April 5, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/vintonva](http://www.facebook.com/vintonva). Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date.  
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Pinkesh Patel, Member  
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](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.  
ABC NOTICE  
Pizza Den LLC, trading as Pizza Den, 1302 W Main St, Salem, Virginia 24153-4.  
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer On Premises/Mixed Beverage Res license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.  
Jason Booker, Owner  
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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. and protect his interest herein.  
2-16-2021  
Trish L. Albert  
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**Left, William Byrd's Hayden Lyle(#32) rushes the passer in last week's win at Magna Vista. Above, Bryson Lutz(#50) clears some room for Elamin Shareef and, below, Hunter Harris catches a pass for Byrd's first touchdown.**

PHOTOS BY BILL HOLL

## Byrd scores late to win football opening game at Magna Vista

*Home opener against Franklin Co. Friday*

They had to wait 16 months to play, but it was worth it for the William Byrd football team after last Saturday's season opening win at Magna Vista. The Terriers scored in the final minute to take a thrilling 22-19 win over the host Warriors.

"Our coaching staff was very pleased with our conditioning, physical play and toughness against a very good opponent," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "With all the schedule changes and challenges, not having scrimmages really made it very difficult to prepare for the first game. We filmed most of our practices, so we could evaluate our progress since the scrimmages wouldn't give us a way to evaluate our players and each phase of the game."

Byrd was originally scheduled to play Spotswood in the opener, but when the Roanoke County School Board voted against playing teams outside the county Glenvar replaced the Trailblazers. When the school board reversed the Byrd-Glenvar game was off and the Terriers were able to get Magna Vista, a quality Class 3 program, to fill that first week slot on the schedule.

Rain during the week made the Magna Vista field somewhat sloppy Saturday, but the Byrd players didn't let that bother them.

"Their wet field made it tough on both teams," said Lutz. "Our coaches were very pleased that our players focused on their assignments and didn't allow the field conditions determine our team success."

The game was close throughout. The Warriors scored first on a 63 yard pass play but the Terriers answered with a 16 yard TD pass from Dylan Hatfield to Hunter Harris. Magna Vista then regained the lead when Tyler Johnson returned the ensuing kickoff 76 yards for a score and the Warriors had 13-7 lead at the half.

Byrd opened the second half with a four yard TD run by Hatfield



to tie the game at 13-13, but the extra point attempt failed. However, the Terriers took a 15-13 lead on a safety when Magna Vista snapped the ball out of the end zone on a punt attempt.

Johnson was at it again as Magna Vista regained the lead late in the third quarter, this time on a 79 yard TD pass Dryus Hairston. A two point conversion failed and the Warriors clung to a 19-15 lead down the stretch.

The Terriers got the game winner with just

35 seconds on the clock. Hatfield passed to Ethan Tinsley for a 16 yard TD and Cole Spencer kicked the extra point for the 22-19 final.

Hatfield completed 14 of 28 passes in the game for 188 yards, including seven to Tinsley for 141 yards. Ethan was one of two Terriers to commit to play college football last week. He'll be headed to Randolph Macon while lineman Bryson Lutz has

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**Above left, William Byrd junior Aiden Brinkley is on his way to a 10th place finish in the 200 yard IM. Top right, Colin Murtaugh leaps out of the blocks in the 50 yard freestyle sprint, winning the 3A state championship in a time of 21.53. Below is the team representing Byrd at the state meet. Left to right; Aiden Brinkley, Colin Murtaugh, Austin Nielsen, Griffin Horacek, Nathan Miller and Michael Hoyos.**

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## Murtaugh swims to 2 state championships

The William Byrd boys placed sixth out of 28 teams in the state Class 3 swim meet last week at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.

Sophomore Colin Murtaugh led the Terriers with two state championship swims. Murtaugh won the 50 Free event with a time of 21.53, and he also won the 100 Butterfly with a time of 50.57.

"He trains hours and hours each week with the Virginia Gators," said Byrd coach Krista Martin. "I am so happy for him to feel all of that hard work pay off."

Murtaugh also swam on the third place boys' 200 Medley Relay team with Aiden Brinkley, Austin Nielsen and Griffin Horacek. That four-some broke the school record with a time of 1:39.06. The previous record, set this year, was 1:40.77 with Murtaugh, Brinkley, Nielsen and Nathan Miller.

Other individual finishes included Nielsen with a seventh in both the 200 IM and 100 Breast, Brinkley with a fifth in the 100 Back and 10th in the 200 IM, Horacek with an 11th place state finish in the 100 Back and 12th place finishes by Miller in the 100 Free and Michael Hoyos in the 500 Free.

"State went so well," said Martn. "I am so grateful that we were allowed to participate in post season and these boys were given a chance to end their season on such a well deserved high note. We were all really looking forward to state and the opportunity to compete against fast swimmers. These boys swam their hearts out and really showed up ready to race when it was time for our relays."

Teamwise, Monticello won the girls' title along with the Western Albemarle boys. Western Albemarle finished with 374 points to 266 for second place Independence, followed by William Byrd at 167. Western Albemarle will move up to Class 4 next year.

"That is the highest our boys' team has placed at state in school history," said Martin. "And if that wasn't good news enough, none of them will graduate."

Of course, that's because they're all under-classmen.



# Terriers come from two sets down to beat Lord Botetourt

The William Byrd girls opened their volleyball season Tuesday after having it postponed in the fall due to the coronavirus. The Terriers played at Lord Botetourt and it was better late than never. Way better, as a matter of fact, as the Terriers defeated the three-time defending state champion Cavaliers in five grueling sets.

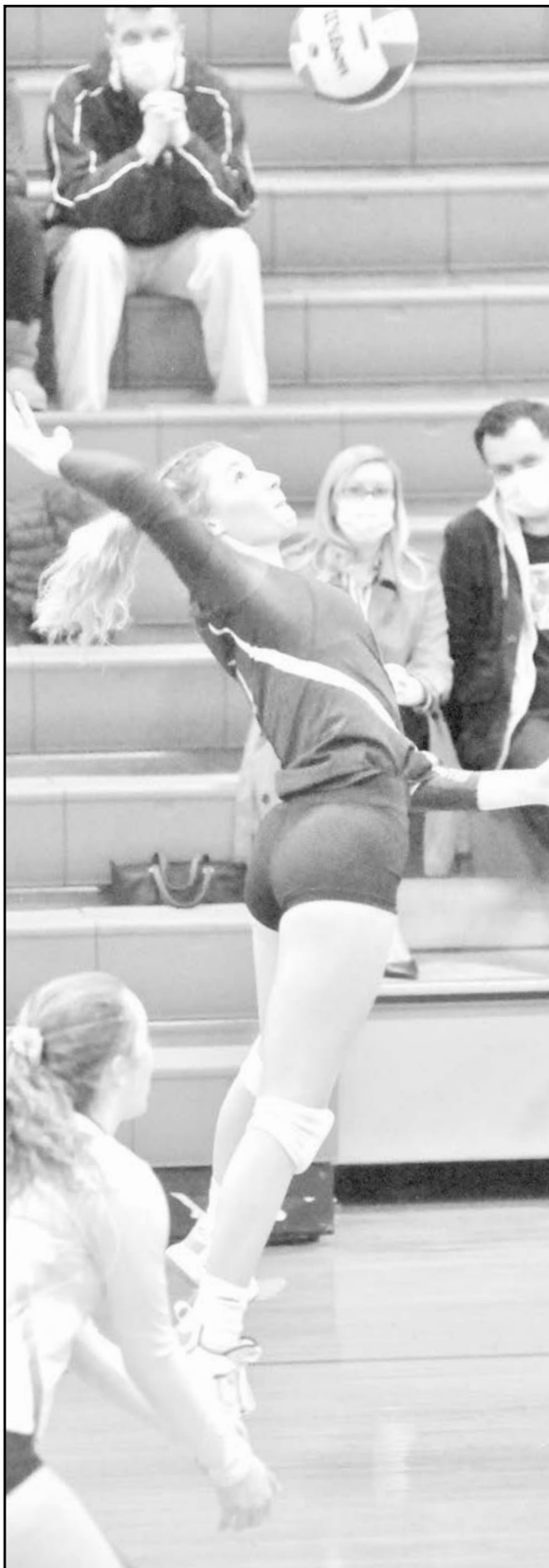
Byrd had to come from behind to pull out the win. The Cavaliers won the first two sets, 24-23 and 25-21, and at that point it looked like business as usual for the LB girls. However, the Terriers dug in and held on for a 25-21 win in the third set, then tied it up with a dominating 25-15 win in the fourth. That sent the match into a fifth set to 15 to decide the match, and Byrd pulled out a 15-7 win.

It was a great win to start the season for the Byrd girls, who were led by Mattie Andrews' 14 kills. Trinity Hylton had seven kills, 19 assists, five digs and two aces while Kamryn Sigafos had 10 kills and five aces. Libero Grayce Dantler had 19 digs to go with four aces.

"The girls and the coaches are really excited about getting back on the court," said coach Allison Thornton. "We missed all of our summer camps, team bonding and normal team functions, but were elated when the school board voted to allow us to play."

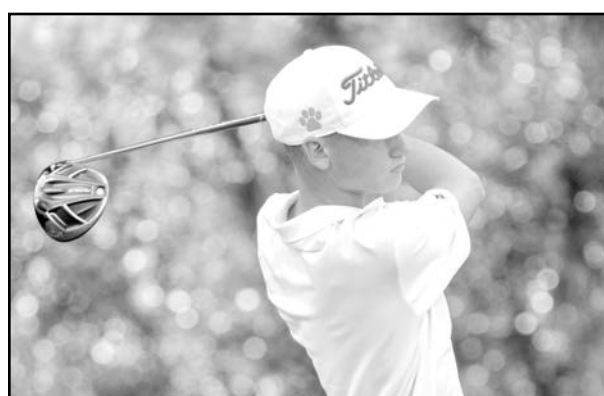
Byrd has five seniors on this year's team, Dantzler, Amna Becirevic, Kasey McKee, Erin Courtemanche and Reagan Tuck. Juniors include setter Hylton and outside hitter Andrews, and defensively Thornton expects good things from returning junior Chloe Harrilla. Newcomers expected to contribute include Sigafos, Carsyn Kotz, Terran Brown and Ella Ashworth.

The Terriers have their home opener tonight against William Fleming. It will consist of two varsity matches only, beginning at 5:30 pm. Northside is here for the regular jayvee-varsity doubleheader next Tuesday, March 9.



Left, William Byrd's Mattie Andrews goes up for a spike in Tuesday's win over Lord Botetourt. Right, Carsyn Kotz sets one up for the Terriers.

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EVAN MULLEN

## BRD golfers open this week

The William Byrd golfers were scheduled to tee off for the first time on Wednesday with a Blue Ridge District mini-match at the Westlake Country Club. All Byrd's regular season matches will be on Wednesdays in the "COVID Schedule" spring season.

Coach Scott Whitehead returns four starters to this year's Byrd team. Griffin Horacek is a three year starter, Kendrick South is a two year starter and Evan Mullen and Koby Turner are returning one year starters. Other potential starters include senior Chris Blankenship, sophomore Clayton Gilmore and freshman Nathan Carter. Blankenship is the only senior on the young Byrd team.

Others on the team hoping to crack the lineup include sophomores Collin Murtaugh and Garrett Sexton and freshmen Andrew Kiker, Ben Sink and Mattox Wolfe. An eighth grader, Madeline Cunningham, is not eligible to score but will be practicing with the team.

# Byrd girls finish 13th in state indoor track meet

The Class 3 state indoor track meet was held at Liberty University on Tuesday and 11 William Byrd athletes competed, six girls and five boys.

The girls and boys meets were held separately with the girls in the morning and the boys starting in late afternoon. The girls had to be in Lynchburg at 7 am for an 8 am start time, and that meant leaving Vinton before 6 am. However, the early departure proved to be worthwhile as the girls finished 13th in the state with some outstanding performances. Western Albemarle won the girls' state title.

Freshman Sydney Blewett started the day off in the shot put with a personal record throw of 29'3" and a 9th place finish. In the long jump, Chloe Harrilla finished all-state placing of 6th with a jump of 15'0.5". Remi Figart finished 10th.

Sela Beatty took all-state honors in the 55m dash with a 6th place time of 7.55 seconds. The 4x200 meter relay of Harrilla, Emma Dalton, Figart and Beatty finished 4th overall with an all-state placing time of 1:54.44. Gordon finished 9th in the 500 with a personal record time of 1:27.76 and Figart was 7th in the 300 with a time of 45.22.



The boys' team was allowed in the building at 2 pm after the facility was cleaned following the girls' competition. Isaac Roth started the day off in the pole vault competition and took a 3rd place all-state medal, clearing 11'6". Mason Gibson finished 10th in the pole vault.

Walker Nance finished 9th in the triple jump with a personal best jump of 38'. Roth ran a time of 38.83 in the 300m dash and the boys'

4x200 meter team of Roth, Tyler Buxton, Nance and Noah Thompson ran a time of 1:41.61. The Monticello boys won the state title and Byrd was 24th.

That ended the indoor season, but the William Byrd Cross Country team was scheduled to open next Wednesday at Franklin County and the outdoor track and field season will take the gun April 12.



Left, William Byrd's Isaac Roth with his 3rd place medal in the state pole vault event. Right, the 4x200m relay team finished fourth in the state. Left to right are Remi Figart, Chloe Harrilla, Emma Dalton and Sela Beatty.

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## Terriers place at state meet





Above, Byrd quarterback Dylan Hatfield looks for a receiver as Blake Sankbeil(#66) makes sure he has time. Right, Ethan Tinsley leaps for one of his seven receptions in last Saturday’s win at Magna Vista.

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# TERRIER FOOTBALL

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On defense, Nick Reedy had two interceptions in the game as Byrd forced three turnovers. Lutz forced a fumble for the other, which was recovered by Malachi Taylor. Hunter Richards blocked an extra point and his brother, Dustin, blocked a punt that was recovered by John Kiker.

Lutz was certainly pleased with the outcome, but like all coaches he saw plenty of room for improvement. Coaches like to say the team makes the most improvement between the first and second games.

“We still have a lot of work to do and made too many mistakes, especially on offense,” he said. “Those mistakes can be fixed, and we look forward to this week’s practices so we can improve.”

This Friday the Terriers will host Class 6 Franklin County for their home opener. The Eagles beat Northside, 28-14, in their opener. Game time this Friday is 7 pm at Patterson Stadium.

“They’re a 6A play-off contender,” said Lutz of Franklin County. “They’re big, strong and very physical. They have a very talented running back and their quarterback does a good job of keeping the defense honest. Their defense brings a lot of pressure and they’re very physical up front.”

Byrd’s jayvee team will open this Thursday against Franklin County. The middle school team got off to a good start with wins over Cave Spring and Andrew Lewis last week.



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