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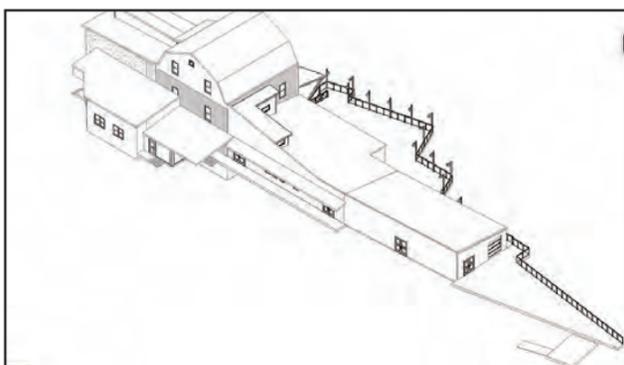
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Members of Vinton Town Council were updated on the historic Gish Mill redevelopment project at their meeting on March 16. Developer David Hill presented several architectural drawings as part of his presentation with Vinton Principal Planner Nathan McClung. This rendering shows the proposed front view of the mill development.

Town Council welcomes news on Gish Mill, low interest rates on CIP loan

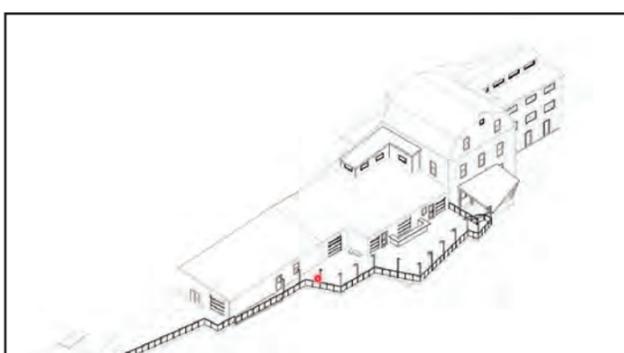
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The Vinton Town Council meeting on March 16 was lengthy with two public hearings and an information-packed agenda. The two best pieces of news to emerge were council's adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$4.37 million in new debt to pay for capital improvement projects for the town's water and sewer facilities and \$4.45 million in refinancing old debt for a total not to exceed \$8.85 million in the total loan, including closing costs. The projects include \$2 million for an upgraded meter system, \$1.95 million for improvements to the 3rd Street Lift Station that handles all the wastewater of the town, and \$370,000 for SCADA upgrades.

Davenport & Company went through the timeline of events that led to the decision, beginning with a presentation to council on February 16 of a Plan of Finance for the projects. The plan recommended that the town fund the projects with a General Obligation Bond issued as a direct bank loan.

On February 19, Davenport distributed a Request for Proposal to over 25 local, regional, and national lending institutions to solicit interest rates for the 2021 bond. The banks were also asked to provide interest rate options for potential refinancing of existing town debt for savings purposes. The loans to be refinanced included a 2006A VRA Bond for \$305,000, a 2013 Bond for \$1.2 million, and a Virginia Revolving Loan of \$1.595 million.

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Rear view of the proposed Gish Mill project, showing the deck along Glade Creek.



This is a view of the original milling equipment in the basement of Gish Mill, which will be preserved for a speakeasy.



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The historic Gish Mill property.

Bird e-scooters coming to Vinton

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E-scooters from the Bird company, an electric scooter rental service, are about to make their debut on the streets of Vinton. E-scooters are not toys, and the town wants to emphasize there are rules and regulations that apply to this type of vehicle.

Bird created the e-scooter industry in 2017 and is the largest operator in the United States. Bird scooters are placed in areas of a town or city that are authorized for scooter use. Prospective users download the app and then can rent the scooters for a ride. The electric motor will not turn on without being activated with the app, which helps discourage theft. At the end of the ride, a user can just drop off a Bird right on the sidewalk, so long as it's not blocking the public right-of-way. The Bird company retrieves the scooters to recharge batteries.

"The idea behind Bird is simple—the scooters are fun, low-cost, and environmentally friendly ways to get around town without a car, an Uber, or a bus," says founder and CEO Travis VanderZanden, who worked as an executive at both Lyft and Uber. "The



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Keep an eye out for the new Bird e-scooters coming to Vinton.

'Birds' are meant to provide a cheap alternative mode of transportation and ease traffic."

"We've found that smaller cities [like Vinton] embrace Bird as a naturally socially distanced way to get around," said a company spokesperson. "Bird is working with the town to determine where our scooters will be used."

Riders can even travel between Vinton and Roanoke, where Bird e-scooters have been available for about a year. E-scooters, in their short existence, have become

more popular than station-based bikeshares. In the future, Bird hopes to coordinate with the RIDE solutions program as one of their alternative transportation options.

As for how the Bird e-scooters will benefit the citizens of Vinton, the company explains, "Residents and visitors of Vinton deserve additional, sustainable modes of transportation. Bird is easy to ride, affordable, and a fun way to

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Byrd Band returns to the stands, if not the field



The William Byrd Marching Terriers will be performing at the home football game against Patrick County on March 18. The band will be performing in the stands, not marching, in order to adhere to COVID guidelines. They held just their third practice of the season on March 15 in the main gym at the school.



Playing an instrument has become quite a challenge this year with face masks, face shields, bell covers, and social distancing.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The band has faced many challenges during the pandemic other than group practice size. Imagine playing a flute wearing a face shield.

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The William Byrd High School Marching Terriers band will be performing at this week's home football game against Patrick County on March 18—despite the many challenges of playing an instrument, practicing, and performing during a pandemic.

The band members won't actually be marching. They will be seated in the stands to perform, due to COVID restrictions, and they won't be in uniform this week. (Seniors will be in uniform for Senior Night at the March 27 game.) They will be wearing face coverings—masks or shields—as appropriate for the instrument they are playing. They will be socially distanced in the stands with lyres and flip folders holding their music, not music stands. Their instruments, in some cases, will feature bell covers for protection.

There is no formal marching band theme program this year; no props, no half-time show—but the Marching Terriers sounded wonderful in practice in the main gym at the school on March 15, performing the traditional stands music (the "Fight Song, Hey Song, Let's Go, Land of a 1,000 Dances," and more) along with the national anthem and several pop arrangements, which included "Sweet Caroline," "Thriller," and "I Get Around." They played around with some old favorites—"Vehicle" and "Hey Baby, Will You Be My Girl," which probably won't make the playlist due to lack of in-person practice time and ever-changing rules, guidelines, and group-size limitations from state officials.

Spectators are limited to one per participant (football or band), except for seniors on Senior Night who can invite two guests.

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WBHS Terrier Spotlight of the Week



Coach Eric Royal



Coach Molly Cox



Coach Chris Carr



Deanna Bibby

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The administrative team at William Byrd High School has once again recognized faculty and staff members for their wonderful contributions to students and the community.

The first Spotlight of the Week, announced on March 12, was Coach Eric Royal. Coach Royal's energy, vigor, and enthusiasm can put Millennials to shame. Whether it's on the track, in the classroom, or out directing buses, he brings plenty of school spirit and positive energy.

Royal teaches the all-important government course, along with his wonderful co-teacher, Ms. Stover. These two have a phenomenal partnership and have consistently wowed students and staff with their positive classroom culture, dynamic lessons, and vibrant classroom décor.

Outside of school, this cross-country and track coach enjoys, you guessed it, running. What may surprise you, however, is that Royal owns land in Scotland. Students and staff may indeed call him Lord Royal; that is, if you can stomach such a thing. Jokes aside, Royal is an awesome teacher and coach and an overall great guy. We'd like to say thank you again for all that you do for the school and community.

Our next Spotlight of the Week is a phenomenal teacher and coach—Molly Cox. This former Lynchburg College student-athlete does a little bit of everything for the Byrd community. She coaches volleyball and soccer, teaches health and PE at the middle and high school, holds CPR certification sessions on Wednesdays, and she still somehow finds

time to school Coach DeCoster and Coach Kessler in pickleball after-school.

Coach Cox's commitment to our students on the court and field is mirrored in the classroom. Her fun, engaging, and holistic approach to classroom instruction hasn't gone unnoticed. Whether it's making vision boards or stress balls, there's never a dull day for students in her classroom. Outside of coaching and teaching, she enjoys hiking and reading, as well as spending quality time with her family and adorable dog, Sturridge. Thanks again, Coach Cox, for being an outstanding coach, teacher, and colleague!

Our next Spotlight of the Week goes out to yet another teacher and coach: the ever-present Coach Chris Carr. You may indeed find Coach Carr

any and everywhere Terriers congregate. From bus duty and traffic detail in the mornings and afternoons, teaching geography in the classroom, coaching on the diamond, to announcing football games on Friday nights, Coach Carr is there!

We'd like to also highlight how well Coach Carr and Coach Brad Lutz have adjusted their World Geography class to accommodate and meet the needs of students this school year. They've been flexible and have constantly adjusted their approach to give students the best chance of success. Coach Carr, you're a great teacher and coach and a true professional. Thank you!

Our final Spotlight is the one and only Deanna Bibby. This week marks School Social Worker Appreciation Week,

and we'd like to highlight one of the best in the business. Bibby is a caring, hardworking, and dynamic social worker. She works tirelessly to make sure students and families in our community receive the support and services needed to be safe, healthy, and able to successfully participate in school. She also plays a vital role in promoting and ensuring equity within our district by serving on the RCPS Equity Task Force. Outside of her work with the Byrd community, Bibby enjoys spending time with her loving family and being outdoors, particularly camping and stargazing. Ms. Bibby, you're an awesome school social worker and a Terrific Terrier! Thanks again for all that you do.

By the Administrative Team at William Byrd High School

Town Council

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Banks were asked to submit proposals with two options: one with separate rates for financing the New Money and the Refunding Money (of existing town debt) and another with the two components combined.

Six lending proposals were received. Davenport recommended working with Zions Bank, which submitted the lowest proposal bid with interest rates under Option 1 of 1.64% for New Money and 1.75% for Refunding Money, and 1.66% under Option 2 (both combined). Option 2 was selected to include refinancing of the 2006A VRA Bond and the 2013 Bond.

Additionally, the town accepted a revised rate of 1% offered by the VRA for refinancing the Virginia Revolving Loans, saving the town approximately \$89,000.

A public hearing was held on the New Money portion of the bond with no comments received

from citizens. Closing is expected on the 2021 Bond around March 31.

The second most exciting presentation of the meeting was a briefing by Principal Planner Nathan McClung and David Hill of Hill Studio and Gish Mill Davii, LLC, on the proposed rezoning of the historic Gish Mill properties from M-1 Mixed Industrial to Mixed Use Development (MUD) District to allow for the properties to be redeveloped. Town staff has recommended that the rezoning request for Mixed Use zoning be approved.

The property on Gus Nicks Boulevard along Glade Creek would accommodate a restaurant, retail, residential, and lodging uses, specifically a small restaurant (5,030 square feet), a seasonal market (1,250 square feet), a speakeasy in the basement (1,296 square feet), the conversion of the original mill structure, concrete silos, and upper second and third floors

of the original mill into lodging with potential use for 3-10 apartment units (5,800 square feet) and outdoor dining, deck, and patio space (3,564 square feet). The site will retain its architectural character and its environmental setting.

The anticipated tenant to operate the restaurant and lodge has been secured. And lest this project sounds too ambitious, partner David Hill was a member of the redevelopment team for the highly successful Roland E. Cook Lofts project and heavily involved with the downtown revitalization project.

According to the presentation, the redevelopment project will generate private investment in excess of \$1.9 million, create approximately 41 jobs, and "result in the rehabilitation of a historic, yet currently blighted property located on one of the three main gateways into the town with an average daily traffic count of

21,000 vehicles."

Gish Mill has operated continuously since the 1770s, and as a farm supply store (Holdren's Country Store) and warehouse in its final years before closing in 2014. The Town of Vinton purchased the property in October 2015 (at a cost of approximately \$120,000) due to its historical significance with the hopes of eventually returning it to commercial use. After issuing an RFP in 2019, the town received a proposal from Gish Mill Davii, LLC, (David Hill and David Trinkle) to convert the property to mixed-use development. A contract was signed in April 2020.

Phase I and II environmental assessments have been completed. Historic reviews have been completed which are necessary for the property to be listed on the National Register by the Department of Historic Resources.

Grant funds have been obtained from two state government agencies which make the project financially feasible. Those grants include the DHR Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund for \$250,000 for repair and stabilization of the property and a loan of \$468,750 through the Economic Development Authority from the Department of Housing and Community Development Industrial Revitalization Fund.

The town has also secured funding through VDOT's Surface Transportation Block Grant for a pedestrian mid-block crossing on Gus Nicks Boulevard to provide a safe means of travel from the Gish Mill site to the almost completed Glade Creek Phase II project and the Billy Byrd apartments.

Hill described the Gish Mill project as "very complicated" with many hoops to jump through. One of those hoops has been the verification this month by Draper Aden Associates that the proposed redevelopment project will not cause a rise in the base flood elevation. Specific variances to the floodplain ordinance must be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals; a meeting is scheduled for March 30. A joint public hearing of the Planning

Commission and Town Council will be held on the rezoning request on April 6.

Hill commented that in redeveloping the "treasured historic site" and "bringing economic vitality to the town," it is necessary to accept and deal with the fact that the property lies within the floodplain. The redevelopment team has incorporated many unique design features into the site and architectural plans to compensate for that challenge.

In other council business, Roanoke Regional Partnership Executive Director John Hull presented an update on their activities in 2020—despite the pandemic.

Council adopted a resolution (after a public hearing) approving a lease to Cargill Animal Nutrition (formerly Southern States) for eight lots to be used for temporary parking for trailers and an employee parking area. Council was briefed on the issue at a previous meeting. 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 parcel. The property was originally acquired by the town through a FEMA flood mitigation project and thus cannot be sold or built upon. The entire annual lease revenue will be donated to the Vinton Needy Family Program.

Finance Director Anne Cantrell briefed council on proposed revisions to the town's General Fund Reserve Policy that will be acted upon at their next meeting. The main changes include creation of a "policy floor" of two months General Fund budgeted revenues and a "policy target" of four months General Fund budgeted revenues. Unrestricted Fund Balance in excess of the policy target can be used to fund one-time projects or capital needs that were unable to be funded in the previous or current budget.

Council also adopted resolutions they were briefed on in past meetings:

A resolution was adopted authorizing the town manager to execute an agreement for Application, Hosting and Technology Support Services

between Avenu Enterprise Solutions, LLC, and the town to preserve legacy data for the town's current financial software.

A resolution was adopted appropriating \$35,000 from Fund Balance to the Utility Fund Special Projects Expense Account for unresolved change orders on the Glade Creek Sanitary Sewer Line Relocation Project. In the course of the project, the town noticed exposure of the sewer line and decided to relocate it. 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.

A resolution was adopted appropriating \$1 million from Unrestricted Fund Balance and \$150,000 from increased estimated revenue to the Town's Capital Fund for CIP and one-time projects, including improvements to the Municipal Building, Clearview Drive traffic signal upgrades, Hardy Road repaving, and Glade Creek stabilization.

A resolution was also adopted approving Town of Vinton support of financing by the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority.

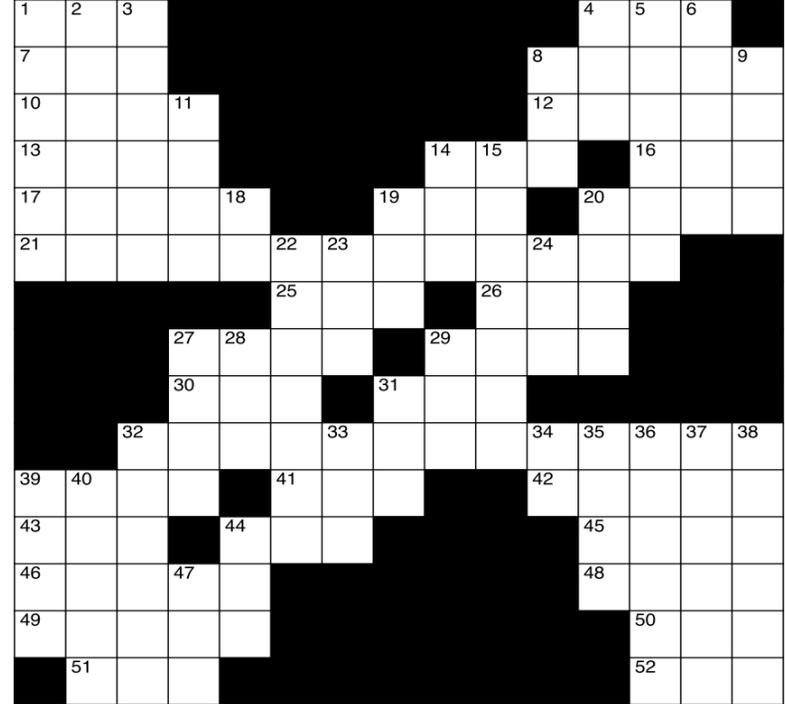
Council approved the January 2021 Financial Report which indicated General Fund revenues were 118% of expectations while expenditures were 84% of budget expectations. Cash on hand was \$4 million with investments of \$3.2 million for a total of cash and investments of \$7.3 million.

Cantrell presented a per capita comparison of debt in Vinton to 35 Virginia localities. Vinton ranked 30th with a current debt balance of \$11 million, or \$1363 per capita. Once the new debt from the 2021 Bond is taken on, the ranking will be 23rd among localities listed with \$15.3 million in debt or \$1901 per capita.

Police Chief Fabricio Drumond announced that the police department has received a grant for \$14,120 to be used for recruitment and retention of police officers.

Council will next meet on April 6.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. "Be back later"
 - 4. Hoover's office
 - 7. Brew
 - 8. Philo and Reglis are two ("Star Wars")
 - 10. Actress Remini
 - 12. Moghul emperor
 - 13. Alaskan glacier
 - 14. Constrictor
 - 16. Prohibit
 - 17. Ancient Brittonic tribe
 - 19. Chinese pastry
 - 20. Razorbill is of this genus
 - 21. Beloved holiday decoration
 - 25. Dutch football club
 - 26. Aggressive dog
 - 27. Small piece of glass
 - 29. "South Park" creator
 - 30. Leisure activity
 - 31. Someone's story
 - 32. Record-setting swimmer
 - 39. Hillside
 - 41. Unit of measurement
 - 42. Famous for its potatoes
 - 43. Insect secretion
 - 44. Gate in Marrakesh
 - 45. Cain and
 - 46. A set of moral principles
 - 48. Repair
 - 49. Two-terminal semiconductor device
 - 50. Strongly alkaline solution
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Sea
 - 2. Cleans things
 - 3. More skinny
 - 4. Supervises flying
 - 5. Talk rapidly and excitedly
 - 6. Intestinal
 - 8. Don't know when yet
 - 9. Soluble ribonucleic acid
 - 11. Chinese and Vietnamese ethnic group
 - 14. Wild cattle genus
 - 15. Rock formation
 - 18. Makes up
 - 19. Resembles a pouch
 - 20. Having an aerial quality
 - 22. Windpipe
 - 23. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
 - 24. Bitterly regret
 - 27. Soft creamy white cheese
 - 28. Renamed when EU was incorporated
 - 29. ' death do us part
 - 31. Sound unit
 - 32. Men proud of their masculinity
 - 33. Clergy member's vestment
 - 34. Hello
 - 35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
 - 36. Marks
 - 37. Derived from benzene
 - 38. Low-melting alloy
 - 39. Lost blood
 - 40. Quantitative relation
 - 44. Academic degree
 - 47. Many subconsciouses

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Angie
Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

Liberty University's 2020 Club Sports Hall of Fame class was finalized this week, to be inducted in the spring semester – rather than in December – for the first time in the seven years the program has honored its former athletes, coaches, and administrators this way. The class includes Aaron Thompson, Liberty's second NCWA Grand National wrestling individual champion in 2012. Aaron won the 2012 NCWA 197-pound title in Daytona Beach, Fla. – on the same day but seven matches after Club Sports Hall of Fame inductee Scott Clymer captured the 133-pound

crown to become Liberty's first NCWA individual champion.

He started his career as an NCAA Division I athlete before becoming a three-year team captain and three-time NCWA All-American for the Flames, also placing fourth as a sophomore and second as a senior. Academically, Thompson earned his B.S. in Sport Management in 2012 and M.S. in Athletic Administration in 2014, while working as an associate for the Flames Club. Aaron is the son of Hope Johnson and Dean and Jenna Thompson and grandson of Nancy Chewing. Aaron's brother Trevor is in his first year at Bluefield College playing football. Aaron lives in Fredericksburg with his wife Sara and two beautiful daughters, Juliet and Josie Dean.



Pictured are Aaron, Jenna, Dean, Josie and Trevor Thompson.



On March 5, there was a baby shower for Ryan and Logan Gilley in celebration of Tyler Brooke, who is due to make her appearance on April 3. The shower was held at the Station No. 2 in Wilmington, N.C. It was a beautiful celebration with cherished friends and family. Grandparents are Mike and Lisa Gilley of Vinton and Alan and Lorinda Woodall of Williamsburg. Great grandparents are Giles and Mary Gilley of Roanoke. Pictured are Lorinda Woodall, Logan Gilley and Lisa Gilley.

Vinton Breakfast Lions host annual Bland Music Scholarship competition

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The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club hosted their fifth annual Bland Foundation Music Scholarship Competition at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church on March 7. Thirteen contestants participated in vocal and instrumental performances, all students of the Susan Lewis Music Studio.

Pianist Latriva Pierce won first place in the instrumental category, performing "Trisha's Lullaby." She is a junior at William Byrd High School.

Abby Shelton placed first in the vocal category, singing "Think of Me." She is a home-schooled senior.

Second place in the instrumental division went to Andrea Gonzalez, who performed "Little Prelude in C Minor." She is a senior at William Byrd and at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology.

Third place in instrumentals went to Chloe Hopkins, a high school junior, who played "Cossack Ride."

Second place in vocal performance went to Simon Sealey, a junior at Hidden Valley High School, who sang, "Waving Through a Window."

Third place in vocals was awarded to Paul Sealey, a freshman at Hidden Valley, who performed "Irish Blessing." Pierce and Shelton, as first place winners, will advance to the Lions Club Regional Competition to be held on May 16 at Community Church in Salem.

Regional winners then advance to the Lions of Virginia State Competition in June, where 12 contestants compete.

First place winners at the local level receive \$100, second place winners, \$50, and third place winners, \$25.

Other participants in this year's Bland Music Scholarship Competition were:

- Ryleigh Woolwine, a third grader, singing, "Sayonara"
- Lily Sealey, a fourth grader, playing "Overture from William Tell"
- Aubri Kessler, a third grader, singing "My Favorite Things"
- Emily Mower, a fifth grader, singing "Top Secret Personal Beeswax"
- Cary Jones, a seventh grader, playing "The Entertainer"
- Sofia Gonzalez, a seventh grader, singing "Some Things Never Change," and
- Alexis Williamson, a sophomore, singing "Beautiful Ghosts"

Judges for this year's competition were Dr. Chris Monroe, Josh O'Dell, Bob Schmucker, and Kimberly Wilbourn. Dr. Monroe is the Minister of Music at Vinton Baptist Church. O'Dell is the Minister of Music at Thrasher Memorial. Schmucker is a singer/songwriter who runs the popular 3rd Street Coffee

house, which features regional and national touring folk and Americana performers every Friday night. He writes and performs his own brand of Chicago and Texas-inspired folk and Americana music. Wilbourn teaches piano and vocal lessons in the Roanoke Valley.

Lions Club Vice District Governor Eric Mills again served as Master of Ceremonies for the competition. He has been a member of the Lions Club since 1986 and will become District Governor this summer in a district with about 60 Lions clubs.

Mills noted how refreshing it was to be able to hear the musicians perform in-person with their "amazing talent," after a year of pandemic restrictions. He thanked Breakfast Lions President Chris McCarty and Secretary Gary Myers for their efforts in organizing and facilitating the event.

The Breakfast Lions thanked music teacher Susan Lewis for her support of the competition each year by encouraging her students to enter—especially considering this year's challenges.

Mills shared the history of the Bland Music Foundation Music Scholarship Competition and some facts about the Vinton Breakfast Lions.

The Bland competition was established by the Lions Clubs of Virginia in 1948 to "assist and promote cultural and educational opportunities for the musically talented youth of Virginia." Any elementary, middle, or high school student is eligible to participate. Over \$25,000 is awarded annually in prizes at the local, district, and state level. At the state level, first place winners receive \$2500; second place winners, \$2000; third place winners, \$1500; and fourth through sixth places, \$1000.

The "Bland Contest" is held in honor of songwriter James "Jimmy" Bland, composer of over 700 songs, including the former State Song, "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginny," which he wrote at age 19. He was inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 1970.

Bland was born in 1854 as a free black American. He taught himself to play the banjo and earned spending money by singing and playing on the streets of Washington, D.C. By age 14, he had become a professional musician and entertained in hotels and restaurants. He began composing at age 15. He eventually performed for President Grover Cleveland and Queen Victoria.

Mills told the audience there are approximately 46,000 Lions Clubs in over 200 countries, with over 1.4 million members around the world—one of the largest service organizations in the world.

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club was chartered in 1985. Its members serve the community in many ways throughout the year. They sponsor many fundraising events including a Pancake



Abby Shelton won first place in the vocal category at the annual Bland Foundation Music Scholarship Competition sponsored by the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club. Music teacher Susan Lewis accompanied Shelton.



Winners in the vocal category in the Bland Foundation Music Scholarship Competition were (left to right), third place winner Paul Sealey, second place winner Simon Sealey, and first place winner Abby Shelton.

Breakfast during the Vinton Fall Festival and their Spaghetti Dinner traditionally prior to the Vinton Christmas Parade. Lions are well-known for their broom sales and the White Cane Project which provides support for eyeglasses and eye exams for needy children, the Old Dominion Eye Bank, and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

One of their largest fundraisers is the Reverse Raffle. Proceeds from all Breakfast Lions' fundraisers go back into the local community and communities across the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world.

The club awards scholarships each spring to seniors at William Byrd High School and Staunton River High School. When the Vinton Host Lions disbanded a few months ago, the Breakfast Lions took over sponsorship of the Leo Club at William Byrd.

The Breakfast Lions maintain the bright yellow eyeglass collection boxes in various Vinton locations. Donated eyeglasses are sorted by prescription by local Lions members at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke and then distributed around the world. Approximately 100,000 pairs of eyeglasses are processed annually at the Roanoke center—the largest processing center on the East Coast and one of only about 11 in the nation.

A main focus of Lions is youth. Each year the Breakfast Lions sponsor a Christmas Shopping trip for about 20 students at Herman L. Horn, W. E. Cundiff, and Bonsack Elementary schools. Each child receives about \$120 in clothing, shoes, and a toy. The Lions also donate school supplies to the elementary schools and art supplies to William

Byrd High School.

Breakfast Lions support Diabetes Awareness, the Hearing Foundation at UVA, JDRF, and more.

In the Vinton community, the Breakfast Lions have been the leaders in the preservation of the historic Gladetown Cemetery, in building a picnic shelter for the community at Herman L. Horn Elementary, and



Local students competed in the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club annual Bland Foundation Music Scholarship Competition at Thrasher Memorial on March 7. Winners in the instrumental category were (left to right): third place winner Chloe Hopkins, second place winner Andrea Gonzalez, and first place winner Latriva Pierce.



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Thirteen local musicians competed in the annual Bland Foundation Music Scholarship Competition sponsored by the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club. Shown left to right front row are: Ryleigh Woolwine, Aubri Kessler, Emily Mower, and Lily Sealey; middle row, Andrea Gonzalez, Sofia Gonzalez, Abby Shelton, Cary Jones, and Chloe Hopkins; and back row, music teacher Susan Lewis, Alexis Williamson, Latriva Pierce, Paul Sealey, Simon Sealey, and judges Bob Schmucker and Kimberly Wilbourn. Judges Dr. Chris Monroe and Josh O'Dell are not pictured.

in making plans for a recreational project at the old Vinton Swimming Pool. Plans are in the works for bus shelters at Kroger and PFG.

Lions International supports worldwide humani-

tarian efforts such as their "One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative," and their campaign to eradicate River Blindness which destroys vision, through partnering with drug companies to distribute medications.

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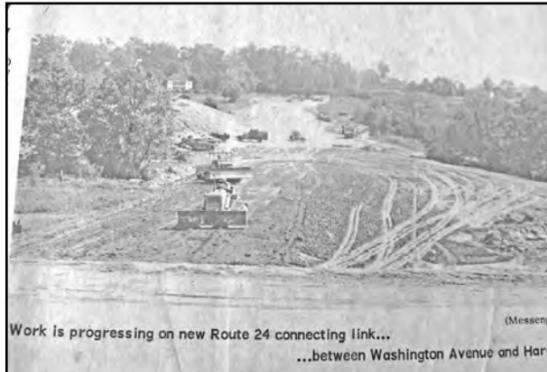
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Remembering Vinton

River Park Shopping Center



Work is progressing on new Route 24 connecting link...
...between Washington Avenue and Hardy Road.

Bypass Road, which connects Hardy Road and Washington Avenue, was built in 1969. River Park Shopping Center was built about 20 years later.



Before development, the River Park Shopping Center area was fields and farmland.



River Park Shopping Center in June 1989, soon after it was completed with Winn Dixie as the anchor tenant.



Big Lots at River Park today.

River Park Shopping Center was built in 1988. Its first anchor tenant was Winn Dixie, followed by Super Dollar Discount Foods, and now Big Lots.

Before being developed, the property was mainly fields and farmland, owned by several different families, several of whom lived in homes along Washington Avenue and in the area of what is now Bypass Road.

A Vinton plat map of the River Park area dated April 1987 shows that Gerald "Skippy" Clark and his wife Doris, Walter and Mary Darnell, Paul and Nancy Thompson, Robert and Gayle Obenchain, and the Joe Clasby family owned the properties on the edges of what is now River Park Shopping Center.

Bypass Road, which connects Hardy Road and Route 24/Washington Avenue, was built in 1969. A couple of the families lost land for construction of the highway—Gayle Obenchain says that her family lost half of their acreage for the project. The Clasbys lost part of their land as well. An earlier plan had the Bypass Road being farther down Hardy Road, at Feather Road, but ultimately it was built in

the present location.

Gayle Obenchain says she grew up there where her grandparents had their homeplace on Washington Avenue, built in 1923. That's where she still lives today. Her grandfather was Vinton barber "Tabby" Jones, a direct descendant of Vinton founding father, Nicholas Vinyard. The family had a big garden, a chicken house, two horses, and some fruit trees. She recalls the children in the area playing in the field.

"Growing up, we were all over this neighborhood playing," Obenchain remembers. "We had great fun."

The Clasby property joined the Obenchain property. That property is where O'Reilly's and Member One now stand.

"The Clasby land might have been farmed before my time, but it was just a field when I was young," said Obenchain. "Mr. Clasby let my father use it for a riding ring for our two horses. Mrs. Clasby was known for her green thumb. They said she could make a stick grow."

The section of the bottom land where Big Lots now stands was owned by

the Clarks and the Thomp-sons. The Thompson's property was mainly a bot- tom field and was earlier owned by Early and Nancy Fielder, Obenchain's great- aunt and -uncle.

Paul Thompson was well known for his Thompson's Meat Market business, located in Vinton for 18 years. He previously managed the meat depart- ment at Vinton's Mick or Mack and decided to move his family to Vinton to be closer to work, but then decided to open a business of his own. He bought three acres of land in 1973 and did extensive renova- tions to the house already on the property. His wife Nancy owned and operat- ed Jolly Tours, a bus tour- ing company, for 18 years, traveling the country, ar- ranging and guiding nine trips a year ranging from three to 21 days in length. Her husband accompanied her on the tours.

Nancy Thompson re- calls buying and renovat- ing their home, raising their sons, and living there for over 18 years. Her sons, Keith, Doug, and Dean enjoyed riding their mo- torcycles from the circular driveway at the front of their home down to the field and back. They were friends with Obenchain's sons and spent a lot of time playing together.

The Thomp-sons were approached by the devel- opers, Lat Purser and As- sociates Inc. of Charlotte, who wanted to purchase two acres of their land for the shopping center project and Winn Dixie. Originally the firm was not interested in purchas- ing their home and the

one acre of property lo- cated on along Washing- ton Avenue, but then had a change of heart. The plan became to demolish the house and build the access road which now runs from Washington Avenue down to the shopping center. The Thomp-sons finally agreed to consider the proposal "if the price was right."

Eventually Thompson sold the meat market and retired.

The Clarks ended up selling the developers 10 acres of their land where they had one of the only farms in Vinton at the time. Clark remembers raising 12 cows, goats, rab- bits, and a big garden. The Clarks had a large three- story home and then a smaller home behind the Masonic Lodge.

The shopping center devel- opers planned a space of 52,470 square feet at River Park, with 328 parking spaces. Revco Drug was another tenant with space for 10 small shops when it opened.

In 1989, The Vinton Messenger ran an article stating that "the town is being overrun by new con- struction," with the River Park center being built, a new Kroger at Lake Drive, and construction of Wil- liam Byrd Middle School, to name just a few projects from that year.

Now there is no more field, no farmland, but a shopping center with a new lease on life thanks to the Wilkinson Group of developers and Big Lots.

Thanks to the Vinton History Museum and Judy Cunningham for help with research on this article



Aerial view of River Park Shopping Center before recent renovations.

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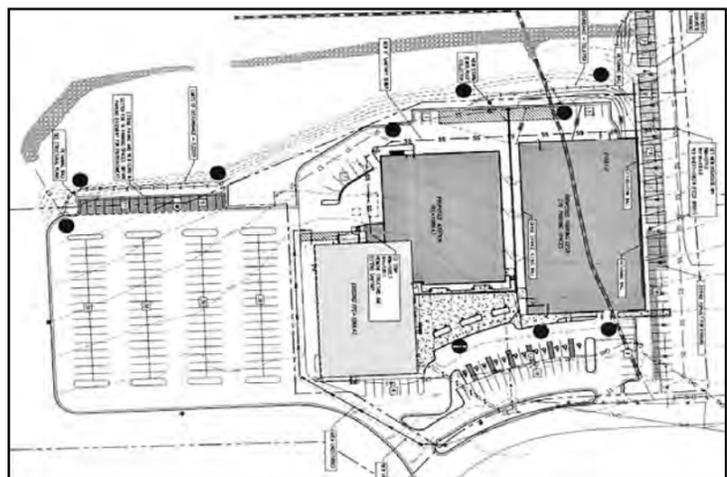
Excitement grows as Rosie's expansion makes rapid progress

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"We are making significant progress and are on schedule to complete our Vinton expansion by the end of the year, bringing more fun, live entertainment, good paying jobs and tax revenues to the Town of Vinton," is the word from Ernie Dellaverson, general manager for Rosie's Vinton. "We thank our loyal customers who are still enjoying what we have to offer as we remain open during this exciting project."

The expansion got underway

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Site plans for the Rosie's expansion in Vinton.

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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

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

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E-scooters

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get around! Additionally, as the town rebuilds, recovers, and spurs economic growth in the wake of COVID-19, a new study from Emory University finds that e-scooter programs drive significant consumer spending in towns and cities, which could greatly help local Vinton businesses.”

According to the company's website, “Bird's mission is to make cities more livable by reducing car usage, traffic, and carbon emissions.”

The Bird e-scooters are described as “dockless,” which simply means they can be left anywhere. You don't have to go to a particular place to rent one. You either happen upon one or you use an in-app map to find the nearest Bird. When you're done, you park it at your destination. You don't need to find a rack to park them—unlike the bikeshare program.

The Town of Vinton has been preparing for an influx of e-scooters since before the pandemic. According to Vinton Principal Planner Nathan McClung, who is facilitating the program with Bird, the town has adopted a set of regulations for “Dockless Mobility Operations.”

McClung himself has developed a “Scoot S.A.F.E. Vinton” campaign, emphasizing the most important safety tips for e-scooter use, to be shared on the town's website and through social media.

The “S.A.F.E.” acronym stands for:

S: Signal, use hand signals before turning

A: Always wear a helmet,
F: leave Four feet of sidewalk space when parking, and

E: ride as closely as safely practicable to the right curb or Edge of the street.

McClung says the major rules when using these devices in the Town of Vinton include:

Before turning or altering the course of operation of any device, the operator shall use hand signals to indicate the direction in which it is intended to proceed.

Use of helmets is strongly encouraged for all users.

Bicycles and e-scooters shall be parked in such a manner as to provide a four-foot pedestrian clear zone area in the sidewalk.

Stand-up electric scooters are to stay to the right of street lanes and to offer the right of way to bicycles on bike lanes and bike paths.

Users must not ride on sidewalks, trails, or greenways and must yield to pedestrians at crosswalks.

Operation by anyone less than 16 years old is prohibited.

All users must carry a government-issued photo ID when operating a device.

Users shall ride on streets and, where available, in bike lanes.

Parking must be done in designated areas.

Wearing headphones on or in both ears while riding a bicycle or scooter is prohibited.

Operating a shared mobility device while texting or while under the influence of alcohol is prohibited.

The town manager, or the manager's designee, reserves the right to determine certain blocks where e-scooter parking is prohibited.

E-scooters shall not be parked adjacent to or within: transit zones, including bus stops, shelters, passenger waiting areas and bus layover and staging zones, except at existing bicycle racks; loading zones; disabled parking zones; street furniture that requires pedestrian access (for example - benches, parking pay stations, bus shelters, transit information signs, etc.); curb ramps; entryways; and driveways.

Any shareable mobility device found to be in violation is subject to removal; the permittee must pay a fee for each scooter removed and for storage.

“We really want to emphasize that users must leave four feet of sidewalk space for pedestrians when parking,” said McClung. “They have to park them on hard surfaces that do not impede the public right-of-way. Bicycles and e-scooters shall not be parked in such a manner as to impede or interfere with any fire hydrant, call box, or other emergency facility; bus stops; or utility pole or box; or the reasonable use of any commercial window display or access to or from any building. Also, they cannot be driven on the greenways anywhere in the Roanoke Valley.”

E-scooter drivers must:
Comply with traffic signals.
Keep their hands on the handlebars.
Stay off sidewalks.
Refrain from reckless driving

Scoot S.A.F.E. Vinton



Signal - use hand *signals* to inform others before turning.



Always wear a helmet



Four feet - leave 4 ft. of sidewalk space when parking.



Edges - ride as close as safely practicable to the right curb or edge of the street.

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Here are some tips from Vinton's Principal Planner Nathan McClung on how to “Scoot Safely.”

Refrain from carrying other persons.

Refrain from holding onto a moving vehicle.

The Bird company also has some guidelines to share with riders for their own safety, public safety, and to safeguard the equipment:

When parking Birds, park out of the right of way, ensuring that sidewalks, driveways, and fire hydrants are accessible.

Be sure the kickstand is securely in the down position so that the Bird stays upright.

Avoid uneven surfaces like grass or gravel.

Bird operates in over 100 cities around the world, as well as on nearly 40 university campuses in the United States. While most of its markets are in the U.S., Bird can also be found throughout Europe and in Chile, Israel, and Mexico.

In 2018, Time Magazine named Bird as one of its “50 Genius Companies,” commending its contribution to the “first mile, last mile” problem in transportation.

For inquiries or questions, contact Nathan McClung at 540-283-7009 or by email at nmcclung@vintonva.gov.

Vinton Town Council elections shift from May to November

Gov. Ralph Northam has signed a law moving municipal elections in Virginia from May to the general election in November. The law will take effect on January 1, 2022 and will shift Town Council elections in the Town of Vinton.

The first election to be affected will be the council election originally scheduled for May 2022 in which the seats currently held by Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty and Councilman Mike Stovall are up for election. The bill extends their terms, which would have ended on June 30, 2022 through the November 2022 election.

Senate Bill 1157 was introduced in the General Assembly by Senator Lionel Spruill who represents parts of Norfolk and Chesapeake. His reasoning was that moving local elections to November will increase voter turnout by shifting elections to a day that is already a holiday and more

recognized by voters used to voting for high-profile offices, including members of the General Assembly, governors, Congress, and the President. He believes consolidating voting in Virginia to one November date will be more convenient and accessible for voters, and more cost efficient for taxpayers.

That's exactly the problem, according to many local officials—that local issues will be lost in the brouhaha of state and national issues.

The bill was passed in the state Senate in January with a tie-breaking vote from Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax and passed the House by a vote of 50-44 in February.

Beginning in 2022, the 16 cities and 107 Virginia towns still holding elections in May will conduct them in November. This affects not just Vinton, but Rocky Mount, Boones Mill, Pulaski, and over a dozen other towns in

Southwest Virginia. Estimates are that this will affect over 1 million voters.

Opponents, which have included elected town leaders, say they worry national politics would overshadow local races that enjoy a tradition of debates focused on topics like waste disposal, public transportation and neighborhood issues.

The new law states: “Any city or town charter, or any other provision of law, general or special, beginning with any election held after January 1, 2022, elections for mayor, members of a local governing body, or members of an elected school board shall be held at the time of the November general election for terms to commence January 1.”

It further states, “That any city or town currently providing for the election of its mayor, governing body, or school board at a May election shall, by ordinance, provide for the

transition of such elections to the November general election date. No term of a mayor, a member of council, or a member of a school board shall be shortened in implementing the change to the November election date. Mayors and members of a council or school board who were elected at a May general election and whose terms are to expire as of June 30 shall continue in office until their successors have been elected at the November general election and have been qualified to serve.”

When the bill was introduced, the Virginia Municipal League expressed its opposition to changing charters for localities, like Vinton, that still hold May elections. Its stance is that May elections keep local races separate from state and national races and issues and limit partisanship.

Vinton Town Council

members had earlier expressed their opposition to moving the elections for that reason.

In a press release, the VML stated, “The coincidence of local elections with those at the state and federal level inherently raises the level of partisanship of all elections, regardless of whether candidates are running without any party affiliation. By the same token, it introduces partisan politics to nonpartisan local issues; political parties make little difference when it comes to community projects like paving roads and keeping the streetlights on. This also raises the cost of campaigning for local candidates—especially for candidates new to the field—who have to compete for name recognition from the bottom of an even longer ballot.”

Only an ordinance will be needed by Town Council to adopt the new law.

Byrd Band

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band director this year with Denise Aspell as assistant director.

Plybon says that band numbers are a little lower this year—with membership in the 60s; however, they have added some new students to the band.

There is a Color Guard, fewer in number as well, that has been practicing

on a weekly basis all school year—unlike the marching band, that has had three in-person practices as an entire group this school year. The drumline has practiced separately as a group, along with sections such as trumpets, low brass, woodwinds, etc.

At this week's practice, Plybon's request to band

members was that they “play as loud as you can without making a bad sound. If you're not playing loud in marching band, you're not having fun.”

He also reminded them to “bring the excitement and play with heart.”

“The kids have been doing really well, especially considering they haven't

been able to practice together,” Plybon said.

Their plight is similar to every other marching band in the region this year as “no one is marching.”

The school, the community, the band, and its directors have sorely missed hearing and watching the band perform this year.

Plybon pointed out his belief that, “Marching band makes you a better person.”

You learn teamwork and cooperation, hard work and perseverance, how to be part of something bigger than yourself, responsibility, the value of community, in addition to the fact that it has been proven that playing music makes your brain grow and develop. He also mentioned that the band practice was one of the happiest days he has experienced in the past

pandemic year.

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OBITUARIES

Clarence “Pangy” Mullins

Clarence “Pangy” Mullins, 84, of Vinton, passed away at his home on Sunday, March 7, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Audrey Furrow Mullins; and his sister, Estelle Mullins Stump; and brother-in-law, Melvin Stump.

Clarence leaves behind many special neighbors and friends who made his last years at home possible. Many thanks to Medi-Hospice for their



outstanding care.

Graveside Services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, at Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton. In lieu of flowers, you may donate to Feeding Southwest Virginia or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements were entrusted to Oakey's Funeral Service - Vinton Chapel, 982-2221. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.oakeys.com.

Martha Gilly Wells

Martha Gilly Wells, 86, of Bedford passed away on March 10, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John B. Gilly and Rena Parsons Gilly, and her husband, C. Ray Wells.

Martha is survived by her children, Jonathan Wells (Lisa), Jennifer Cochran (Shane), and Joseph Wells (Diane), and two grand-

children.

There will be no services at this time. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lake Christian Ministries.

Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Bedford, assisted the family. To send online condolences, please visit tharfuneralhome.com.

“I first started working for a funeral home when I was in high school and I watched how the directors helped families and saw how they made families' grief easier and helped them get through the things they were going through and decided that's what I wanted to do. I wanted to help folks.”

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Vinton Big Lots celebrates grand opening



Big Lots has moved to a newly renovated and much more spacious location in Vinton at River Park Shopping Center. They celebrated with their grand opening on March 13. In lieu of the traditional ribbon cutting, employees cut a cash register tape for the occasion. Shown left to right are Furniture Lead Barry Silver, Store Manager Jeff Greene, and District Training Manager Brad Dillon.



PHOTOS BY TERRA BREEDING

The new Vinton Big Lots will employ about 35 people. Shown left to right are Lori, Kevin, Jennifer, Jeff, Barry, Lynn, Lewis, and Teresa.

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The new Big Lots in Vinton celebrated its grand opening on Saturday, March 13. Due to health restrictions from the pandemic, management chose a low-key event—not the usual ceremony with local officials offering speeches, a ribbon-cutting, and crowds of guests. Store Manager Jeff Greene, Furniture Lead Barry Silver, and District Training Manager Brad Dillon did cut a ribbon of sorts—a cash register tape.

There has been a Big Lots store in Vinton for 31 years located at Lake Drive Plaza. The store does a booming business; that led to the need for a larger space. Fortunately, the Wilkinson Group of developers were renovating River Park Shopping Center and welcomed Big Lots as their anchor tenant.

Jeff Greene has been general manager of the Vinton Big Lots for 27 and a half years. Several of

their employees have been on the team in Vinton for over 20 years. The new store will add about 10 positions to make a total of 35 employees.

Renovations got underway in the fall of 2020 with the intention of creating a “store of the future.”

Big Lots District Manager Terra Breeding says that the building was just a shell when renovations began and has been completely redone inside and out with a new façade, improvements to the parking lot, and a sales floor of about 39,000 square feet. The centerpiece of the new store—and the first thing you notice on entering—is the 7,000-square-foot furniture pad, one of the largest in any Virginia Big Lots location.

The store is now able to offer outdoor, living room, bedroom, dining room, and office furniture, including the Broyhill brand.

Big Lots defines itself as a “unique, non-traditional, discount retailer,” offering an extensive as-

sortment of brand-name items and products including food, seasonal items, electronics, accessories, kitchen equipment, dinnerware, linens, bedding, mattresses, patio and garden supplies, home décor, toys, gifts, personal care, pet supplies, and apparel.

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

The River Park Shopping Center was constructed in 1988. A Winn-Dixie grocery originally occupied the anchor 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 grocery.

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 their headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. According to their website, their mission is: “We help people live BIG and save LOTS.”

Big Lots operates over 1,400 stores in 47 states across the nation; there are four in the Roanoke Valley alone, on Hershberger Road in Roanoke, in Salem, and at Cave Spring, in addition to the Vinton location. There are about 40 stores in Virginia.

It is a publicly traded company on the New York Stock 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.”

Currently, other tenants include Pizza Hut, Dollar General, and the Defy Gravity Training Center.

“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. All in all, this is a great project all around for our town and will result in a net increase in retail,” Peters said.



The increased space at the new Big Lots enables the store to focus on furniture. In fact, it’s the centerpiece of the store. District Manager Terra Breeding and Store Manager Jeff Greene welcomed customers to the grand opening on March 12.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Vinton Big Lots moved from Lake Drive Plaza to a newly renovated and much larger space as the anchor tenant at River Park Shopping Center.

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Holy or Common

Read Ezekiel 44:1 through 46:24

At a church harvest festival, rain chased the activities into the building. Games, food, and a petting zoo found new locations throughout the church’s hallways and rooms. During the evening, some of the animals soiled the floor.

Training the animals to respect the church property takes time and effort. For a believer, growing in holiness takes time and effort as well.

“They are to teach my people the difference between the holy and the common and show them how to distinguish between the unclean and the clean” (Ezekiel 44:23).

The Holy Spirit gives Christians the ability to determine what is holy. This is a process. God does not download every life situation and its proper response into a believer’s mind. Through godly teaching and a searching of the Word, understanding grows. An important step in this process is identity. A believer must recognize that he or she is Christ’s holy dwelling place and live accordingly.

Thought for Today: Discern what is holy. Send the common out to the barn. Quicklook: Ezekiel 44:15-23

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. POLK BAULDOCK, ET AL, Respondent(s). **Case No. CL20-1238** ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 38-64 Account No. 18946 All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, lying and being situate in Botetourt County, Virginia and being 4.78 acres more or less, known as Tax Map Number 38-64. And being a portion of the real property conveyed to Polk Bauldock from George Bauldock and Hannah Bauldock, his wife, by Deed dated July 27, 1886 and recorded on July 27, 1886 among the records of the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 44 at Page 65. This description is made

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addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Polk Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o Eva Grant, 7610 Reading Road, Suite 30, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237; Josephine Bauldock Penn, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Gladys Penn, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Carey W. Penn, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Carey W. Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Florence Bauldock Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Linwood L. Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Linwood L. Moore Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Katherine Priscilla Moore Fisher, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Morris Fisher, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kevin Fisher, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Philip Fisher Sr., whose last known address is unknown; Florence Moore Dillard, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; William John Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Dorothy L. Douglas Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; William Keith Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Karen Moore Haynes, whose last known address is unknown; James Franklin Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Margaret Western Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Norman Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Florence Richards Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Guy Warner Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; George Amos Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Margie S. Provo Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Rickey Provo, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Sonya Provo, whose last known address is unknown; Timothy Adams Sr., whose last known address is unknown; Darren Adams, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Iven Hueston Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elise Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Naomi Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Eva Bauldock Grant, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 7610 Reading Road, Suite 30, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237; Emma Jane Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Virginia Ann Bauldock Jones aka Jenny Bauldock Jones, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Franklin Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Dorothy Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Robert Lee Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased

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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.

2-16-2021
Trish L. Albert
Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 **Case No. CL21000326-00** MONTGOMERY CIRCUIT COURT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 CHARLES PHLEGAR KAREN PHLEGAR v. JAMES FULTON HOGE, DECEASED UNKNOWN OF HEIRS OF JAMES FULTON HOGE The object of this suit is to REMOVE THE REMAINS FROM ABANDONED FAMILY GRAVEYARD It is ORDERED that THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES FULTON HOGE, DECEASED appear at the above-name court and protect his/her interests on or before APRIL 26, 2021.

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b. The structure or other development is protected by methods that minimize flood damage during the base flood and create no additional threats to public safety. Further information concerning the public hearing, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone-540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by BZA members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing nmclung@vintonva.gov, by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to the BZA 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 by

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12 Noon on Monday, March 29, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at 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 each meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until March 30, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

Nathaniel S. McClung,
Principal Planner

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission of Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a work session on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the work session is to receive comments and discuss the request to rezone the historic Gish Mill properties, located at 305 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000, from M-1 Limited Industrial to Mixed Use Development (MUD) District, and to review the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) of the Town of Vinton. Further information concerning the work session, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone: 540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above work session. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this work session by Planning Commission members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing nmclung@vintonva.gov, by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to both the Commission and Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic work session. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the

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Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by 12 Noon on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vintonva. Additional information concerning the work session will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until March 25, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a joint public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission and the Town Council on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning: 1. Petition of the Town of Vinton, to rezone the historic Gish Mill properties, from M-1 Limited Industrial to Mixed Use Development (MUD) District, in order to redevelop them into mixed-use properties that will accommodate restaurant, retail, residential, and lodging uses. The properties are located at 305 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000. Further information concerning the public hearing, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone: 540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public

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hearing. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by Planning Commission members, Council members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing nmclung@vintonva.gov, by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to both the Commission and 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 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. Additional information

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concerning the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until April 6, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

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Historical events throughout the month of March

March may be most synonymous with the start of spring and St. Patrick's Day, but there's much more to the third month of the calendar year. The following are notable events that occurred between March 1 and March 31 throughout history.

- March 1: The Articles of Confederation are established in 1791. Nine years later, Congress would authorize the first United States Census on this date.
- March 2: Fans are treated to a sci-fi masterpiece when images of a giant gorilla first appear in the film "King Kong," which premiered in New York in 1933.
- March 3: Telephone inventor Alexander Graham Bell is born in Edinburgh, Scotland. In March of 1876, he electronically transmitted sounds.
- March 4: In 1681, King Charles II of England grants a large parcel of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. That area would later become Pennsylvania.
- March 5: The Boston Massacre occurs in 1770.
- March 6: Fort Alamo falls to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna in 1836.
- March 7: The Beatles release the album "Past Masters, Volumes 1 & 2" in 1988.
- March 8: The New York Stock Exchange is founded in 1817.
- March 9: In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant is commissioned as a lieutenant general and becomes commander of the Union armies.
- March 10: Daniel Boone begins his expedition of Kentucky in 1775.
- March 11: The Lend-Lease program begins in 1941, enabling Britain to receive American supplies.
- March 12: The island of Bermuda is colonized by the British in 1609.
- March 13: Sir William Herschel discovers Uranus in 1781.
- March 14: Albert Einstein is born in Germany in 1879.
- March 15: Julius Caesar is assassinated,



fulfilling the prediction of "Beware the Ides of March."

- March 16: Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" is published in 1850.
- March 17: Golda Meir becomes the prime minister of Israel in 1969.
- March 18: In 1974, the five-month Arab oil embargo against the United States is lifted.
- March 19: In 1965, teenage diver E. Lee Spence discovers the wreck of the Confederate cruiser the S.S. Georgiana, which is valued at more than \$50 million.
- March 20: In 1852, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is first published.
- March 21: Johann Sebastian Bach is born in Germany in 1685.
- March 22: In 1765 the Stamp Act was approved.
- March 23: Patrick Henry utters "Give me liberty, or give me death" in 1775.
- March 24: In 1988, the Exxon Valdez spills 11 million gallons of oil.
- March 25: RCA first produces color TVs in 1954.
- March 26: Playwright Tennessee Williams is born in 1911.
- March 27: Juan Ponce de Leon sees Florida in 1513.
- March 28: In 1979, a nuclear power plant on Three Mile Island overheats.
- March 29: Future U.S. president John Tyler is born in 1790.
- March 30: Vincent Van Gogh is born in Holland in 1853.
- March 31: "Oklahoma!" opens on Broadway in 1943.

Professions that may be thriving in 2030

New Year's resolutions can serve as valuable motivational tools as people look to make positive changes in their lives. Health-related goals like quitting smoking and losing weight annually appear at or near the top of lists documenting the most popular resolutions. But many people also see New Year's resolutions as a great vehicle to kick-start positive changes in their professional lives.

According to Statista, finding a new job was the eighth most popular New Year's resolution in 2019. And finding a new job figures to be an even more common resolution for 2021, as the global COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has sparked a recession that saw millions of people across the globe lose their jobs.

Professionals who want to switch careers in the near future may want to consider professions that are expected to experience significant growth in the years ahead. According to the Bureau of Labor

Statistics, demand for the following professions is expected to grow considerably between now and 2029.

- Wind turbine service technicians - Expected growth (between 2019 and 2029): 60.7 percent
- Nurse practitioners - Expected growth: 52.4 percent
- Solar photovoltaic installers - Expected growth: 50.5 percent
- Occupational therapy assistants - Expected growth: 34.6 percent
- Statisticians - Expected growth: 34.6 percent
- Home health and personal care aides - Expected growth: 33.7 percent
- Physical therapist assistants - Expected growth: 32.6 percent
- Medical and health services managers - Expected growth: 31.5 percent
- Physician assistants - Expected growth: 31.3 percent
- Information security analysts - Expected growth: 31.2 percent

Did you know?

The official beginning of spring is a highly anticipated day among people who can't wait to put away their winter coats and soak up some warm sunlight. But the day of the spring equinox is just as worthy of celebration for its uniqueness as it is for its symbolic connection with the end of winter.

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, on the spring equinox, which is sometimes referred to as the "vernal equinox" or the "March equinox," the sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north. Equinoxes (there's another one in September each year) are the only two times a year that the sun rises due east and sets due west for everyone on Earth.

As the sun passes overhead on the equinox, the tilt of Earth is zero relative to the sun. That means that the planet's axis neither points toward or away from the sun. Though it's understandable why so many people appreciate the spring equinox, which ushers in increasing sunlight hours and later sunsets, the day's uniqueness makes it even more worthy of celebration. This year the spring equinox happens on Saturday, March 20 at 5:37 a.m. EDT in the northern hemisphere.



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Left, William Byrd's Dustin Richards(#53) drives Lord Botetourt ballcarrier Hunter Rice to the ground in last week's game in Daleville. Right, Isaac Fix pulls down LB quarterback KJ Bratton from behind.



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Thursday Night Football comes to Vinton

Terriers have short week after hard-hitting game with Botetourt

Thursday night football is coming to Vinton. William Byrd will host Patrick County tonight at 7 pm at Patterson Stadium in what shapes up to be a very important game for the Terriers.

Why Thursday night? Well, it's a long story and has everything to do with the coronavirus pandemic. Byrd was originally scheduled to play William Fleming this week, but when the Roanoke County School Board determined county schools could only play within the county, that was off. Then, when the board reversed their decision, Fleming had already scheduled Spotswood for this Friday. Ironically, Byrd was supposed to open with Spotswood but also lost that game due to the county's initial ruling.

So, Byrd athletic director Jason Taylor lined up a game with Martinsville this week, but only if the Bulldogs could meet COVID requirements. They didn't, and that sent Jason scrambling again. He came up with Patrick County, a Class 2 school from the Piedmont District. The game was scheduled for tonight because the Cougars have a game with Bassett next Tuesday.

Patrick County is 0-2 thus far. Byrd coach Brad Lutz says they're a lot better than their record indicates.

"They're another solid opponent for us," he said. "Their schedule is tough like ours, and they are battle tested because of the strength of their schedule. They are big, physical, and experienced. They have a lot of multisport athletes at the skill positions and a large group of returning seniors."

Byrd needs a win tonight. The top four teams in each region make the playoffs this year instead of the usual eight due to the pandemic, and Byrd is currently sitting fourth in Region 3D. The Terriers have a Virginia High School League point rating of 17.3 and Northside is lurking closely behind in fifth place at 17.0, although the Vikings have played just one game thus far due to COVID. Bassett(1-1) is sixth and Cave Spring(1-2) is seventh.

Lord Botetourt(3-0) has a healthy lead in the Region 3D ranking with a point rating of 24.6, followed by Carroll County(4-0) at 22.0. Abingdon(3-0) is third at 21.3.

The Terriers got a first hand look at why Lord Botetourt is top-ranked when they visited Daleville last Friday. In a brutal hitting game that featured(?) numerous personal fouls the host Cavaliers took a 55-13 win.

"Both teams played a physical, hard fought game," said Lutz.

Botetourt rolled to a 33-0 lead by the half, and the only reason the second half didn't start with a running clock was due to an El-Amin Shareef sack on a two-point conversion try on LB's fifth touchdown, just before intermission. It would have been easy for the Terriers to mail in the second half at that point, but they never stopped fighting and found some life in the passing game in the second half.

Dylan Hatfield finished 15 for 29 passing for 276 yards, mostly after halftime. That's a new school record for passing yards in a single game. Shareef

had 85 yards on catches, Jeff Williams had 84, Isaac Fix had 72 and Ethan Tinsley had 32. Williams and Tinsley had touchdown catches.

"They have eight scholarship football players on their defense and most of them play on the defensive line and at linebacker," said Lutz. "We struggled to run the football, but we emphasize the importance of being able to run and pass. We leaned on our passing game, and we were able to produce 276 yards of passing offense and a couple touchdowns."

After a very physical game Byrd had a short week to prepare for Patrick, but such is life during COVID.

"During the last year, our players and coaches have adapted to so many scenarios to prepare for this season," said Lutz. "We have a short week to prepare after a very physical game, but our team is anxious to get back on the field after a tough loss."

Ironically, if Byrd can hold the fourth spot their first game in the playoffs will likely be a trip back to Botetourt. After Thursday the Terriers, now 1-2, have scheduled games with Northside and Staunton River to finish the regular season. They should be favored in both, so running the table is a possibility.

Meanwhile, things look good down on the farm. The middle school team is undefeated and the junior varsity is 2-1.

"I am very proud of our football family," said Lutz. "Our program is growing and improving every week. I am proud of all of the hard work our players and coaches are putting in."



Left, Byrd's Dylan Hatfield set a school record with 276 yards passing last Friday night. Above, Hunter Richards runs down LB tailback Hunter Rice. Below, a masked Byrd coach Brad Lutz talks things over with Peyton Fuchs.

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Byrd runners open season in Franklin County

The William Byrd cross country team took the gun for the first time last week as the Terriers raced at Waid Park in Franklin County. Lord Botetourt swept the boys' and girls' meets in the four-school event while Northside and host Franklin County also joined the Terriers in Rocky Mount.

For the girls, freshman Claire Glover, a newcomer to the team, led the way for the Lady Terriers with a fourth place finish in 22:55. The overall winner was Addie Shorter of Franklin County in 20:12.

"Claire has been running on the Wolf Creek Greenway all summer," said Byrd coach Eric Royal. "Several people, especially my father, said they had seen a young runner regularly putting in miles. It showed up Wednesday with a solid time for a fairly difficult course."

Byrd also took the next two spots as Maci Glass was fifth in 23:34 and Olivia Hurd was sixth at 23:45. Emma Gordon, fresh off her performance in the 500 meters at the state indoor meet, was 19th in 25:09 and Kelsey Roth rounded out the scoring in 26:12, finishing 24th among 45 girls in the 5,000 meter race.

On the boys side Ryan Krawczyk was the top Terrier, placing 14th in 19:51. The winning time was 17:06 by Franklin County's Nathan Atchue.

Byrd's next runner across the line was Dakota Bell in 24th place. Kollin Slusher was 28th, freshman Reagan Lilley was 30th and Brayden McCulloch was 35th. There were 42 runners competing in the boys race.

"It has been a difficult off-season trying to stay positive about the unknown, while dealing with keeping the interest up with the runners," said Royal. "A year ago when we shut down for Covid-19, running was my outlet to escape the day to day monotony of quarantine. I encouraged the team to do the same. As school started and not truly knowing how and if sports would take place, this weighed heavy on our enthusiasm. But, as it is said, runners run!"

The Terriers were rescheduled to return to action Wednesday with a four-team meet at Greenfield Park in Daleville, hosted by Lord Botetourt. The meet, moved from Thursday due a threat of inclement weather, also included Northside and Hidden Valley.

First place Terriers host Lord Botetourt tonight

The William Byrd volleyball team will attempt to sweep Lord Botetourt for the first time in recent memory tonight when they host the Cavaliers, beginning with a 5:30 pm jayvee game. If they do so, they'll remain undefeated.

Two weeks ago Byrd ended LB's 56 game winning streak when the Terriers came from two sets down to win a grueling five-set match. The Cavaliers will be out for revenge tonight but Byrd has not skipped a beat since that season opening win. The girls won two more matches in the past week to improve to 4-0 and grab the top spot in the Blue Ridge District.

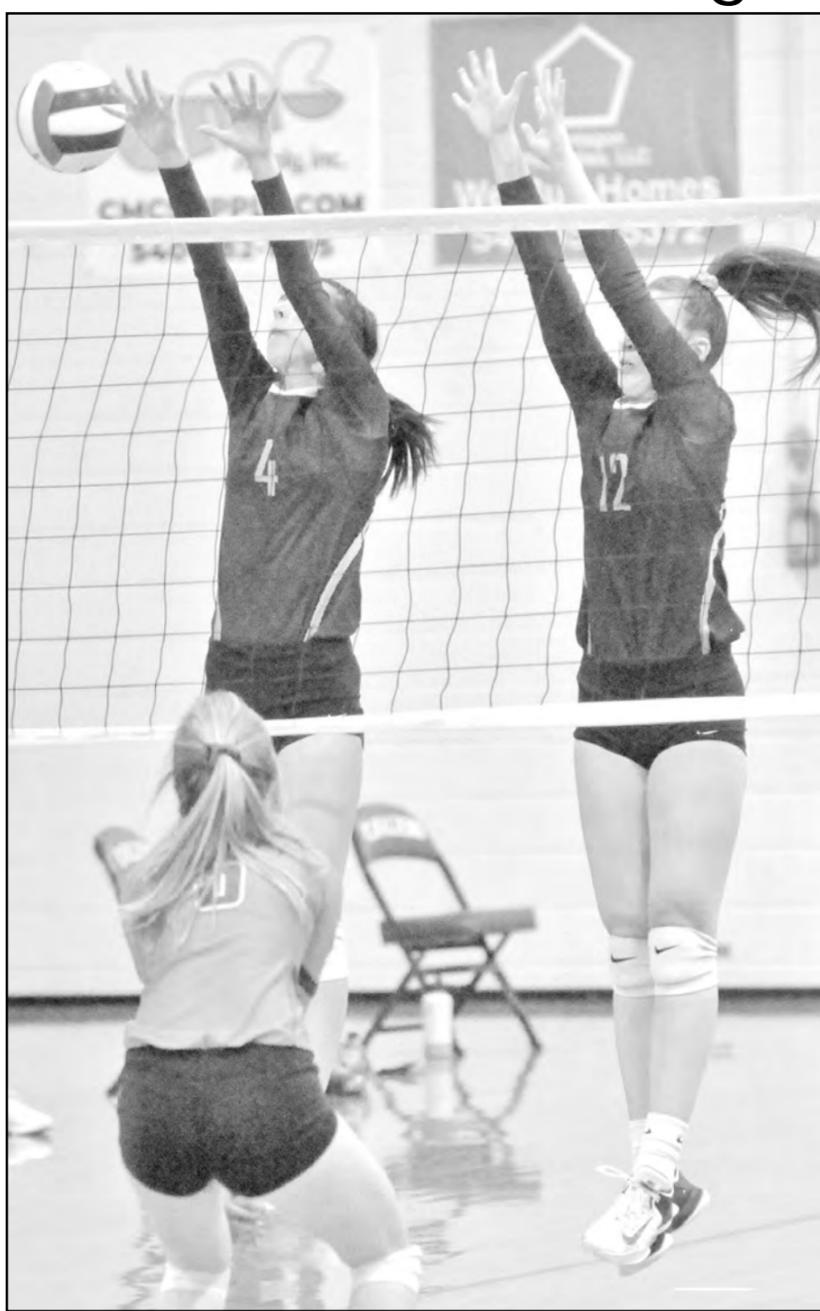
Last Thursday in Moneta Byrd took care of host Staunton River in three sets, 25-11, 25-19 and 25-20. Mattie Andrews led the Terriers with 11 kills and three digs while Ella Ashworth had three aces and three digs. Carsyn Kotz contributed nine assists to go with four digs and an ace.

That set up a big match Tuesday night in Vinton as the only two BRD unbeaten teams met, Byrd and Franklin County. The Eagles came out smoking to win the first set, 25-22, but Byrd evened things in the second, 25-17, then took the lead with a razor-thin 25-23 win in the third.

Franklin bounced back in the fourth set, winning 25-21 to even things up. However, the Terriers finished strong and won the fifth set to



Left, Byrd's Kamryn Sigafos goes up for a spike. Right, Trinity Hylton(#4) and Amna Becirevic(#12) throw up a block in Byrd's first match with Lord Botetourt.



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15, 15-10, to remain undefeated.

"It was truly a team effort," said coach Allison Thornton. "Many of our girls shared remarkable stats."

Andrews had 13 kills and 11 digs while

Kasey McKee had five serving aces and nine kills. Trinity Hylton had a triple double with 11 kills, 18 assists and 15 digs. Kotz had 24 assists and two aces.

That completed one trip through the

district for Byrd and thus far it's been a good ride.

"The win puts us in first place but we have another big game with LB," said Thornton.



Left, Byrd's Chris Blankenship sinks a short putt at Blue Hills last week. Chris had Byrd's low round. Above, Griffin Horacek lines one up.

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Scores come down at Blue Hills match

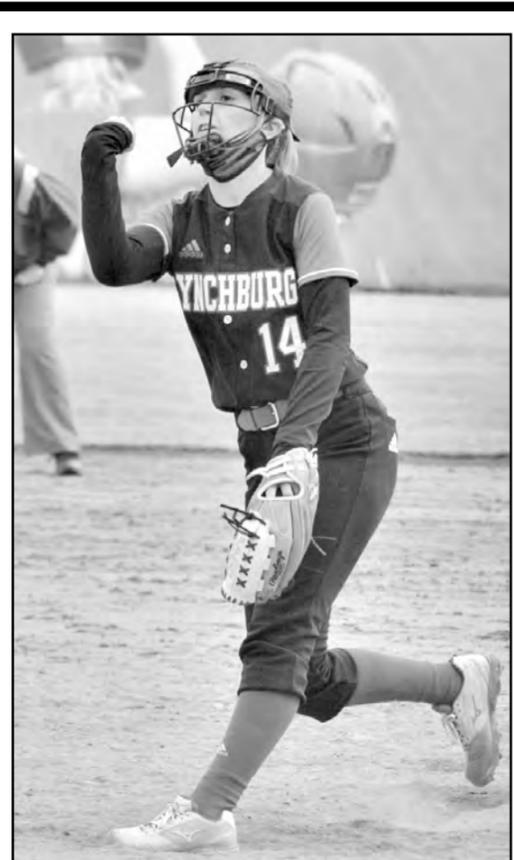
The William Byrd golfers took their turn at hosting a Blue Ridge District match and the scores came down on a beautiful day Blue Hills.

"We played better at our home match," said coach Scott Whitehead. "The kids enjoy playing at Blue Hills."

Lord Botetourt's players enjoyed it as well as the Cavaliers widened their team lead after two rounds of play. After getting in 17 holes in the first match at Westlake, the BRD golfers scored in just nine holes last week before darkness set in. Botetourt managed a score of 147, followed by Northside's 164, 166 by Franklin County, 175 by host William Byrd and 204 by Staunton River.

Once again LB's Samir Davidov had the low score of the day at one-under-par 34. Byrd's best score was 43 by senior Chris Blankenship, who tied for ninth on the day. Evan Mullen, Griffin Horacek and freshman Nathan Carter all shot 44 to round out the Terrier scoring. Koby Turner had a 49 and Clayton Gilmore shot an even 50.

The Terriers are off this week, although the junior varsity team was scheduled to tee it up at Hanging Rock on Wednesday.



Byrd grads play for U of L

Three William Byrd graduates are playing softball for the University of Lynchburg this year. Left, Bri Hodges is a freshman outfielder for the Hornets. She's played in all 14 games and has driven in five runs. Middle, Lexi Powell is a freshman utility player. Lexi has also played in all 14 Lynchburg games and is batting .318 with 10 runs batted in and six runs scored. Right, Cassie Powell is a senior pitcher. Cassie has appeared in two games on the mound as the Hornets are 8-6 thus far. Lynchburg will be home Sunday to host Christopher Newport in a 2 pm doubleheader and home again next Wednesday, March 24, to play an ODAC twin-bill against Randolph-Macon.

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Rosie's from page 4



The expansion project Rosie's Gaming Emporium in Vinton is moving forward by leaps and bounds, as seen in this drone photo from the site on Vinyard Road.



Architectural renderings of Rosie's expansion project. The existing building is on the left.



Walls are going up on the addition to Rosie's in this photo from March 15.

in January and will almost double the facility in size and add a parking garage, with an investment "into the millions," and the hiring of many more employees.

Speaking at a Vinton Town Council meeting last November, Delaverson told members that the project will add

approximately 18,000 square feet to the building and increase the number of gaming machines from 150 to 500.

The proposed three-and-a-half-story parking garage will include 276 parking spots with elevators to the different levels with ADA accessibility. A drop-off lane

will be added along with a large open walking space.

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

A new circular bar will be added in a separate section of the build-

ing. The facility basics will be expanded and upgraded, including mechanicals and restrooms.

Rosie's Vinton has been able to remain open during the expansion, with parking moving completely to the rear of the building. Patrons need to enter from Vinyard Road, as the access road from Niagara is closed during construction.

Colonial Downs Group, which owns and

operates Rosie's Gaming Emporium, has made a \$300 million investment in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The company pays more than \$32 million in annual state and local taxes plus an additional \$12 million in racing industry payments annually.

Those local taxes have made a big impact on the town budget in Vinton. The town has designated all tax revenues from Rosie's for much-

needed and often-postponed capital improvement projects.

Colonial Downs has elected in 2021 to work as extraordinary community partners in making significant contributions to local communities throughout the Commonwealth with their "Together We Win" program, donating \$1,000 each week to a local charity in a community from which it operates. That's \$52,000 in donations to organizations, including those in the Roanoke Valley. Local recipients so far have included CHIP of Roanoke, Kids Soar, and Angels of Assisi.

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

Colonial Downs recently announced a return to live racing at the New Kent Country Racetrack beginning on July 19 and extending for seven weeks through September 1.



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Through the charitable program, Rosie's Gives Back, Colonial Downs Group has made **monetary and in-kind donations of more than \$1,160,000**, and has logged over 1,100 service hours in Virginia communities.



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Simple Checking	\$50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Annual Percentage Yields (APY) are accurate as of March 15, 2021 and are subject to change after account opening. Fees may reduce earnings.

1. Account openings are subject to bank approval. This offer applies to new personal checking customer accounts only and is limited to our Premier, Everywhere Connect, or Simple Checking account products. Account must be opened between January 2, 2021 and December 31, 2021 with the promotional code "UPTO400". A minimum opening balance of \$50 is required for all accounts and funds must not be already on deposit with HomeTrust Bank.

You can earn up to \$400 when you meet the qualifications for each cash bonus reward. See requirements below.

Direct Deposit bonus: Earn \$150 when you deposit and maintain a \$10,000 minimum daily balance in your new account for the first 90 days. Account must be opened with funds not already on deposit with HomeTrust Bank.

\$10K+ Account Balance bonus: Earn \$150 when you deposit and maintain a \$10,000 minimum daily balance in your new account for the first 90 days. Account must be opened with funds not already on deposit with HomeTrust Bank.

Debit Card Activity bonus: Earn \$100 when you make at least 15 debit card purchases equal to, or greater than, \$500 in one statement cycle within the first three statement cycles.

All transactions must post and settle to qualify. Bonuses will be credited to your account on the 15th of the month after each specific bonus requirement has been met. Bonuses may be credited at different times depending on account activity but will be credited no later than 120 days from account opening.

Offer cannot be combined with other offers and is limited to two (2) incentives per household. Customer must have a physical address within the HomeTrust Bank market footprint. Offer is not available to customers who have closed an account within the past 90 days. If your account is closed within the first 180 days, an account closing fee equal to the bonus payment (between \$100 and \$400) you received will apply. HomeTrust Bank employees are not eligible to participate in promotion.

Offer may be withdrawn at any time. Payments are subject to IRS tax reporting requirements. For fees applicable to your account, please view our Fee Schedule. For additional terms and conditions, please view our Deposit Account Agreement and Online or Mobile terms and conditions.