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Businessman Otto Goode was the first president of the Dogwood Festival back in 1956.



PHOTO BY SUNNY WASIELA
Beth Abbott is serving as president of the 66th annual Dogwood Festival.

William Byrd crowns Senior King and Queen

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Keaton Band and Reagan Tuck were crowned as William Byrd High School's 2021 Senior King and Senior Queen during halftime festivities at the home football game on March 29.

The announcement of the King and Queen was originally scheduled for the game with Northside on March 27 but was postponed when the game was called after the first quarter due to thunderstorms. The game was rescheduled for March 29, and so was the crowning of the king and queen by Assistant Principal Travis Anderson. All 12 members of the Senior Court were introduced and escorted to the field by family members before the king and queen were revealed.

The six candidates for Senior King were Keaton Band, Tyler Dean, Isaac Fix, Hunter Harris, Dylan Hatfield, and Joey Johnson.

Candidates for Senior Queen were Grayce Dantzer, Bayla Kessler, Faith Parrish, Haley Thomas, Megan Thomas, and Reagan Tuck.

"High school activities for 2020 and 2021 have been quite unique and the naming of a Senior King and Queen has been no exception," said WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb. "This year we combined Homecoming and Prom into one Senior Court and made it all about the seniors."

Candidates for the Senior Court were nominated by the



William Byrd seniors Keaton Band and Reagan Tuck were crowned as Senior King and Queen during halftime ceremonies at the football game on March 29. They were nominated by their fellow students in the Class of 2021 and then voted on by the entire student body and faculty.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Members of the Senior Court included (left to right) Haley Thomas, Megan Thomas, Bayla Kessler, Keaton Band, Reagan Tuck, Grayce Dantzer, Faith Parrish, and Joey Johnson. Other members of the Senior Court included football players Dylan Hatfield, Hunter Harris, Isaac Fix, and Tyler Dean who returned immediately to the locker room after the crowning of the king and queen during halftime.

Abbott serves as 2021 Dogwood Festival president

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The Vinton Dogwood Festival celebrates its 66th anniversary this year. Many prominent business and community leaders have served as president of the Dogwood Festival through the years, some more than once—a "who's who" of names familiar to those native to Vinton or longtime residents.

This year's president, Beth Abbott, might not be as familiar a name, but she has been a familiar face in Vinton for several years as an enthusiastic volunteer with the Dogwood Festival and other local organizations and events.

Abbott grew up in Lancaster County, Va., where she met her husband, Todd. They moved to Roanoke County in 2000. She is currently the Business Development Manager at Elwood Staffing. She is a member of Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church where she plays and sings with the Humble Praise group.

Abbott says she loves going to Vinton's festivals and parades with her husband and their son, Jeremy. At one event, there weren't enough volunteers; she got involved; and she has stayed active in Vinton ever since. "I love being a volunteer." She has served on the board of the Dogwood Festival for several years in several positions.

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WBHS honors Class of 2021 and Fallen Heroes



The game on March 27 was designated as the Fallen Soldier Tribute Game, paying honor to those who lost their lives in the service of their country in Iraq and Afghanistan. Terrier uniforms reflect three of those soldiers: 1st Lieutenant Terry Plunk, SPC Bucky Anderson, and SPC Clarence Adams.

By Debbie Adams
With only three home football games scheduled in this pandemic year, the March 27 game against Northside was packed with activities: it was Senior Night (in the afternoon), Homecoming/Senior Court, and the Fallen Soldier Tribute Game all in one—"a lot going on and a lot to celebrate."

Prior to the game, William Byrd honored students in the Class of 2021 who are members of the football team, cheerleading squad, and Marching Terriers band. Students were introduced and escorted on the track by family or friends as their names were called.

Members of the football team graduating this year included El'Amin Shareef (#1) who was escorted by his mother Talethia Shareef and his grandmother Denise Stanley. Shareef began his varsity football career as a freshman at Byrd. He plans to play college football next year.

Hunter Harris (#5) was escorted by his par-

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PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Members of the Class of 2021 who play football, are on the cheerleading squad, or are members of the Marching Terriers band were recognized at the football game on March 27. Senior Emily Hale has been a Byrd cheerleader for five years and captain for three years. Her parents are Michelle and James Hale.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Sisters Tristina Pagans and Helena Stoops are celebrating the one year anniversary of PS Massage Clinic at Therapeutic Elements, LLC, on W. Virginia Avenue in Vinton.

PS Massage Clinic celebrates one year anniversary in Vinton

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PS Massage Clinic at Therapeutic Elements, LLC, opened in Vinton in late summer 2019. The medical massage clinic held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting on March 12, 2020, and almost immediately was closed down for two and a half months due to Virginia's COVID-19 restrictions. Sisters Tristina Pagans and Helena Stoops are the co-owners and therapists.

The massage business, located at 223 W. Virginia Avenue, was able to reopen in June 2020 when COVID guidelines eased. They decided to celebrate their official one year anniversary this March.

Pagans, a Licensed Massage Therapist (LMT), has been practicing massage since 2016.

"I have always had a passion for helping people," said Pagans. "In 2004 I became a certified nursing assistant (CNA). In 2014 I started nursing school. It was only after my first year of nurs-

ing school when I decided that I wanted a job with a more natural approach. That's when my sister drew me to massage therapy, due to its natural unique healing abilities."

She attended Miller Motte Technical College in 2016 and graduated at the top of her class with honors. She specializes in therapeutic and neuromuscular massage.

Helena Stoops graduated from the Steiner Institute of Esthetics at the Virginia School of Massage (VASOM) in 2012 and received her national certification (which was changed to Board Certified in 2016) for massage therapy the same year.

"My massage background is more medical, with me holding certification in myofascial techniques for upper and lower body, stretching techniques, and some cran-

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Byrd students win Western Virginia Regional Science Fair awards

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William Byrd High School junior Emiliano Gonzalez was recently honored by the ASM Materials Education Foundation as the 2021 recipient of its special award for “Most Outstanding Exhibit” in Materials Science in the Western Virginia Regional Science Fair. His project was entitled “The Effect of Various Temperatures on the Growth and Piezoelectricity of Rochelle Salt Crystal.” Gonzalez is also a student in the Center for Engineering, which is part of the Governor’s STEM Academy at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology. His teacher sponsor was Melissa Carr.

The regional science fair was held virtually on March 20 this year due to the pandemic and hosted by Hollins University, Virginia Western Community College, and Roanoke College. Gonzalez’s project tied for

first place in the Materials Science category with another William Byrd student, Rebecca Qiu, who partnered with Ainsley Robertson of Cave Spring High School on “The Application of a Chitosan Cross-linked Poly (acrylic acid) Hydrogel in the Removal of a Model Pollutant from an Aqueous Solution.” These two young women are also students at the Roanoke Valley Governor’s School.

Qiu and Robertson were also co-winners for the Western Virginia Water Authority Award, which recognizes outstanding science fair projects that pertain to water quality, water conservation, water treatment, or water distribution. Their project also took second place in the Virginia Water Environment Association/ Junior Stockholm Water Prize.

Byrd’s Haley Day tied for second place in the Materials Science division working with her partner Katherine Cross of Lord

Botetourt for their project, “The Effect of Natural Polymers on the Sustainability of Adhesive Hydrogels for Tissue Repair.” They are RVGS students, as well.

WBHS student Griffin Yakob, who also attends RVGS, won third place in the Animal Sciences division for his project “The Effect of Propolis on the Regeneration Rate of Dugesia tigrine. He partnered with Courtney Monard of RVGS/Hidden Valley High School.

Elizabeth Fedor of WBHS and her teammate Tracy (Harrison) Callis of Patrick Henry High School won third place in the Computational Biology category for their project, “An Investigation of the Accumulation of Mutations in the COVID19 Genome.” They are also RVGS students.

Taylor Dawson from William Byrd and the RVGS also participated in the regional fair with partner Owen McKenna from Patrick Henry. Their project was



Emiliano Gonzalez



Rebecca Qiu

“Comparing the Change in Genetic Composition of the HA Protein of Influenza A Subtypes Over Time.”

Category Award first place winners advance to the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair.

Organizers of the regional science fair describe students participating as “among the best

and brightest students around the Roanoke Valley, making this an even more impressive accomplishment.”

School districts participating in the Western Virginia Regional Science Fair include Roanoke County Public Schools, Roanoke City Public Schools, and the Roanoke Valley Governor’s School.

Abbott

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“I knew the past president, Connie Houff, from Thrasher UMC,” Abbott explains. “She asked if I would be interested in helping her with the crafters at the Vinton Dogwood Festival. Of course, I couldn’t resist. Before I knew it, I was a member of the board.”

Abbott says she is devoting every spare moment to the Dogwood Festival these days. Planning for the annual festival is an ongoing process.

Otto Goode was the first president of the Dogwood Festival, held in 1956. He was chairman of the Band Boosters instrument committee and band uniforms were the reason for the first Dogwood event. Profits from the festival went towards buying new uniforms for the William Byrd Band. Virginia Governor Thomas Stanley attended the first festival. Nineteen bands marched the parade route.

Goode served as president until 1959, when Dr. Herman L. Horn took on the job and welcomed actor Steve McQueen as Grand Marshal that year. Horn was followed in 1960 by Nelson Thurman, who had served as Vinton’s mayor and in the Virginia legislature. The 1960 festival included a pageant with 800 participants, including 600 school children.

W.E. Cundiff was president of the festival in 1961. Twenty-eight bands participated with Bob Denver (of Gilligan’s Island fame) as the parade marshal. He was followed in 1962 by Charles Jennings. The 1962 festival was remembered for the extreme heat which left 125 band members and parade goers needing rescue squad attention. There were 28 bands in the parade that year and 13,000 in attendance.

S. Wallace Cundiff was named president in 1963 with singer Bobman by Vinton as the guest celebrity. Cundiff was followed by Armand Sanderson in 1964 for the parade featuring 33 bands and Minnie Pearl. The 10th annual Dogwood Festival in 1965 was led by World War II veteran Hildrey Pollard with Vinton visited by 15,000 spectators.

Dr. Herbert Keaton took the reins as president in 1966. That year some 20,000 dogwood trees were planted before the festival began. James Sims was Dogwood president in 1967. The 1968 parade was cancelled due to heavy rains and thunderstorms when Francis Holdren was president. Beloved William Byrd High School Principal Bob Patterson served as president in 1969 when

the festival lasted an entire week and featured 37 marching bands in the parade.

Dr. W.W. Jones was festival president in 1970 with Virginia Governor Linwood Holton as the parade marshal; then Robert Saunders in 1971.

In 1972, Dick Cranwell was president for the 17th annual Dogwood Festival. In the following years, Roger Smith, Stephen Brown, James Musselwhite, and Roanoke County Treasurer Fred Anderson headed up the festival. In 1977, when Steve Musselwhite was president, the spectators numbered 25,000.

The list continues: Deal Tompkins, Sidney Johnson, Ed Reynolds (Miss America Kylee Barker was the Grand Marshal), Thomas Hard, Mayor Charles Hill, Nita Echols (30,000 came out that year in 1983), James Reynolds, John Hartsock (the Dogwood Queen that year rode on a Vinton Messenger float, not the traditional Woman’s Club float), Larry Musselwhite, Bill Cundiff, Sam Cundiff, and Anthony Amos.

Dogwood presidents in the ’90s included Anthony Conner, Gary Janney, Don Davis, Chris Keaton, Joe Bush, Bryce Mayer, Michael Gilmore, Jim Echols, Todd Bailey, and Andy Nicely.

More recent leaders have included Mike Stovall, Vince Bennett, Joey Nicely, Stephanie Guess and Penny Peters, Bill Tyree, Barry Robertson, and Connie Houff (in 2019-2020).

Abbott notes that the Dogwood Festival is an independent organization, not officially affiliated with the Town of Vinton or the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, “but we all work together to bring family fun to Vinton. We also have a common goal to drive revenue to our local businesses during the Dogwood Festival event.”

It was heartbreaking for the members of the Dogwood Festival Board and the community when last year’s festival was cancelled due to the pandemic.

“It was extremely difficult to make the decision to cancel the festival last year,” she says. “It was Dogwood’s 65th year, and we had a lot of special surprises planned for the community. We have learned a lot about the pandemic in the past year, so we are most comfortable planning an outdoor event. Many of us have been affected personally by COVID, so we need to be mindful and respectful of that, too.”

There are still COVID-19 restrictions in place for this year’s festival—again cancelling the traditional parade through the streets of Vinton and moving the crowning of the Dogwood Queen from the Vinton War Memorial to the Municipal Building stage.

“The new restrictions gave our committee members some very creative ideas!” Abbott says. “Mary Beth Layman is organizing a drive-by and walk-by parade. She is encouraging local business owners and residents to decorate their storefronts and lawns for Dogwood Festival. Connie Houff, Callie Webb, and Brittany Lane are working on a shoebox parade! There is a new event following the crowning of the Dogwood Queen this year. We may leave that as a surprise for now!”

Other Dogwood Festival board members this year include: Food Vendor Coordinator and Town of Vinton Liaison Chasity Barbour, Treasurer Jeff Teass, Secretary Rena Whorley, Sponsorships Coordinator Karen Obenchain, Retail/Business Coordinator Brittany Lane, Craft Vendors Coordinator Callie Webb, Entertainment Coordinator Joey Nicely, Media Coordinator Mary Beth Layman, and Queen’s Court Coordinator Susan Teass. Most have

been volunteering with the Dogwood Festival for years.

The 2021 Dogwood Festival is scheduled for April 23 and 24 with a concert by Fuzzy Logic and Mended Fences on the evening of April 23, Festival Day on Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Movie Night (Disney’s “The Lion King”) at the Vinton Farmers Market at dusk that evening (with free popcorn and free admission).

The festival on April 24 includes music and performances, arts and crafts vendors, business vendors, food trucks, a car show, a kids’ area, interactive parade activities, the introduction of the Dogwood Court, and the crowning of the Dogwood Queen.

The Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee puts in countless hours to stage the event and collaborates with local organizations and area nonprofits. The festival is funded entirely by donations, sponsorships, and fundraising events, along with fees from concessions and vendors.

For more information on the 2021 Dogwood Festival visit their website at <https://www.vintondogwoodfestival.org/> or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vintondogwoodfestival>.

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PS Massage

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niosacral therapy,” Stoops says. “I worked in a chiropractor’s office for over seven years, allowing me to not only hone my craft but also get a more in-depth understanding of what the body needs.”

The services they offer – customized for each client – include Deep Tissue Massage, Swedish Massage, Focused Massage, Myofascial Therapeutic Massage, Stretching and Sports Massage, Pre-natal Massage, and Trigger Point Therapies. They have worked with clients of all ages from infants to a 92-year-old. The sisters describe massage therapy as “the oldest form of medicine,” and a type of “natural healing.”

Deep Tissue Massage involves realigning deeper layers of muscle and connective tissue. It is especially helpful for chronically tense and contracted areas such as stiff necks, low back tightness, and sore neck and shoulders.

Swedish Massage uses gentle to medium pressure with long flowing strokes to promote relaxation and circulation, reduce stress and relieve muscle tension. The Mayo Clinic reports a 60-minute massage can lower cortisol, the stress hormone, by up to 30 percent after just one session.

Focused Massage, also known as targeted massage, pinpoints one to two areas of the body with deeper pressure to target trouble areas – most commonly on the neck, shoulders, glutes, and forearms.

Myofascial Therapeutic Massage is a soft tissue therapy used to treat deep muscular tension, somatic dysfunction, and pain by relaxing the fascia, those fibrous bands around muscles, ligaments, and tendons. This technique requires firm pressure that stretches and elongates deep muscle tissue, increasing the range of motion and circulation.

Stretching and Sports Massage work to reduce potential injury, increase overall flexibility, and relieve muscle fatigue. Different techniques can be used from stretching to the break down of scar tissue to increase range of motion.

Pre-natal Massage is specifically tailored for expectant mothers. Their bodies are properly positioned and supported with pillows and padding during massage. This type of massage reduces stress, decreases swelling, and relieves the aches and pains caused “by a growing belly.”

Trigger Point Therapy targets trigger points or muscle knots – the sensitive spots in soft tissue. This therapy mostly consists of rubbing and pressing on trigger points and “provides amazing relief.”

Pagans says that most commonly their clients have pain issues, injuries, fibromyalgia, or are experiencing stress. Some are referred by chiropractors.

Some massages involve 30-minute sessions, some 60, some 90.

Therapeutic Elements welcomes new clients. Hours of operation (subject to change) are generally on Mondays from 10 to 6; on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 5; on Fridays from 10 to 4; and one Saturday a month from 10-2. They are closed on Thursdays.

Therapeutic Elements, LLC is accredited by the Better Business Bureau of Western Virginia.

The COVID health guidelines they follow include face coverings for therapists and clients and frequent disinfecting of surfaces and tools.

Check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TherapeuticElements>. LLC for their schedule and how to make an appointment.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

**Angie
Chewing**

Filling in for Bootie

It's so good to finally see family! On Sunday, a Chewing family gathering was held at the home of Mark and Karen Chewing (our cousins from California that made the move recently to Virginia). Their daughter Maren and husband Tyler Johnson were in town, so what a perfect time for a visit! It's never a small group when we all get together but there were some missing. We shared

old pictures and stories, ate some amazing food (we are all pretty good cooks) and, of course, missed those that could not be with us! Those joining in the fun and laughs were Julie (Chewing) and Roger Creasy, Melvin Chewing, Keith and Patty Thompson and Nancy (Chewing) Thompson, Karen (Chewing) Wood and Bill Chewing, Kelley (Chewing) and Todd Hambrick, Alvin Chewing and Alice Meador, Tim Chewing, and me (Angie), Bootie and Greg Chewing. Thanks again, Mark and Karen, for a great day!



**Beyond
Books**

Greetings from your friends at the Vinton Library! We've been so happy to see everyone back in the library and online through our many Zoom classes and programs. Don't forget that Roanoke County residents can go on our website or give us a call to make a one-hour reservation to come inside to browse our collection and use our computer, print, copy, and fax services.

you'd prefer something for your feline friend, grab a Cat Snack Kit, with supplies to grow cat grass in a pot you can decorate.

If you're just picking up your held items, we have an easy drive-thru window for your convenience. And if that's not tempting enough, we've added even further incentive to drop by the library this spring with our Loyalty Rewards Program!

On Thursday, April 15 at 10 a.m., join us on Zoom for the Pet Owner's Guide to the Internet. We'll discuss websites and apps that will help the pet owner with adoption, health and dietary info, toys and games, and much more.

There's already so much you can take home with you from the library. In one trip you can get books, movies, video games, a WiFi hotspot, a mood-improving therapy lamp, and even a telescope. But what if you could get prizes too? With your new Spring Loyalty Rewards Program card, you can. Stop by the library to pick up a card, and you'll get a stamp for every return trip you make through May 15. Ten trips to the library within that time period will earn you a prize, and you'll get another after 20 trips. We'll stamp it at the drive-thru window as well, so you can earn prizes without even getting out of your car. Come by the Vinton Library or any other Roanoke County Public Library branch to get your card today!

We're so excited to welcome the RCACP back to the library for an Adoption Fair on Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They'll be set up outside the library with some dogs and cats looking for their forever friend!

On one of your upcoming visits to get a stamp, be sure and look behind the front desk at our display of the library staff's furry friends. We're excited because April is National Pet Month, and we can't wait to celebrate with all of you. We have a bunch of pet-centric programming coming up this month. Read on for a sample and visit our website at rocolibrary.org to see them all and to sign up for your pick of the litter.

Not everything happening online this month has to do with our four-legged pals. Here is an assortment of classes for adults on a variety of topics happening on Zoom in April:

Stop by the Vinton Library anytime from the first of April through the 15th (while supplies last) for a Bark Bag, containing supplies and instructions for making a dog toy! If

Did you know that the Appalachian mountain dulcimer is an American instrument? Join us on Zoom Tuesday, April 6 at 4 p.m. to learn about and hear some tunes from The Mountain Dulcimer.

Resume Writing is a crucial skill in the job marketplace. Join us on Wednesday, April 14 at 2 p.m. to learn the do's and don'ts of putting together your resume.

Again, this is just a taste of the programming buffet we're offering up this month. In addition to all of these great events for adults, there are tons of story times, crafting sessions, and interactive activities for kids and teens as well. Follow us on social media @rocoplib and visit our website rocolibrary.org to see our full calendar, then visit us in person to get your Loyalty Rewards card! We can't wait to see you at the Vinton Library, where we meet you at your wonder.

By Vinton Library Assistant Bryce Chalkey



From the Pulpit

Doubting Thomas

Don't let your mistakes define you – God doesn't! We all know the story of "doubting Thomas." He wanted proof that the other disciples really did see Jesus. Thomas wanted to feel the nail prints in His hands. Eight days later, Jesus offered to Thomas to feel his hands and Thomas fell on his knees and said, "Lord, I believe!"

Thomas doubted that one time and still today he is remembered mainly as "doubting Thomas."

Most people don't realize that later in his life, Thomas is credited with traveling to and bringing Christianity to India. Thomas made a great impact with his life moving

forward!

In the same way, God is not judging you by one mistake, by one bad season. Why are you beating yourself up? Why are you wearing labels that people have stuck on you? God has an incredible future waiting for you. He has said, "I know the plans I have for you, plans that are good, not evil!" (Jer. 29:11)

Do yourself a favor and remove those negative labels man has put on you – "failure," "doubter," "unworthy" – and replace them with the labels God has for you, "forgiven," "blessed," "redeemed" and "victorious!"



May God bless you to be a blessing!

Shared by Pastor Brian Geiser, First Christian Church in Vinton

Roanoke County School Board approves 2021-2022 budget

The Roanoke County School Board has approved the 2021-2022 general fund budget of \$156,382,733, which is an increase of more than \$6 million compared to the final revised 2020-2021 school budget. Combined with seven other specific purpose funds, the overall approved budget is \$209,224,890. The board took action at its meeting on March 25, after weeks of budget development and four extensive and detailed work sessions.

As part of this budget, all employees will receive the remaining portion of a 5 percent raise through scale shifts, step increases and other adjustments as a result of a compensation study conducted last year. A portion of that 5 percent raise was provided earlier this year. In addition, bus drivers and bus aides will have the option to receive full-time health benefits, starting in July. This action will make Roanoke County Schools competitive with surrounding school districts as far as benefits for bus personnel are concerned.

The board hopes that health benefits can extend to nutrition associ-

ates in the next budget year.

"This time last year, we approved a budget that we had to turn right around and drastically cut due to the emergence of the pandemic," said Don Butzer, Chairman of the Roanoke County School Board. "As a result, we had to put raises and many other things on hold. Today, I'm very pleased that we're able to not only provide significant raises for all our employees, we also are able to restore much of the funding that had been cut last year."

Also, as part of this budget, the school system is taking advan-

tage of additional federal funding provided through the American Rescue Plan Act and Virginia's ARPA Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III award. These funds, along with ESSER I and II funds, are being used to continue COVID-19 safety improvements throughout the schools such as installing touchless sinks and paper towel dispensers, HVAC improvements and other materials.

These funds also will facilitate an expansion of summer school opportunities at the elementary and secondary school levels, includ-

ing transportation options, expand special education support services and expand school counseling support services.

Tim Greenway, who represents the Vinton District on the School Board, said that he was "thrilled" that bus personnel health benefits have been reinstated. "This is a big deal and will help with recruitment."

School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely informed the board that all five Roanoke County high schools will be scheduling outdoor graduation ceremonies this spring, most in stadiums.



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Heroes

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ents, Shannon and Stacey Harris. He has been part of the William Byrd football program for six years and plans to attend Liberty University.

Dylan Hatfield (#7) was escorted by his parents, Fred and Carla Hatfield. He has played football for William Byrd for five years and plans to attend Virginia Tech next fall and play baseball.

Ethan Tinsley (#9) was escorted by his parents Mitzi and Tony Thornton. He has played football for Byrd for four years. He plans to attend Randolph

Macon College, major in Business and Criminal Justice, and play football.

Tyler Dean (#22) was escorted by his parents Steve and Michelle Dean. He has played football for Byrd for two years. He plans to attend Virginia Tech and play baseball.

Jeff Williams (#23) was escorted by his parents Jeffrey and Karen Williams. He has played football at Byrd for one year. He plans to attend Virginia Western Community College.

Hayden Lyle (#32) was escorted by his parents Jamie and Krista Lyle. He

has been in the William Byrd football program for six years. He plans to attend Bluefield College to major in Criminal Justice and play baseball.

Isaac Fix (#35) was escorted by his parents Mark and Liz Fix. He has played football at Byrd for five years. He plans to attend Davidson College to major in physics and play baseball.

Donald McCadden (#42) was escorted by Lisa Stover. He has played football at Byrd for four years. He plans to join the United States Air Force.

Nick Reedy (#44) was escorted by his mother Angie Reed and grandmother Mary Flowers. He has played football at Byrd for six years. He plans to attend trade school after graduation or Virginia Western Community College.

Bryson Lutz (#50) was escorted by his parents Brad and Christy Lutz. He has played football at Byrd for two years. He plans to attend Emory and Henry College and play football.

Tyler Roseberry (#51) was escorted by his parents Amanda Biggs and Cory Roseberry. He has played football at William Byrd for two years. He plans to enroll in the electrician program at Virginia Western Community College.

Hunter Flynn (#65) was escorted by Bill and Karen Sankbeil. He has been a part of the football program at Byrd for two years. He plans to join the Police Academy after graduation.

Blake Sankbeil (#66) was escorted by his parents Bill and Karen Sankbeil. He has been part of the football program at William Byrd for five years. He plans to attend Emory and Henry College.

Tanner Smith (#77) was escorted by his parents Chris and Kelie Smith.

He has played football for Byrd for one year. He plans to join the United States Marine Corps.

Senior cheerleader Haileigh Bush was escorted by her parents Keith and Theresa Bush. She has been a member of the squad for the past two years. She is also a member of the Vocal Ensemble and Choir and has plans to attend Hollins University.

Emily Hale has been a cheerleader for WBHS for five years and Captain for three of those years. She was escorted by her parents Michelle Hale and James Hale. She is also a member of DECA. She plans to attend Virginia Western Community College and major in Business Management. She also plans to train to become a professional wrestler.

Senior Class members of the band included Erin Kirtley escorted by her parents Patricia and Ryan Brannon. She has been a member of the Marching Terriers for five years. She is also a member of the Beta Club. She plans to attend Old Dominion University and major in history.

Tyler Oliver was escorted by Heather Hartberger. He has been playing in the band for three years and plans to attend VWCC to major in Liberal Arts.

Nick Colvin was accompanied by James and Tresica Colvin. He has been a band member for seven years. He also plays varsity soccer. He will be attending South Florida to major in International Studies.

Dillon Peters was escorted by his sister Ashley. He has been a member of the band for seven years and is also a member of the Beta Club. He plans to major in Business Management at Virginia Tech.

Makenzie Harris was escorted by parents Chad

and Amy Harris. She has been a member of the band for seven years, and woodwind Captain this year. She plans to attend Emory and Henry, majoring in social work and psychology.

David Smith was escorted by his parents Shannon and David Smith. He has been a member of the band for seven years and is also a member of the Leo and DECA Clubs.

Katelyn Morgan was escorted by her parents Tonya and Jason Morgan. She has been a Marching Terrier for four years. She plans to attend VWCC.

Faith Parrish was escorted by her parents Daniel and Tara Parrish. She has been a member of the marching band for three years. She is also a member of the Beta Club, the Knitting Club, and Terrier TV. She plans to attend Radford University and major in Biology.

Landon Young was escorted by his parents, Amie Widener and Michael Young. He has been in the band for seven years and is also a member of the Habitat Club. He plans to major in Business at VWCC.

Katie Wheeler is the daughter of Bill and Karen Wheeler. She has been a band member for seven years. She is also a member of the Leo Club. She plans to major in nursing at Radford University.

Julie Wang is the daughter of Liling Cheatwood and Wen Wang. She has been a band member for seven years. She is a member of the Academic Team, Terrier TV, Sketches, and the tennis team.

The Terrier team was escorted to the field by members of the Virginia State Police, the Christian Motorcycle Association, and the Empty Tomb Ministry, and led by bagpiper Aric Bower. A gi-

gant American flag was on display thanks to Nate Sorreno from U. S. Crane and Rigging.

In 2019, under Coach Brad Lutz, the William Byrd football team established a tradition of honoring fallen soldiers who gave their lives while protecting our country and serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are continuing the tradition this year as they play to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Each game this season has been dedicated to those heroes.

On June 12, 2010, Army Spc. Brian "Bucky" Anderson was killed in Afghanistan when insurgents attacked his vehicle using an improved explosive device. Anderson was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York. His Gold Star mother, Margaret Anderson joined the team on the field before the game and was thanked for "the sacrifice your family has made."

On February 26, 1991, William Byrd graduate Army Lieutenant Terry Plunk was killed while clearing land mines in Al-Salman Airfield, Iraq. Plunk served with the 27th Engineering Battalion, 20th Engineering Brigade. He was also a graduate of VMI.

The Terriers' uniforms this season bear the names on the back of Anderson, Plunk, or Army Specialist Clarence Adams, a teammate of Coach Lutz, who died serving in Iraq in 2004.

The Terriers were able to play the first quarter of the game until it was postponed due to lightning. The Senior Court ceremony planned for half time was then moved to March 29.



The Terriers were escorted to the field by members of the Virginia State Police, the Christian Motorcycle Association, and the Empty Tomb Ministry.



PHOTO S BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Makenzie Harris, who was recognized on March 27, has been a member of the band for seven years in middle school and high school. This year, as a senior, she is captain of the woodwinds. She is the daughter of Amy and Chad Harris.

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Town to amend General Fund Reserve Policy

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The Town of Vinton has a well-earned reputation for fiscal conservatism, not spending above its means, and being prepared to deal with economic challenges.

Town Council will soon take action to fortify their guiding financial principles by amending the town's General Fund Reserve Policy (Unrestricted Fund Balance), which insures against disasters, emergencies, and unforeseen expenditures by maintaining adequate levels of fund balance to mitigate current and future risks (revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenditures) and ensure stable tax rates.

As we have discovered in this pandemic year, disasters can emerge out of nowhere and the town must be prepared to deal with the financial challenges that arise.

As a part of the budget process in 2021, town staff reviewed the General

Fund Reserve Policy and proposed updates to bring the policy in line to the current financial climate.

Council members were briefed on the proposed revisions to the policy at the council meeting on March 16 by Finance Director/Treasurer Anne Cantrell.

Under the amended policy, "the Town shall strive to maintain a General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance not to fall below two months of budgeted General Fund Revenue—the policy floor; and the Town will target to maintain an Unassigned Fund Balance equal to four months of budgeted General Fund Revenues—the policy target." These funds are set-aside to address potential identified risks:

Economic Uncertainty – A high percentage of town revenues are based on consumer driven spending versus assessed property taxes. Adequate Unassigned Fund Balance will allow the town to be prepared for rises and falls in the local economy and will help miti-

gate the need for tax increases to offset losses.

Emergency Reserve – Unplanned natural disasters and unforeseeable emergencies can create a difficult situation without appropriate Unassigned Fund Balance or cash reserves to pay unplanned costs. The town strives to maintain an adequate level of Unassigned Fund Balance to allow quick recovery from an extreme event.

Working Capital – The town revenue sources are lower during the first six months of the year although budgeted expenditures are planned on a more consistent basis. Maintaining an adequate level of Unassigned Fund provides the town with appropriate reserves for cash flow to keep consistent spending and decrease the occurrence of spending freezes.

The appropriate level of General Fund reserves shall be reviewed annually during the budget preparation.

See Amend, page 10

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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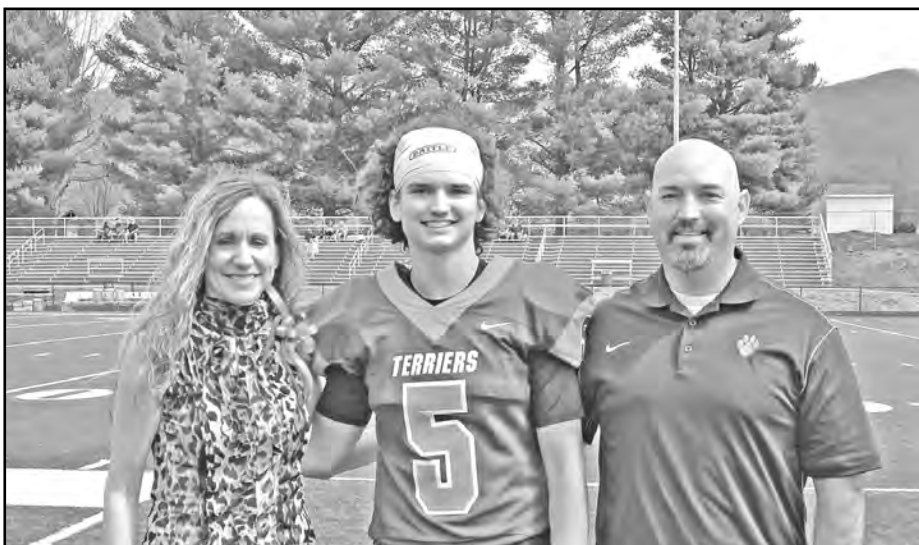
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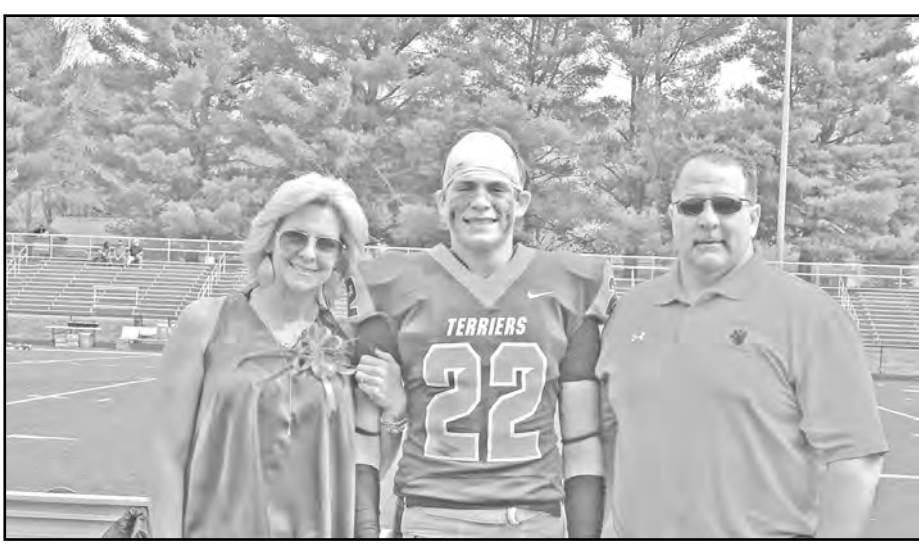
King & Queen from page 1



Senior Court King candidate Hunter Harris with parents Stacey and Shannon Harris



Senior Court King candidate Dylan Hatfield with parents Carla and Fred Hatfield



Senior Court King candidate Tyler Dean with parents Michelle and Steve Dean

WBHS Class of 2021 with the king and queen voted on by the entire student body and faculty electronically. Each candidate created

a video detailing their activities at William Byrd for their fellow students to view before voting took place. Keaton Band was es-

corted by his mother, Sandy Cales. He is president of the Senior Class and the Prevention Club, a member of the Red Cross Club, the



Senior Court King candidate Isaac Fix with parents Mark and Liz Fix

Habitat Club, the Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy, and a Team Terrier Mentor. He has run indoor and outdoor track for all four years of his high school career, winning All State last year. He plans to attend Virginia Tech next year.

Tyler Dean has played basketball and football for William Byrd for two years, and baseball for all four years. His parents are Michelle and Steve Dean. He plans to attend Virginia Tech next year and play baseball.

Isaac Fix is the son of Mark and Liz Fix. He has participated in the varsity football, baseball, basketball, and indoor track programs at William Byrd. He is a member of the Red Cross Club and the Beta Club. He plans to attend Davidson College, major in physics, and play baseball.

Hunter Harris is the son of Shannon and Stacey Harris. He plays football and baseball and is a member of DECA and the Beta Club. He plans to attend Liberty University. He enjoys playing sports, hunting, and fishing.

Dylan Hatfield is the son of Carla and Fred Hatfield. He has run indoor track for two years at WBHS, is the quarterback on the football team, and the catcher on the baseball team. He is also a member of the Team Terrier Mentorship program. He was chosen by his peers as Top Terrier for the 2020-

2021 school year—the highest honor at student can receive at Byrd. He plans to attend Virginia Tech and play baseball.

Joey Johnson's parents are Kathleen and Jason Johnson. He has played baseball for William Byrd throughout middle and high school. He is also a member of the DECA Club. He plans to attend Radford University and major in nursing.

Grayce Dantzler's parents are David and Alyce Dantzler. She has played varsity volleyball for four years at Byrd. She is a member of the DECA and Beta Clubs, the Red Cross Club, and the SCA. She serves this year as Senior Class Vice President. She plans to attend Virginia Tech and major in Animal Science, then attend veterinary school.

Bayla Kessler's parents are Eric and Vicky Kessler. She is a member of the Choir and yearbook staff. She dances competitively, and takes classes and student teaches at Mill Mountain Theatre. Her plans are to double major in psychology and theatre at either JMU or Lynchburg University.

Faith Parrish is the daughter of Daniel Parrish and Tara Parrish. She is the captain of the Marching Terriers Band Color Guard. She is also a member of the Knitting Club, the Beta Club, Terrier TV, and the Early Scholar program. She plans to attend Radford Univer-

sity and major in Biology.

Haley Thomas is the daughter of Amanda Lee. She is a member of DECA and the Dog Pound. She plans to attend Radford University and major in nursing.

Megan Thomas is the daughter of Amanda Lee. She has played soccer in middle and high school. She is a member of the DECA and Reindeer Clubs, and volunteers at the Vistar Eye Care Center. She was a member of the Homecoming Court in her junior year. She plans to attend Radford University and major in nursing.

Reagan Tuck's parents are Melissa and Kevin Tuck. She is a member of the Reindeer Club, the Beta Club, DECA, and the SCA. She has played junior varsity and varsity volleyball throughout high school. She works after school in an elementary school program. She plans to attend Virginia Tech and major in Public Health, in order to pursue a career in physical therapy.

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BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH & CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - 1030 Bible Lane, Vinton, Va. 24179. Church Phone 890-4465. Rev. Jason Gault. Sunday Services: Traditional Service, 8:45 AM, Sunday School, 10:00 AM, Contemporary Service, 11:00 AM, Evening Worship 6:00 PM, Wednesday Services: AWANA 6:30 PM, Bible Study 7:00 PM

BAPTIST (COOPERATIVE)

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH OF CHRIST VINTON - 2107 Feather Road, Vinton. Terry Hodge, Minister, 540-890-1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, 3679 Sandlewood Road, Roanoke VA 24018, (540) 206-6160. Repent & Be Baptized... Acts 2:38. Come study the Bible with us! Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m., Sunday Worship 11 a.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m., www.christianchurchof-christclearbrook.org

ECKANKAR

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FOURSQUARE

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

LUTHERAN

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Vinton Worship Directory

Sincere Remorse

Read Hosea 8:1 through 14:9

"Though they offer sacrifices as gifts to me, and though they eat the meat, the Lord is not pleased with them. Now he will remember their wickedness and punish their sins: They will return to Egypt" (Hosea 8:13).

Hosea declared the futility of Israel offering insincere sacrifices. The Lord was not pleased with rituals performed without remorse for wrongdoing. Instead of receiving forgiveness from heartfelt confession, the nation suffered punishment for their accumulated sins.

Hebrews 9:22 teaches that "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." The blood from animal sacrifice pointed to

the time when Christ's blood would secure forgiveness for all who receive Him. His death paid the penalty for sin once and for all.

Israel had treated the Lord as one of many gods, sacrificing only to gain favor. Doing good things to gain God's favor will not cover our sin. Nothing can substitute for the blood Christ shed. God sees each heart. He knows if there is true remorse that brings about change.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord Jesus, my forgiveness is only possible through You. I owe You everything.

Quicklook: Hosea 8:11-13

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

NAZARENE

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

PRESBYTERIAN

CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmcp2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sunday; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible School; Tuesdays & Thursdays Yoga 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Tuesday Evening Bible Study 6:45pm; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Thursday Girl

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

WESLEYAN

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

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



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Legals - City of Radford

LEGAL NOTICE
Tyler Avenue/East Main Street Connector - Phase 1
City of Radford
Notice of Public Review
Find out about a project to construct Phase I of a new 2 lane connector road from Tyler Avenue to East Main Street. Phase I shall include reconstruction of the existing skewed Tyler Avenue/Auburn Avenue intersection (adjacent to Radford Child Development, Inc.), construction of approximately 620LF of the Connector Road, and the construction of approximately 900LF of re-aligned Auburn Avenue.

Review project information and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) are available at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, 540-731-3603. Please call ahead so the City can make arrangements for personnel to share more information or answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, City is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Radford City Manager, the City of Radford Office located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia 24141 on or prior to April 9, 2021. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the phone number listed above.

State Project: U000-126-106, C501, P101, R201
Federal Project: STP-5126(107)
UPC: 76402

City of Radford CDBG Annual Action Plan

The City of Radford invites comments on its 2021 Annual Action Plan, which will be submitted to the US Dept of HUD on or about May 10, 2021. The Annual Action Plan serves as the City's grant application for Community Development Block Grant Funds and sets the goals and budgets for the use of funds. A copy of the Annual Action Plan is available for review online or at the City Manager's Office. Comments may be given via e-mail to: melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov, by phone at (540) 731-3603, or by mail to Community Developer, 10 Robertson St, Radford, VA 24141. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. May 7, 2021.

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room at the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1) Hold public hearing to consider amending Chapter 66, Article I In General, Section 66-9, Article III Construction Location, Division 1 Generally, Section 66-73, Article IV Permitted Signs by Use and District, Section 66-107, and Article V Definitions, Section 66-151, of the CODE OF

Legals - City of Salem

THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs.

2) Hold public hearing to consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-204.3(B)1, 106-208.3(B)1, 106-213.3(B)1 pertaining to single-family dwellings; Article III Use & Design Standards, Section 106-304.5(B)(D) pertaining to home occupations, Article IV Development Standards, Section 106-404.11(A)(E) pertaining to parking, Article V Administration, Sections 106-504(A), 106-514, 106-518 pertaining to zoning permits, enforcement, and civil penalties of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be obtained from the Office of the City Planner, Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL121000326-00
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.

FEBRUARY 24, 2021
Bridget Adams
Deputy Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

County of Montgomery, Virginia Synopsis of Advertised Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

This budget synopsis is prepared and published pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of Code of Virginia, for information and fiscal planning purposes only.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 8, 2021 at 6:15 P.M. at the County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the advertised budget.

A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltman St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg.

EXPENDITURES:	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Board of Supervisors	\$ 270,632	\$ 282,425	\$ 11,793
County Administration	\$ 1,956,788	\$ 2,104,749	\$ 147,961
County Attorney	\$ 382,368	\$ 383,225	\$ 857
Financial & Management Services	\$ 1,225,460	\$ 1,018,450	\$ (207,010)
Insurance	\$ 208,195	\$ 210,695	\$ 2,500
Information Technology	\$ 2,015,760	\$ 2,135,796	\$ 120,036
Commissioner of the Revenue-State	\$ 561,856	\$ 588,651	\$ 26,795
Assessment-100% County	\$ 479,677	\$ 490,370	\$ 10,693
Treasurer-State	\$ 482,702	\$ 492,165	\$ 9,463
Collections-100% County	\$ 531,481	\$ 506,505	\$ (24,976)
Electoral Board/Director of Elections	\$ 485,484	\$ 473,570	\$ (11,914)
Commonwealth Attorney	\$ 1,249,358	\$ 1,282,063	\$ 32,705
Courts	\$ 262,008	\$ 267,247	\$ 5,239
Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$ 715,542	\$ 779,147	\$ 63,605
Sheriff-State	\$ 8,066,081	\$ 8,213,115	\$ 147,034
Sheriff-100% County	\$ 7,178,602	\$ 7,323,178	\$ 144,576
Fire Departments and Rescue Squads	\$ 1,487,781	\$ 1,494,981	\$ 7,200
Animal Care and Adoption Center	\$ 631,681	\$ 652,869	\$ 21,188
General Services	\$ 6,348,344	\$ 6,685,685	\$ 337,341
Children's Services Act	\$ 1,651,969	\$ 1,651,969	\$ -
Human Services	\$ 378,338	\$ 392,725	\$ 14,387
Public Health Department	\$ 604,488	\$ 604,488	\$ -
Social Services	\$ 6,228,024	\$ 6,364,979	\$ 136,955
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,257,701	\$ 1,296,123	\$ 38,422
Regional Library	\$ 2,246,303	\$ 2,347,680	\$ 101,377
Planning & GIS	\$ 948,750	\$ 948,167	\$ (583)
Economic Development	\$ 434,156	\$ 460,975	\$ 26,819
Other Agencies	\$ 2,708,739	\$ 2,762,426	\$ 53,687
Contingencies-General	\$ 526,307	\$ 536,307	\$ 10,000
Contingencies-Special	\$ 7,836,404	\$ 526,000	\$ (7,310,404)
Revenue Refunds	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 59,555,979	\$ 53,471,725	\$ (6,084,254)
Law Library	\$ 17,600	\$ 17,600	\$ -
SCHOOLS:			
School Operating	\$ 113,745,153	\$ 121,984,741	\$ 8,239,588
School Capital	\$ 2,146,173	\$ 2,195,645	\$ 49,472
School Nutrition	\$ 5,228,004	\$ 4,633,474	\$ (594,530)
Subtotal:	\$ 121,119,330	\$ 128,813,860	\$ 7,694,530
County Capital	\$ 3,531,173	\$ 3,580,645	\$ 49,472
Debt Service	\$ 24,722,725	\$ 24,722,725	\$ -
Economic Development	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ -
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 209,326,807	\$ 210,986,555	\$ 1,659,748
RESOURCES:	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
REVENUE:			
General Undesignated Revenue:			
Current Property Taxes (1)	\$ 101,562,376	\$ 103,807,971	\$ 2,245,595
Delinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue	\$ 2,996,000	\$ 2,996,000	\$ -
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 10,301,540	\$ 10,081,222	\$ (220,318)
Undesignated Consumer Utility Tax	\$ 1,659,000	\$ 1,628,000	\$ (31,000)
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -
All Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,370,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ (45,000)
Interest on Investments	\$ 895,999	\$ 113,268	\$ (782,731)
All Other Undesignated Revenue	\$ 546,384	\$ 620,384	\$ 74,000
Total Undesignated Revenue	\$ 120,131,299	\$ 121,371,845	\$ 1,240,546
General Designated Revenue	\$ 20,009,464	\$ 14,833,608	\$ (5,175,856)
Law Library Designated Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
School Operating Designated Revenue	\$ 62,326,540	\$ 68,516,128	\$ 6,189,588
Other School Designated Resources	\$ 5,228,004	\$ 4,633,474	\$ (594,530)
Debt Service Designated	\$ 1,613,900	\$ 1,613,900	\$ -
Total Designated Revenue	\$ 89,192,908	\$ 89,612,110	\$ 419,202
Law Library Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
Total Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 209,326,807	\$ 210,986,555	\$ 1,659,748

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Amend

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According to Cantrell, the two-month balance based on the current FY22 Revenue Forecast would be \$1,326,433. The four-month balance based on current FY22 Revenue Forecast would be \$2,652,866. The numbers change at least annually as the General Fund revenue budget changes.

"The policy revision raises the target from two months to four months, which is more in line with what I've seen as a safer amount for us to maintain," said Cantrell. "Our current policy only requires a two-month balance; however, we have been keeping closer to a four-month balance over the last couple years and we have seen a much-improved cash flow over the last couple of years. "After the 2008-2010 re-

cession, many governments did not have adequate fund balance and the recovery took a much slower path than anticipated," she added. "After that recession and recovery, the financial guidance started to say to keep more on hand than two months, and I have seen some recommendations for some small local governments to consider as much as a six-months target of Fund Balance based on risk."

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) guidance provides that each individual government needs to consider their unique factors on setting an appropriate level, but under no circumstances would they recommend having less than two months.

As for the use of Reserve Funds under the amended policy:

Economic Uncertainty-Funds reserved under this category shall be used to mitigate annual revenue shortfalls (actual revenues less than projected revenues) due to slowdown in local economic conditions as well as reductions in revenues caused by actions by state/federal governments. Should any unanticipated reductions in revenues be deemed to be recurring, adjustments will be made in the following budget to reflect revised revenue projections. Any reserve funds expended within this category that result in year-end reserves below the established policy floor level shall be restored in the subsequent

budget year. However, if the reserve level falls to below 10% of budgeted General Fund Revenues, the Town Council may restore funds over a multi-year period.

Emergency Reserve-Funds reserved under this category shall be used to mitigate costs associated with unforeseen emergencies, including natural disasters. Should unforeseen and unavoidable events occur that require expenditure of Town resources beyond those provided for in the annual budget, the town manager shall have the authority to approve appropriation of Emergency Reserve Funds.

Working Capital-The town uses a pooled cash method of accounting, which accounts for funds separately on the General Ledger, but allows cash balances to be combined in banking institutions for ease of use and/or higher interest earnings. The town treasurer may use the Unassigned Fund Balance during the year to provide adequate cash flow for expenditure needs during low periods

of revenue collection or to account for reimbursable expenditures. If the Unassigned Fund Balance is not adequate to meet anticipated cash flow needs, the treasurer will work with the impacted departments to create a plan of action to avoid overspending of available cash reserves.

As for excess Fund Balance, after the end of each fiscal year, the Treasurer's Office/Finance Department will report on the audited year-end budgetary fiscal results. Should actual General Fund revenues exceed expenditures, a year-end operating surplus shall be reported. Any year-end operating surplus which results in the General Fund balance exceeding the policy target level shall be deemed available for allocation for the following, subject to council approval:

Transfer to the Capital Fund for appropriation within the Capital Improvement Program Budget and/or Deferred Maintenance Program for nonrecurring needs or establishing a balance for future Capital Proj-

ects. Re-evaluate items from the subsequent year's operating budget that were not funded because of concern of budget shortfalls and provide for one-time, nonrecurring needs.

It is the intent of Town Council to limit use of fund balances in the General Fund to address unanticipated one-time needs. Fund Balances shall not be applied to recurring annual operating expenditures.

Periodically, Cantrell presents to council a financial report which includes the town's cash and investments. The January 2021 Financial Report shows a cash balance of \$4 million and investments of \$3.3 million, for a total of approximately \$7.3 million. Sounds very healthy—and it is—but cash and investments do not equal fund balance.

"Fund Balance is like taking a snapshot of available funding, of a town's financial position, at any certain point in time," explains Cantrell. "It doesn't necessarily equal cash on hand in the report because it includes short-term liabilities and receivables in its calculation where the cash may not have been spent or received yet."

An article in the Port City Daily newspaper in Wilmington, N.C., explains in "A lesson in governmental book-keeping: Fund Balance 101," that government finances are not the same thing as a personal checking account. You can't think of fund balances the same way as keeping cash in a regular checking account. A General Fund balance is a measure of equity between revenues and expenditures. It's the measure of the financial health of a governmental fund. It is also a driving factor behind maintaining tax rates. It is essential to keep a high level of fund balance (or as much as you can) to mitigate your current risk, future risk, and to ensure that you have a stable tax base."


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