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Town Council and the Planning Commission met in a joint session and public hearing on April 6 and approved rezoning of Gish Mill to Mixed Use Development, allowing the redevelopment project to proceed.

Gish Mill property rezoned for redevelopment

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Vinton Town Council and the Vinton Planning Commission unanimously approved the rezoning of the historic Gish Mill property from M-1 (Limited Industrial) to Mixed Use Development (MUD) District at their joint meeting on April 6. The rezoning will allow Gish Mill to be redeveloped into a mixed-use property to accommodate restaurant, retail, residential, and lodging uses. Approval was granted after a public hearing at the council meeting.

Vinton Principal Planner Nathan McClung reviewed the project in depth at the public hearing—a presentation he had made previously to council at the March meeting and to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. The project has been under discussion at various council meetings for years since the town purchased the property in 2015 at an investment cost of \$126,000 (including both property and legal fees).

Two main concerns exist with the Gish Mill property—it lies in the 100-year flood plain and parts of the building date from the 1770s. The town and developers Gish Mill Davii, LLC (David Hill and David Trinkle), needed to determine the feasibility of redeveloping the property and whether it would be safe.

Assessments have determined that the building is structurally sound. Draper Aden Associates has verified that the project will not cause a rise in the base flood elevation. Variances to the flood plain ordinance were granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals on March 30. The Planning Commission recommended going forward with the project as well.

Plans are for the property on Gus Nicks Boulevard along Glade Creek to accommodate 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.

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 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, to convert the property to mixed-use development. A contract was signed in April 2020.

Phase I and II environmental assessments have been completed, as well as historic reviews 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.

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.

McClung told council that the architectural team has addressed the flood issue from both safety and design aspects. He described one of those unique features as installation of 41-44 flood vents placed strategically throughout the structure in case of a flood event. Utilities will be elevated. Waterproof insulation will be used. Plumbing fixtures will be used which prevent back-ups. Proposed lodging is far above the flood level, with a greater buffer than required.

He walked council and the Planning Commission through a set of site plans, schematics, and architectural renderings.

Town staff recommended the rezoning as “the redevelopment of the property will promote and

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Vinton Woman’s Club, Vinton Police partner to plant annual Pinwheel Garden

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The GFWC Woman’s Club of Vinton and the Vinton Police Department held their annual Pinwheel Garden planting at the Vinton Municipal Building on April 2. The two organizations partner to plant the pinwheels in the raised flower beds in front of the building to draw the public’s attention to National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The pinwheels remain in place during the month of April.

Woman’s Club spokesperson Kathryn Sowers accepted a proclamation from Town Council at the council meeting on April 6, declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Proclamation states in part that “the health and safety of all citizens is important to the prosperity and well-being of our families and communities; and our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of the Vinton community. Child abuse is considered to be one of our nation’s most serious public health problems, and the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community. We acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and how we can prevent it, because prevention remains the best defense for our children.

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Members of the GFWC Woman’s Club of Vinton and the Vinton Police Department partnered once again to plant a Pinwheel Garden at the Vinton Municipal Building in observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pictured are (from left): front row, Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, Camilla Cabiness, Carol Guilliams-Mills, Vicki Newburn, Kathryn Sowers, Mary Kay Brown and Darcy, Vinton Executive Assistant/Town Clerk Susan Johnson, and Hazel Moody; back row, Sgt. Michael Caldwell, Mayor Brad Gross, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, Councilman Mike Stovall, Judy Banik, and Ardy Kidd. Also assisting were Sgt. Scott Hurt, Officer William Holland, and Cpl. Silas Chapman, along with Human Resources and Risk Management Director Donna Collins, Police Executive Assistant Mandie Baker and Johnsey Cabiness.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Mandie Baker, Donna Collins, Susan Johnson, and Mayor Brad Grose plant pinwheels at the Municipal Building on April 2 to mark April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Vinton Public Works beautifies its grounds

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Public Works employees and veterans Kevin Orange (left) and Jimmy Brown raised the American and Virginia flags at the Public Works Department building on Third Street.



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Vinton Public Works employees gathered for a flag raising ceremony on April 1.

The Vinton Public Works Department has installed two new flag poles at the facility on Third Street, now flying a new American flag and the Virginia state flag. The installation was completed by American Pride Flagpoles LLC, who also recently installed a new flagpole at the Vinton Police Department entrance to the Municipal Building and at the Vinton Farmers Market.

The Public Works Department held a ceremonial flag-raising ceremony on April 1, with the American flag being raised by employee Kevin Orange, a United States Army veteran who served from 1982-1988, and the state flag being raised by Jimmy Brown, who served in the United States Marine Corps in the 1990s. Orange is the wastewater operator for the Town of Vinton; Brown is the chief mechanic.

Public Works Director William “Bo” Herndon said that Public Works has completed landscaping the lawn of the building surrounding the flagpoles and added landscape lighting as well for the flagpoles. The lighting was donated and installed by Alvin Mathis of Corell Electrical, which has been doing some electrical work at the Vinton History Museum in recent days. The Public Works building was constructed in the 1980s and has needed some sprucing up, including a new awning and a coat of paint.

Several Town of Vinton facilities have made improvements during the pandemic, including the Municipal Building and the Vinton War Memorial, thanks in part to CARES Act Funding

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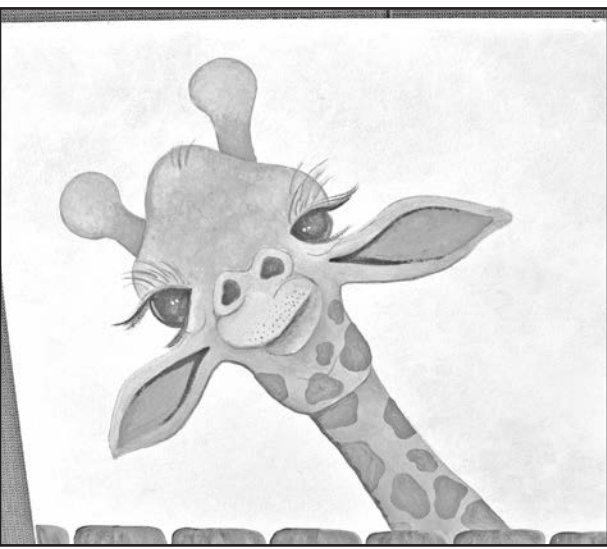
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Taubman exhibit features ceiling tile art by local students and teachers



William Byrd High School art teacher Allyson Goin won second place among Roanoke County art teachers for her "Howdy, Neighbor" ceiling tile painting recently on display at the Taubman Museum of Art. The ceiling tiles will be installed to cheer up patients at Carilion Hospital and other Carilion facilities.



William Byrd High School/Burton Center for Arts and Technology student Andrea Gonzalez won second place in the BCAT students category at the Taubman Ceiling Tile art show for her painting, "Dog."



"Happy Bunny" by William Byrd Middle School art teacher Rob Mitchell

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Carilion Clinic and the Taubman Museum of Art have partnered to support healing through art by enlisting groups from the community to participate in the "Healing Ceilings: Community Tile Project."

Over 250 ceiling tiles have been painted during the project for installation at Carilion Hospital and other Carilion Clinic facilities "for the enjoyment of patients." About 100 of those tiles have been painted by Roanoke County Public Schools art teachers and art students at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology in the Center for

Visual Arts. For the BCAT students, art instructor Pam Rose says, "The project was part of the requirements for the museum studies part of our program which is partnered with the Taubman Museum of Art. The tiles were well painted, with child-friendly images for the pediatric area of the hospital."

The tiles painted by Roanoke County teachers and students were on display from March 26-28 and April 2-4 at the Taubman Art Museum in downtown Roanoke. Tiles painted by other organizations such as Roanoke City Schools, local homeschool groups, the Community Youth Program, Total Action for Prog-

ress, the Science Museum of Western Virginia LAB, and local artist groups have also been, or soon will be, on display.

Sara Cubberly, RCPS Art Supervisor, says the tiles are meant to "bring healing and comfort to those who are there."

"Best in Show" winners have been selected from each group. William Byrd High School art teacher Allyson Goin won second place among teachers in the RCPS group for her painting of a whimsical giraffe entitled "Howdy, Neighbor."

Vinton area art teachers participating in the project include Ciara Carr, Allyson Goin, and Denise Sartell from William Byrd High School, Rob Mitch-

ell from William Byrd Middle School, Wendy Pease from W. E. Cundiff Elementary, Kathleen Lunsford from Bonsack Elementary, Ginny Patrick from Mount Pleasant Elementary, and Aimee Oesterreich from Herman L. Horn Elementary.

WBHS/BCAT seniors Andrea Gonzalez, Urunna Anyanwu, and Nick Boksa also created tiles for the project. Gonzalez won second place in the student category for her endearing ceiling tile painting, "Dog." Their instructor is Natalie Strum.

WBHS freshman Alice Crowder entered her work "Alice's Last Supper." Her art teacher at BCAT is Cathy Wat-

son-Bloch. William Byrd sophomores with ceiling tiles in the exhibit included Addisyn Ackley with "Distracted Cat," Cadence Fralin with "Blue Berry Punch," and Alejandro Lopez with "The Crazy Old G." Their BCAT instructor in the Center for Visual Arts is Pam Rose.

A final exhibition featuring the "Best in Show" for all participating groups is scheduled for June 4-6 and 11-13 at the Taubman before the tiles are installed at Carilion.

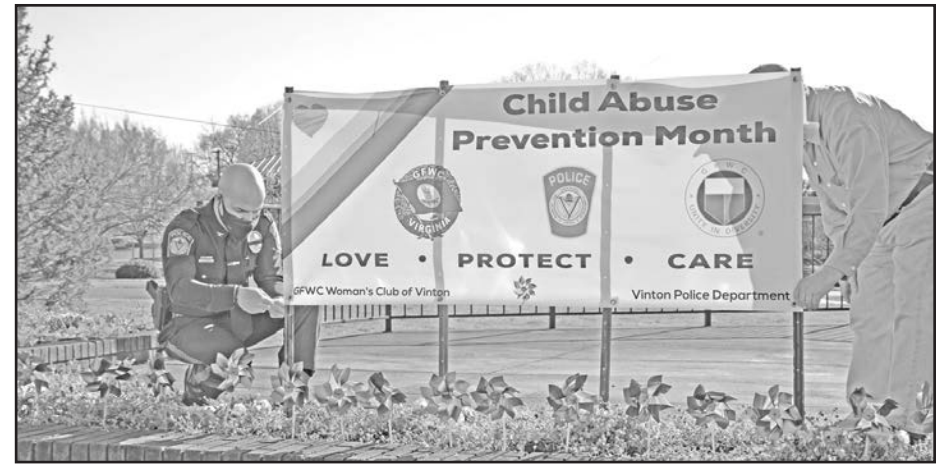
The "Healing Ceilings" project got underway during the 2019-2020 school year but was delayed when schools closed for COVID-19.

Pinwheel Garden

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Cpl. Silas Chapman assisted with the planting of the Pinwheel Garden on April 2.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond plants the new banner designed by the police department for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"Displaying pinwheels during the month of April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and neglect and keep our children safe. The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Vinton Women's Club and the Vinton Police Department have worked together in partnership to raise awareness and promote the prevention of child abuse in our community."

In accepting the Proclamation, Sowers told

council, "On behalf of the GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton and the Vinton Police Department we would like to thank the Town of Vinton for allowing us to 'plant' our blue and silver pinwheel garden. Thanks to Chief Fabricio Drumond, Sgt. Michael Caldwell, Sgt. Scott Hurt, Officer William Holland, and Cpl. Silas Chapman for partnering with our club members with the planting that took place on April 2nd to promote National Child

Abuse Awareness Prevention Month. Thanks also to Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, Councilman Mike Stovall, Susan Johnson, Donna Collins and Mandie Baker for helping us plant the pinwheel garden."

She also thanked the police department for creating the newly designed banners on display in the gardens.

Sowers went on to tell council about the General Federation of Women's Clubs "as we celebrate 130

years of service and volunteering. In all 50 states and more than a dozen countries, our members work locally to create changes. GFWC clubwomen are mothers, sisters, wives, daughters, doctors, teachers, CEOs and community leaders who are dedicated to enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

"Similar gardens have been planted all across the United States including at our organization's headquarters in Washington D.C., during April, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Every year, clubwomen raise awareness of child abuse and promote healthy childhoods by planting pinwheel gardens. Prevent Child Abuse introduced the pinwheel in 2008 as the official symbol of great childhoods. The pinwheel reminds us of our own childhoods and the fact that all children deserve to be happy and healthy.

"In addition, GFWC has earned a reputation as a powerful force in the fight against domestic violence," Sowers said. "GFWC adopted as our signature project to work bringing hope to victims and survivors of domestic violence and abuse. Each year over 4.1 million referrals are made to child protection agencies involving 7.4 million children. A report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds and neglect is the Number One form of abuse. GFWC members care because we all play a role in children's lives and because the costs are too high. We must 'Step up, Stand up, Speak up, Report it.' Together we can prevent child abuse because childhood lasts a lifetime.

"The Pinwheels for Prevention campaign provides a unique opportuni-

ty for all of us to work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment. Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families. All children deserve great childhoods because our children are our future. Thank you for helping us as we are building community, building Hope.

"This year we have added support and encourage the awareness of autism by wearing blue for World Autism Awareness Day. Autism Awareness Day is about celebrating and recognizing people on the autism spectrum, as well as researching and fundraising initiatives which promote inclusivity for people with autism. The world's understanding of autism as a disorder has changed drastically over time. Until the second half of the 20th century, only people with severe symptoms were diagnosed with autism, and those who were diagnosed were often institutionalized. Autism was believed to result from poor parenting or vaccinations, instead of understood as a neurological disorder. Thankfully, special events such as the Power of One March, awareness campaigns at schools, and autism self-advocacy have increased the world's understanding and acceptance of autism.

"In 2007, the organization Autism Speaks created Autism Awareness Day. The United Nations passed a resolution to adopt the holiday, and in 2008, the day was celebrated worldwide as it has been ever since. On April 2nd, we celebrate the members of our communities, families, and world

who live with autism for their diversity and unique talents.

Chief Drumond's message from the police department to the community in supporting Child Abuse Prevention Month is, "Our kids are our national treasure. They are the measure and the true visual representation of a continuing legacy. As we become adults, we foster our children so that they become an even better version of ourselves.

"As an organization built on the premise of community, compassion, and the rule of law, it is only proper that we shed light and bring awareness on such a critical issue as child abuse.

"In a world with so much adversity, our children need unconditional love, guidance, and the feeling of belonging. It is through positive upbringing that we influence a child's development during the critical stages of their lives. Healthy childhood development promotes an engaged future in community strength.

"The more of ourselves we invest in our children, the more we'll get back; everyone can have a role in the development of healthy adults. Understand the pressures that our youth are facing today. Our kids should be our priority. The pressures of adulthood will undoubtedly come. Our kids are distinct by age and have different needs during different stages of life.

"No child should ever feel alone, and no child should ever be victimized unjustifiably by abuse in all its forms. Instances of unwarranted neglect will give a lifelong undeniable notion of the existence of pain. Be compassionate. Be a beacon of light for our kids."

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Angie
Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

I hope everyone had a great Easter! We had a great dinner at our home (Angie and Greg). Thankfully it was a beautiful day to get outside. Joining us for the day, of course, Bootie and Greg Chewning, Ab-

bie Lewis, Drake, Hannah, Tara and Steve Jones, Michelle, Brian and Devin Barklow, Vickie and Kent Smith and a surprise visit by Jimmy and Suzanne Bell and Lindsey and Amber Wells in from Richmond.

Newly engaged? Virtual Wedding Crawl coming up on April 11

“Have you recently gotten engaged?” is the question from the Roanoke Wedding Network. “In the whirlwind of excitement, the organization’s Wedding Crawl is designed to help couples take the next step in planning their perfect wedding,” the announcement said.

The Roanoke Wedding Network typically hosts a Wedding Crawl in downtown Roanoke each spring featuring venues, photographers, videographers, cakes, catering, coordinators, DJs, and anything else couples need on their wedding day.

Last year’s event was cancelled due to COVID-19. This year’s event is going to be 100 percent virtual—due to restrictions currently in place. Couples will be able to see some of the best wedding vendors in the area from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

“We thought this year we would give all

of our Roanoke Wedding Network members a chance to submit a one-to-three-minute video and release them on April 11, live on Facebook,” said Chasity Barbour, director of Community Programs and Facilities for the Town of Vinton. The Vinton War Memorial owned by the town is one of the venues featured in the Wedding Crawl.

The virtual Wedding Crawl begins at 1 p.m. on April 11.

“To all of our newly engaged couples, we are giving away the chance at a \$500 Visa gift card,” Barbour explained. “All they do is sign up at www.roanokeweddingnetwork.com and they will be automatically entered into a random drawing/giveaway. They will also get a list of vendors along with their website and contact information.”

For more information, check out the Roanoke Wedding Network Facebook page.

OBITUARY

Patricia Darlene Bradshaw

Patricia Darlene Bradshaw, 82, of Dover, Pa., passed away on April 5, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Juanita (Scott) Poff; sisters, Judy Poff Rock, Sandra Poff Craven and Kathy Poff Doran; brothers-in-law, Kemper Mills, Charles Michael Doran IV, David Barnhart and Charles Craven.

She is survived by her loving husband, Autie “Marty” Bradshaw; son, Kevin Bradshaw and wife, Shauna; daughter, Kristen Lang and husband, James; grandchildren, Derek, Katie, Alex, Hunter, Kylee, Ethan and Owen; great-granddaughter, Kendall; siblings, Charles I. Poff Jr. and wife Pat, Carolyn Poff Barnhart, and Cindy Poff; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pattie was a longtime resident of Vinton, prior to her relocation to Dover, Pa. and was actively involved in her community and church. She enjoyed many years of running her kids to sports practice, dance lessons, volunteering in rec



leagues, singing in the church choir and sitting on the hillside with her friends watching a ball game. She retired from Vistar Eye Center in 2003. She enjoyed dancing, laughing, spending time with friends and loved being surrounded by her entire family. Pattie adored her grandchildren and was the best storyteller. She always

made sure all the children in her family, nieces and nephews included, had a storybook to enjoy.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 2-3 p.m. at Heffner Funeral Chapel & Crematory Inc., 1551 Kenneth Road, York. A service will be at 3 p.m. at the funeral chapel, officiating will be the Rev. Dr. Eddie D. D. Miller. A burial will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to Flight 93 Memorial, PO Box 911, Shanksville, Pa. 15560. Condolences can be sent on Heffner-care.com.



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Teresa Lyons is an entrepreneur in this year’s Gauntlet Business Program and Competition with plans to open a non-profit to provide intensive educational services to children living on the poverty level.

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“Did you know that the poverty rate in Roanoke is 21.6 percent in comparison to 11.2 percent for the Commonwealth of Virginia? What we know is that 43 percent of adults living in poverty have low literacy rates leading to generational illiteracy and innumeracy. It is well established that the children of adults living in poverty come to school with a readiness gap leading to lower test scores and higher drop-out rates. We also know that these children move quickly through the school-to-prison pipeline.”

That’s the opening of the elevator pitch from Teresa Lyons, an entrepreneur in this year’s Gauntlet Business Program and Competition. Now in its seventh year, the Gauntlet has welcomed a host of different businesses—both new and expanding—for a 10-week session of business classes, followed by a competition for approximately \$300,000 annually in cash and in-kind prizes.

Participants are asked to come up with a succinct speech to introduce their business to someone they might randomly encounter on an elevator ride.

Lyons’ elevator speech continues, “Through the application of the science of learning, we are leading the way in addressing the readiness for learning gap for the neediest of Roanoke’s citizens. We bring high quality and rigorous instruction to our children through a model that provides individualized instruction delivered by learning scientists that are trained and certified in the application of the science of learning across core academic subjects including reading and mathematics. We quickly close the achievement gap for our children at a rate of one to two years of academic growth in only three months’ time. We are a non-profit creating a path

towards academic excellence that will enable the children of the Roanoke Valley to dream big, accomplish those dreams and to contribute to our future economy.”

“I am in the Gauntlet to start a non-profit that would provide this same rigorous scientific model of instruction to individuals that are unable to access intensive learning services,” said Lyons.

This is not Lyons’ first business. She has been running an educational consulting business since 2014. She now owns Fit Learning Roanoke, which is “the only precision teaching learning lab in the Commonwealth of Virginia. There are currently 40 labs operating in the world. We are a learning lab that produces one to two years of academic growth in 40 hours of instruction.”

The new business she is developing is yet unnamed, but is a non-profit connected to the work of Fit Learning Roanoke. It will be housed in the same location as Fit Learning in the Cave Spring area of Roanoke.

“In 2017, I opened a Fit Learning Center and in 2019, I opened Academics Accelerated which provides training to educators and services to individuals needing tutoring services to address exam prep,” Lyons explains.

“In 2019, I participated in the Gauntlet and came in seventh place for my new venture, Academics Accelerated,” said Lyons. She also won \$10,145 in cash and prizes in that competition.

Lyons originally learned about the Gauntlet program through several women entrepreneurs who were part of the FemCity group.

In the 2019 Gauntlet session, “I learned so much in the process of growing my business,” Lyons says. “The non-profit world is a new venture for me, and I am looking for support in how to set it up, how to create a board and by-laws, and how to engage in fund-raising.”

Gauntlet entrepreneur establishes non-profit to benefit cognitive fitness in children



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Teresa Lyons first participated in the Gauntlet Business Program and Competition in 2019, winning seventh place and over \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

Lyons has worked in the field of education for 20 years including as an early childhood special education teacher, an elementary special education teacher for children with autism spectrum disorders, a member of a division assistive technology team, an autism/inclusion specialist, a regional disabilities coordinator, a low incidence disabilities coordinator with Virginia Tech’s Training and Technical Assistance Center, a technical assistance associate with the Virginia Commonwealth University’s Autism Center for Excellence, and as an educational consultant, before becoming director of the Precision Teaching Learning Lab.

In 2012, Lyons became a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). She received her Master’s of Education from Lynchburg College and her Bachelor of Arts from St. Joseph’s College in Patchogue, N.Y.

Her work has proven to be very important to the families of children with learning disabilities, dyslexia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia, autism, ADHD, and more. Fit Roanoke programs include FIT reading, math, logic, writing, and penmanship, and a program for early learners, Lil’ Fit.

Lyons says the most challenging aspect of setting up her new business has been “running all of the essential operations of the business as well as providing the services of the business at the same time. As we are on the grow, finding and training new learning coaches presents a new challenge as the work we do requires skilled individuals who are passionate about science and our mission of transforming the lives of children.”

When asked how the Gauntlet has helped her thus far, Lyons says, “I have found the numerous business leaders and their mentorship to be most helpful. I have found that their ability to see

through the details to look at the big picture has been instrumental in pushing me forward in my vision.”

This year’s Gauntlet program is virtual. Lyons says meeting virtually is not particularly challenging, but “the piece that I miss the most is the face-to-face networking. Virtual has created limitations to the level of networking that I participated in during the 2019 Gauntlet.”

Gauntlet participants are asked to identify the clients they plan to serve. Lyons says hers will be the “families

of children living in poverty. I plan to partner with existing organizations that use volunteers to provide services.

It my goal to work with them to identify those children who need more intensive services than can be provided by their organization.”

Gauntlet entrepreneurs are also asked to evaluate the competition their business will face. Lyons says there is little competition in her field.

“The existing non-profits use volunteers to provide more of a tutoring/enrich-

ment experience,” she says. “We will be the only organization providing a rigorous, scientific model to children in need of intensive academic interventions.”

Gauntlet business classes end in April with business plans judged and finalists announced for the competition. Those finalists will pitch their businesses to a panel in mid-May. Lyons plans to enter the competition once again for cash and prizes. Winners will be revealed at the Graduation and Awards Ceremony at the end of May.

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Vinton First Aid Crew continues to serve the community

The Vinton First Aid Crew had a busy year in 2020.

“As you can imagine, the pandemic had quite an impact on us,” said Assistant Chief Chris Sayre. “Many of our members work in the hospital on top of volunteering with our organization, so they were really fighting this pandemic on two fronts. A few of our members contracted COVID-19. We ensured that they followed the proper procedure regarding quarantine and safely returning to duty after they were symptom-free. Our recruitment of new members has also been hampered by the pandemic.”

Yet, in spite of the pandemic, volunteers managed to serve the areas of Vinton, East Roanoke County, and

beyond, with dedication, as always.

In 2020, truck markup was 4,244 out of 5,640 hours for a 75 percent rating; 58 percent were Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls; 41 percent were Basic Life Support (BLS) calls.

There were a total of 1,238 volunteer calls. The First Aid Crew responded to 698 calls (56 percent) and transported 365 individuals.

The Vinton First Aid Crew was founded in 1939 and celebrated their 80th anniversary in October 2019. The volunteers assist with all types of calls ranging from providing emergency medical services, to assisting the Vinton Fire Department with house fires, to natural disasters, car wrecks, or assisting someone who has

fallen or needs their vitals checked.

The Vinton First Aid Crew assists with standbys at William Byrd football games and special events in the town. The members provide

public education opportunities to help citizens be more informed.

Current officers are Chief and Chaplain Tom Philpott, Assistant Chief Chris Sayre, Captain Mitch Vaughan,

First Lieutenant Megan Sayre, Second Lieutenant Chase Caldwell, Sergeant and Interim President Jason Peters, Treasurer Sydney Myers, Secretary Sandy Sayre, and Public Relations

Officer Brandon Arthur. “Anyone interested in volunteering to help the community, please go to www.vintonems.org,” Sayre says. “We would love to hear from you.”



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Vinton First Aid Crew volunteers provide standby services at William Byrd High School football games. Shown left to right are Logan Klepal, Lainey Audet, Haley Blair, Chase Caldwell, and Assistant Chief Chris Sayre.

K9 unit visits Girl Scout Troop 822



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured left to right are Sgt. Tony Ayers, Officer Gwen Baskcomb, Hope, Annika, Sophie, Kelsey, Riley and Officer Kristina Wilhelm when the Roanoke County K9 unit visited Girl Scout Troop 822.

The K9 unit from the Roanoke County Police Department visited Girl Scout Troop 822 recently. The K9 Unit is an essential tool in the department’s proactive approach to the suppression of the use and distribution of illegal narcotics in Roanoke County. As part of that effort, one of the primary functions is to detect and eradicate illegal narcotics in schools, neighborhoods and on the streets.

Sgt. Tony Ayers, along with Officers Kristina Wilhelm and Gwen Baskcomb, brought K9s Ghost and Doerak to show the troop some of the important jobs the K9 patrol provides. They demonstrated to the scouts the bond the dogs and their handlers have and the special gear the dogs need to wear to keep them safe.

The dogs sniffed out different objects to demonstrate how they find the

people or objects they are looking for. The girls were able to pet the dogs and ask questions. As a special thank you the girls gave the officers some “Thank you, Hero” nuts from the Girl Scouts fall fundraiser.

Troop 822 meets at Villa Heights Baptist Church on Challenger Avenue in the Bonsack area of Roanoke County. Troop leaders are Andee Thomas, Judy Moore, and Kelly Hoagland.

The K9 teams conduct public demonstrations on a regular basis to civic groups, scout troops, childcare centers, church groups and schools.

Sgt. Ayers says that organizations interested in a visit from the K9 program may contact him at tayers@roanokecountyva.gov or call him at 777-8678 to work out a time to “show off our K9 program.”

Gish Mill

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encourage the economic vitality of the community and

preserve a historic building while providing increased

economic investment. Additionally, the proposed uses will not adversely affect adjoining properties and will enhance the neighborhood by taking an important historical structure and repurposing it for a suitable alternative use that maintains the historic architecture and setting of the buildings. Adequate utilities and public facilities are already in place to serve the proposed end uses.”

The Gish Mill property will be the third MUD rezoning in the town in recent years. Two previous projects included the redevelopment of Roland E. Cook Elementary into the Roland E. Cook Lofts (Hill was involved with that project) and the Billy Byrd Apartments, which redeveloped the former William Byrd High School. According to the town, “both projects have proven to be a benchmark of success in the revitalization of historic buildings through the utili-

zation of historic tax credit programs and local government coordination (Vinton and Roanoke County).

Planning Commissioner Dave Jones commented that “Town Council has taken a lot of heat” from naysayers initially for purchasing the property. “Some advised tearing it down.” He went on to note that Gish Mill is “an important part of the town,” even appearing on the Vinton Town Seal, and “has been there forever.” It is located at one of the three gateways into the community.

Mayor Brad Grose said that its gateway location—after development—“set a good tone for the town.”

Councilman Keith Liles commended the “genius on the town staff” who originally asked David Hill to design proposals for the use of the Gish Mill property before eventually taking on the redevelopment project

himself.

In other business, council issued a proclamation declaring April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and thanked the GFWC Vinton Woman’s Club and the Vinton Police Department who partnered to plant a pinwheel garden at the Municipal Building to bring public awareness to the event. Woman’s Club member Kathryn Sowers addressed council on child abuse issues, why the GFWC clubs across the nation have taken on the annual project and expressed her thanks to the Vinton Police for their assistance.

Council also held a public hearing on setting real estate, personal property, and machinery and tool tax rates for 2021, led by Finance Director Anne Cantrell. The Town of Vinton real estate assessment value has increased by approximately 4.85 percent (a \$24.9 million increase to \$533 mil-

lion) this calendar year, minus new construction, increasing tax revenues by \$17,459.

Council adopted a resolution setting the tax rates for 2021. Real estate taxes will remain at \$.07 per \$100 of assessed value. Personal property tax rates will remain at \$1 per \$100 of assessed value.

Council also adopted a resolution, which they were briefed on at the last council meeting, to approve a new General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance Policy. The main changes of the policy include the 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.

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

If festivals are your interest, the Vinton area hosts several festivals throughout the year from the Vinton Dogwood Festival to the Vinton Fall Festival. Each festival offers its own unique atmosphere. When you are away from home it’s always nice to feel as if you never left.

The Town of Vinton provides small town character with urban services and amenities located nearby. The small town atmosphere is characterized by a low crime rate; small, locally, and regionally owned businesses; and moderately priced homes. Views of the mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway abound.

Vinton represents the ideal type of community, small enough to provide a feeling

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Vinton Dogwood Festival Virtual Shoebox Parade

The 2021 Vinton Dogwood Festival is sponsoring a Virtual Shoebox Parade for all ages.

Grab a shoe box or something similarly inspiring. Start with a base like a box from a recent online order delivery, an old shoe box, a crate, a tub, or a container of choice. It does not have to roll. It just needs to be able to be "pulled" by string for the actual parade.

Entries can be made from things you already have at home—flowers from the yard, craft supplies, construction paper, dolls/action figures, paper maché, clay, paint, markers, sequins, seeds, etc.

Floats can showcase an original design, recreate (or improve upon) a historical parade float, or tell a story. The category awards include: Commercial Float, Family/Individual Float, Non-profit Organization, School Club or Sports Team. There is no entry fee.

Bring the Shoebox Float to the Vinton War Memorial and complete an entry form on site, 814 E. Wash-

ington Avenue, by 12 noon April 19. The floats will be videoed and premiered on the Vinton Dogwood Festival Facebook page at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 24.

Shoebox Parade category winners will receive a commemorative certificate and prizes will be awarded. The category prizes will be local gifts and gift cards.

Rules & Regulations:

Your float can be made from a traditional cardboard shoebox or similar structure (be creative). The only restriction is, that it should be no larger than 9" x 13" and limited only by your imagination.

Decorations on the box should not exceed 15" tall.

Judging criteria is based on the theme, originality, creativity and construction of your float.

Entries and themes must be appropriate for a family audience.

Entries should contain no political statement, slogan or reference.

Use of any political or social material is not permitted.

All submissions must be received by Monday, April 19, at noon.

Registration for the Dogwood Festival Shoebox Parade and/or tagging @Vinton Dogwood Festival #VintonDogwoodFestival with related photos or videos on social media grants Vinton Dogwood Festival permission to use your images and footage on any platform.

Vinton Dogwood Festival board reserves the right to exclude any submissions that do not meet guidelines or that feature content not aligned with its mission.

Parade category winners will be chosen from eligible entries and decided at the sole discretion of our judges.

Winners will be announced after the parade and will receive prize notifications via email. Any physical awards must be picked up at Vinton War Memorial by Thursday, April 29, at 4 p.m. All prizes not picked up will be donated to local charities.

For more information contact Connie Houff at 540-312-3487.



PETS-OF-THE-WEEK



"King" 3 years old, Neutered Male. King is one of our longest residents here at RCACP. King loves car rides and going on hikes. He would be the perfect marathon training partner!

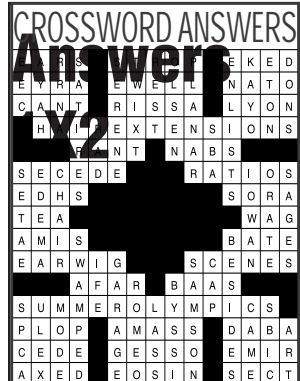


"Zeke" 2 years old, Neutered Male. Zeke is a shy guy but loves to be petted. He loves to explore his surroundings. He loves treats so much that when he hears the bag rattling, he comes running.



"Luke" 2 years old, Neutered Male. Luke is a very playful boy. He loves to go on hikes, play with toys, and ride in the car. He is very well behaved and even knows some tricks.

Submit your community news and photos to vintonmessenger@ourvalley.org



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ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH - located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

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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

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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

His Plans

Read Jeremiah 28:1 through 30:24

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

What a powerful promise! When our plans don't work out and the future looks bleak, it's comforting to turn to this passage. God knows. He's in control. He's got a plan, and it's a good one! As with all God's promises, however, we need to look at the context.

In Jeremiah 29:11, God was not promising to save the Israelites from their present circumstances. They would remain captive in Babylon for seventy years, but if they obeyed Him and

sought peace and prosperity for their captors, praying for them, God would bless the Israelites. And one day, He would end their exile and return them home to Jerusalem.

The key to unlocking God's promises is choosing to believe what He says and prayerfully seeking Him with all our hearts. In so doing, we can look beyond our own plans that have failed and rest in His perfect and good plan.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord God, please help me trust You and Your plans for me.

Quicklook: Jeremiah 29:4-14

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

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

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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.

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Legals - City of Radford

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ003895-07-03
RADFORD J&DR - JUVENILE DIVISION
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* CHRISLEY, KAYLEIGH MARIE
The object of this suit is to: TO LOCATE MOTHER KHASI CHRISLEY IN RE: MOTION TO AMEND CUSTODY
It is ORDERED that KHASI CHRISLEY appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 05/28/2021 11:00 AM

03/29/2021
Sally Davis
Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on April 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Aquarius Pools, Inc., contractor, and James and Kathryn Long, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(2) pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 825 Pendleton Drive, Tax Map # 67-6-1. The petitioners are requesting to construct an in-ground pool encroaching into the side yard.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM
Zoning Administrator

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 THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs.

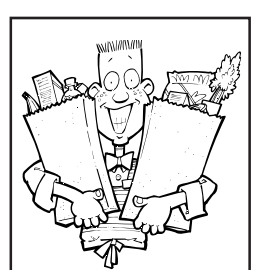
2) Hold public hearing to consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-204.3(B)1, 106-208.3(B)1, 106-213.3(B)1 pertaining to single-family dwellings; Article III Use & Design Standards, Section 106-304.5(B)(D) pertaining to home occupations, Article IV Development 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.

Legals - City of Salem

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
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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 Shelton 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	FY 2022	Increase (Decrease)
	Budget	Advertised Budget	
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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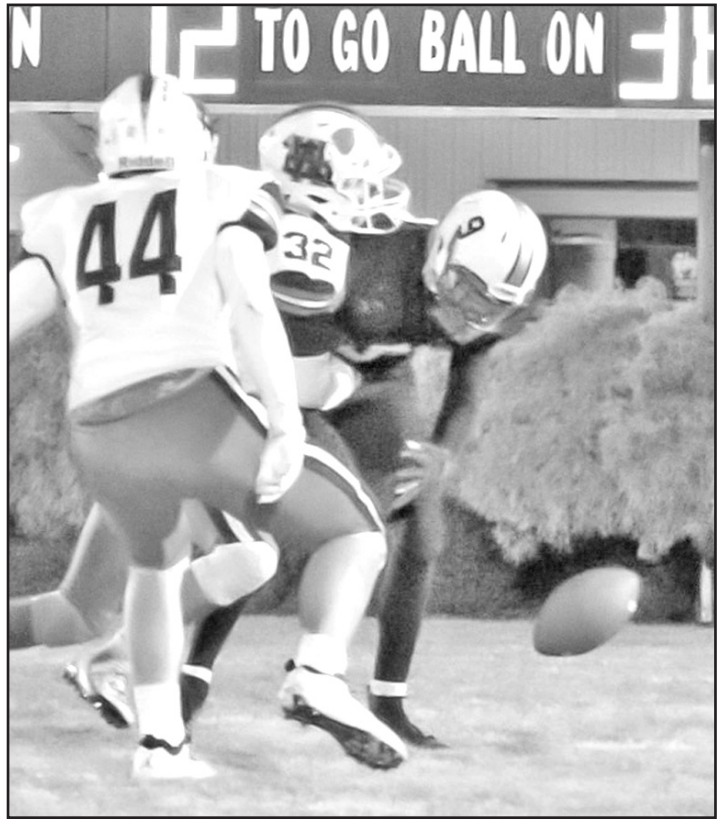


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Left, Byrd linemen Bryson Lutz(#50) and Hunter Richards(#56) open a big hole for El-amin Shareef. Right, Hayden Lyle(#32) forces a fumble against Staunton River as Nick Reedy(#44) rushes to assist in Friday's win in Moneta.

PHOTOS BY BILL HOAL

Terriers have "Plus One" game at Wilson Memorial Friday

The William Byrd Terriers didn't make the Region 3D playoffs, but their season is not over. Byrd will travel to Fishersville this Friday to play a "Plus One" game against host Wilson Memorial.

The "Plus One" game is offered to teams who did not qualify for the playoffs in the six game, pandemic shortened spring season. Normally eight teams would make the region quarterfinals but this year only four advance, going right to the semifinals. Byrd finished eighth and would be playing at top-seeded Lord Botetourt this week under the normal formula.

Instead, the Terriers are off to Fishersville to

play the Green Hornets, a Class 3 team from the Shenandoah District. Wilson Memorial is 4-2 and finished eighth in Region 3C, just like Byrd. The Hornets have no common opponents with the Terriers, beating Waynesboro(35-8), Buffalo Gap(27-14), Fort Defiance(21-8) and Staunton High(41-6). Their losses were to Riverheads(47-7) and Stuarts Draft(42-7).

"They have a strong football tradition that includes a state runner-up in 2014," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "Their district is strong and includes Riverheads and Stuarts Draft. They are a senior led team, who is coming off a dominate win against Staunton

High School."

Wilson Memorial comes in on a three game winning streak while the Terriers evened their record at 3-3 with a 33-14 win over Staunton River in Moneta last Friday. Freshman Israel Hairston got his first start at quarterback after senior Dylan Hatfield aggravated an ankle injury against Northside the week prior. Hairston will start again this week.

"Our team has a tremendous amount of confidence in Israel," said Lutz. "He is a very smart, tough, multi-sport athlete, and we didn't change any of our play calling. Our middle school and jayvee program run the same offense as our varsity, so he has already had two years using the terminology and scheme. Our offense rallied around him, and our older players made it a priority to bring him along in practice and protect him on Friday. It can't go without saying that Dylan Hatfield has done a great job mentoring him in practice and helped him on the sideline on Friday. Friday night and this week will be very valuable experience for him leading into next season."

Byrd never trailed against the Golden Eagles. The Terriers scored first on a 14 yard run by El-Amin Shareef but Staunton River hit on a 54 yard pass play to tie the game after one quarter. In the second period Shareef scored on a seven yard run and Hairston scored his first varsity touchdown on a five yard run for a 20-7 lead only to have River's Malakhi Gregory run back the ensuing kickoff 80 yards for a TD to cut Byrd's lead to 20-14 at



William Byrd's Tyler Dean(#22) is behind the defense for a 55 yard TD reception.

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Freshman Israel Hairston looks for a receiver in his first varsity start at quarterback.

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the half.

The Terriers controlled the second half, shutting out River. Shareef scored a third period TD on a 15 yard run and Hairston threw his first varsity TD pass in the fourth quarter, hitting Tyler Dean behind the secondary for a 55 yard strike and a 33-14 final.

"Our team controlled the game in all three phases," said Lutz. "Our offense remained balanced, while our defense had their best performance of the season. Special teams had a blocked punt and a huge return in the kicking game."

Shareef finished with 124 yards rushing on 20 carries while Hairston passed for 125 yards, including the TD to Dean.

On defense Bryson Lutz had three tackles, including one for a loss, and an interception. Dustin Richards had 11 tackles and Shareef had 10 and a forced fumble.

It was a first for Byrd to play a football game over Easter weekend, on Good Friday no less, but the Terriers were just glad to be on the field.

"Our team is grateful for every opportunity we get to practice or play," said Lutz. "While the season fell in a different part of the calendar year, it feels like football season when we are playing or preparing. Our football family has been extremely supportive and flexible during this time. I also want to express my appreciation for the

time our coaches have poured into preparing for this season. Playing on a Saturday, Monday, and Friday and trying to squeeze in practice and game planning meetings has been challenging, while still making time for our families.

The jayvee team also won last week, defeating Manga Vista.

"Our coaches are very excited about our sophomore and freshman classes," said Lutz. "They worked really hard, after we had a tough jayvee season last year, and their hard work was rewarded. We were fortunate to bring up eight 8th graders for the last week of the JV season and those players got valuable reps that will help prepare them for next season."



Runners at Northside today

The William Byrd cross country team was off for spring break last week, returning today for a race at Northside. The Region 3D meet is at the Smith River Sports Complex next Thursday, April 15, beginning at 3 pm. Here the Byrd girls are off and running at a recent meet at the Greenfield Sports Complex in Daleville.

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Above left, Mattie Andrews prepares to serve for the Byrd volleyball team. Right, Amna Becirevic(#12) and Kamryn Sigafos(#5) go up for a block. Below left, Grayce Dantzler goes to the floor for a dig.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



William Byrd looking for good seed in Region 3D volleyball tournament

The William Byrd volleyball team lost to Franklin County in four sets last week in a match that decided the Blue Ridge District championship. Now the Terriers will focus their attention on the Region 3D tournament, which begins in the coming week.

Byrd was 6-3 overall after falling to Franklin County last week and Giles on Tuesday. The Terriers picked up a doubleheader with Northside on Wednesday, hoping to sweep the Vikings and enhance their playoff standing. Both schools were allowed to add games since William Fleming opted out of playing in the spring season. Wednesday's doubleheader consisted of two best-of-three set matches.

"With many teams having games left this week and close region points, it's still too early to tell who we will face in the first round of regions," said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. "We're pushing for two wins over Northside to lock down a home first round region game."

Franklin County is Class 6, so the Eagles won't be a factor in the post-season for Byrd. Last week in Rocky Mount Byrd had a chance to win the BRD regular season as both teams came in with just one district loss. Byrd got off to a good start, winning the first set 25-15, but Franklin regrouped and took the next three, 25-20, 25-17 and 25-23.

Senior Grayce Dantzler led the Byrd offense with 15 kills and junior Mattie Andrews added 10 kills. Kasey McKee had seven kills and three solo blocks while setter Trinity Hylton dished out 19 assists and Carsyn Kotz added 17 assists. Ella Ashworth had two aces behind the serving line.

The Terriers picked up Giles to replace another lost match on Tuesday and again took the first set, this time 25-19, against the talented Three Rivers District team. However, like the Franklin County match the Spartans rallied to take the next three, 26-24, 25-15 and 25-17. Andrews put down 14 kills and freshman Terran Brown added four kills. Middle blockers Amna Becirevic and McKee combined for seven blocks and Hylton dished out 17 assists.

The region tournament could start as early as Saturday. Brackets are expected to be announced Thursday night or early Friday.

NASCAR back at Martinsville only this time with fans in seats

By Matt de Simone
Staff Writer

There is nothing like the smell of jet dryers in the morning. NASCAR returns to Martinsville Speedway this Thursday night. With the roar of the engines comes the roar of the crowd. For the first time since the 2020 pandemic, the speedway will host fans up to a 30% capacity.

An additional "first" for the speedway features a three-night event where the Whelen Modified Tour, Xfinity Series, and NASCAR Cup Series all stage their races under the lights. The speedway has never hosted three NASCAR night races on consecutive evenings.

"Three nights of racing—you wrap that up in one word, and that's 'excitement,'" Martinsville Speedway President Clay Campbell said in a recent phone interview. "You take the excitement that you see here from any kind of racing is pretty phenomenal. So, to have the modifieds on Thursday night, Xfinity on Friday night, and the Cup cars on Saturday—I think the fans are in for a treat. It should be a great weekend of racing."

Last fall, the speedway allowed a limited amount of people to attend the playoff race. On Thursday, the speedway expects to get close to that "30%." However, with social distancing measures still in place, Campbell plans to have a crowd just under that percentage.

"We're fortunate that the Commonwealth of Virginia and Governor Northam loosened the restriction and going up to 30%," Campbell stated. "We're doing things a little bit different, obviously, than what we would do under normal circumstances. We have social distancing in the grandstands and concourses, hand-washing/sanitizing stations all over the property. There are numerous things that we came up with to keep our fans safe."

"We're still working on the re-seating of people," Campbell continued. "It's 30%, but we can get to that number because of the distancing. Everything will be open, unlike last year when we had only 1,000 fans on the front stretch. This year, every grandstand seat will be open."

The race weekend kicks off Thursday night with the Whelen Modified Tour Virginia Is for Racing Lovers 200 at 8 p.m. The following night, the Xfinity Series fires off the Cook Out 250 at 8 p.m. The finale comes on Saturday night when the NASCAR Cup Series presents the Blue-Emu Maximum Relief 500, also at 8 p.m.



Kobe Turner putts for the Terriers at a recent match.

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Region golf at Ashley Plantation Monday

The Hanging Rock Golf Course in Roanoke County was the site of the final Blue Ridge District golf "mini match" on Wednesday of this week. The regional tournament will be Monday at the Ashley Plantation in Botetourt County.

The Lord Botetourt team had an insurmountable lead in team competition prior to Wednesday's match. Botetourt had a total of 997 over 60 holes played in four previous matches. Franklin County was 90 strokes behind at 1,087, followed by Northside at 1,119, William Byrd at 1,242 and Staunton River at 1,348.

Individually, LB's Samir Davidov has a healthy lead in the individual rankings.

He accumulated 108 points in the BRD point system and two teammates follow, Ashton Harper with 94 and Kaitlyn Mosdell with 79. Davidov played even par for the combined total of the four courses played.

William Byrd's top individual prior to Wednesday's match was Evan Mullen, who was in 13th place with 22 points.

Monday's Region 3D tournament will be played at a familiar course for local golfers as the Ashley Plantation will be the site of the regional. The winning team and top three individuals not on that team will advance to the state Class 3 tournament.

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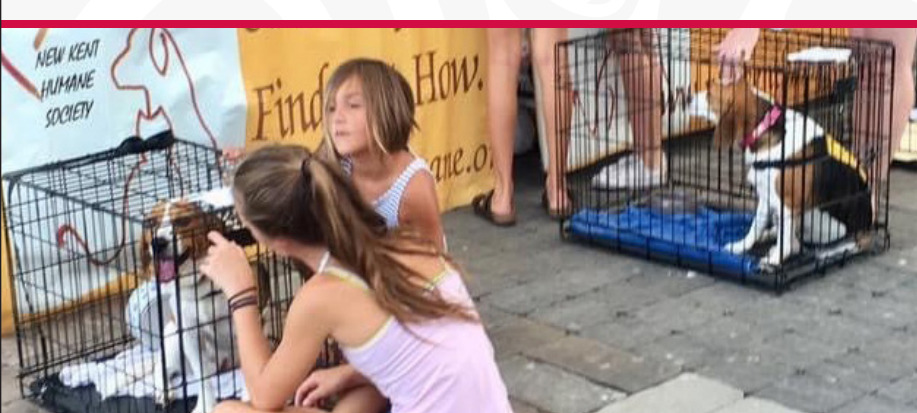
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