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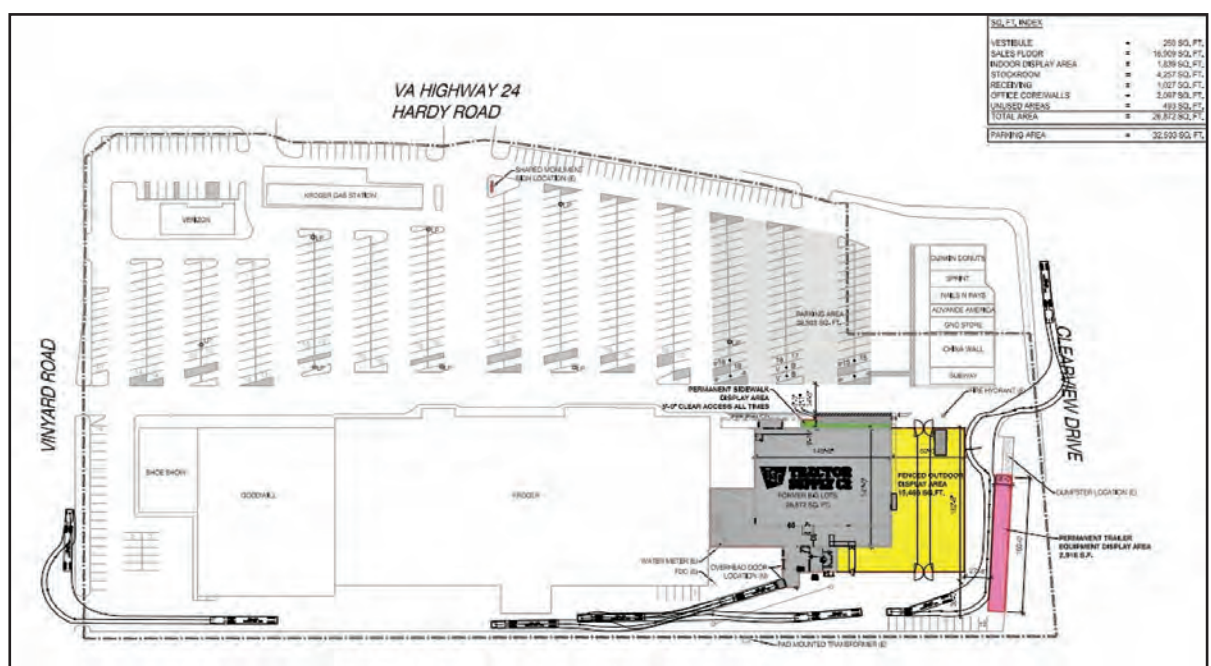
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Tractor Supply coming soon to Lake Drive Plaza



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Renovations indicated by the site plan are getting underway at Lake Drive Plaza for the opening of a Tractor Supply store in the space formerly occupied by Big Lots.

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A new Tractor Supply store is coming soon to Vinton. It will be located at Lake Drive Plaza in the space formerly occupied by Big Lots, who moved just down the road to River Park Shopping Center in February. Big Lots had occupied the Lake Drive Plaza space for 26 years.

There are currently two other

Tractor Supply stores in the Roanoke Valley—one in Salem and one on Gander Way off Plantation Road. Bedford and Rocky Mount also have Tractor Supply stores.

The Vinton Tractor Supply has started construction. Darlas Collins, who represents Tractor Supply Company on a PR/Marketing level, says that the Vinton store “will be opening in late summer or early fall 2021.”

“The new store will provide

about 15 new jobs to the area, with at least half of those being full time positions,” Collins said.

“Each Tractor Supply store typically has about 15,500 square feet of selling space inside, with a similar amount of outside space,” he said. “The Vinton store will be similar in size.”

“Inside the space, Tractor Supply will be offering items typi-

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Architectural renderings of the William Byrd front portico after renovations are complete.



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The WBHS media center (shown here) and the guidance offices will switch places in the building.

School Board updated on William Byrd renovation project

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The Roanoke County School Board received an update on the progress of upcoming renovations and construction at William Byrd High School at its meeting on May 4.

Troy Smith, president of Avis Construction, and Earle Shumate, senior designer for Hughes and Associates Architects and Engineers, led the briefing along with Roanoke County Schools Director of Facilities and Operations Chris Lowe.

Avis Construction and Hughes and Associates were awarded the contract for the WBHS renovation and construction project in November 2020. Avis was also the contractor for the recent Cave Spring High School rebuild.

Shumate told the board that they began meeting with the faculty at William Byrd by departments in November socially distanced in the school's auditorium to gain input on design plans and what the project should include.

Smith commended WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb and Assistant Principal Travis Anderson for their dedication to the project and their interest in the smallest details shown in multiple meetings on the project. The administrators and their staff toured the recently renovated Cave Spring High School to determine what aspects of that project they might want to incorporate in the Byrd renovations and what they would like to be different.

During the board meeting, Smith and Shumate presented a series of slides, including site

plans, building plans, and architectural renderings of the renovations.

Shumate said that the philosophy of Hughes and Associates was to make the Vinton school “look and feel like a new school without building a new school.”

They plan to accomplish this through a series of infill additions, some major renovations, re-shuffling of spaces, and general updates of all the finishes in the building, all the casework, the HVAC systems, electrical systems, plumbing, etc.

Twelve trailers will be placed on the school grounds by Avis to provide classroom space for students displaced during the renovations. Those trailers will be moved onto the William Byrd campus in June and mobilized by July.

Some on-site work was initially set to begin this month with the bulk of the work getting underway once students are out of the building for the summer. That will most likely still be the schedule, but the planned completion date of December 2022 will likely be delayed. Smith says that is due to increased construction costs industry-wide, and extended months-long delays in shipments of construction materials once orders for materials are placed—due to both scarcity of materials and competition for what exists.

The initial cost of the project was estimated to be approximately \$23 million, including soft costs of technology and furniture. That price may increase significantly. Smith said that pricing will be addressed on May 18. He noted that the price of plywood has increased dramatically in recent days with a sheet now costing approximately \$40. A two-by-four is going for \$9. Shumate told the board that there “is no fluff” in the renovation/construction project to be eliminated to reduce costs.

When Vinton's representative to the School Board, Tim Greenway, See **Renovations**, page 4

Grass clippings and storm drains don't mix

A message from the Town of Vinton Planning and Zoning Department

With summertime weather comes the mowing season. It is important to remember not to blow grass clippings into the street. Grass clippings in the street ultimately end up in a storm drain where they can build up and cause drainage issues and localized flooding. Grass clippings blown into the street can also create hazardous conditions for drivers, motorcyclists, and bicyclists.

Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution.

Storm drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer systems and treatment plants? There is no treatment to remove the debris from the water before it reaches nearby lakes, streams, or the Roanoke River. The primary purpose of storm drains is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding.

When residents blow lawn waste into the street, it can clog storm drains and cause drainage and flooding issues by clogging curb inlets

and pipes, which can cause water to back up and flood within the drainage system or the creek.

Why are grass clippings and leaf litter harmful? When yard waste is discarded within the stormwater drainage system, it will decompose. Decomposing yard waste can supercharge the creek with nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, causing algae blooms resulting in low dissolved oxygen.

When yard waste is discarded within the stormwater drainage

system, it can bring harmful chemicals into the creek, including fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides. While these chemicals can be used to protect grass, they will harm aquatic life and cause additional adverse effects to water quality when released into streams.

What is so bad about algae?

Algae, the nutrient that turns lakes green, will naturally occur in lakes and ponds, but excess nutrients can lead to high levels of algae growth.

Apart from looking

unsightly, excessive algae blooms can block out sunlight, and severely low dissolved oxygen levels in creeks can cause fish kills. According to the U.S. EPA, phosphorus is one of the most troublesome pollutants in stormwater runoff and it is considered the primary cause of water quality problems. It also leads to unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and native and non-native aquatic weeds. One bushel of fresh grass clippings can

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Beyond Books

Hello from the Vinton Library! Beyond Books might look just a little different going forward. Bryce Chalkley, your usual library correspondent, is handing the reins over to me, Caitlin DeMarco. Bryce will be staying with Roanoke County Public Library but is taking a new position at South County. He has thoroughly enjoyed his time at Vinton and informing the readers of all the goings-on at the library, and he is glad that the Beyond Books column will continue. Now, without further ado, let's get to the fun stuff!

This spring, the Vinton Library is starting to take things outside!

Through May, we will be offering a weekly walk (as long as the rain holds back) guided by library staff. One week we'll have a Town Tuesday Walk, and the next a Mindful Monday Walk. Each participant will receive a small bottle of water and some library swag, as well as be entered to win a wooden bookmark created on the library's Glowforge. We hope you will register online or by calling the Vinton Library and join us!

For the Town Tuesdays, on May 4 at 9:30 a.m., Melinda Whitaker was scheduled to lead a walk looping around the Vinton Library, talking about library events, resources, and new books.

Two weeks later, on May 18 at 11 a.m., I will lead a Town Tuesday stroll around Vinton, highlighting the many amazing restaurants in the area.

For our Mindful Monday walks, we will be meeting to walk at a local greenway (location available upon registration). On May 10 at 9 a.m., I will lead the first walk, showing how to do a Sense Walk, interspersed with related poetry. Our last walk will be on May 24 at 9 a.m. where Melinda will lead those who sign up in a meditative walk.

Melinda is not only leading walks this month, but also has another great Creations and Temptations craft ready to go this time outside. With spring moving into summer soon, she will have you painting river rocks to look like strawberries and watermelons—perfect for any garden. Register

online, as space is limited.

Also outdoors, weather permitting, will be the Roanoke Valley Dulcimers, the Yack and Yarn group, and As the Page Turns book club (registration required).

And we hope everyone, kids and teens included, join us in Spreading Seeds of Kindness on May 29 at 10:30 a.m., where we'll have artists of all ages chalking up the sidewalks at the Vinton Library (socially distanced, of course), to create a community mural. Chalk will be provided and everyone who participates will get a wildflower seed bomb to take home, to help the bees and butterflies.

Please note that all in-person programming is subject to change. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while attending our outdoor events. For more information on our Path to Reopening, visit rocolibrary.org.

Get active as a family on May 15 at 10:30 a.m. for a Story Stroll. Read Car's Colors and walk around the Vinton Library. Throughout the month, for all ages and all RCPL locations, we will have a Nature Scavenger Hunt card available. Pick one up at the library or print a copy off from our website. Share what you've discovered in nature with us on our social media by tagging @rocopublib.

However, despite the new outdoor events, we are not going to forgo our popular virtual programs. Register for events on our website and we will send you a link to join us via Zoom.

For all ages, we're excited to announce that authors Lucinda Robb and Rebecca Boggs Roberts will be discussing their work, The Suffragist



Caitlin DiMarco

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Playbook, which tells of the suffragist movement – its greatest moments and darker aspects. The authors, whose friendship goes back generations (to their grandmothers, Lady Bird Johnson and Lindy Boggs, and their mothers, Lynda Robb and Cokie Roberts), collaborated to narrate a melding of history and tactics for modern-day activists. You can register online for this Zoom session, which will take place on May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Adults can try out: Calligraphy for Beginners on May 11 at 7 p.m., where you can learn the history and fundamentals of the Western branch of this timeless art form. Participants are encouraged to bring paper and a pen, but it is not mandatory.

Learning about the iPhone with a class for beginners on May 18 at 2 p.m., and then Next Steps on May 25 at 2 p.m.

Making an Upcycle Craft on May 21 at 2 p.m., particularly a button flower bouquet to brighten up your day.

Registration ends on May 19.

For kids, we don't just have Storytime @ Home. We also have this month:

A Rainbow Fairies Book Club on Thursdays in May at 4 p.m., playing games and competing in a trivia contest about this popular book series.

Wonder Packs are available now and can be picked up at all RCPL locations while supplies last. The associated virtual program is on May 10 at 4 p.m.

Book Buddies on May 17 at 4 p.m. where kids can discover new titles the library has, share what they're reading, and play games based on books. Participants are entered to win a bookish prize you're sure to love. Ideal for ages 6+. Registration required.

These are only a few of the programs we have going on during May. Check out our calendar at rocolibrary.org, follow us on social media @rocopublib, or come by and see us to learn more.

By Caitlin DiMarco, Senior Library Assistant, Vinton Branch Library

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Felicia Branham
Executive Director | Kids Square

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Shepherd named to Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic

Brian Shepherd of Vinton has been named to the winter quarter Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Florida campus in Port Orange, Fla.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic

profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, Calif.; and Port Orange, Fla.

Palmer College of Chiropractic was founded in Iowa in 1897 by Daniel David Palmer.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Prevents harm to young property
5. "Losing My Religion" rockers
8. Partner to pan
11. Cavalry unit
13. Peyton's little brother
14. Mexican dish
15. Disseminates info to the public
16. Set an animal on
17. Canadian flyers
18. Elongated mouths of arthropods
20. I (German)
21. Opposite of west
22. Glows
25. Measures how quickly a car moves
30. One who has gained wealth

31. Patti Hearst's captors
32. Extensive landed property
33. Male aristocrat
38. For each
41. More fidgety
43. Very happy
45. A place to store info
47. Helps to heal
49. 12th month (abbr.)
50. Broad, shallow craters
55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
56. Frost
57. Ethiopian town
59. Curved shapes
60. Company that rings receipts
61. Spiritual leader
62. Sheep native to Sweden
63. Cars need it

64. Partner to relaxation
CLUES DOWN
1. Scientist's high-resolution tool (abbr.)
2. Type of school
3. Formal close (music)
4. Transmits high voltage
5. A way to occupy a certain area
6. Draws out
7. His Airness
8. Nocturnal rodents
9. South American plants
10. Homestead
12. Bland or semiliquid food
14. Forest resident
19. The body needs it
23. Atomic mass unit (abbr.)
24. Spell
25. Relaxing place
26. Political fundraising tool

27. Make a mistake
28. Partner to Adam
29. Tyrant
34. Unit of electrical resistance
35. A history of one's life
36. Actor DiCaprio
37. Sea eagle
39. Avoiding being caught
40. ___ de Mornay, actress
41. Belonging to a thing
42. Not us
44. Motorcars
45. Capital of Bangladesh
46. Ancient Greek sophist
47. Practice boxing
48. ___ Grant, actor
51. Swiss river
52. S. Sudan river
53. A bumpkin
54. One point south of southwest
58. Small island (British)

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Despite the wind on Friday, Saturday could not have been a more perfect day for a wedding. Brittany Ellis and Patrick Stovall were married at the home of his parents, Mike and Patsy Stovall, in the most beautiful setting. Mike and Patsy had their home looking like a showplace with beautiful flowers all in bloom. Joining the bride and groom at the altar and officiating the ceremony was the father of the groom, Mike Stovall.

Bridesmaids were Page Stovall (sister of the groom), Ragen Drew, Jodi Estienne, Morgan Canterbury, Kirston Kesler, Caitlin Clark and Danielle Carr; maid of honor:, Taylor Ellison; matron of honor, Courtney Higginson (twin sister of the bride); groomsmen were Forrest Stovall— Brittany and Patrick's black Lab, Gavin Ellis and Bryce Ellis (brothers of the bride), Alex Brown, Tyler Boothe, Travis McLaughlin and Chris Eddy (brother of the groom). Best man was Jo Stickney.

Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

Also attending were Penny Wolford (mother of the bride), and Brian Carter. Grandmother Peggy Stovall was there for the big day. Paw Paw (Granddad Ken Wolford) escorted the beautiful bride to her groom to be given away (we were worried he would change his mind, LOL). Grandma Jane watched with pride. She also made the amazing cake! Other grandparents in attendance were David and Donnette Johnson and Danny and Judy Ellis, and the bride's father, Steve Ellis.

I want to thank Peggy Carr, Kim Canterbury, Betty Jo Overstreet, Kit and Monty Williams, and Celia Gerig for helping me pull it all together the morning of the wedding. Friday's wind made it impossible to pre-set any-

thing. Also, a big thank you to Robin and Tony Roth for the beautiful early Cinco De Mayo rehearsal dinner and Kit for her help in that as well! Thank you, Ellis and Stovall family, for asking me to be a part of this special day!

An excellent baby shower for Jodi and Bobby Estienne took place at the home of Kelli Webb. Those celebrating Jodi and baby Colston were Debbie Hayter, Ann Trigg, Kathy Slayer, Amy Barrett, Candie Tomlinson, Natalie Horton, Brittany Trigg, Kara Campbell, Kim Harris, and grandma to be Betty Jo Overstreet. Grandparents are Cyn-di Knudson, Mark and Debbie Estienne, Al and Chris Knudson and Joan Estienne. Kelli outdid herself as usual!

Congratulations to Taylor and Colin Rice; they are expecting their first child. I know grandparents Jason and Nicole Boothe and Duane Rice and Renee Johnson will be spoiling that little one rotten!



WBHS Forensics students celebrate successful season



William Byrd High School Forensics and Debate students were recognized at an awards ceremony on April 22. Shown left to right are faculty advisor Alex Gunn, with seniors Urunna Anyanwu, Andrea Gonzalez, Catie Dullaghan, and Nick Boksa, and faculty advisor Marisa Arrieta.

Forensics and Debate students at William Byrd High School celebrated a successful season of performances and competition with an ice cream social awards ceremony in the school cafeteria on April 22.

Faculty advisors Alex Gunn and Marisa Arrieta welcomed the “wonderful competitors” and several faculty members to the ceremony showcasing the awards students have accumulated—in a year with many challenges from required face coverings to social distancing to virtual performances.

Forensic categories in which students compete include: Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Extemp Commentary, Constitutional, Storytelling, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Lincoln-Douglass, Public Forum, and Legislative Debate.

First-year debaters recognized included Jenny Nguyen, who was presented with her National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) first year certificate and pin. She competed in the Lincoln-Douglass category this year.

Kenna Sarver and Matan Morse competed in the Public Forum category during their first year as debaters and were also presented with their first year NSDA certificates and pins.

Freshman Forensics students honored included:

Sydney Blewett who received her first year NSDA certificate and pin. She participated in several different categories during the year, in particular the Humorous Interpretation category.

Olaedo Anyanwu who chose the Storytelling cat-

egory and as a first-year competitor competed in the VHSL Regions and advanced to Super Regions. She received her first year NSDA certificate and pin. She was previously awarded her ribbon for placing in regions.

Sophomore Forensics students recognized included Holly Mills who competed with Latriva Pierce in a Serious Dramatic Duo piece. Mills received her first year pin that she was unable to receive in 2020 due to COVID.

Sophomore Latriva Pierce competed in the VHSL Regions, Super Regions, and was state runner-up. She was presented with her first year pin and certificate from last year and an NSDA Seal of Honor. She was previously awarded her ribbon from Super Regions in the Serious Dramatic Interpretation category.

Sophomore Ellie Panko competed in VHSL Regions, Super Regions, and was also a state runner-up. She received her first year pin, a WBHS Letter, an NSDA Seal of Honor, and her first-place ribbon from regions in the Impromptu category.

Four seniors were honored. Whitney Puckett, who was their Forensics coach at William Byrd before leaving for a position at Hollins University, presented graduation cords to:

Nick Boksa, who received a bar for two or more years of competing in Forensics and a graduation cord.

Catie Dullaghan, who was presented with a bar, a Seal of Honor, and a graduation cord. She competed this year in VHSL Regions and Super Regions. She was previously awarded a ribbon for placing at re-

gions in the Prose category.

Andrea Gonzalez, who competed in VHSL Regions, Super Regions (second place), and placed fourth in Prose at the state competition. She received a bar and graduation cord. She was previously awarded a ribbon for placing in regions.

Urunna Anyanwu, who competed in VHSL Regions, Super Regions (first place), and placed second in Humorous Interpretation at the state competition. She was presented with the bar, cord, and awarded the second place medallion for state.

“Congratulations to you all and we are very proud of the hard work you each put in this season,” said Arrieta. “All of our tournaments have been virtual this year due to Covid-19 restrictions, which our students quickly adapted to and have done very well.”

After the awards ceremony, several students performed pieces they had competed with, as well as never before seen performances—all riveting, some hysterically funny, some extremely poignant. Latriva Pierce, “My Tiny Dancers Hands.”

Catie Dullaghan, “Scarlet Ibis.”

Olaedo Anyanwu, “Emeraldalicious.”

Andrea Gonzalez, “The Prodigy” and “A Modest Proposal.”

Urunna Anyanwu, “A Zero's Journey” and “Depressed White Girl.”

Nick Boksa, “Inferno.”

Forensics is a Virginia High School League (VHSL) sanctioned activity. In fact, while the VHSL nowadays seems more synonymous with high school sports than the Forensic arts of speaking and language, the VHSL was estab-



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Former Forensics coach Whitney Puckett (right) presents graduation cords to Catie Dullaghan as faculty advisor Alex Gunn looks on.



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WBHS Forensics students participated in the Regional Tournament at WBHS. Shown left to right are Olaedo Anyanwu, Urunna Anyanwu, Catherine Dullaghan, Andrea Gonzalez, Latriva Pierce, and Ellie Panko (virtual). All placed in the top three for their respective categories, moving them on to Super Regions in March.

lished in 1913 by members of both the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society and the Washington Literary Society and Debating Union at the University of Virginia to serve as a debating

league for the state's high schools.

During the 1910s, it expanded to over 250 schools and added championships in oral reading, baseball, basketball, and track and

renamed itself the Virginia High School Literary and Athletic League. After World War II, it adopted other sports and began standardizing officiating practices for high school sports.

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From the Pulpit

‘Tee-Ball’

“Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit (Matthew 12:33).

Over the past several weeks my family has been consumed with baseball. This is the first year either one of our boys has played, and they are loving it. Parker is playing Tee-ball for the Orioles and Carter is playing Coach-Pitch for the Cubs. I am helping to coach both teams and as much fun as I am having teaching my boys a sport I loved to play, it is proving to be much more difficult than I anticipated. I did not expect to give instructions such as: “If you want to catch the ball, you have to move your glove to where the ball is; the ball is not going to automatically or magically go into your glove.”

During our first rounds

of playing catch together, they thought my job was to throw the ball into their glove like a basketball player shoots the ball into the basket. As a result, when I would throw the ball to them, they would stand like a statue with their glove fixed in place, waiting for the ball to land in its pocket.

Thankfully, in a few short weeks, we have come a long way since those earliest games of catch. I am really proud of the effort both of my boys have given, and how quickly they have begun to understand the game. They are both really getting the hang of it. However, at Carter’s level (i.e., Coach-Pitch), I have noticed a huge difference between the kids who played Tee-ball and those who did not. Like many parents, we had planned to sign Carter up for Tee-ball last year, but because of Covid the baseball season was canceled. As a result,

there is a whole group of kids playing Coach-Pitch, like Carter, who have no Tee-ball experience. The difference between these two groups is staggering.

From my first practice with Carter’s team, it was clear which players had played Tee-ball and the ones who did not. When batting, those with Tee-ball experience knew where to stand in the batter’s box, how to position their arms and legs, and how to swing through the ball as it was pitched. These kids knew how to run the bases and the order which they must follow to get from first base to home plate. They knew how to move and position their glove to catch the ball, and how to throw it back to their teammates—point, step, throw. The difference Tee-ball made in both understanding the game and the ability to play it was far greater than I could have imagined. This was some-

thing Carter noticed too. On our way home from his first practice, he was able to accurately name all the kids on his team who had played Tee-ball versus those who had not. The evidence was clear.

I wonder if the same is true for those who are new to church and have just begun their journey of faith. Is it clear to them who have been in church before and those who have not? For those of us who have grown up in church, is our experience reflected in the way we play? When speaking to a group of Pharisees—those with years of experience—Jesus said, “Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.”

Jesus wanted them to understand that the way they position themselves toward others, their stance in life, their ability to understand scripture and ap-



ply it to their lives, should reflect their experience. Those who are new to the faith should be able to accurately name all of us who have played before. The evidence should be clear. For just as a baseball

player is known by their game, a tree is known by its fruit. What will our lives produce today?

By the Rev.
Travis Russell,
Vinton Baptist Church

Renovations

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A view of the front (Senior) lobby at William Byrd after renovations.

of numerous restrooms throughout the building. One corridor in the tech ed area of the building will be eliminated.

Workspaces will be added for special education staff to work with students. The final portion of the building which has not received a new roof will have one installed. An emphasis will be placed on natural lighting, including the addition of an atrium.

Shumate said the changes will make the spaces “more flexible and full of natural light.”

The original front of the high school, facing Washington Avenue/Route 24, will be updated, improved, and made ADA accessible. Shumate said the desire is to make “the image of the school from Washington Avenue ‘memorable.’”

The purpose of the William Byrd project is to “bring the school up to the standards of the other four high schools in the county.” The school was built in 1969 and has been renovated or added to piecemeal on six previous occasions.

Shumate said the plan is to make the Byrd facility “more cohesive—to look like a school that was built all at the same time.”

This is the first Roanoke County school to be built under the “design build” model in which the designer and contractor work together from

the beginning, as a team, providing unified project recommendations to fit the owner’s schedule and budget.

Greenway thanked the board and the school system for their willingness to take on the Byrd renovation project and “bring pride to the school and community.” He implored other board members not to “piecemeal things together again” at any county school—“no more band-aids. We can’t let the facilities in one area get so dilapidated again.”

Also, during the May 4 board meeting Ben Motley with RRMM Architects presented an analysis of the feasibility of building a new BCAT Career and Technical Education center on the site of Central Office on Cove Road as has been suggested.

The current, antiquated BCAT center is located in Salem—in a floodplain. The need for its replacement has been an ongoing topic of conversation between School Board members and the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors for many months.

In his presentation, Motley pointed out many reasons that building a new BCAT on the Cove Road site might not be the best choice. Space is limited at the location and there are many topographical constraints. He displayed several maps

with configurations of attempting to fit a new building onto the site.

The current BCAT facility occupies 84,000 to 89,000 square feet on 13.5 usable acres with 178 parking spaces. The proposed Cove Road site would have only 9.4 usable acres.

The BCAT program is requesting 210,650 square feet of building to accommodate students and programs. While it would seem feasible to design a building with more than one level, many CTE programs do not lend themselves to that concept. For example, auto body programs must be located on the first floor and it would be challenging to place other programs on floors above them.

If the Central Administration building and BCAT were located together on the Cove Road site, the total square footage needed would total 254,850 square feet, with 360 parking spaces—in essence, three times the building area on a 30% smaller site. The theoretical project cost would be \$79 million.

Motley recommended that the next steps the board should take include verifying the BCAT program requests, creating design concepts, and using those design concepts to determine site acreage, conduct a site evaluation, and refine the project budget.

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Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

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

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

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

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

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Grass

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contain 0.1 pound of phosphorus—enough to produce 30-50 pounds of algae growth if it finds its way to a lake or river!

What can you do to protect water quality while keeping your yard maintained?

If your mower shoots grass clippings out of the side, mow a couple of passes with your mower blowing towards your yard and not the street before mowing the rest of your yard.

If you bag grass with your mower, make sure you keep the clippings out of the street, curb inlet, ditch, or creek.

If you mulch mow, your mower will not blow grass out the side, and you shouldn't have to worry about grass blowing into the street.

Mow when your lawn needs it, not on a fixed schedule. Mow your lawn often enough so no more than one-third the length of the grass is removed. Taller grass has deeper roots that prevents soil loss and helps the rain soak into the ground. Lawns mowed higher withstand heat stress better, need less watering, and are more resilient, reducing bare spots and soil erosion.

Sharpen mower blades every one to three years.

Leave the clippings on the lawn to improve the health of the lawn itself or compost them. According to the U.S. EPA, leaving grass clippings on the lawn doesn't cause thatch build-up. Grass clippings are about 90 percent water, so they decompose very quickly. Leaving grass clippings in place leaves the equivalent of one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet—the same amount you would get from one fertilizer application. Be sure to sweep or blow clippings off paved surfaces and back onto the lawn.

Mix grass clippings with leaves and soil to make a backyard compost pile.

Intentionally blowing or placing lawn waste in the street is a violation of the Vinton Town Code dealing with illicit discharges to the town storm sewer system. There is no excuse for sweeping grass and/or leaves into the storm drains or

waterways.

Fertilize only when necessary, or not at all if it might rain in the next day or two. Keeping grass clippings on the yard can save money on fertilizer by returning nutrients back into the soil and save money on watering by building organic matter in the soil. With grass recycling, use of fertilizers can be reduced by 30-40% or more. In the fall, place leaves for municipal collection along the curb—not in the street.

Clean up after pets. Scoop up pet waste and put it in the trash. People often believe that leaving dog waste to decompose in the yard is good for the lawn, but the truth is that dog poop is toxic for your grass. Unlike cow manure, which is basically composted grass, a typical dog's poop, which is made acidic through natural digestive processes and their microbiome, is enough to destroy the grass underneath it. For this reason, dog poop also shouldn't be placed in compost or used to fertilize your garden. In either case, it contains bacteria that could contaminate vegetables. Dog waste that gets washed into waterways may carry pathogens that affect living things in the water and can make people sick that are in contact. Also, nutrients released from dog poop can stimulate the growth of algae and other plant life, making the water unsuitable for recreational uses. Dog waste could contain bacteria and parasites that are harmful to other pets and humans.

Only use dry cleanup methods (broom and dustpan or absorbent material) for spills of chemicals or fuels; never hose a spill into a storm drain.

Directing your roof drains to a rain garden can significantly reduce the stormwater runoff from your property.

For more information visit the Town of Vinton's Stormwater page at: <https://www.vintonva.gov/209/Stormwater-Quality-Information> or contact Vinton Planning and Zoning, at 311 South Pollard in Vinton, or phone 540-983-0605.

Vinton Town Ordinance prohibits discharge of yard wastes into storm drain system

Presently, the Town effectively prohibits discharge of yard wastes to the storm drain system and drainage-ways through the use of enforceable regulations, specifically the Stormwater Ordinance, Chapter 79, Article III, Division 3 Section 79-77 (a) (b) (5) which state:

(a) It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article to allow any discharge that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except as described in subsection (c) below, that enters, or has the potential of entering, the MS4.

(b) Illicit discharges include, but are not limited to:

Discharging, or causing or allowing to be discharged, sewage, industrial wastes, yard wastes, or other wastes, into the storm sewer system, or any component thereof, or onto driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, the ground, or any other areas draining to the storm sewer system.

Connecting, or causing or allowing connection of any sanitary sewer to the storm sewer system, including any sanitary sewer connected to the storm sewer as of the date of the adoption of the ordinance from which this article derives.

Connecting, or causing or allowing any connection to the storm sewer system, without a valid VSMP, VPDES, or NPDES permit, any structure that conveys any liquid other than stormwater or discharges listed in subsection (c), including, but not limited to, pipes, drains, sanitary sewer lines, washing machine drains, or floor drains.

Prohibitions (2) and (3) listed in this subsection expressly include, without limitations, illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of the connection.

Throwing, placing, or depositing, or causing to be thrown, placed, or deposited in the storm sewer system anything that impedes or interferes with the free flow of stormwater therein, or adversely affects water quality.”

Additionally, Chapter 79, Article III, Division 5 Section 79-79 -Violations; penalties and remedies states:

(a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$2,500.00 per violation per day and confinement in jail for not more than 12 months, either or both.

(b) Each day during which a violation of this article occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation of

this article.

(c) Any person who commits any of the acts prohibited by this article or violates any of the provisions of this article shall be liable to the town for all costs of testing, containment, cleanup, abatement, removal, disposal, and any other related costs or expenses that the town may incur in connection with the enforcement of this article and/or the prohibition and/or correction of a violation of this article.

(d) The administrator and/or his/her authorized agent may bring legal action to enjoin a violation of this article and the existence of any other remedy shall be no defense to any such action.

(e) In addition to any of the remedies set forth above, the administrator and/or his/her authorized agent may seek to impose, or have imposed by the appropriate authority, any of the remedies provided for by § 62.1-44.15:48, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, which are incorporated herein by reference.

(f) In any court action that may result from enforcement of this article, a judge hearing the case may direct the person responsible for the violation or the property owner to correct the violation and each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this article.

(g) Any person who knowingly makes any false statements, representations, or certifications in any record, report, or other document, either filed or requested pursuant to this ordinance, or who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required or used by the administrator and/or his/her authorized agent under this article in monitoring discharges, shall be guilty of a violation of this article.

(h) The remedies set forth in this section shall be cumulative, not exclusive, and it shall be no defense to any action that one or more of the remedies set forth in this section has been sought or granted.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the quality of our Town's water by practicing appropriate yard waste disposal methods. Failure to comply with this may result in a citation or additional enforcement action. Town of Vinton residents can play a big part in keeping our lakes and creeks clean and healthy.

Want to know more?

Visit the Town of Vinton's Stormwater page at: <https://www.vintonva.gov/209/Stormwater-Quality-Information>.

Or contact: Vinton Planning and Zoning, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 / phone: 540-983-0605.

Tractor Supply

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The new Tractor Supply store plans to open mid-summer.



Most Tractor Supply stores occupy about 15,000 square feet inside and a similar amount of space outside.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Tractor Supply is moving into Lake Drive Plaza.

cally sold at Tractor Supply stores along with pet grooming and wash area,” said Annette Morgan, senior regional property manager for 1045 Real Estate.

“There will be an outdoor, fenced in display area by the dumpster corral,” Morgan said. “The outdoor display area is planned to hold pedal boats, trailers, motorized vehicles such as dirt bikes, scooters, UTVs and ATVs. These items are subject to change based on demand, etc.

“There will no longer be parking available at the side of the building,” she said. “Traffic flow through this area will be limited to Truck Traffic only and we will be installing signs for such.”

Plenty of parking remains available in front of the building in the Lake Drive parking lot.

Tractor Supply products include clothing, equine and pet supplies, tractor/trailer parts and accessories, lawn and garden supplies, sprinkler/irrigation parts, hardware, power tools, fencing, welding and pump supplies, and riding mowers.

Their website states that Tractor Supply

Company (TSCO) is the largest rural lifestyle retailer in the United States, serving the needs of farmers, ranchers, and “all those who enjoy the rural lifestyle” for more than 80 years. They go on to identify their customers as “a niche market of farmers, horse owners, ranchers, part-time and hobby farmers, and suburban and rural homeowners, as well as contractors and tradesmen.”

The first Tractor Supply store opened in 1938 in Minot, North Dakota.

According to the website, “Tractor Supply offers an extensive mix of products necessary to care for home, land, pets and animals with a focus on product localization, exclusive brands and legendary customer service. With more than 42,000 team members, the company's physical store assets, combined with its digital capabilities, offer customers the convenience of purchasing products they need anytime, anywhere and any way they choose at the everyday low prices they deserve.”

As of March 2021, the company operated 1,944 Tractor Supply stores in 49 states and an e-com-

merce website at www.TractorSupply.com.

Tractor Supply Company also owns and operates Petsense, a small-box pet specialty supply retailer focused on meeting the needs of pet owners, primarily in small and mid-size communities, and offering a variety of pet products and services. In March 2021, the company operated 177 Petsense stores in 23 states.

“Tractor Supply appreciates the community's warm welcome and looks forward to serving the needed products to help care for residents' homes, farms, ranches, pets and animals,” said Collins.

“We are excited for Tractor Supply to join the Lake Drive Plaza community and know they are going to be a welcome staple in the Town of Vinton,” said Morgan.

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WBHS receives \$500 from Exxon/Mobil

The Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance program received a nomination for William Byrd High School to receive a \$500 gift from their local Exxon/Mobil location Stop in Food Store on Gus Nicks Boulevard in Vinton.

This gift will be used for the maintenance and support of William Byrd High School in the areas of Math and/or Science.

Principal Tammy Newcomb and WBHS are very

appreciative of this gift and will use it “for the benefit of our students.”

The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools. ExxonMobil believes that, as members of the community, local retailers are best qualified to work with lo-

cal educators to help identify schools and programs most in need of support.

In forming the Educational Alliance, Exxon and Mobil have committed over \$34 million to the national program, which funds math and science programs. This is their ongoing effort to support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education within the communities they serve.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb accepts a check for \$500 from the Exxon/Mobil representative.

Gauntlet sponsoring Paint Party fundraiser

The Advancement Foundation is partnering with a current Gauntlet participant, Let's Party Creatively, to hold a Paint Party fundraiser on Sunday, May 23. There will be two sessions, one starting at 1 p.m. and a second at 3 p.m. Additional sessions will be added based on demand. The painting will be “Tropical Moon.”

The event will be rain or shine as it will be held under the shelter at the Vinton Farmers' Market in downtown Vinton. All supplies, paint, brushes, aprons, music, etc., will be provided and are included in the ticket price. COVID guidelines will be followed.

Participants will be guided through the tropical moonlight acrylic painting by local artist Dana Long. “No talent or skill required! We'll introduce you to some simple techniques to make your creation shine,” she said.

Tickets are on sale now at Eventbrite www.eventbrite.com/e/tropical-moon-paint-party-for-the-gauntlet-tickets-152553424399.

Ten dollars from each ticket sold will benefit The Gauntlet program. Bring the family and enjoy a paint day.

Dana Long is the owner and chief creative officer of Let's Party Creatively at Innovative Creations, LLC. While hers is an already existing business, she joined the Gauntlet Business Program this year to sharpen her focus on marketing in order to expand the business.

Long says the Gauntlet has been a very rewarding experience providing a great deal of support to the local businesses participating. She adds that the businesses

in the program have also been very supportive of one another. Networking is one of the main benefits of the Gauntlet sessions.

Long's business offers many unique items for sale: greeting cards, soaps, soy candles, succulent, gnome, and fairy garden kits, and more. It also offers bridal and realtor favors, and special recognition gifts for employees, family, or clients. It offers a wide variety of workshops, events, proj-

ects, and parties, both in-person and virtual. Parties include art, crafts, plants, candles, macrame, alcohol ink, acrylic pour, and watercolors.

“We love to create and specialize in the type of arts and crafts that anyone can make,” she said.

Visit the Let's Party Creatively website at <https://letspartycreatively.com/> and the Let's Party Creatively Facebook page for more information on the services Long provides.



This is the scene from a recent Paint Party led by Dana Long.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Advancement Foundation (parent of the Gauntlet Business Program and Competition) is partnering with a Gauntlet participant, Let's Party Creatively, for a Paint Party fundraiser on May 23. The featured painting will be “Tropical Moon.”

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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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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.

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Vinton Worship Directory

On Guard

Read 1 Chronicles 7:1 through 9:44

It was a great privilege and honor to be one of the men chosen to be gatekeepers at the entrance to God's house. Even more awesome was the responsibility of four principal gatekeepers who guarded the rooms and the treasures.

They would spend the night stationed around the house of God, because they had to guard it; and they had charge of the key for opening it each morning (1 Chronicles 9:27).

No doubt some nights must have felt especially long, but falling asleep while on duty was not an option. The gatekeepers needed to remain

alert to any sound or movement that might indicate the treasures they guarded were in danger.

Today many churches install electronic security systems, although they probably rely on a person to make sure all the windows and doors are locked each night. But when it comes to guarding that which is most important—our children and youth—nothing can replace the prayers of parents and the church family.

Challenge for Today: Ask the Lord for the name of a young person He wants you to safeguard with prayer.

Quicklook: 1 Chronicles 9:22–27

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.

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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Help Wanted - General



TAP (Total Action for Progress) is the second largest community action agency in Virginia, employing more than 300 employees. We encourage people to think creatively, grow professionally, and make a positive impact within the agency and in the communities in which we serve.

The following position is open with TAP:

Education Coordinator

The Education Coordinator ensures all center based programs are operated in a way that provides children with educational experience that help them grow cognitively, socially, emotionally and physically. BA, BS degree with concentration in early childhood development. 4 years working with families and young children. 3 years' experience in a supervisory capacity. Demonstrated knowledge of child development for children under 6. HS diploma/GED required 6 months working w/family services program required. Must be capable of completing certification in First Aid and CPR for infants and children. Must have ability to move w/ease and lift a min. 40lbs., able to interact w/children, possess a valid VA driver's license and access to reliable transportation. Must be able to adjust work schedule as needed. Complete background check required. FT, w/competitive benefits. Salary: \$17.10-24.71/hr. Submit cover letter and resume to: TAP, Human Resources, Job Code: EC-HS, PO Box 2868, 3002 2nd St., Roanoke, VA 24021-2868 or fax to 540-345-1944

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL20000449-00
Botetourt Circuit Court
One West Main St, Suite 120, Fincastle, VA 24090
Michael Loving Coleman v.
Sondra Walters Coleman
The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE
It is ORDERED that Sondra Walters Coleman appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before June 8, 2021.

April 19, 2021
Tommy L. Moore
Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ013851-08-00
BOTETOURT JDR DISTRICT COURT
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOYCE, AUDREY ELIZABETH
COMMONWEALTH OF VA - DSS
/v.
UNKNOWN FATHER
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO AUDREY E. JOYCE
It is ORDERED that the defendant UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 07/20/2021 01:00 PM
05/03/2021
Pamela Jarvis
CLERK

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on May 12, 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 the request of Scott A. Boggs, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow retail sales on the property located at 407 East Burwell Street (Tax Map # 120-1-5).
2) Hold public hearing to consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article III Use & Design Standards, Section 106-308 pertaining to office uses, and Article VI, Definitions and Use Types, Section 106-602.5 Civic Use Types and 106-602.7 Office Use Types, pertaining to guidance services, medical offices/clinic, and outpatient mental health and substance abuse clinics, 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

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3) 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, Section 106-308 pertaining to office uses, 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 and Article VI, Definitions and Use Types, Section 106-602.5 Civic Use Types and 106-602.7 Office Use Types, pertaining to guidance services, medical offices/clinic, and outpatient mental health and substance abuse clinics of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY
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1. A request by JBC Properties, LLC, to rezone approximately 4.82 acres of a 5.311-acre parcel from A, Agricultural to R-1, Single-Family Residential. The subject property is located at 345 John Lemley Lane, S.E. and is identified as Tax Map 502-((17))-23 (Parcel ID 120239). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

2. A request by New River United Soccer Association for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a club soccer facility within the A, Agricultural zoning district. The subject property is approximately 4.901 acres in size, located at 1200 Buffalo Drive, N.W. and is identified as Tax Map Number 556-((A))-84 (Parcel ID 111028). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/youtube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

Copies of the applications are available for review at the following link: www.christiansburg.org/publichearings. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Margaret Barden, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1117 or by email at mbarden@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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Trinity Hylton pushes the ball down the field for the Byrd girls' lacrosse team.

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Powell is ODAC P-of-Y

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference named University of Lynchburg freshman Lexi Powell as the softball Player of the Week

during the last week of April. Lexi is a William Byrd graduate.

Powell hit an even .500 over six games for the Hornets, going

11-for-22 with three doubles, seven RBI, and four runs scored. The outfielder also walked once and stole three bases in three attempts as Lynchburg posted a 4-2 record on the week, sweeping Roanoke and Guilford in ODAC doubleheaders.

It is the first-career ODAC weekly honor for the Vinton native, who led Lynchburg's team with 43 hits through April 26 and was tied for the team lead in stolen bases and triples.

The Hornets advanced to the semifinal round of the ODAC tournament last weekend with a two-game sweep of Guilford in the best-of-three quarterfinals. Lynchburg, the number three seed, will play a best-of-three with second seeded Emory & Henry on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The winner will play the winner of a series between Roanoke College and top-seeded Virginia Wesleyan for the ODAC championship this weekend.

The Hornets enter the conference semifinals with a 27-15 record.



Lexi Powell, ODAC Player of the Week in softball, will be playing in the conference tournament this week.

PHOTO BY BILLY POWELL

Byrd boys down Northside on pitch

It was a year in the making, but Russell Dishman finally made his debut as Byrd boys' soccer coach last week. The Terriers dropped their opener to William Fleming but bounced back for a win over Northside. Both games were at Vinton's Patterson Stadium.

Byrd lost to Fleming last Friday, 3-0, but the match was closer than the score indicates. The game was scoreless until Fleming pushed one across with about 15 minutes remaining in the game.

"As we tried to push to draw level that left us exposed and we gave up the second goal," said Dishman. "They were able to get their final goal just before the match ended."

Bricen Lancaster had 11 saves in goal for Byrd.

"I thought we performed well, we just needed to take a few more chances earlier in the match," said Dishman. "There were a lot of positives, though, as I thought the guys played well and we moved the ball around better as we

dealt with the winds that night."

On Monday the Byrdmen bounced back for a 4-1 win over Northside. Byrd opened the scoring in the seventh minute with Ryan Garland heading in a cross from Dylan Hughes. Northside equalized in the 13th minute but Landon Niday scored the go ahead goal in the 14th minute with a one time finish from a Braden Crossan pass. Byrd made it 3-1 off a Niday rebound and Landon scored the final go to put it away. Lancaster had four saves and Chris Blankenship had one save in goal for the Terriers.

"It was a great performance by the entire group and they executed well," said Dishman.

Byrd will host Franklin County on Friday night at Patterson Stadium, with the varsity scheduled to start around 7 pm. Next Tuesday, May 11, it's a varsity only match with Lord Botetourt, beginning at 6 pm. That's also at home as the Terriers play their first five games in Vinton.

TERRIERS HOME FOR TENNIS

The William Byrd girls will have home tennis matches on Friday against William Fleming and Monday against Northside. The Terriers dropped matches to Staunton River and Franklin County last week and were rained out against Lord Botetourt Monday. Right, Joyce Wang hits a backhand.

PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY



Girls best two in lacrosse, Cavaliers are here tonight

The William Byrd lacrosse teams opened their seasons last week with mixed results. The girls won two of three games but the boys lost twice.

The girls opened at home against Cave Spring on Wednesday, April 28, and took a 14-6 win over the Knights. Trinity Hylton led the attack with six goals and one assist. Ashlyn Stover recorded four goals and freshman attacker Emma Miller scored her first career goal. Haley Firebaugh had 10 saves in goal.

Last Friday at Franklin County the Terriers made it two in a row with a 14-8 win over the Eagles. Hylton and Stover had four goals each while Bethany Beecher had three goals and an assist. Firebaugh posted nine saves in the win.

On Tuesday the girls played E.C. Glass in Lynchburg and lost for the first time, 14-7. Hylton had four goals, giving her 14 in three games, and

Stover had two.

"We have a very small roster this year with 14 players, two of which are new to the sport," said coach Dan Eberhardt. "I am very pleased with the game play so far this season, especially considering that most players have to play the entire game without a break."

The boys lost their opener to Cave Spring at Patterson Stadium, 14-3. Connor McCarthy had two goals for Byrd and Josh Barker had one.

On Tuesday at Glass the boys ran into a talented Hilltopper team and were shut out, 19-0.

Things won't get any easier tonight as the girls and boys host Jefferson Forest in a doubleheader, with the girls at 5:30 pm and the boys at 7:15 at Patterson Stadium. The Cavaliers swept Salem's girls and boys on Monday and both are expected to be regional contenders.

Terrier girls win first track meet, take top four spots in 200 meters

The William Byrd track team was back on the oval for the first time in two years last week as the Terriers participated in a four-school meet at Staunton River. The Byrd girls won the day while Lord Botetourt prevailed in the men's competition, and Franklin County and host Staunton River also competed.

"It was a great opener for our season, and really it just felt so good to be back on the track after almost two years," said Byrd coach Andrew Decoster.

Byrd's Remi Figart won the 400 in the fastest time by a girl at Byrd since 2013, at 1:03.07, and also won the triple jump in 31-04. Chloe Harrilla was second in triple jump at 30-8.5.

Terrier girls finished one through four in the 200, led by Seal Beatty (27.02), Figart (28.08) Emma Dalton (28.81) and Chloe Harrilla (28.85).

"We can't wait to get them on a relay," said Decoster.

For the boys, Isaac Roth won the pole vault with a personal best jump of 12 feet, and he also won the 400 in 53.57. Senior Jeffrey Williams was in his first track meet ever, and he won the long jump (19-02) and placed third in the high jump.

Keaton Band won the 800. Jaiden Childress won the high jump and placed fifth in long jump and Walker Nance placed second in the 110 hurdles and third in the triple jump.

The Terriers have a home meet next Wednesday, May 12.

Call for all students interested in running cross country for Byrd

Any William Byrd High School or Middle School students interested in running Cross Country should stop by and see coach Eric Royal (room 118) or coach Richardson (room 175) at the high school to pick up a summer running log and information about open runs.



Above, Byrd's Hanna Chappell watches the ball hit the net for a score in the Terriers' season opening win over William Fleming last week. Left, Maddy Simmons (#10) controls the ball against the Colonels.

PHOTOS BY DANNY CRUFF

Byrd girls open soccer season by shutting out two rivals

The William Byrd girls' soccer team has played two games and has yet to allow a goal. The Terriers won at William Fleming last Friday, 8-0, then shut out Franklin County in Vinton on Tuesday, 4-0.

Against Fleming the two Blue Ridge District rivals played with just nine on the field for each team to accommodate Fleming's low numbers. Hanna Chappell started the scoring early in the first half with an assist by Riley Firebaugh. Byrd's second goal was a penalty kick due to a handball in the box, and Maddy Simmon converted.

Chappell added two more goals in the first half, assisted by Addisyn St. Clair and Simmons. Anna Milliron scored the fourth goal of the half off an assist by Hannah Sutton and Simmons added another goal off an assist by Milliron to end the first half with Byrd leading 6-0.

The Terriers added two more goals in the second half, the first by Firebaugh, assisted by Briannah Hall, and the second by St. Clair, assisted by Maci Glass.

Against Franklin County Chappell gave Byrd the lead off a corner kick taken by Glass. Simmons added two goals in the first half, the first assisted by Claire Glover and the second assisted by Milliron. Hanna Chappell scored the only second half goal, her fifth in two games.

Byrd will return the trip to Franklin County on Friday.

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Terriers back on the diamond, finally, Friday at Franklin County with deep and talented roster

High School baseball is back, and no one is happier than the folks at William Byrd. The Terriers were expecting to be state contenders last year when the coronavirus pandemic hit and wiped out their entire 2020 season.

This year, hopes are still high. Byrd will have 11 seniors on the team and a majority of the lineup that enjoyed success as sophomores in 2019. Add some new faces to the mix and it should be a good spring at Walthall Park, even if the season is staring almost two months later than usual.

“After a long layoff we are ready to get back to competing,” said Byrd coach Neil Zimmerman. “We have 11 seniors on this year’s team with a lot of varsity experience. We have a seasoned pitching staff that includes some newcomers to the varsity level.”

Returning varsity pitchers include Tyler Dean, Isaac Fix, Luke Taylor, Tyler Martin, Ethan Tinsley and Seth Hodges, and they all play a position when they’re not on the mound. Joey Johnson will be used in a util-

ity role and can play either infield or outfield. Dylan Hatfield, Hayden Lyle, and James Purcell look to handle the catching responsibilities for the large pitching staff. Hatfield, a Virginia Tech signee, is ready to go after an injury during the spring football season.

Juniors Hunter Sipe, Trenton Sayers, and Ross Divers return. Matthew Scavelli and Ethan Hairston are also juniors who can play multiple positions and add good speed. Hunter Harris will compete in the outfield and Bryson Lutz will compete at first base on a deep and talented roster.

The Terriers will open on Friday with Fix, a Davidson signee, getting the opening day assignment on the mound. It’s a jayvee-varsity doubleheader against Franklin County in Rocky Mount, with the varsity scheduled for around 7 pm.

Next week Byrd is at Lord Botetourt on Tuesday, and the home opener won’t be until Friday, May 14 when Byrd will host William Fleming in a varsity doubleheader.



Senior lefty Isaac Fix will get the opening day start on the mound for Byrd.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Left, William Byrd’s Erin Courtemanche rips a hit in last week’s softball doubleheader at Fleming. Right, Brooklyn Peters homered in the season opening win.



PHOTOS BY DANNY CRUFF

Terrier softball off to another good start

The William Byrd girls were at William Fleming to open the softball season with a varsity doubleheader last Friday. The Terriers, who are the reigning state champions going back to the 2019 season, had little trouble sweeping the Colonels, 16-0 and 14-4.

In the opener senior Hallie Cox pitched an opening day no hitter, striking out seven and walking one. Byrd banged out 11 hits, including a home run by Brooklyn Peters. Sydney Blewett, Maddy Tuck, Erin Courtemanche and Haleigh Vaughan had two hits each.

Freshman Chloe Varney pitched the second game, allowing two hits and four runs over four innings to pick up the win. Courtemanche, Haleigh Vaughan, Tuck, Keely Hoal, Rachel Cruff and Logan Pekala all knocked in runs for the Terriers. Amber and Haleigh Vaughn had two hits each.

The Terriers will be back in action Friday to play a jayvee-varsity doubleheader at Franklin County. Next Tuesday Byrd will be in Vinton to host Lord Botetourt in the home opener.

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