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## Gish Mill Redevelopment Project will preserve historic site



Gish Mill has been added onto several times across centuries and decades with the original structure dating from the 1850s.

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The Gish Mill Redevelopment Project is now underway to return life and prosperity to the founding structure of the Town of Vinton. Gish Mill was built in the 1770s and was in continuous operation in one form or the other since then—until it closed as Holdren's Country Store in 2015.

The basement area has been under water several times, as well. Almost all of the building will be preserved and used. The shell of the most recent addition to the far right of the building will be removed, leaving the flooring slab for an outdoor patio area.

The town purchased the property located on Gus Nicks Boulevard at a cost of \$126,000 in October 2015 as Town Council and much of the citizenry wanted to preserve the historic mill, which appears on the Town Seal, and put it back into use. In 2019 the town issued a Request for Proposals.

David Hill of Hill Studio and developer David Trinkle, incorporated as Gish Mill Davii, presented their proposal to council for converting the property to mixed-use development and signed a contract of sale with the town in April 2020—contingent upon environmental, structural, and historic assessments of the property, and obtaining funding.

The project includes a restaurant and seasonal market on the first floor, a special event space in

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Milling equipment at the Gish Mill gristmill site

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## Vinton, Roanoke County celebrate Arbor Day with ribbon-cutting for Glade Creek Greenway



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The Town of Vinton and Roanoke County celebrated Arbor Day with a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the Glade Creek Greenway Phase II on Gus Nicks Boulevard. Shown left to right are Forester Denny McCarthy, Greenway Commission Chairman Frank Sims, Vinton Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, Greenway Coordinator Liz Belcher, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jason Peters, and Phil North who represents the Hollins District on the Board of Supervisors.

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The Town of Vinton and Roanoke County celebrated Arbor Day 2021 in conjunction with a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the Glade Creek Greenway Phase II.

Glade Creek Greenway Trailhead on Gus Nicks Boulevard.

Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters welcomed guests and guest speakers, including Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Jason Peters, chairman of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors and Vinton's representative on the board, Frank Sims, chairman of the

Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission, and Forester Denny McCarthy from the Virginia Department of Forestry.

Mayor Grose noted that the Town of Vinton has been designated a Tree City USA Community for 19 years. Roanoke County has been celebrating National Arbor Day for 20 years. Partners have included the Virginia Department of Forestry, the Vinton History Museum, the Vinton Planning and Public Works Departments, and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission.

"In addition to promoting trees and green spaces in the town, Vinton also has a long history of supporting outdoor recreation—having one of the oldest greenways in the valley," Grose said. "We continue that tradition today with the expansion of the Glade Creek Greenway."

"Most people recognize the value that a greenway brings to a neighborhood," Grose said. "A greenway will provide recreation, transportation, economic development, and improve the qual-

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## WBHS Awards Program honors scholarship winners



Charlie and Carolee Lovelace presented the Dr. Charlie J. "Jay" Lovelace III Memorial Scholarship to Caroline Gibbs (center left) and Kasey McKee at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 17. Gibbs and McKee were also awarded the Stovall-Page Scholarships. In addition, McKee received the Wallace Cundiff Memorial Scholarship and the Robert A. Patterson Memorial Scholarship presented by the RCPS Education Foundation. She will be attending Virginia Tech. Gibbs was the recipient of the Herman L. Horn Elementary PTA Scholarship presented by the RCPS Education Foundation. She will be attending Wingate College.

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William Byrd High School held its annual Senior Awards Ceremony on May 17.

Principal Tammy Newcomb thanked the William Byrd PTSO and its president Kori Webb for sponsoring the assembly and other programs "to enrich our students' high school experience."

First to be recognized were not seniors, but Junior Marshals who have a 4.0 or higher GPA and as such will assist with the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021.

Junior Marshals in the Class of 2022 are Alexa Aquino, Isabel Burnett, John Cooley, Emma Coppening, Haley Day, Ross Divers, Haley Firebaugh, Riley Firebaugh, Emiliano Gonzalez, Jocelyn Hunter, Carlee Hutchens, Micah Kiker, Devin Liu, Nicholas Long, Jaiden Lorton, Victoria Lovern, Emilie McCaskill, Wesley Nance, Landon Niday, Austin Nielsen, Steven Nguyen, Timber Raines, Joshua Roop, Trevor Ruble, Daniel Sarver, Barbara Saunders, Cole Spencer, Hannah Sutton, Lana Turner, Travis West, Cadence Wilkerson, and Cassidy Wrye.

SCA Awards were presented to officers Keaton Band, Caroline Dullaghan, Catie Dullaghan, Natalie Mullins, Hailey Ramsey, Arielle Shiloh, Erin Taylor, and Julie Wang.

The Vinton Senior Awards Assembly includes the presentation of many scholarships established in memory of former students by their families or of past educators or community leaders. Many scholarships are presented by organizations as well.

The following scholar-

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Camilla Cabaniss of the GFWC Vinton Woman's Club presented the Vinton Woman's Club Scholarship to Hailey Ramsey. Ramsey also received an SCA award, the Erica Thomas Memorial Scholarship, the Adam Wickham Scholarship, the Henry Lee Memorial-Member One Scholarship, the Education Foundation Golf Scholarship, and the Dorothy and Julien Meyer, Sr., and Melva P. Jones Scholarships. She will be attending UVA.



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Taylor Dawson received the National Merit Bridgestone Americas, Inc. Scholarship, a corporate-sponsored scholarship awarded to students scoring as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. She also received the United States Marines Award. She will be attending MIT this fall.

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# William Byrd Middle School recognizes outstanding eighth graders

William Byrd Middle School presented academic achievement awards to its eighth graders—the Class of 2025—on May 21.

Eighth graders who maintained a 4.0 GPA in middle school through the end of the first semester of their eighth grade year were recognized with the President's Award for Educational Excellence. Those students include: Ava Ashworth, Graysen Divers, Abigail Dooley, Camryn Dullaghan, Emily Fisher, Kendall Gordon, Aidan Hardy, Hannah Janney, Jada Johnson, Kaylee Makuch, Grace Onwi, Eliza Otey, Ellawyn Pagan, Christian Parker, Madelyn Pittman, Ethan Powell, Becca Radford, Meera Raichura, Emma Rupe, and Gregory Stiltner.

The Levi Freeman Award is presented annually to two students, who, in the opinion of the faculty, best embody the characteristics of kindness, compassion, honesty, tolerance, and the willingness to do the right thing even when it's not popular.

The coveted award is given in memory of Levi Freeman, an eighth grade student whose life was cut tragically short after a diagnosis of bone cancer. Levi loved music, the Cleveland Cavaliers, and the Pittsburgh Steelers, and would have been a 2020 graduate of William Byrd High School. His memory lives on through his family, friends, and this award.

Recipients of the 2021 Levi Freeman Award are



Emma Rupe received the coveted Levi Freeman Award for 2021. The award is given to two outstanding eighth graders at WBMS in memory of student Levi Freeman. Rupe is shown with WBMS Assistant Principal Katherine Hutchison.

Hayden Davis and Emma Rupe.

Academic Achievement Awards in English were presented to Carson Bramble, Brooke Brant, Graysen Divers, Lacie Gibson, Emily Glass, Aidan Hardy, Kristin Kochendarfer, Kaylee Makuch, Ryan Markham, Ellawyn Pagan, Madelyn Pittman, Ethan Powell,

Gino Ruks, and Gregory Stiltner.

Academic Achievement Awards in Math were presented to Ava Ashworth, Graysen Divers, Grace Onwi, Hayden Hamblin-Lish, Aidan Hardy, Jada Johnson, Kristin Kochendarfer, Nathaniel Lynn, Christian Parker, Meera Raichura, Elizabeth Reid, Gino Ruks, Landon



PHOTOS COURTESY OF WBMS

Hayden Davis was the recipient of the Levi Freeman Award for 2021. His plaque was presented by Assistant Principal Katherine Hutchison.

Parver, Vanessa Sattah, and Nathan Short.

Students receiving Academic Achievement Awards in Social Studies included: Marshall Bruner, Graysen Divers, Camryn Dullaghan, Aidan Hardy, Nathan Hiemstra, Allie Jamison, Kristin Kochendarfer, Grace Onwi, Elyse Rider, Nathan Rowland, Gino Ruks, and

Gregory Stiltner.

Academic Achievement Awards in Science were presented to Mario Arias, Graysen Divers, Aidan Hardy, Nathan Hiemstra, Kristin Kochendarfer, Nathaniel Lynn, Grace Onwi, Meera Raichura, Cheyenne Robertson, Gino Ruks, William Thompson, and Stephen Underwood.

# Woman's Club of Vinton installs new officers, awards scholarship



The GFWC Vinton Woman's Club presented a scholarship to William Byrd graduate Hailey Ramsey at its meeting on May 25. Shown left to right are members Camilla Cabaniss and Lois Creasy, Hailey Ramsey and her father Jeff, and members Vicki Newburn and Mary Kay Brown.



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The GFWC Vinton Woman's Club installed new officers at the meeting on May 25 at the Vinton War Memorial. Shown left to right are Co-presidents Hazel Moody and Amber Holdren, Second Vice President Maggie Angell, Secretary Vicki Newburn, Treasurer Kathryn Sowers, and Carol Guilliams-Mills who conducted the installation ceremony.

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The GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton held the annual scholarship presentation and installation

of officers on May 25 at the Vinton War Memorial.

The 2021 scholarship was presented to William Byrd graduate Hailey Ramsey. Each year the

club awards this scholarship to a William Byrd senior based on academic achievement, community service, and overall good character. Ramsey graduates with an impressive

GPA of 4.31.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Courtney Ramsey. Her plans are to attend the University of Virginia and study kinesiology with the goal of becoming an OB/GYN. Her plan is to take a five-year program, pursue her master's degree, and then attend medical school.

"I am not sure how Hailey does everything she does," said Camilla Cabaniss, who presented the scholarship award. "Her resumé is quite outstanding. She is an athlete, a scholar, active in student affairs, and several school clubs. She has volunteered at Mingle on the Market, Grapes and Grains, and Fall Festival. She has been a waitress year-round at Famous Anthony's."

Ramsey was chosen from eight outstanding applicants.

Ramsey thanked the Woman's Club of Vinton for the scholarship, which will help her pursue her studies at UVA.

"I am very excited to move on to this chapter of my life and grow as an individual," Ramsey said. "UVA has been my dream, and this is only the beginning."

The Vinton Woman's Club also presented a scholarship to WBHS senior Natalie Mullins as this year's Best All Around Female at the Senior Awards Banquet on May 12. Member Vicki Newburn made that presentation.

Lois Creasy announced that the club has been recognized with several awards in the GFWC-VA Blue Ridge District including first place in Education, Health and Wellness, Membership, Communication and Public Relations, Leadership, Fundraising, and the GFWC VA Signature Project-Domestic Violence. The club won second place for Arts and Civic Engagement and third place for Legislation and Public Policy.

Among other accomplishments, each April the club partners with the Vinton Police Department and Vinton Town Council to plant a Pinwheel Garden at the Municipal Building to raise awareness of child abuse. The club volunteered 483 hours and worked on 11 different projects in 2020, despite the pandemic.

At the GFWC Convention, the local club received an award from GFWC Affiliate Prevent Child Abuse Across America.

Kathryn Sowers was honored with a special presentation during the meeting. She has been nominated for the national Jennie Award which honors one member from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. She was given a notebook compiled by several club members detailing her activities and service over the past 54 years in a "compact his-

tory." In that time, Sowers has held every office at the Blue Ridge District level and in GFWC VA. She served as State GFWC President during the 100th anniversary years of 2006-2008.

"We are so proud of all that you have done, are doing, and will continue to do," Sowers was told. "You are a mentor, friend, and Federation sister. No matter the outcome, we love you and some of us know more about you than you can remember."

Sowers thanked the members for their endorsement, saying that because of her relationships with them and the Woman's Club, "I have already won."

At the dinner meeting on May 25, Carol Guilliams-Mills, who is first vice president of the Blue Ridge District, president of the Roanoke Woman's Club, and a member of the Vinton Woman's Club, installed the new slate of officers for 2021-2022.

Hazel Moody and Amber Holdren will serve as co-presidents; Mary Kay Brown will serve as first vice president; Maggie Angell as second vice President; Vicki Newburn as secretary; and Kathryn Sowers as treasurer.

The Woman's Club member hold numerous fundraisers that enable them to contribute to a wide variety of community needs. Wherever there is a need, they step up to fill it.

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  42. Where judges sit
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  57. Health care pro (abbr.)
  58. Playground mainstay
  59. Expressing relief
  60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
  61. Fishing net
  62. Beer
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  64. Japanese beverage
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Garden tools
  2. Early Syrian kingdom
  3. 500 sheets of paper
  4. Information
  5. Beloved comic strip character
  6. Distinct form of a plant
  7. Replenishment
  8. Semitransparent glassy substance
  9. Expedition to observe animals
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  11. Obtain in return for labor
  13. Inheritable genetically
  17. One who rescues
  24. Doctor of Education
  25. Liberal arts
  26. Shock treatment
  27. Disfigure
  28. When you hope to get there
  29. Peacock network
  35. Part of (abbr.)
  36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
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  41. Restricted the development of
  42. Sciences degree
  43. Sea eagles
  44. Saturated
  45. Joints
  47. Sailing boat
  48. Respiratory organs
  49. Guitarists use them
  52. Disco act: Bee \_\_\_
  53. First Chinese dynasty
  54. Intentionally lose
  55. Muslim people of China

## Beyond Books

The Vinton Library has more wonder coming your way! We are excited to announce we're adding more hours at Glenvar, Hollins, South County, and Vinton starting June 1.

The library staff is making every effort to provide excellent customer service while incorporating current CDC guidelines and protocols set by the governor regarding capacity, masks, and social distancing.

As you return to the library, you'll notice things look different, but we are ready to help.

Masks are required and will continue to be free at the library, along with gloves, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes. We are aware of new guidelines being rolled out. Please watch our website, rocolibrary.org, or our social media @rocopublib on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

Library Hours beginning June 1 (including in-person visits, curbside, and drive-thru—where applicable):

- 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Thursday
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday

Reservations are no longer required. Just stop by for all of your browsing and check-out needs. You may reserve a computer by calling 857-5043 for the Vinton Library.

Bent Mountain and Mt. Pleasant Libraries are also opening for more hours for patrons to utilize curbside and sidewalk browsing. For a list of hours and details visit our website.

Besides our extended hours, June also means the start of our annual Summer Reading Program. This year we invite you to "choose kindness, find wonder, and read together."

In 2020, the library launched a community reading goal of 3,000 books. Because we exceeded the goal by over five times, we've increased the goal to 10,000 books this year.

Meeting the goal means the Friends of the Roanoke County Public Library, sponsors of our Summer Reading Program, will make a donation to Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins June 7 and goes through August 6. Patrons of all ages may participate in the program, enjoy many opportunities to win prizes, and help us reach the goal.

Everyone who reads three books completes the program and receives a fun, age-specific prize.

Plus, this year each county library location will hold drawings for one gift basket per age group for participants who complete the program.

We will also offer three system-wide grand prizes (one per each age group), including a family day gift basket featuring local gift cards and fun activities for children, an Air BnB gift card for adults, and a Nintendo Switch for teens.

To register for this year's program, visit rocolibrary.org. Register through the easy-to-use Beanstack app, the same application used for our "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. Only one login is required per family. If you'd prefer a paper log, you may print one from the website to track your reading, and call or stop by the library for staff to log your books electronically.

During our Summer Reading Program, we have many fun virtual and in-person programs starting in June.

On Saturday, June 5, drop by the library from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to pick up a pack of chalk to decorate the sidewalk. Participants will also receive wildflower seed bombs to "Spread Seeds of Kindness." This event is

weather permitting.

If you are looking for a furry friend, visit RCACP at the library for our summer Pet Adoption Fair on Saturday, June 12. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and weather permitting.

We also have a fun lineup of virtual programs via Zoom for adults. All of these programs require registration by either giving us a call or by signing up on our website.

• Couch Trivia is on June 1 at 7 p.m. The theme is June Celebrations, so join in with your friends and test your knowledge.

• Curious about what your library card can do for you? Come to our Virtual Library Tour to learn about the premium databases that we offer for free on June 9 at 2 p.m.

• Learn about AI on June 14 at noon in our AI for Business course where we will discuss how businesses are using artificial intelligence to solve problems and reach customers.

• Want to learn more about the history of Juneteenth? Discover our premium resources available with your library card at our Discovering Juneteenth event at 4 p.m. on June 16 where we will delve into Ancestry.com, Freedman's Database, and more.

Kids will kick off the summer with virtual and in-person events. All of these programs require registration.

• Storytime @ Home continues virtually on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. We will also have special Jammie Time Storytime sessions on June 8 and 22 at 6 p.m. Have your little ones in their PJs and join us for stories to wind down before bedtime.

• Beat the heat by bringing children ages 2-7 to Water Sensory Play on June 11 at 10:30 a.m. to play with water toys and participate in activities.

Teens can come to the library or hang out on Zoom in June. Just the same as adults and children events, these also require registration.

• If you are curious about self-driving cars, join in for our first installment of "AI: What Could Possibly Go Wrong?!" on June 15 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

• Come to the Vinton Library to create a beautiful, functional macramé key chain on June 22 at 3:30 p.m.

• Take and Create craft kits for teens are now changing twice a month throughout summer. Starting the week of June 1 pick up Sand Pouring Art; then, starting the week of June 14, grab a salt painting kit.

There is plenty of fun at the Vinton Library and we encourage you to check out our calendar to see what's happening next at all of our locations. We hope to see you soon!

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# DAR returns to in-person meetings



The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which meets in Vinton, welcomed two new members at their meeting on May 15. Shown left to right are Registrar Janice Taylor, new members April Perry and Cynthia Luedtke, Regent Cindy Higgins, and Chaplain Lisa Gascoyne.

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The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (RVCDAR) held the first in-person meeting in over a year on May 15 at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Vinton, led by Regent Cindy Higgins.

The chapter welcomed two new members who took the oath of membership at the meeting, April Perry and Cynthia Luedtke. They were introduced by Registrar Janice Taylor.

Membership in the DAR is open to any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Perry traces her lineage to Patriot John Amburger; interestingly, her great-uncle was one of the Bedford Boys lost in World War II. Luedtke is descended from Patriot William Slaughter.

The National Society of the DAR is preparing to commemorate the 250th birthday of the United States of America on July 4, 2026. The DAR has formed the "America 250! Committee" to plan for the milestone anniversary and has asked individual chapters to celebrate their Patriots in the intervening months.

The Roanoke Chapter has chosen to honor one or two Patriots of its members or of its founding members at each meeting.

In May the Patriot ancestor of founding member Caroline Honts Etzler was remembered—Daniel Brough. Brough was born in Pennsylvania and provided patriotic service during the years of the American Revolution. He died in Botetourt County in 1825. Both the Honts and Etzler families are prominent in Botetourt County.

James Turner was the Patriot of founding member Julia Mae Bradshaw who died in 1996 at age 93. She lived most of her life in Vinton, teaching at Roland



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The local DAR Chapter entered a float in the Virtual Dogwood Festival Parade and placed it on display at their recent meeting. The float features Betsy Ross and her flag.

E. Cook and singing in the choir at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church. She held local, district, and state offices in DAR.

Private James Turner, served in North Carolina in three tours throughout the state under various commanding officers. During his third tour, Turner was taken prisoner, along with his captain and most of his company. They were held by Tories, but when attacked by General Butler in an attempt to rescue them, the prisoners were moved to Wilmington and put aboard a British ship which then moved down to Charleston Harbor. It remained anchored offshore for about eight months. Captain John Clendenin negotiated for the release of prisoners in May 1782 and Private Turner was able to make his way home. He lived to be 98 years old.

On display at the

meeting was the chapter's entry in the Vinton Virtual Dogwood Festival Parade, featuring Patriot Betsy Ross. The float won honorable mention from the judges.

The local DAR chapter is well-known for its community service, especially to veterans and members of the Armed Forces. They make lap blankets for local veterans, support deployed troops, and plant flags at the Vinton Municipal Building on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Flag Day.

Their latest conservation and community service project is collecting plastic film overwrap for recycling in connection with the Trex company. Groups who collect more than 500 pounds of plastic refuse in a six-month span (about 40,500 plastic bags) receive a donation of a high-performance composite Trex bench for the community. Higgins said

that in discussion with Town Manager Pete Peters, the first bench will be placed on the new Glade Creek Greenway Phase II Trail.

The chapter will be setting up locations to collect grocery and retail bags, case overwraps, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, Ziploc and other recloseable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, cereal box liners, and wood pellet bags.

The members continue to make plans for celebrating its 60th anniversary this November 6 at Bonsack Baptist Church.

The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the DAR generally meets on the second Saturday of each month at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on Hardy Road in Vinton and welcomes new members. They will gladly assist in establishing lineage to a patriot in the American Revolution.

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The Arbor Day celebration at the Glade Creek Greenway included the traditional tree planting. Shown left to right are Board of Supervisors member Phil North, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Greenway Commission Chairman Frank Sims, and Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Chair Jason Peters.



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The Glade Creek Greenway Phase II trail is located below the Billy Byrd Apartments on Gus Nicks Boulevard and includes trailhead parking.

ity of life. The Roanoke Valley greenway system is more; it represents several important partnerships. It's a public/private partnership that includes many volunteers, government, and business. I think that is especially important here in our valley.

"The partnership didn't just happen. It needed a steady leader with both passion and vision," Grose continued. "Liz Belcher has provided exactly the right kind of leadership that has helped this team to produce a valuable and lasting asset to our valley. Thanks for your courage, your passion, your vision, and steady leadership—and your friendship throughout the years."

He described Green-

way Coordinator Belcher as "an integral part of this project in all aspects. Her dedication and contributions to the development of greenways throughout the Roanoke Valley and the Town of Vinton over the past 25 years cannot be said enough. We wish her a happy retirement this August knowing she has made a difference in all our lives."

He went on to thank the many others who "made this day happen," including Greenway Commission Chair Frank Sims and Vinton's representatives on the Greenway Commission Bud LaRoche, Rob Lyon, and Janet Scheid who "helped to guide the vision of this project and supported its development."

Grose noted that

funding for the project was supported by Vinton Town Council, and VDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program and Urban Highway Funds.

He thanked Chairman Jason Peters and the Board of Supervisors who supported easements for the greenway and trailhead parking. The tree planting and greenway sign were made possible with funding from the Roanoke County Capital Improvement Incentive Fund.

He thanked Vinton Director of Planning and Zoning Anita McMillan who managed and coordinated the project with assistance and guidance from Jessie Nester and Jay Guy at VDOT.

"We also had extensive cooperation with the Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, and Planning Department personnel throughout the greenway development and ribbon-cutting event, including Doug Blount, Allen Hayes, Mark Courtright, Eric Vest, Lindsay Webb, Alex North, and Alex Jones," Grose said.

He recognized Mike Johnson and Adam Matusevich with Hurt and Proffitt for their engineering services and Matt Combs and the staff at Summit Contractor who served as contractor for the project.

Grose expressed appreciation to the Pathfinders for Greenways Midweek Crew, includ-

ing Bud LaRoche, Janet Scheid, Tom Berdeen, John Van Luik, and Shannon Palmer for getting the needed tree removal completed by mid-April and who removed downed trees after a recent storm.

Jason Peters commented on the recent action taken by the Board of Supervisors to rename the adjacent park as Glade Creek Park and on the connectivity the greenway provides to downtown Vinton, Vinyard Park, the Tinker Creek Greenway, and beyond to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

"The greenway is a great asset to the valley and has been an outlet for many in the past year of the pandemic," Peters said.

Sims stated that 25 years ago, Grose and McMillan were part of the initial greenway steering committee who had the vision of developing the greenway system. He noted that McMillan is the "only person who has been continuously part of the greenway development from the steering committee until today."

"The dedication and hard work of people and communities has made this a successful program," Sims said. He described the Glade Creek Greenway Phase II project as "another piece of the puzzle," and Belcher as "the backbone of the greenway for the Roanoke Valley."

Vinton Town Council had declared May 25, 2021, as Arbor Day with a proclamation at

its most recent meeting on May 18.

McCarthy shared parts of the town's Arbor Day proclamation:

"In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.

"Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are a renewable source giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products.

"Trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community. Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal."

McCarthy noted the role that trees play in intercepting rainfall and reducing run-off into streams, creeks, and rivers.

In closing the ceremony, Grose said, "On behalf of the Town of Vinton I would like to thank everyone again who has had a hand in building this greenway. Our town staff, especially Planning and Zoning and Public Works,

have given us a beautiful space in which to celebrate today and will maintain the greenway into the future.

"The greenway will be an asset to the nearby residents of Billy Byrd, Glade Creek Park patrons, and the rest of the community and these trees will be seen for decades by the greenway and ballfield users, parents, and visitors. The trees will serve as a reminder of our role to be conscientious environmental stewards and to do our part to help preserve our natural resources," Grose said.

The ceremony concluded with the ribbon-cutting opening the newest section of the greenway.

McMillan explained that to maintain its designation as a Tree City USA, the town is required to hold an Arbor Day Celebration, along with tree plantings and tree education outreach each year. This year six Green Giant Arborvitae trees were planted at the Greenway Trailhead, while 30 others were planted throughout the town in medians and at the Vinton Farmers' Market. The trees were funded through the Virginia Trees for Clean Water Grant Program. This year Vinton received \$6,000 in grant funding to purchase and plant trees.

"We are excited to open up this next expansion of the trail and new trailhead parking for everyone to enjoy," said Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton.

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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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## From the Pulpit

# Hearing & Doing

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26 And everyone

who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall! (Matthew 7:21, 24-27)”

The above passage is part of Jesus’ conclusion to his great Sermon on the Mount. As he brings the series of sermons to a close, he makes a shock-

ing statement that “not everyone who says, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of the Father in heaven.”

He then provided an illustration to further his point about a house built on rock versus sand. According to Jesus, the only way to build our lives on him—the rock—is to both hear his words and act on them.

Our faith must be more than what we say; it must be more than what we believe or profess; it must be reflected in what we do.

Entering into, partici-

pating with, and being a part of God’s Kingdom is dependent upon whether or not our lives are built on Christ. According to Jesus, the only way to accomplish that is to both hear his words and act on them.

So, what is it specifically that Jesus is calling us to do? What actions does he consider to be the “will of the Father”?

Thankfully, we do not have to guess or estimate. These words about “the one who does the will of my Father” were offered at the conclusion of an entire sermon series whereupon

he provided a number of instructions.

I have attempted to narrow these instructions into 13 overarching themes. These themes do not include every instruction Jesus gave, but do provide a summary of his teachings from this section of scripture. Hopefully, this list helps us to have some understanding of what he is calling us to do in response to God’s will:

1. Don’t hide the light of Christ that is already within you
2. Resolve your disputes
3. Reconcile your conflicts

4. Be faithful to your spouse
5. Love your enemies
6. Pray for your enemies
7. Spend time with God in prayer
8. Forgive those who have harmed you
9. Keep your priorities straight – temporary versus eternal
10. Stop idolizing money
11. Stop worrying about things out of your control
12. Stop judging others
13. Treat others the way you want to be treated

By Pastor Travis Russell, Vinton Baptist Church

# LOA hosts ‘Let’s Give Lunch’ for 30th year

For 30 years, LOA has conducted their annual fundraiser, “Let’s Do Lunch,” to benefit Meals on Wheels (MOW). In a typical year, they help more than 833 seniors live healthier and safer in their own homes through the MOW program. Meals on Wheels volunteers provide friendly visits, well-being checks, pet food and more than 124,000 meals.

Until the pandemic, a luncheon with entertainment was held each year for “Let’s Do Lunch.” Under COVID restric-

tions, the name of the event was changed from “Let’s Do Lunch” to “Let’s Give Lunch” with no traditional luncheon available.

Again, this year, due to COVID, tickets are available only for pick-up (at North Roanoke Baptist Church on Peters Creek Road) or delivery (minimum order of five). There is no eat-in available. “Let’s Give Lunch” is scheduled for June 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event allows the LOA to continue to provide boxed

lunches for sale to area businesses and individuals for a \$20 donation.

The \$20 donation buys you a meal and also provides three wholesome, healthy meals for those in need. The LOA also accepts donations—no gift is too small, but “the more you give, the more we can give back.”

Many people buy the lunches even if they may not be in the office that day or already have a lunch meeting. Many employers buy them to treat their employees. It’s all about

the meals it allows the LOA to give to those who need them—the ones you receive.

The menu includes a gourmet deli sandwich on Kaiser roll (ham, turkey, provolone and cheddar) or a vegetarian option with spinach, tomato, red onion, cucumbers, portobella mushrooms, red, yellow, and green peppers, cheddar and provolone cheese; a serving of country potato salad, fresh strawberries, chips, pound cake, and bottled water with a souvenir cup.

To purchase tickets or make a donation, visit <https://www.loaa.org/event/letsgivelunch/>. The deadline is June 11.

A silent raffle is also available online featuring stays at The Hotel Roanoke, gift cards to Kroger, Food Lion, Fresh Market, Walmart, and other area businesses, restaurants, and breweries, tickets to the Mill Mountain Zoo and other local attractions, a family membership at Safeside Tactical, and much more, all donated by local businesses.

# Afternoon School

Recently I saw a news picture of an old school building in a Virginia town which had been destroyed by fire. Fortunately, it had been abandoned so there was no loss of life.

At the age of 6, I had begun the first grade in one of identical architecture. These buildings were firetraps, I think now, for they had open entrance halls, and lunch rooms in the basement from which escapes would have been impossible if a fire had begun; toilets were in the basement too.

I learned at least two things in that mostly unhappy year in first grade: the difference between my left and my right, and what it’s like to be bullied.

My mother, who had taught elementary school in Buchanan County before the advent of paved roads and when her pupils in one-room schools ranged in age from 4 to 16, decided that after one year she must manage to find the \$10 monthly to send me to a tiny private school.

There was one downtown

owned by an unmarried teacher, Louise Holladay. “Miss Louise,” as we children were taught to call her, was one of several children of a retired physician. The family – distant cousins of ours – lived in a mid-19th Century brick house on Main Street. More later about my better learning experiences there.

But back to first grade and the dangerous but imposing building on a slight rise on the northwest side of the historic courthouse town of Orange, Va. Its front had impressive white columns. Three large classrooms were on the first floor reached by a flight of steps from the entrance door. More steps went up to four more classrooms on the second floor. Third and fourth graders were up there as far removed as heaven from us small first and second graders.

There was also a smaller room for a music period one afternoon weekly. I learned “Twenty Froggies Went to School” there and a bunch of other melodies. Music for me

## Frances Stebbins Correspondent

was a high spot.

It was the Great Depression times. Virginia had no public kindergartens. I had gone briefly to two different kindergartens in the homes of a doctor and a dentist; their wives with small children of their own were, I suppose, trying to add to the family income as their young professional husbands were getting established.

Neither of the kindergartens was worth the money, my widowed mother decided. I just didn’t like other children; playing alone with small dolls and lead soldiers at home occupied me happily for hours. Five years later, the stories I made up eased into my life-long long love of writing.

My one neighborhood friend, a little girl from a dys-

functional family, was born three months after I. Under Virginia laws of that day, August 31 was the cutoff date for entrance to first grade. July to October made the difference.

Hard times had another effect. I walked from home at 11:30 a.m. to reach Schoolhouse Hill by noon when my academic day began. It lasted until 3 p.m.

We were lined up two by two and marched up that flight of steps to our sunny classroom. That’s where I learned that our teacher Miss Margaret Banks’ desk was in the left corner of the big room. The entrance door and the coat closet were on the right side.

(Many years later, I would learn that I have a relatively minor learning disability in distinguishing my left from my right. It’s a blessing that cars are equipped with turn signals or I would be a menace on the road. My mother had taught me the four directions, and I still readily use North, South, East and West to find my way around.)

When my mother registered me for attendance, and I was vaccinated against smallpox in the spring, it was explained that children living too far from school to walk got the 9 to noon section. The town kids – and me on the very edge – were assigned to afternoon.

Looking back from decades of always preferring the company of adults to that of those my own age or younger, my lack of ease in peer groups made me a natural for bullying. I had shins kicked, books thrown in snow and reduction to futile tears that miserable year as I walked home with the town kids used to fighting back. Nor did it help that the left/right problem made me a dummy at games.

I never learned and felt comfortable socially only when I reached college age. Children, as many like me have learned, can be incredibly cruel.

Twenty years ago I saw the old building again. It was no longer a school but used for an office. If still there, it is well over 100 years old.

# Gospel music concert June 6 at Vinton Wesleyan Church

Vinton Wesleyan Church invites the public to a gospel music concert by the Rev. Cody Rader and D.R. Looney on Sunday, June 6, at 6 p.m. Rader and Looney have presented their message in song in churches all over South-

west Virginia.

The concert is free and will be held in the church parking lot, weather permitting, or in the sanctuary. Those attending may bring a chair to sit in or stay in cars.

The public is also in-

vited to a 10 a.m. service filled with praise, worship and a Bible-based message on Sunday morning, June 6.

Vinton Wesleyan Church is located at 246 East Jefferson Avenue in Vinton. For more information, call 345-3385.

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# VDOT program's goal is quicker clearance of commercial vehicle crashes on I-81

Virginia's Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP) is now up and running on the Interstate 81 corridor. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is applying an innovative solution that will help reduce the amount of time that drivers sit in crash-related congestion.

"Virginia's economy takes a hit of up to \$1,200 for every minute that drivers spend in traffic," noted VDOT Commissioner Stephen C. Brich. "Incidents are the No. 1 cause of congestion on I-81, so we can make a real improvement on that interstate by getting lanes reopened more rapidly."

81 TRIP is an incentive program that partners VDOT with heavy-duty towing and recovery companies to standardize their response to commercial vehicle crashes. The program facilitates safe and quick clearance with improved towing standards, procedures and training.

VDOT and the Virginia State Police (VSP), in coordination with the members of the Virginia Statewide

Traffic Incident Management (STIM) Committee, support this program to help to lessen the impact of major traffic incidents while meeting aggressive clearance goals.

81 TRIP pays a \$2,500 to \$3,500 incentive to a tow company that is able to open a travel lane within 90 minutes of receiving notice to proceed from law enforcement on the scene.

Crash-related delays enact significant impacts on drivers and the environment. This program helps to reduce lost-time costs, improve reliability and lessen the risk of secondary crashes that can occur in vehicle queues. These incidents account for 20% for all highway crashes, and become increasingly likely until congestion is cleared.

"Interstate 81 has a high percentage of trucks and rolling to mountainous terrain which contributes to the highest incident-related delay among interstates in Virginia," explained I-81 Program Delivery Director Dave Covington. "We have seen suc-

cess with towing incentives on interstates in the Richmond area since 2017, so we expect similar positive results on the I-81 corridor."

Locally based towing and recovery companies were invited to participate in 81 TRIP. To be eligible, these companies must meet requirements to ensure only well-trained operators with proper heavy-duty equipment are dispatched to large commercial vehicle incidents.

81 TRIP is a part of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in December 2018. The more than \$2 billion package of targeted improvements was funded by the Virginia General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Ralph Northam in spring 2019.

Additional information about the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program is available at [Improve81.org](http://Improve81.org). The website includes interactive maps and schedules and details about upcoming and current projects that are designed

to improve safety, increase reliability and foster economic growth along the 325-mile corridor.

81 TRIP Facts and Resources

- To date, 21 companies along the I-81 corridor are approved Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP) partners.

- Each provider is assigned a portion of the 325-mile corridor. When dispatched to an incident the towing company must have all of its equipment on scene within 45-60 minutes, depending on the time of day or day of week.

- 81 TRIP-qualifying companies must be able to respond with a minimum of two heavy-duty wreckers and a support truck. All vehicles must have TRIP-required equipment and personal protective gear for responding personnel.

- TRIP providers are subject to disincentives if they are unable to meet quick-clearance guidelines. The dis-

incentive is a financial penalty that increases the longer an incident continues beyond three hours.

- VDOT has contracted Parsons Transportation Group Inc. to manage the TRIP program. This includes evaluation and training of towing companies; incentives and disincentives; and regular reviews of incident response and safety compliance.

- TRIP has been in place on interstates in the Richmond area since December 2017. An initial study of commercial-vehicle crashes cited a 62-minute average reduction in roadway clearance time. The study, performed by the Virginia Transportation Research Council, is found at [http://www.virginiadot.org/vtrc/main/online\\_reports/pdf/20-r11.pdf](http://www.virginiadot.org/vtrc/main/online_reports/pdf/20-r11.pdf).

- The Operational Improvements page of [Improve81.org](http://Improve81.org) has links to additional resources including detailed TRIP requirements, a YouTube video, and the Virginia STIM Committee's document library.

## Gish Mill from page 1

the basement, conversion of the original mill structure, concrete silos, and upper floors into lodging or apartments, along with outdoor dining on a deck with patio space. The historic "sluice" will be utilized as an intimate seating area with stairs that cascade down to the creek.

The building will be designed to feature several uses that take advantage of the creek-side location, the unconventional construction methods, and varying dimensions and angles featured by the mill space.

In an interview at the time of purchase, Hill, Trinkle, and then Assistant Town Manager Pete Peters talked about the project and the challenges in returning the property to use.

As a gristmill operated by a water wheel, Gish Mill, in serving its historic purposes, is located in the regulatory floodway and Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) of the Glade Creek floodplain.

Trinkle commented that he and Hill "approached the project with a healthy level of hesitation." Hill anticipated that the redevelopment project would "not be easy," and "a steeper climb than usual," but "the easy ones have been done, the real challenge is to restore historic sites."

They acknowledged structural challenges (notably poor lighting, weak spots in floors, and rickety handrails) and the floodplain issue saying, "mills are typically built in the most dangerous spots." Their goal

is "to take what's there and make it better," to "discover the mill's strengths and develop them to their full potential. The challenge is to figure out what the assets are."

Their stated plan was to keep the utilitarian feel of the building and not "doll it up."

In March 2021, an enormous hurdle was overcome when "No-rise certification" was attained after the completion of a study by Draper Aden Associates who verified that the proposed redevelopment project would not cause a rise in the base flood elevation.

In April 2021, rezoning of the property to Mixed-Use Development was recommended by the Vinton Planning Commission and granted

by Town Council. The properties to the west (mainly the Billy Byrd Apartments) were rezoned to Mixed Use Development in 2016 to allow for the vacant school buildings to be adaptively reused as residential and recreational/small business flex space.

Town staff concluded in recommending rezoning of the Gish Mill property that "the redevelopment of the property will promote and encourage the economic vitality of the community and preserve a historic building while providing increased economic investment."

It will also vastly improve the appearance of a major gateway into Vinton.

The Roland E. Cook Lofts and the Billy Byrd Apartments

projects were also rezoned for mixed-use development and "have proven to be a benchmark of success in the revitalization of historic buildings through the utilization of historic tax credit programs and local governmental (County of Roanoke and Town of Vinton) coordination."

Peters, now the town manager, said the Gish Mill project will be funded in thirds—one-third private investment, one-third from grants and historic tax credits, and one-third from public funding through the Town of Vinton and Roanoke County.

In Fall 2020 the town was awarded grant funds from two state government agencies.

See **Gish Mill**, page 12

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**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](http://www.vintonbaptistchurch.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.

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### Know the Facts

Read Ezra 6:1 through 8:36

Nicole wanted to wear a Christian T-shirt to school, but she was nervous. "What if someone complains? What if I get in trouble with the principal?"

Thankfully, her mom had already researched the issue.

"According to the Equal Access Amendment, if any kid in school has a T-shirt that has any kind of non-school graphics or message on it, you can wear a T-shirt with a Christian message," Nicole's mom said. She explained that Nicole had many rights as a Christian student, so she didn't need to be intimidated.

In the first year of King Cyrus, the king issued a decree

concerning the temple of God in Jerusalem: Let the temple be rebuilt as a place to present sacrifices, and let its foundations be laid (Ezra 6:3).

As the Israelites rebuilt the temple, they faced many hassles. However, they knew their legal rights. They knew King Cyrus had approved the rebuilding of the temple, and they had to educate the authorities who challenged them.

Challenge for Today: When unbelievers challenge your faith, don't just give in. Know the facts and your rights. Don't be afraid to politely claim them.

Quicklook: Ezra 6:1-12

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

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

### 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.

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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

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# Local students on SNHU President's List

Keyata Andrews of Vinton and Johanna Boughton of Goodview were named to the Winter 2021 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits.

## Awards from page 1

ship awards were presented on May 17:

Camilla Cabaniss, secretary of the GFWC Vinton Woman's Club presented the Vinton Woman's Club Scholarship to Hailey Ramsey. The annual scholarship goes to "a graduating senior to assist with their pursuit of a higher education." The Woman's Club has served the community for over 65 years. Coach Paul Barnard presented Arnold R. Burton Scholarships to Joseph Johnson and Luke Taylor.

The Thomas Family presented the Erica Thomas Memorial Scholarship to Erin Courtemanche and Hailey Ramsey. This scholarship is given in memory of Erica Thomas, a 1999 honor graduate of William Byrd High School.

Dave Riddle and Dean Rorer presented Ethan Wray the Mount Pleasant Fire Department Scholarship.

The Wickham family presented the Adam Wickham Scholarship to Hailey Ramsey.

Teacher Ed Donahue announced Hailey Ramsey as the winner of the Henry Lee Memorial-Member One Scholarship, established in memory of Henry Lee who lost his life in the shootings at Virginia Tech in 2007.

Len Hale presented Reindeer Club Scholarships to Amna Becirevic, Natalie Mullins, Charlotte Rose, Megan Thomas, and Reagan Tuck.

Sam Cundiff presented the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club Scholarship to Natalie Mullins. This scholarship is based on "academic achievement, community service, Leo Club activities, and financial need to help the chosen student pursue higher education."

Cundiff also presented four Wallace Cundiff Memorial Scholarships to Kasey McKee, Elizabeth Recktenwald, Megan Thomas, and Katie Wheeler.

Charlie and Carolee Lovelace presented two scholarships in memory of their son, Dr. Charlie J. "Jay" Lovelace III, to Caroline Gibbs and Kasey McKee. Dr. Lovelace was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 1997. Recipients of this scholarship are active members of Vinton Baptist Church planning to attend a four-year university.

Deedie Kagey presented the Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club scholarship to Natalie Mullins.

Chuck Lionberger from the Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation presented the following scholarships to William Byrd students in the Class of 2021:

- Education Foundation Golf Scholarship: Charlotte Rose
- Education Foundation Golf Scholarship: Hailey Ramsey
- Herman L. Horn Elementary PTA Scholarship presented to a former HLH "bee": Caroline Gibbs
- Hildegard and Cecil G. Smith #1 Memorial to Amna Becirevic
- Hildegard and Cecil G. Smith # 2 Memorial: Will Howell
- J.D. Sisson Golf Scholarship: Christopher Blankenship
- LaCole Board Memorial: Cade Hanson
- Michelle Montano Dowdy Memorial: Hannah Howell
- Quincy Development Company: Elizabeth Recktenwald
- Tina Cook Woods Memorial: Natalie Mullins
- Toni Tillman Scholarship: Olivia Darnell
- Vinton McDonald's Scholarship: Luke Taylor
- Robert A. Patterson Memorial Scholarship: Kasey McKee

The Roanoke County Education Foundation was created in 1991 as a non-profit organization to help young people in Roanoke County Public Schools meet some of their educational and personal goals. Its mission has been to promote the advancement and further the aims and goals of Roanoke County Public Schools through the development and application of donated financial resources. In addition to student scholarships for graduating seniors the Education Foundation provides classroom grants for innovative teaching ideas; assist with student travel to attend state and national competitions; provides resources for international education; and assists students in remedial education and substance abuse programs.

Kori Webb presented WBHS PTSO Scholarships to Brooke Johnston and Elizabeth Recktenwald. Yearbook Advisor Christine Acker presented the Yearbook Award to Natalie Mullins. Sgt. Benjamin Kanode presented United States Army certificates of enlistment to Gavin Ellis and Zachary Minter. Their enlistment will qualify them for the GI Bill.

Sgt. Eric Bradley from the United States Marine Corps welcomed new enlistees John Belcher, James Cawley, Craig Hall, Kollin Slusher, and Tanner Smith.

Bradley also presented United States Marine Awards to Taylor Dawson, Hunter Harris, and Elizabeth Recktenwald.

WBHS Assistant Principal Marcee Cook presented Community Scholarships:

- Natalie Mullins was awarded the Richard L. Dick Williams Memorial Scholarship.
- Hailey Ramsey won the Dorothy and Julien Meyer, Sr. M.D. and Melva P. Jones Scholarships.
- Katie Wheeler was awarded the Bettie Nichols Guthrie Scholarship.

The Vinton Booster Club, an organization which provides athletic programs for youth, provided two scholarships for seniors who played a sport through the Vinton Booster Club for three or more years. Recipients were Isaac Fix and Hunter Harris.

Cook also presented the Roanoke County Retirees Scholarship certificate to Olivia Darnell. This scholarship goes to a Roanoke County graduating senior who plans to become an educator. The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing is a scholarship given to students who demonstrate aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing as demonstrated by their computing experience, computing-related activities, and leadership experience. Out of 4200 applicants, only 39 were selected as National Winners, including this year's WBHS winner Athena Liao.

The Stovall-Page Scholarship has been awarded for the past 45 years. Raymond Eugene Page and Joseph William Stovall were both graduates of WBHS and lifelong members of Vinton Baptist Church. Stovall was also a lifelong member of the Lions Club. Page, who developed the scholarship, made the first class ring for William Byrd High School and wanted to do something to help the students of WBHS with these scholarships. "Their investments to our local Vinton community have added value to what it means to be a Terrier," said Newcomb. Winners this year of the Stovall-Page Scholarship were Kasey McKee and Caroline Gibbs.

Newcomb announced Taylor Dawson as the winner of the National Merit Bridgestone Americas Inc. Scholarship, saying, "Over 1.5 million students in about 21,000 high schools were entered into the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program when they took the 2019 PSAT as juniors. In September 2020, around 17,000 semifinalists were chosen as the highest-scoring students in their states, representing about one percent of the country's high school seniors. Around 16,000 semifinalists qualified as finalists.

"Taylor Dawson was selected as a finalist and is a winner of a corporate-sponsored scholarship," Newcomb said. "She will be attending MIT this fall." Newcomb presented the Uri D. and Balance A. Smith Scholarship to Hanna Howell. This scholarship fund was established in the Roanoke Valley to give one scholarship to each of the five high schools in Roanoke County. This scholarship is awarded to a student planning to pursue a higher education in Virginia. Howell is the winner from WBHS.

"Our students have made incredible strides over the past four years and we are proud of all their accomplishments," said Newcomb in closing the awards ceremony.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson, CMC  
Town Clerk

## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing concerning the proposed FY2021-2022 Town of Vinton Budget at its meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by Council members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on the proposed budget by emailing sjohnson@vintonva.gov, leaving a message at 540-983-0607 or writing to the Town Clerk, Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voice mails, emails and other messages containing comments on the budget will be provided to Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by 12 Noon on Friday, May 28, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vintonva. Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date. The proposed budget is as follows:

Revenues	Total All Funds
General Fund	\$8,032,258
Grant Fund	384,800
Utility Fund	4,513,595
Capital Fund	835,000
Stormwater Fund	414,328
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$14,179,981</b>

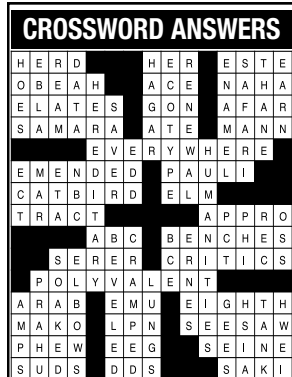
Expenditures	
<b>General Fund:</b>	
Town Council	\$114,788
Town Manager's Office	149,495
Human Resources	67,436
Legal Services	53,517
Treasurer/Finance Department	332,415
Police Department	2,440,931
Communications Services	450,440
Fire & EMS	2,268
Police/Animal Control	85,326
Public Works Administration	164,639
Maintenance/Highways/Streets/Bridges	920,617
Snow and Ice Removal	32,454
Traffic Signs and Street Light	112,770
Refuse Collection	463,331
Recycling	75,029
Building & Grounds	167,774
Health Department	25,020
Special Programs	155,848
WM Interdepartmental Functions	10,000
War Memorial	246,804
Vinton Veterans Monument	5,000
Swimming Pool/Parks	2,954
Senior Program	93,525
Town Museum	13,586
Planning & Zoning	393,423
Economic Development	20,000
Public Transportation	120,000
Vinton Business Center	2,765
Performance Agreements	104,008
Retiree Insurance	4,800
Travel & Training	0
Debt Service - General Fund	444,131
Transfers	757,164
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$8,032,258</b>

Grant Fund:	
VML Risk Management Grant	4,000
GC Greenway PH2B	380,800
<b>Total Grant Fund</b>	<b>\$384,800</b>

Utility Fund:	
Water & Wastewater Administration	\$530,204
Customer Accounts	366,237
Water System Maintenance	1,062,146
Purchased Water	150,000
Wastewater System Maintenance	941,547
Debt Retirement-Bonds/L.T.D.	1,256,297
Contingency	0
Transfers	207,164
<b>Total Utility Fund</b>	<b>\$4,513,595</b>

Capital Fund:	
Treasurer/Finance Department	\$200,000
Police Department	100,000
Maintenance/Highways/Streets/Bridges	20,000
Traffic Signs and Street Light	150,000
Town Museum	25,000
Planning & Zoning	50,000
Economic Development	290,000
<b>Total Capital Fund</b>	<b>\$835,000</b>

Stormwater Fund	
Administration	\$94,772
Street & Road Cleaning	90,412
Operations	190,417
Debt Retirement	38,727
<b>Total Stormwater Fund</b>	<b>\$414,328</b>
<b>Total Combined Expenditures</b>	<b>\$14,179,981</b>



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## Legals - Botetourt County

**Notice of Application for Merger of Banks**  
First Bank, 112 West King St., Strasburg, VA 22675, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to merge with The Bank of Fincastle, 17 South Roanoke St., Fincastle, VA 24090 and establish branches at the locations of, The Bank of Fincastle, Fincastle, VA. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application, including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, P.O. Box 27622, Richmond, VA 23261. Comments can also be sent electronically to [comments.applications@rich.frb.org](mailto:comments.applications@rich.frb.org). The comment period will not end before May 21, 2021. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Adam M. Drimer, Assistant Vice President, at (804) 697-8980. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

## 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 Radford

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 210 INGLES STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141.**

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 25, 2008, in the original principal amount of \$58,087.98 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Radford City, Virginia as Instrument No. 200800100. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at

## Legals - City of Radford

public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA on June 16, 2021, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THOSE CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE WEST WARD OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESIGNATED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL NO. 1: LOTS TWENTY-FIVE (25) AND TWENTY-SIX (26), ACCORDING TO THE SUBDIVISION BY DWELLING IMPROVEMENT COMPANY OF SECTION 9, PLAN D, DATED JULY 29, 1891, RECORDED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEED BOOK 38 AT PAGE 253, ETC., TO WHICH SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HERE MADE. SAID LOTS BEING SITUATE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIRD AND INGLES STREETS, EACH FACING THIRTY (30) FEET ON INGLES STREET AND EXTENDING BACK FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET TO A TEN (10) FOOT ALLEY. PARCEL NO. 2: BEGINNING AT A POINT A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET FROM THE N.W. CORNER OF THIRD AND INGLES STREET, THENCE ALONG THIRD STREET SOUTH 0 DEG. 50 MIN. WEST 30 FEET TO LOT 28; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES, TO THIRD STREET NORTH 89 DEG. 10 MIN. WEST 75.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES NORTH 0 DEG. 50 MIN. EAST 30 FEET TO THE LINE OF A 10 FOOT WIDE ALLEY; THENCE AT A RIGHT ANGLE ALONG SAID ALLEY SOUTH 89 DEG. 10 MIN. EAST 75.0 FEET TO THIRD STREET, BEING THE EASTERN HALF OF LOT 27 OF SECTION 9, OF THE PLAN D, AS SUBDIVIDED BY THE DWELLING IMPROVEMENT COMPANY. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at [www.bwwsales.com](http://www.bwwsales.com). BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE AND WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The

## Legals - City of Radford

sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229.  
For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwwsales.com](http://www.bwwsales.com). VA-349249-1.

## Request for Proposals City of Radford East Main Street Sidewalk Improvements UPC 117992

(State Project # EN20-126-225, P101, R201, M501) May 17, 2021

The City of Radford is seeking expressions of interest from consulting engineering firms who wish to be considered to provide professional engineering services for: The City of Radford East Main Street Sidewalk Improvements, Transportation Alternatives Project. The project is funded through a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) grant. This project shall be developed utilizing VDOT policies and FHWA guidelines. In addition, the project design shall meet or exceed current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official (AASHTO) standards. The estimated cost of the proposed project is approximately \$477,000. Design and construction of the project is anticipated to take approximately 3 1/2 - years.

The objective of this project is to improve the safety of pedestrian access along US Route 11 creating a safe walking passage for Radford University students and staff while providing safer access to existing businesses. Moving pedestrians away from empty lot paths, the new sidewalk follows US Route 11 (East Main Street) between Jefferson Street and University Drive. This project will construct approximately 900 linear feet of new sidewalk and remove a midblock crosswalk currently used by Radford University students in the City of Radford.

Services may include, but not be limited to: planning, design, developing construction documents, environmental review, submittal of applications to VDOT, surveying, bidding, construction management (including pay requests and VDOT reimbursement submittals) and other professional services as required to complete the project.

The full RFP may be obtained from the City of Radford Website [www.radfordva.gov](http://www.radfordva.gov) or on the eVA website <https://www.eva.virginia.gov>

Submit four copies of the proposal along with a searchable PDF file to the City Manager's office, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia 24141 attention Jay Eanes. The proposal must be received at the City office no later than 4:00 PM on Jun 7, 2021.

The City is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and/or female owned business firms are encouraged to apply.

## Legals - Montgomery County

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21000419-00**  
Montgomery County Circuit Court  
55 East Main Street Suite 1  
CHADEN, KEILA ADAIRE v.  
VADEN, JOSHUA LEE  
The object of this suit is to: COMPLAINT OF DIVORCE  
It is ORDERED that JOSHUA LEE VADEN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 4, 2021.

May 4, 2021  
ERICA W. CONNER CLERK

## LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. A request by Peed and Bortz, L.L.C. (Applicant), on behalf of John D. Elmore (Landowner), for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a contractor storage facility within the B-3 General Business zoning district. The subject property is an approximate 1.15-acre portion of a 4.409-acre parcel, located at 710 Peppers Ferry Road, N.W., and is identified as Tax Map Number 435--(A)-23 (Parcel ID 021274). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. A request by Aztec Rental (Applicant), on behalf of New River Community College (Landowner), for a Conditional Unit Permit to operate a business involving the outdoor display, storage and rental of contractor equipment and machinery, such as mini backhoes and excavators, within the B-3 General Business zoning district. The subject property is approximately 2.441 acres in size, located at 412 Roanoke Street, and consists of two parcels identified as Tax Map Numbers 527--(A)-200, 202 (Parcel IDs 032021, 032023). The property is designated as Business/Commercial 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](http://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](http://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 Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at [awarren@christiansburg.org](mailto:awarren@christiansburg.org) with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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## Terriers host Cavs in big game Friday

The top seed in the Region 3D tournament could very well be on the line Friday night when the William Byrd baseball team plays host to Lord Botetourt in a big Blue Ridge District game. The first pitch at Walthall Park in Vinton is scheduled for 5:30 pm.

The Terriers come in at 5-2 after a 3-0 loss to Franklin County on Tuesday, while LB is 7-1 following a win over William Fleming that night. Franklin County is now 9-1 as the Eagles, Byrd and Botetourt have been staging a battle for first place in the Blue Ridge District standings.

Byrd's game with LB is especially important since Franklin County is a Class 6 school and will not be competing with Byrd and Botetourt for seeding in the regional, as the Terriers and LB are both Class 3 schools. So, the top ranked team between Byrd and LB could easily be the top seed in the region, earning home advantage throughout. That's especially important this year as only the region winner will advance to the state tournament. Normally, in a non-COVID season, the top two advance.

Botetourt beat Byrd the first time around, 14-3 in Daleville, but the Terriers did not throw one of their two senior aces in that game. On Friday lefty Isaac Fix, who has yet to lose on the mound this season, will be starting for Byrd. Botetourt's starter was still undecided early this week but coach Todd Smith was hesitant to throw his ace, Matt Oliver, a second time against the Terriers.

"Matt pitched against them the first time and I don't like to throw the same pitcher against the same team twice," said Smith. "We'll decide later in the



Above, Byrd's Tyler Martin dives home for a run on Luke Taylor's hit in last week's win at Staunton River. Below, Seth Hodges corrals a wide throw as a Franklin County runner slides safely into second in Tuesday's game.

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Byrd's Bryson Lutz follows through on a drive to deep left in Tuesday's game in Vinton. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

week."

Whoever pitches for LB, Byrd is going to have to hit the ball better than the Terriers did in a 3-0 loss to Franklin County at Walthall Park Tuesday. Byrd had just three hits against Franklin pitchers Preston Crowl and Riley Hill, a grounder through the infield by Joey Johnson, an infield hit by Fix and a grounder by Tyler Martin that hit Fix while he was running the bases for an out that was scored a single.

"Our hardest hit ball all night was a double-play," said Byrd coach Neil Zimmerman, as Tyler Dean hit a scorching grounder right to the short-stop with a man on first, resulting in a twin killing.

"We're going to have to find some ways to score," said Zimmerman. "We pitch really well, and at times we hit well, but we're not consistent."

Dean was the starting pitcher on Tuesday and he staked the Eagles a 1-0 lead in the first inning



before pitching an outstanding game. Tyler went six complete and didn't allow another run after the first. A strong hitting Franklin County team had just four hits and Dean fanned 11 Eagles.

Junior Hunter Sipe relieved in the seventh with Byrd down 1-0 and had trouble finding the strike zone, walking four. Byrd also had an error as the Eagles tacked on two insurance runs in the 3-0 win.

Last Friday Fix was on the mound in Moneta as Byrd took a 4-1 win at Staunton River. The game was scoreless into the fifth before Tyler Martin's

clutch two run single broke the deadlock. Luke Taylor had two hits, including an RBI, and Bryson Lutz also had two hits and a run batted in for Byrd.

Fix pitched into the sixth, allowing one earned run and just two hits. He struck out seven and walked four. Taylor came on in the seventh and got the last three outs.

After Friday's game with Lord Botetourt the Byrdmen go to William Fleming next Tuesday, June 1, for a doubleheader with the Colonels. It will consist of two five inning games and Byrd will be heavily favored against 0-8 Fleming.

## Eagles edge Byrd softball, 8-7

The William Byrd softball team lost for just the second time this season on Tuesday night when visiting Franklin County edged the Terriers, 8-7.

Byrd played from behind for most of the game as the Eagles scored five runs in the third inning. Byrd rallied back on a double by Sydney Blewett in the bottom of the third, followed by an unearned run in the fourth and a run scoring single by Logan Pekala in that inning.

Brooklyn Peters hit a home run in the bottom of the fifth to tie the game at 6-6, and Pekala's double in the sixth gave Byrd the lead heading into the last inning only to have the Eagles rally for the win.

Chloe Varney was the tough luck losing pitcher for Byrd after relieving starter Hallie Cox, who surrendered six runs on just two hits over the first three innings. She struck out six before Varney came on to pitch the final four

frames, allowing three hits and two runs while fanning a pair and walking none.

Byrd had 10 hits, including multiple hits by Pekala, Blewett and Peters.

The loss followed a 6-5 win for the Terriers against Staunton River in Moneta last Friday night. The game was tied at 1-1 after four when Pekala hit an RBI triple to give Byrd the lead in the top of the fifth, and the Terriers prevailed down the stretch. Logan finished with three hits in the game while Peters, Erin Courtemanche, Haleigh Vaughan, Maddy Tuck and Rachel Cruff all had hits for Byrd.

Cox picked up the win on the mound for the Terriers, going six innings and striking out six. Varney came on for the save, pitching a scoreless bottom of the seventh.

The Terriers are now 6-2 overall and 4-2 in Blue Ridge District play with a trip to Lord Botetourt Friday.



Below left, Logan Pekala swings a hot bat for Byrd and, above, Rachel Cruff slides home to give Byrd a 2-1 lead at Staunton River. Below, Haleigh Vaughan slides around the attempted tag of Franklin County's catcher for a run on Tuesday night.

PHOTOS BY DANNY CRUFF







Left, Chloe Harrilla long jumps in Monday's track meet at William Byrd. Right, Jayson Marvin is out of the blocks quickly in the 200 meters.

PHOTOS BY JEFF MARVIN

## Byrd hosts track meet, will have another in Vinton June 2

Patterson Stadium in Vinton was the site of a four team track meet Monday as William Byrd played host to Franklin County, William Fleming and Northside in a showdown of Blue Ridge District teams.

Byrd had some strong performances in the meet. On the ladies' side Sela Beatty won the 100m dash with a time of 12.97 and finished second in the 200m in 26.69. In the 400m dash Emma Gordon finished first in 1:05.11 and Kelsey Roth finished third with a time of 1:08.42. Grace Owen finished second in the 800m with a time of 2:43.31 and in the mile Maci Glass finished second in 6:03.79.

The 4x100m relay team of Chloe Harrilla, Sarah

Fuchs, Emma Dalton and Beatty was first with a time of 51.88. The 4x400m team of Harrilla, Gordon, Glass and Dalton was also a winner at 4:42.54.

In the long jump Harrilla won with a jump of 15'5" and finished second in the triple jump at 30'9". In the discus Mya Rosser won with a throw of 87'11", Jaylen Rosser finished second (84'4") and Sarah Fuchs finished 3rd (76'2"). In the shot-put Sydney Blewett won with a throw of 34'4.25", Mya Rosser was second (31'8") and Jaylen Rosser took third (29'9").

On the boys' side Isaac Roth took first in the pole vault with a height of 10'. Jamie Cawley finished

second in the triple jump at 35'3" and Walker Nance was third with a jump of 34'9". In the high jump Cawley and Jackson Meador tied for second, clearing 5'6".

In the 400m dash Wyatt Bailey was third with a time of 54.44 seconds. In the 800m run Keaton Band finished first in 2:06.92. Nance took second in the 110m Hurdles with a time of 16.94 seconds. The 4x400m relay of Band, Roth, Ryan Krawczyk and Bailey won their race in 3:46.87.

Byrd will be hosting another meet on Wednesday, June 2nd, with Roanoke County rivals Hidden Valley and Glenvar expected to attend.

## Girls shut out River

Maddy Simmons scored off a corner kick by Maci Glass late in the first half and that was all the William Byrd girls would need in a soccer win over Staunton River Friday. The Terriers took a 1-0 win in Moneta.

Sophia Chrisley registered the shutout in goal and the Byrd defense was stout in the win. The victory lifted the Byrd girls to 5-2 in Blue Ridge District play with a home game against William Fleming next Tuesday in Vinton.

Both of Byrd's losses thus far have been to undefeated district rival Lord Botetourt. Last Wednesday in Vinton the Terriers dropped a 2-1 decision to the Cavaliers. The previous meeting, in Daleville, was 3-0 in LB's favor.

"We played considerably better than the previous week when we traveled to LB," said Byrd coach Molly Cox. "But we still came up a little short."

The game was tied 1-1 at the half as Simmons scored for the Terriers off an assist from Ella Ashworth. That score stood until late in the second half when Ally Spangler scored for LB. Chrisley kept the game close



Byrd's Sophia Chrisley makes a diving save to prevent a goal in last week's game with LB.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

with 13 saves.

The girls are now off until next Tuesday, June

1, when they host William Fleming at Patterson Stadium.



Byrd's Simon Band(#11) battles for the ball in last week's game at Staunton River.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Boys hang tough with Franklin

The William Byrd boys took on the first place team in the Blue Ridge District soccer standings on Tuesday and came up a couple goals short. Franklin County downed the Terriers in Rocky Mount, 3-1.

"We played a quality Franklin County team, away, and played a solid match," said Byrd coach Russell Dishman. "We made some adjustments going into the match and as the guys got more comfortable with it we got better. Unfortunately, they were able to capitalize on a couple of our errors in each half."

Braden Crossan scored Byrd's goal in the second half off an assist from Landon Niday.

The Terriers were in Moneta to play Staunton River last Friday and lost 5-0. It was the first win of the season for the Golden Eagles.

"Credit to Staunton River, they played a great match and executed well," said Dishman. "We had trouble getting things started and building any momentum. It was another challenge as guys stepped up in places they don't normally play as we were short handed again."

The two losses dropped Byrd to 1-6 on the season. The Terriers hope to pick up a win this Friday when they travel to Daleville to face Lord Botetourt. The Cavaliers won the first meeting, 3-1, but Dishman was encouraged by what he saw in Rocky Mount Tuesday.

"Hopefully that momentum carries into our match Friday against LB," said Dishman.

## District lacrosse begins June 14

Regional playoffs for Class 3D lacrosse will begin on Monday, June 14, and everyone qualifies for both the boys' and girls' tournaments. The Byrd teams geared up for the post-season with a girls-boys doubleheader against Hidden Valley at Roanoke County's Bogle Field on Monday night of this week.

The girls improved to 5-4 with a 14-5 win over the Titans. Trinity Hylton had seven goals and two assists to lead the Terriers while Ashlyn Stover added five goals. Bethany Beecher had two goals and two assists and Haley Firebaugh made nine saves in the crease. Claire Glover picked up five ground balls for the victorious Byrd girls.

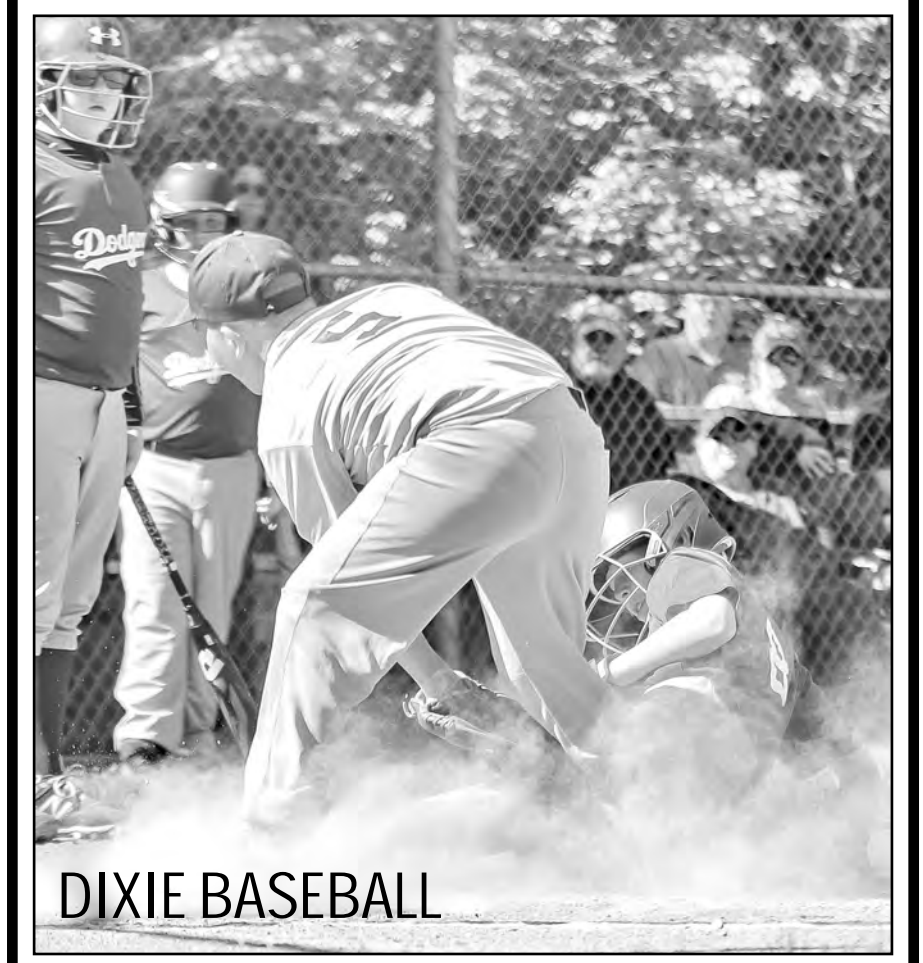
The win followed a 12-9 loss to a strong E.C. Glass team in Vinton last Saturday afternoon on a toasty Patterson Stadium turf field. Stover had five goals for Byrd while Hylton had three and

Olivia Hurd had one. Firebaugh had seven saves.

The boys were scheduled to host Christiansburg last Thursday but that game was postponed. Byrd played at Hidden Valley Monday and dropped

a 17-6 decision. Josh Barker, Jerze Webb and Connor McCarthy all had two goals each.

The loss dropped the Terriers to 1-6 on the season and they're not scheduled to play again until June 3rd, when E.C. Glass comes to Vinton.



## DIXIE BASEBALL

Bryce Simpson of the O-Zone Vinton Dodgers slides home with a run in a game against the Seminoles at Vinyard Park. O-Zone and Minor District All-Star tournaments are scheduled for Green Hill Park near the end of June.

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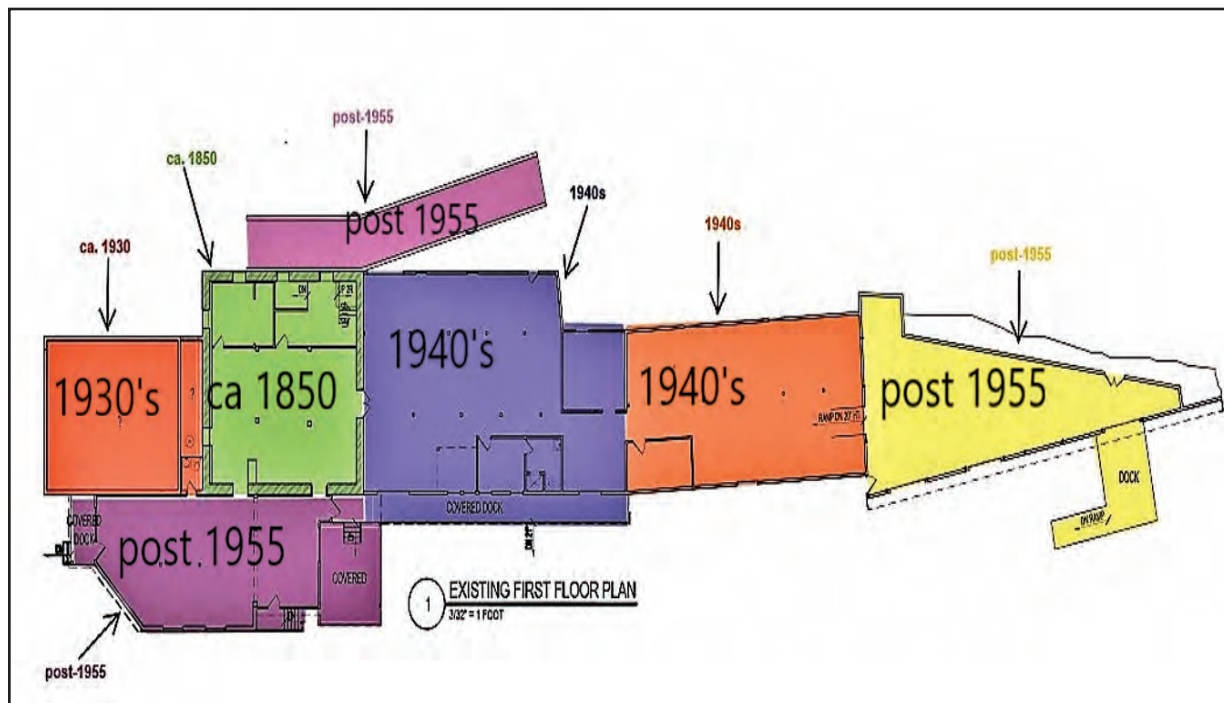
Olivia Hurd(#37) goes on the attack for the Byrd girls.

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# Gish Mill

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**Mill wheel in the basement area of historic Gish Mill**

The first grant from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPF) grant program includes \$250,000 for repair and stabilization work to take place on the property.

The second grant to the town is to be administered in the form of a loan of \$468,750 through the Economic Development Authority (EDA) from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF).

At a recent council meeting, Peters briefed council on three agreements involving the Gish Mill Redevelopment Project: a Performance Agreement, the Industrial Revitalization Fund Loan from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and a Memorandum of Understanding with Roanoke County. He described the project as “challenging and expensive,” requiring public and private investments.

Gish Mill is expected to be completed in December 2022 and to generate in ex-

cess of \$165,000 annually in combined tax revenues for the town and county on anticipated gross revenues of \$1.85 million. The tenant to operate the restaurant and lodge has already been secured for the project.

Developer David Hill’s work is well-known and well-respected in Vinton as he and his firm, Hill Studio, worked on the downtown revitalization project and the Roland E. Cook Lofts. Among other projects, former Roanoke City Councilman David Trinkle developed the Fork in the

Alley and other Forks restaurants in Roanoke.

This will be a development unique to Vinton, or to most anywhere—a true destination. It is intriguing to think what innovative minds like theirs will come up with when you know what they have already created and to imagine yourself in the not-to-distant future seated outside on the Gish Mill patio overlooking Glade Creek, eating ice cream in the market area, watching the cooks prepare your meal in the open kitchen, or lounging in the basement in

a speakeasy surrounded by gigantic milling equipment and millstones. You might choose a stay in an apartment renovated from a grain silo.

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**View from above at Gish Mill.**



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